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DRIVE IN

By: JOHN SIKES
Of Wallace

If you heard the first of a series of radio programs sponsored by the Duplin Times this past Sunday you'll know something of the nature we expect them to be in the weeks to come.

The programs are in the nature of a Sunday visit, with me being the visitor and you being the visitor.

In these chats, I hope to bring you some of the items I pick up from time to time in my wanderings around Duplin County and Southeastern North Carolina. Most of these items you'll never read in the newspapers for the simple reason they're not the type of items newspapers usually consider important enough to print.

They're just folksy little items that you and I talk about, but aren't considered what the editors call news.

What I'm wondering is: Will you send me any such items you run across so that we may chat about them on these programs?

Also, it's long been my notion that no music in the world can compare with straight American music

for real down homeyness. You know, pieces like "Ol' Man River," "Put On Your Old Gray Bonnet," etc.

Now, another thing I'd like to get you to do for me is to send in your suggestions about what you'd like to hear in the way of this type of music.

On each of our programs we'll have played or sung one selection of this American music. Last Sunday we used "Ol' man River". Next Sunday a quartet of Wallace boys will sing "Deep River."

You let me know what you want to hear.

The programs are broadcast from the Wallace studio of Radio Station WRZ. That's 880 on your dial. The time is 2:15 every Sunday afternoon.

Write me in Wallace, or in care of The Duplin Times, Kenansville, and let me know what you want. Let's see if, for once, we can't figure out a radio program that's the kind you want to hear.

I'll be expecting to hear from you right away.



THIS IS IT

The picture you see above was taken by Rev. J. G. Morrison just as the doors of Duplin Mercantile Company were thrown open on their 1948 sale. People thronged the store all day long and have continued to do so since. It is the biggest sale ever to be put on in Kenansville, and according to officials of the company, it has been justifiable, from the standpoint of savings to the public as well as worth while to the firm. Paul Ingram, manager of the store, states that they have received a nice shipment of electrical appliances that are ideal for Christmas. The store is still chock full of merchandise at almost give-away prices.

Tom Miller Is Planning To Visit Home; First Time In Over Twenty-five Years

Four of the Miller boys from Miller-Town, near Beulaville, have recently enjoyed a trip covering parts of N. C., S. C., Ga., Miss., Ala., and Fla. They are Norwood, Herman, Andrew, and Gordon Miller. They drove. The purpose of their trip was to visit their uncle, D. M. (better known in Duplin as Tom) Miller who lives in Columbus, Miss. a sizeable town. Mr. "Tom" has not been back to Duplin in about 28 years. He is 78 years old and very active for his age. He is the son of William Hill Miller and Elizabeth Hall Miller, natives of the Miller-Town section of Duplin County. He left Duplin at the age of 25. For some time he lived in South Carolina, then went to Alabama where he worked for Tom Maxwell, another son of Duplin, in the furniture business. Later he moved to Columbus, Miss. He has had success there and he and his family are well known and respected.

The Miller boys left home on v. 29 in Norwood's car. They sed through Columbia, Atlanta, Birmingham, Tuscaloosa and arrived at Columbus, Miss. on Nov. 30. There they spent two days and nights with their uncle and then proceeded to Beloxi, Miss., Mobile, to Pagola, Ala., where a large shipyard is stationed on the Gulf of Mexico; back to Tallahassee, Fla., Jacksonville, Fla., Savannah, Ga., Charleston, S. C., to Wilmington, N. C., and on in home. In short they followed a coastal route from the Gulf to Wilmington. They are expecting a visit from "Mr. Tom" the latter part of April. No doubt great festivities will be put on for this occasion. (It's a pity Mr. Lawton couldn't be here for the occasion). Ed. Note: We are bound to add this - the Miller family is really a credit to the county. We are all proud of them.

With The County Commissioners

On Monday, Dec. 6th, - the first Monday in December - all elected and appointed officers of the county were sworn in. For the County Commissioners the first thing on the agenda was the last meeting of the Board which had held office for the past two years. This Board met and wound up its business with Mr. George D. Bennett, Chairman, presiding. Among other things it accepted the resignation of V. Vance B. Gavin as County Attorney. In accepting the resignation of Mr. Gavin the Board passed the following resolution and a copy, bearing the seal of the County, was given to Mr. Gavin. It read as follows:

Before The Board of Commissioners NORTH CAROLINA, DUPLIN COUNTY. RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners in accepting the resignation of Honorable Vance B. Gavin, who has served as County Attorney of Duplin County for eight years, hereby tenders to Mr. Gavin its thanks and appreciation for the splendid service rendered this Board and to the County of Duplin. His broad experience, good judgment, and wise counsel proved valuable to our work. Therefore, the Board cannot allow his withdrawal to pass without some mention of our gratitude for his valued services and wise counsel as well as the delightful personal association which was greatly prized throughout the years of service, and we hereby unanimously extend Mr. Gavin best wishes for a long, prosperous, and useful career. Be it further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon our minutes, and that a copy be given Mr. Gavin as a testimonial of our sincere appreciation of his usefulness. This the 6th day of December, 1948.

G. D. Bennett, Chm. Arthur Whitfield Tyson Lanier A. C. Hall L. P. Wells ATTEST: A. T. Outlaw, Clerk. This Board, having finished its business, adjourned and the new Board, elected or re-elected for the next two years, was sworn in by Judge Luther Hamilton of the Superior Court. New members of the Board are Dallas Jones, of Magnolia, and Arthur Kennedy, of Beulaville. Members re-elected are G. D. Bennett of Warsaw, A. C. Hall of Wallace, and L. P. Wells of Warsaw Township. The new Board

Is Duplin Going To Fail?

As an example we have one family in Duplin; Story: A resident in the Summerlin Crossroads section, totaling ten in number, a mother, father and eight children. Another child expected soon. The mother has TB. Two children also have TB. Crop returns this year were not so good. The father is not financially able to finance the bill. Even though pregnant, plans are being made to get the mother in the State Sanatorium. The oldest child is 15 years; six younger may become subjects of TB. This is a white family of prominence. Duplin's tax rate will not permit sufficient funds for hospitalization. Also at the present time there is another family, Negroes, whose circumstances almost equal the above. The Christmas Seal Sale Drive in Duplin, headed by Lewis W. Out-

law, our Representative in the Legislature, is falling below its quota. Lewis can't personally get out and raise the money. He has other things to do. Mrs. Gordon Kornegay, in the Health Department in Kenansville, is giving her very best to this cause as secretary of the organization. Dr. Ewers of Warsaw, is president of the association in Duplin and is doing his best. Duplin's quota is \$4500. So far only \$900 has been raised. Of the \$4500, 95% is used for Duplin's patients. What are we going to do about it? Duplin, as a rule comes through when she is called on in a worthy cause. Let's do it this time. TB, the "White Plague", can be stamped out if we all do our part. Send your check immediately to Mrs. Gordon Kornegay, Lewis Outlaw, or Dr. Ewers.

NOTICE To Our Correspondents And Advertisers

Christmas holidays are fast approaching and it is imperative that all correspondents get their copy in by Monday, Dec. 20th, if it is to get in the Dec. 24th issue. Advertisers will please take note: same date applies to them also.

Men-of-the-Church To Meet Dec. 15

The Grove-Hallsville Men-of-the-Church Group will meet at the elected A. C. Hall as its Chairman, and appointed Mr. H. E. Phillips as County Attorney. Mr. F. W. McGowan was re-appointed as County Auditor. Mr. A. T. Outlaw was inducted as Register of Deeds for the next four years. Judge Robert L. West of Warsaw, and Solicitor Grady Mercer of Beulaville, succeeding themselves, were sworn in. Several Constables were also inducted into office.

