

# Duplin Times

Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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KENANSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

## EDITORIAL

Tonight I had the privilege to talk to a very prominent man in this county. One whom I consider a very close friend. I was seeking a small contribution to a very religious cause. I was asking nothing for myself. His abrupt answer referred to an editorial I had in last week's Times, referring to Kerr Scott. My editorial expressed my true feeling. If he wants to write an answer I surely will publish it, regardless of how strong it may be. I feel that an editor has the right to say what he thinks; I also feel that he should give the other fellow a privilege to say what he thinks, in his sheet. I think fair play is only just. However, I was not thinking in terms of politics when I talked with this person. I was thinking in terms of humanitarianism.

The Duplin Times has received some criticism recently. We welcome criticism. We have no idea of wanting to dictate and when our opponents come back at us it gives us reason for thought. We want to think and think right and present problems as they are. If we are wrong we are willing to accept it. A good argument in a friendly way is good for us all. Let's argue in good nature, not in court, and we'll find we progress slowly, but surely. No two humans think alike. Also at the same time let's realize that the editor has the advantage, not in the fact that he may have the capacity to think, but in the fact that he owns the newspaper and can publish what he wants to. No one, under the Constitution, can forbid him this privilege. But a decent editor will allow his readers the same access to his paper that he has.

Does the end justify the means? You, gentle readers, will have to determine this. J. E. Grady

The past five years in Kenansville has seen a growth that excels any similar period in the history of time. The people of the county are rapidly awakening to the fact that we have a growing town. Mark my words. Look to the future of Kenansville, business is growing. We need more strength. We have the natural drawing power. If you are interested in business, take heed.

I can recall only three years back when you could park a car at any place you desired. Now on any day of the week, except Sunday, if you can park a car on the main drag, you are fortunate.

Our post office only missed becoming second class by \$15 in 1948. Our new theatre is scheduled to open around February 1. C. E. Quinn, who will expand into future business, possibly including farm machinery, will open his new store adjacent to the new theatre sometime this coming February.

Kenansville Drug Store, managed by Amos Brinson, is one of the fastest growing stores in Duplin. The store is expanding, and if business keeps up, it will enforce enlargement.

J. O. Stokes, one of our leading citizens and possibly the largest fertilizer distributors in the county represents Baugh, one of the best known fertilizers. J. O. is not only an agent of Baugh but is a distributor and representative in this entire area.

Duplin Mercantile, one of the largest farm supply houses in Duplin County will definitely expand during 1949.

C. E. Stephens Hardware has recently made an addition to their building and plans further expansion for your hardware needs.

Service Motor Company, the first successful auto business in the history of Kenansville, have a very attractive building and they are doing a very good business.

Ralph Brown is the owner of a first class mechanical repair business in town and is growing by leaps and bounds, and it appears it will soon be necessary for him to enlarge.

Leo Jackson, who sometime had his doubts about Kenansville, has found Kenansville a profitable place to do business.

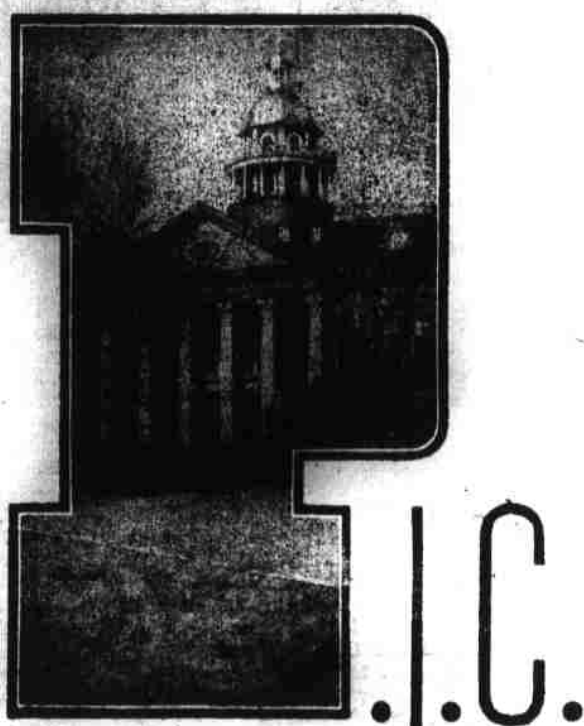
Roscoe Jones' cafe equals many. The demand for food has grown to the extent that two cafes are necessary. Thelma's Tea Room has opened and is doing a nice business.

Waccamaw Bank opened here a few years ago under trials and tribulations. It is now prepared to serve you financially.

Kenansville Production Credit Association, owned and operated by the farmers, serves anyone who will take out a membership.

Fred Hardy, a young merchant of the Outlaw's Bridge section, saw the advantages of Kenansville.

It is well known affectionately as "Daddy's Store" is doing a nice business.



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
Presbyterian Junior College  
MAXTON, NORTH CAROLINA

The Presbyterian Junior College, Maxton, N. C. is putting on an intensive Building Fund Campaign in an effort to raise \$50,000 to renovate their dormitory buildings.

In this issue you will find a full-page ad, sponsored by some of the leading citizens and firms in our own Duplin County. By all means READ IT and act accordingly. You can give to no worthier cause.

A gift of \$1,000 from the Trustees of The Burlington Foundation has just been received by P. J. C. in a letter from Charles F. Myers, Jr., Assistant Vice-President of Burlington Mills Corporation, Greensboro, N. C. The gift was recommended by superintendents of Burlington plants in the area served by the college, including Mr. O. C. Shedd, group manager of mills in Fayetteville. The gift will be used to help in the expense of the building program at the college.

The second semester will begin on January 27.

Thrown at Kenansville.  
This town has produced some of the best legal talent that North Carolina has ever known and now has a legal group that will equal any town in North Carolina, and I will put that as a challenge. Whether or not we know it, or whether or not we admit it, Kenansville and Duplin County stand out in the history of North Carolina.

Let us go forward in growth, looking toward a noble future and a contribution to our state and nation. For a long time past Duplin has been looked upon as a county in the back-woods. This is idle talk. We have a great future, if we will only work to that goal.

J. E. GRADY.

## A & P Not Closed All Day Wednesday

In last week's A & P Store ad for the Warsaw Store an error was made. The ad stated closed Wednesday afternoon. It should have stated closed Wednesday afternoon. This was an error on the part of the paper. A & P in Warsaw closes each Wednesday afternoon at 12 NOON. We are glad to give this correction.

A & P in Warsaw is one of the best grocery stores in Duplin County and warrants your support. Its manager is a very fine fellow and the have very courteous clerks. They appreciate your business. Read their ads every week.

## Drive Carefully

During November, 79 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents in North Carolina, bringing total traffic deaths for the first 11 months of 1948 to 863.

The November report showed that 27 persons lost their lives when they were on the road.

vehicles collided with trains; three were killed when cars overturned in roadways; three died when vehicles struck fixed objects; and one fatally struck while riding bicycle.

Eighty-one others were injured during the month of November. Seven of the pedestrians killed and 22 of those injured were between the ages of five and nine, with "playing in roadway" listed as the cause of most of these accidents. So folks, PLEASE BE CAREFUL.

## F. H. Jeter To Be At Maxwell's Mill

Mr. F. H. Jeter, Extension Editor and Radio Farm News Reporter, will speak at the American Legion Post at Maxwell's Mill, Wednesday night, January 19, at 7:00 o'clock. Mr. Jeter is noted for his 12:30 p.m. Farm News Round-up over station WJLT.

The general public is invited to the meeting to hear Mr. Jeter discuss 1949 farm topics. The feature is being arranged through the cooperation of the local American Legion Post and the Duplin County Extension Service.

## Home Destroyed

By Mrs. Jim D. Sandlin, Jr.  
A farm home was completely demolished by fire on Sunday afternoon, January 2, near Beulville in which Mrs. Lillie Sanderson, mid-aged widow of Simpson Sanderson of Beulville, and two of her sons ages 21 and 16 lived. Members of the family were away at the time the fire started and nearby neighbors noticed the fire and attempts were made to extinguish the flames but to no avail.

All home furnishings and personal possessions were destroyed with the exception of one couch and a dresser. Mrs. Sanderson has six other children, all of whom are married. Origin of the fire was undetermined.

## Croakers Spread All Over Highway

According to L. H. Quinn, who helped get the occupants out of the truck, two Negroes miraculously escaped injury on Wednesday night about a mile from Warsaw, on the road to Bowden, when the fish truck which they were driving, overturned. Reports say the truck literally leaped in the air and landed upside down on its top, with all four wheels in the air. The driver had the presence of mind to cut off the ignition. Gas was pouring from the tank.

The two Negroes, names unknown, were killed in the crash.

## Jurors For Superior Court (Criminal) For Jan. 31, 1949

Graham Robinson, R. F. Jarman, R. B. Dixon, J. B. Hatchell, N. T. Vickett, L. J. Hunter, A. L. Mercer, Mrs. Mabel B. Waters, D. R. