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## DRIVE IN

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Most of us are so smugly self-satisfied it rarely occurs to us that others less fortunate than we strive earnestly to help themselves.

Because I always feel a wisp of guilt seeping into my innards when, with human cantankerous self-importance, I presume to judge, manage to knock myself off a peg or two and wonder if, after all, there is anybody less fortunate than I.

But that, with obscure philosophies, is beside the point.

What I want to tell you is about the Negro 4-H clubs in Duplin County. Last week I attended these clubs' "Achievement Day" in Magnolia.

On account of I knock out piece every now and then on my typewriter for some of the newspapers, I sort of wondered, as I sat up there on the Magnolia school rostrum and heard the various Negro faculty and student leaders summarize their clubs' achievements for the year, if I should include a whole batch of Negroes' names in my stories.

Newsprint --- the name of the paper on which newspapers are printed --- is short these days and a lot of editors cut your stuff to the bare essentials when you send it in. Too, there's so much going on in the world in the way of news editors are simply harassed to death deciding what they should and shouldn't --- or, rather, can and can't --- print.

Up there on that rostrum I half-way decided I wouldn't bother to send in these Negroes' names. I'd just bat out enough for a stick of type about the highlights of the occasion and let it go at that.

Then that guilty thought popped into my mind. Here I am planning to dilute these real achievements of these Negro 4-H'ers by sort of woodenly setting them down without bothering to mention who did the achieving. And, call it selfishness if you will, half the joy in

achieving comes from the recognition therefrom. Especially, among these Negro children who must achieve 10 times as great to escape anonymity.

Too, I figured that if one of these Negro boys, say, had sneaked-thiefed an apple or an orange from a store he'd be instantly recognized --- not only by The Law, but by getting his name in the papers in a little item, complete with headline, of his own.

So, I decided if one of the Negro boys' act of stealing an apple was to be considered news, then I was going to do my part in making news of the fact that he'd grown the best garden of any of the Negro 4-H'ers in the county.

Therefore, when I sent in my story to the papers it contained the names of all the Negro 4-H'ers and their faculty, home demonstration agent and farm agent advisors.

Nobody need measure me for a halo for grinding out such a decision. Thinking along those lines helped me.

Without meaning to draw any pious conclusion, my visit with the Negro 4-H'ers --- without a whit of considering the pros and cons of printing those names --- made me realize something I should have known years and years ago: that little Negro boys don't just roam the earth stealing apples. No, they raise better garden crops, bigger pigs, and sleeker cattle.

Moreover, they're as proud of their work, and are uplifted as much by it, as Joseph Richard, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Richard Whittlesworth, who live in the big, white house with columns over there in the grove of oaks.

I'm grateful to Prof. Wilkins, the Duplin Negro Farm Agent, for arranging for me to take in the Magnolia meeting so I could be reminded that any one of the hundred or more Negro boys present can raise a better pig than I can.

## Farmers Of Duplin And Lenoir Entertained In Pink Hill Tues. Nite

Fifty-five Kinston business men of the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday night in the Pink Hill School auditorium were hosts to twice that number of business men and farmers of Duplin and Lenoir counties. The occasion was the second "goodwill" dinner of the organization being tendered to communities in the city's trade territory.

Following the barbecue dinner a welcome was tendered to the guests by Kinston Mayor Guy Elliott on behalf of the Chamber and the city. The reply was given by Linwood Turner, Pink Hill business man and president of the town's Civic Club. Also heard in brief remarks was Pink Hill Mayor Tom Davis. Master of ceremonies was Charles L. McCullers, secretary of the Kinston Chamber of Commerce.

Turner in his reply to the welcome said residents of Pink Hill community sometimes felt neglected by their big city brothers, but were pleased by the Tuesday night attention. He noted that both towns had mutual problems which required mutual effort.

Others heard from on the program included Rev. Weston C. Reed superintendent of the Kennedy Memorial Home, who told his listeners that America was truly the "garden spot of the world." He urged the assembly to hold to the ideals as individuals to make a better world of tomorrow.

The Kinston hosts introduced themselves and their individual guests at the start of the meeting. A number of guests received gifts from Kinston merchants in a door prize drawing, and entertainment was furnished under the direction of Reese B. Walter.

Secretary McCullers in his closing remarks urged the Pink Hill guests to come to Kinston if what they wanted and needed could not be found on the shelves of the Pink Hill stores. He added that cooperative effort would make both towns better places in which to live.

P.S. The Duplin Times would like to add that all you folks are always welcome to Kenansville, the Capital of Duplin; the history making center of this section.

## Mrs. Barker Dies At Her Home

Roseboro, Dec. 1. --- Mrs. J. Abner Barker, 62, wife of Solicitor Barker of the 6th Judicial District, died at her home here this afternoon after an extended illness.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 2:30 p.m. from the home by Rev. W. J. Jones, Pineland College pastor, and Rev. T. R. Wheeler, pastor of the Roseboro Methodist Church. Interment will be in Hollywood Cemetery here.

She is survived by her husband; a sister, Mrs. Nellie Calson of Roseboro; two brothers, John S. Butler of St. Pauls, and June Butler of Salemburg.

She was chairman of the Sampson County Democratic executive committee for many years until ill health forced her retirement. She was a candidate for the State Senate in the recent Democratic primary, but was unable, because of her health, to campaign for the office and was defeated.

ing for Roseboro, and is credited with having a major share in securing paved streets here. She was a trustee of Pineland College and the first woman deacon to serve in the Roseboro Baptist Church. For more than 25 years she taught a Sunday School class and also served as leader of the choir.

At the present time, Solicitor Barker himself is ill at his home

## Community Christmas Tree Here

A community Christmas tree will be held on the Court House Lawn on Thursday evening, December 23.

This is being sponsored by the three Churches of the town, the Lions Club and the Woman's Club. Families and any of these organizations are invited to participate.



Doris Parrish, Wilson's Mills, N. C., had every reason to smile when this picture was taken. She had just won a trip to the American Farm Bureau Federation's 30th Annual National Convention to be held in Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 12-16. Doris won the trip by being declared winning contestant of the N. C. Older Youth Group "Talk Meet", sponsored jointly by the N. C. Farm Bureau and the State Extension 4-H Club.

## BOB GRADY SAYS

"DRIVE IN" I had a very pleasant Sunday afternoon with a welcome visitor. John Sikes and his new bride Wallace spent quite some time with us. John and I, of course, did "shop talk" while Mrs. Sikes and Ruth nursed the children.

John is a great booster of this part of the state and offered his services in boosting Duplin's pageant. John has other ideas that are very good. Don't think we had better give you details until something is worked out, if it can be. The financial angle must be considered. He, naturally, is interested in boosting Wallace, but at the same time he is interested in boosting the whole county.

Incidentally I can tell you this: The Duplin Times has made arrangements with Radio Station WRRZ, in Clinton and Wallace, forget the number on the dial, but you listeners probably know, for John to give a 15 minute broadcast each Sunday afternoon, beginning next Sunday, December 5th. Don't know the hour at this writing, but by the time we go to press maybe we will have the exact time. John says he is going to concentrate on Duplin County as a whole, not any particular community. The program is a contribution for the upbuilding and growth of Duplin by The Duplin Times. We must take advantage of progressive ideas if we are going to progress and grow. Let's all pull together and grow together. Let's listen to John's program Sunday afternoon and see what he is going to say. I have no idea whatsoever what is in his mind and am making no suggestions to him.

## Duplin Gets \$140,000 For F H A Loans

The Farmers Home Administration has allocated \$140,000 to the Duplin office for adjustment and subsistence loans to farmers operating family-type farms.

The money is available to meet production and subsistence needs of the family. It is also available to eligible tenants, share-croppers or farm owners to purchase fertilizer, seed, pay reasonable labor and other farming or living expenses.

The money is payable over a period of time up to five years and is available at 5% interest.

## Watch Your Driving Mister

During the first 9 months of this year, 508 persons were killed and 5,353 others were injured as a result of 11,323 traffic accidents, the Motor Vehicle Department reported this week.

Fatalities showed a 15 percent reduction over the same period last year, when 595 persons were killed. Total accidents, however, jumped 28 percent over the corresponding period in 1947.

176 died as a result of collisions; 121 pedestrians were fatally struck while walking; 116 were killed when their vehicles ran off roadways; 90 were killed when vehicles were turned in roadway, and 100

## We Must Have Action Now On Duplin County's Pageant Officially Incorporated; Recorded

The Duplin County Historical Association has been officially incorporated by Secretary of State, Thad Eure, filed in Raleigh, recorded in the Clerk's office in Kenansville. The original certificate has been filed in the office of the County Auditor.

Judge Henry L. Stevens has agreed to be president of the corporation. Sam Byrd has just about completed his script. It is necessary that we raise \$1,000 immediately. The executive committee is called to meet in the court house on Monday night. This meeting is imperative. And the money is imperative. It is asked that the people of Duplin make sufficient donation, to finance the project and let gate receipts go to build a memorial for Duplin's World War I and II dead and vets. The suggestion is in the form of a building to house the County Library, which is one of the largest in Eastern North Carolina, from the standpoint of books, and quality. The Librarian is exceptionally qualified and is doing a fine job.

Readers the Times and the Committee is now pleading with you to make contributions. It's a project that can't lose, and Dr. Frank Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, Paul Green, who wrote "The Lost Colony", Jonathan Daniels, editor of the News and Observer, Henry Belk, editor of the Goldsboro News-Argus, all are in accord that it may surpass "The Lost Colony" in quality. The idea is not to make a summer time affair but to make it a 3 or 5 day affair. Newspapers all over the state have commented that it is a great undertaking and will give publicity for Duplin County all over the nation.

Radio Stations WPTF, in Raleigh, the Kinston, Clinton and Goldsboro stations have agreed to give a 15 minute broadcast once each week to the cause, free of charge.

Tide Water Power Company has agreed to take care of the lighting, free of charge, and make further contributions. John Sprunt Hill of Durham says he wants to donate \$100 and will give more if we show that the people of Duplin will back it up. We already have promises of nearly a thousand dollars but it cannot be used until it is sent in. Sam Byrd says he feels he is entitled to a thousand dollars now. He has, as said above, almost completed the script. He has resigned his job at the College of Charleston, where he depended on his income. He has been promised \$2500 for his services in writing, directing, and playing the leading role in the pageant. It stands to reason that we cannot expect much more effort and interest from Sam if he is not paid something now, because he has to buy groceries, also.

The committee is pleading for contributions now. Please mail your check to J. C. Thompson, cashier of Branch Bank in Warsaw. You will in turn receive an official certificate of membership in "The Duplin County Historical Association, Inc." This contribution will not make you liable for anything. You understand what a corporation is and the purpose of it.

John Sikes of Wallace, noted editor and writer, has agreed to head the publicity committee. The New York Sun, The Washington Post and Life Magazine have agreed to give plenty of publicity and to send reporters down to make pictures and generally cover the occasion. This all costs nothing to the Corporation.

## J. B. Brinson Prominent Farmer Dies Near Here

Jesse Brown Brinson, age 75, died Wednesday morning at his home near Kenansville after a lingering illness. Funeral services were conducted from the home Thursday morning at 10:30 by the Rev. N. E. Gresham, pastor of the Dobson Chapel Church, assisted by Rev. Laurens Sharpe, pastor of the Kenansville Baptist Church and Rev. N. P. Farrior, pastor of the Pink Hill Presbyterian Church. Burial followed in the family cemetery near the home.

In addition to his wife, the former Emma Brock, he is survived by three sons, Kermit Brock Brinson of Rocky Mount, Hiram Thomas Brinson of the home, and William Reed Brinson of Ft. Smith, Ark.; one daughter, Lena Franklin Brinson of the home; two brothers, W. M. Brinson of Kenansville, and A. G. Brinson of near Kenansville.

## Mrs. Kornegay Is Pushing T. B. Seal Drive

Through the efforts of Mrs. Gordon Kornegay, Exe. Sec. to the Duplin County TB Association and the courtesy of Schloss Outdoor Advertising Company, Duplin County has for the first time and outdoor sign displaying the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal.

Last year there were only five outdoor seal displays of this kind in the state. It is not known how many there will be this year, but Duplin should feel grateful to Schloss for extending us this courtesy.

The 1948 TB Christmas Seal features a small blond boy in red pajamas sitting on the floor, hands clasped about his knees, and gazing into a blazing fireplace over which three empty stockings hang.

Mr. Barry Bart of South Kent, Conn., a well-known American artist and designer painted this year's seal, using his nephew as a model.

The out-door seal display is located just outside Wallace on the Wallace-Warshaw Highway.

Tuberculosis Christmas Seals are now on sale in Duplin County. Proceeds will go to fight TB in Duplin County. If you have not received yours, please notify the Duplin County Tuberculosis Association in Kenansville, N. C.

Others that were killed in miscellaneous accidents were:

## Sheriff Appoints New Deputy

Roscoe Daniels, 31 yr. old World War II veteran, has been appointed a Deputy Sheriff in Albemont Township by Sheriff Ralph J. Jones. Mr. Daniels succeeds the late "Red" Collins. Sheriff Jones says that Mr. Daniels was highly recommended

by a large majority of the citizens of the community and that he has every confidence in his honesty, integrity and ability. The Times congratulates Mr. Daniels and wishes him every success.

## News From The Draft Board

Mr. B. A. Farrior, Clerk of the Duplin County Draft Board, reports that out of 37 men sent to Fayetteville for their pre-induction examination, only five have passed. 23 colored and 14 white men eligible for the draft have been examined. All five of those passing were white. Three of these men have been inducted into the services. Mr. Farrior points out that while rejections are very high it must be remembered that most of the men had been

examined and rejected during the war.

On Wednesday, December 1st, Dr. G. V. Gooding, Medical Advisor, examined 25 white men and 8 colored men preparatory to their going to Fayetteville for pre-induction examinations.

On Monday, December 6th, 16 white men will be sent to Fayetteville for their pre-induction examinations and 19 colored men will go on Tuesday, December 7th.

## Duplin Mercantile Co. Sale Goes Over With A Bang ---

The Duplin Mercantile Company of Kenansville, headed by Paul Ingram, inaugurated Wednesday the greatest sale ever held in Kenansville. Crowds flocked here from every community in the County on Opening Day. Merchandise literally flowed out of the store. Mr. Ingram said he was well pleased with the opening. In fact, he said it was more than he expected.

Thursday morning the sale was still going strong. The Duplin Times handled the advertising and publicity. (Merchants take note). The National Sales Co. of New York is conducting the sale with George Mikel, Jr. in personal charge.

Expressions from customers were that they were well satisfied with the merchandise and the prices. (Again, Kenansville, your County Seat, has dood it!)

## Raymond Stroud In Hospital Suffering From Gun Blast In Leg

Raymond Stroud, age 62, Deep Run, RFD., was shot in the left leg at his store located between Holt's Store and Deep Run about 11:40 P.M. Monday, December 29th. Mr. Stroud was rushed to the Parrott Hospital in Kinston where his leg was removed at the hip. Last reports from the hospital were to the effect that he was doing as well as could be expected.

Arrested and placed in jail at Kenansville were Leslie Stroud, Jr., nephew of the wounded man, Tommie Lee and Charlie Howard, all of RFD Deep Run. According to information from Sheriff Ralph J. Jones' office Leslie Stroud, Jr. and

Tommie Lee had an argument over 75 cents and Charlie Holland took up the argument on the side of Lee. It is reported that Charlie Holland started into Raymond Stroud's store with a shot gun and that Raymond Stroud attempted to keep him from entering. A tussle followed with all four of the men participating. In the tussle the gun was discharged and Raymond Stroud was shot in the left leg above the knee.

It is reported that Raymond Stroud expressed the wish that the men be released from jail and that they are now at liberty under \$1500 bond each.

## Frank Thompson Killed By Bus

Frank Thompson, age 79, of Sneed's Ferry, Onslow County, was struck by a Queen City Bus and killed about two miles below Beaulieu Monday morning, Nov. 29th. The bus was enroute from Beaulieu to Jacksonville about 11:30 A.M. Coroner C. B. Sitterson reports that he learned from investigation that as the bus approached Cole's Store, Thompson ran out in an attempt to stop it. Witnesses told Mr. Sitterson that he ran directly in path of the bus and that the driver did everything possible to avoid

hitting him but failed. The general opinion of witnesses to the accident was placed the speed of the bus at between 45 and 50 miles per hour. Mr. Thompson had been visiting in or near Beaulieu and was on his way to Sneed's Ferry.

No charges have been placed against Mr. James Kimmon Shepherd, of Fayetteville, driver of the bus, and he was not detained. Coroner C. B. Sitterson says that an inquest will be held sometime next week.

## No Accidents On Thanksgiving Day In Duplin County This Year

Duplin County motorists and hunters were evidently out to enjoy themselves and still take cognizance of all the safety rules on Thanksgiving day. There were no accidents reported in the county during the day. However, Patrolman L. M. Harton reports four automobile accidents during last week.

Last Sunday night about 9:30 Leslie H. Rouse, Jr., driving a 1942 Ford overturned on the Pink Hill-Kenansville highway near B. F. Grady School. Mr. Rouse, whose address is Rose Hill, Rt. 3, was unhurt and no charges were made.

Onenight last week William Allen Chambers, Rt. 1, Seven Springs, struck Lenwood Jones, age 14, near Holt's Store. Mr. Harton reports that Jones was riding a bicycle without lights when struck by Chambers' car. He was bruised but not seriously hurt. The accident happened about 6:45 p.m. Mr. Harton said the accident was unavoidable and no charges were placed against Chambers.

These accidents should be a warning to everyone to take every precaution possible when driving --- both for their own good and the safety of others.

## Thomas And Smith Opens Grocery

Bonnie Thomas and Yancy L. Smith have opened a new grocery in Warsaw on W. College Street.

Look for their ad in this issue. Also they operate a market in addition to the grocery department.