Grove Sunday School building on December 15th at 6 o'clock p.m. Supper will be served by the Women-of-the-Church. Rev. Cameron Mosser of Atkinson, N. C. will be the guest speaker.

Pageant Receives First Check

G. E. Alphin, President of the Duplin County Historical Association, was presented a check Wednesday night for \$100 by the Kenansville Lion's Club. This is the first money received and it came unsolicited. It is a credit to the movement that the Kenansville Club was the first contributor. Interest appeared good. The contributions will guarantee success and ticket sales will guarantee a profit. The organization is properly set up now under a corporation and no individual can lose, according to the North Carolina Attorney General. All contracts and obligations will be made in the name of the Corporation. All checks will be signed by three people: the president, G. E. Alphin; the secretary, Mrs. J. D. Sandlin, Jr.; and the treasurer, M. F. Allen, Jr. Folks, let your money flow. We can build a Memorial Library to our World

THE DUPLIN TIMES Is Now On The Air!

The DUPLIN TIMES went on the air last Sunday from Clinton. For the next 13 weeks we will be on the air from Clinton, Goldsboro, Kinston, WPTF in Raleigh and the new News and Observer FM Station in Raleigh. At this hour of writing we do not recall the number of the News & Observer station and we don't know the hour the broadcast will go on. But WKNS in Kinston and the Clinton Radio stations will go on at 2:15 P.M. each Sunday.

John Sikes of Wallace is doing the broadcasting. The whole program is being sponsored by the Duplin Times. Keep your radios

Just what John is going to say, we have no idea. We are leaving the entire idea and script up to him. Let's listen in and see what John can develop in the interest of Duplin County. It stands to reason that a newspaper should be jealous of a radio station, but we don't see it that way. We feel we must move along with the trend of the times. So, as a news caster, and an advertising solicitor, we feel we must cooperate with the radio stations and they are cooperating with us. The idea is, as we reporters see it, to get the news and advertising over.

J. R. G.

Officers Duplin Historical Association Named At Meeting Monday Night

At a meeting of members of the Duplin Historical Association, Inc., in the courthouse here Monday night, the following officers were elected: Gilbert E. Alphin, President; Mrs. J. D. Robinson, Vice-President; Mrs. J. D. Sandlin, Jr., Secretary; M. F. Allen, Jr., Treasurer; and John Sikes, Publicity Chairman.

Since the meeting President Alphin has secured L. Preston Wells to head a finance committee. The Duplin Times is printing, free gratis, certificates of membership, that will be presented to each person making contributions.

Interest Monday night was very good and it was decided that all

moneys paid out must come from the treasurer and all checks be countersigned by the president and vice-president.

A written contract is to be made between the association and Sam Byrd. Byrd is to write, produce and direct a pageant of Duplin sometime next fall. He has already most completed the script. As was pointed out at the meeting Monday night, sufficient money must be raised by the first of the year to guarantee Byrd's pay, which is \$2500.00. This represents a year's work on his part. Tickets will be printed shortly and sale of them will begin under the direction of Mr. Wells.

Motion Picture Of Health Clinic Be Shown Beulaville Monday Night

Monday night, in the Beulaville school auditorium, at 7:30, County Health Officer, Dr. G. V. Gooding, will show a moving picture of general clinics that are being held over the county. This particular picture was made at Norwood Mil-

ler's store, 2 years ago. 200 attended the clinic. The attendees came primarily from Miller-town, Hallsville, Cabin, and Sarecta.

The program is being sponsored by the Beulaville PTA. The general public is invited to attend.

Duplin Man Commits Suicide

Coroner C. B. Sitterson reports that George Maready, age 55, of Cypress Creek Township, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a 22 cal. rifle. The act occurred on the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 3, at about 8 o'clock. It is understood that Mr. Maready had been ill for some years. According to Coroner Sitterson, he left a note explaining that he was sorry to do this, but that he had suffered so long and so much that he could not stand it any longer. In the note he bid everyone "goodbye". Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Epey Maready; two sons, Hilton and Glenn Maready, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Evaline Dail, of the community, and Mrs. Robert Blackmore, of Warsaw.

Coroner Sitterson decided that no inquest was necessary. Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon.

Tax Listers Are Appointed

The following Township list takers were appointed by the Board of County Commissioners on last Monday:

Albertson Mrs. Hess Davis; Cypress Creek, Woodrow Maready; Faison, Mrs. Bessie S. Williams; Glisson, Willard L. Westbrook; Island Creek, Mrs. Leland Teachey; Kenansville, Mrs. Myrtle K. Quinn; Limestone, Leonard Kennedy; Magnolia, Mrs. H. L. Pippin; Rockfish, G. H. Blanton; Rose Hill, J. Lenford Fussell; Smith, Cleon Smith; Warsaw, Miss Sadie Bennett; Wilscape, Mrs. William Loftin. The List Takers will convene at the Courthouse on Tuesday, December 21, for general consideration of methods of securing a complete

War Heroes from receipts if enough contributions are made to guarantee expenses. It was suggested on Wednesday night that every Civic Club in the County will make an equal contribution.

list of all property in the County, and assessing, in accordance with law, all property which is to be assessed during the approaching listing period. Tax Listing begins January 1, 1949.

LEGION POST MEETING

The American Legion Post at Maxwell's Mill will have a meeting Wednesday night, on Dec. 15, at 7 o'clock in the Legion Building. At this meeting, County Agent, L. F. Weeks, and E. V. Vestal, from Kenansville will discuss hog production. In addition to the American Legion, any person interested in hog production is invited to attend.

Don't Be A Deadly Driver During The Xmas Holidays

One by one the days slip by, we approach mid-December. In addition to the holiday season, we are also entering into a three-week period made up of the shortest days of the year. It is this combination that too often turns what should be Joyful December into Deadly December as far as traffic accidents are concerned. According to the Carolina Motor Club, the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping, participation in the holiday festivities and longer hours of darkness, all are factors which contribute to a traffic fatality record 30% above the monthly average.

Let us consider why December has become one of the most deadly months of the year. First of all, there is the "street ostrich." He is one who never heeds the advice, "avoid the rush -- do your shopping for Christmas early. Like the ostrich that hides his head in the sand, thinking it safe, our late shopper -- his arms piled high with parcels and his head buried in his coat collar, dashes into a busy thoroughfare. A few seconds later, to the tune of screeching brakes and a dull thud, he has become just that -- a "late" shopper and another accident statistic.

Next we have the "window shopper". But our friend has forgotten that window shopping should be done from the side walk and not from behind a steering wheel. (CONTINUED ON BACK)

Births Recorded Duplin Health Dept. For Month Of November, 1948

Below are listed Duplin County births, white and colored, as reported to the department for the month of November, 1948:

WHITE:

Mabel Doris Warren, daughter of Edgar and Mabel Warren, Nov. 2. Annie Catherine Sutton, daughter of Edward and Julia Sutton, Nov. 2.

Annette Brown, daughter of Graham and Jewel Brown, Nov. 3. Linda Jane Griffin, daughter of Joe and Ludie Griffin, Nov. 10. Son of James and Margaret Hare, born Nov. 12.

Daughter of Byard and Hazel Kornegay, born Nov. 13. Agnes Ellen Savage, daughter of Pritchard and Ruth Savage, Nov. 15. Ada Carol Richardson, daughter of Samuel and Edith Richardson, Nov. 16. Robert Charles Ballard, son of Charles and Helen Ballard, Nov. 17. Frederick Kit Whaley, son of Billie and Mary Lou Whaley, Nov. 20. Alton Dean Mobley, son of Alton and Nancy Mobley, Nov. 26. Daughter of Homer and Mary Jane Kornegay, born Nov. 27.

COLORED

Sandra Ann Moore, daughter of Joseph and Ophelia Moore, Nov. 1. Della Lorraine McIver, daughter of Jacob and Lettie McIver, Nov. 1. Daughter of Roy and Fannie Player, born Nov. 3. Linda Jean King, daughter of Eda and Willie King, Nov. 4.

James Cornell White, son of James and Elizabeth White, Nov. 4. Isaac Miller, Jr. son of Isaac and Hilda Miller, Nov. 5. Son of Neal and Ruth Bethone, born Nov. 7. Daughter of William and Harletha Warren, born Nov. 7. Daughter of James and Christine Washington, born Nov. 9. Wilbert Davis Pickett, son of James and Alice Pickett, Nov. 8. Earleen Pickett, daughter of Earl

and Anna Pickett, Nov. 9.

Lafonza Stokes, son of Alfred and Ozelle Stokes, Nov. 9. Son of John and Gladys Bell, born Nov. 9.

Willie Henry Gillespie, Jr. son of Henry and Sue Gillespie, Nov. 10. Weldon Ingram, Jr. son of Weldon and Inez Ingram, Nov. 13.

William Odell Jarman, son of Roy and Mattie Jarman, Nov. 13. Son of Albert and Mattie Kenion, born Nov. 14.

Daughter of Willie and Dorothy Stevens, born Nov. 15. George Stephen Moore, son of Joseph and Aldena Moore, Nov. 15. Robert Edward Baggett, son of Henry and Anna Baggett, Nov. 16. Charles Delone Evans, son of Charles and Mattie Evans, Nov. 17. Daughter of Leuria and Letha Carlton, born Nov. 18. Florine Claspie, daughter of Walter and Mamie Glaspie, Nov. 18. Barbara Ann Moore, daughter of Laurence and Katy Moore, Nov. 19. Beatie Bell, daughter of John and Mary Bell, Nov. 19. Annie Laurie Hall, daughter of Odell and Mary Hall, Nov. 19. Ruby Blue Frederick, daughter of Joe and Ruby Frederick, Nov. 21. Herman Lee Pickett, son of Christopher and Juanita Pickett, Nov. 22. Dewega Whitley, son of Arthur and Edna Whitley, Nov. 23. Doris Marie Houston, daughter of Norman and Irene Houston, Nov. 24.

Kenneth Morris Hill, son of Moezell and Temple Hill, Nov. 25. Son of William and Hannah Williams, born Nov. 25. Robert Murphy Garris, son of James and Frances Garris, Nov. 27. Bessie Aawthea Frederick, daughter of Dan and Bertha Frederick, Nov. 28. Willie Albert Dixon, son of Albert and Vernell Dixon, Nov. 28. William McCalop, son of Jesse and Thelma McCalop, Nov. 28.

Letter

Mrs. N. E. Boney, Exec. Sec'y, ARC Duplin County Chapter

Dear Mrs. Boney: From the cash contributions that Duplin and Jones County Chapters sent to the central council secretary, Mrs. Whitty, a portion of the money was spent at Thanksgiving in the buying of apples, oranges and grapes for the patients at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Camp Lejeune. We are grateful to Duplin for helping make Thanksgiving Day so enjoyable to the hospitalized service-

men proves how much it was enjoyed.

In behalf of the patients we do want to thank Duplin County Chapter for helping make Thanksgiving so enjoyable.

Yours very truly, Elizabeth G. Gaylor Field Director

Beer Law Violations Are Charged Here

Three Duplin people have been indicted for illegal possession of beer for sale. Beer and wine was voted out in August with deadline as of Oct. 28.

Those under indictment and the number of cases allegedly found are Donald Coleman, Warsaw, 48, M. E. Kaddis, Kenansville, 28; and Addie Moore, Kenansville, 32. Arrests were made by Duplin sheriff-officers.

We notice that some men are now building a bridge over the river. We hope it will be a good one.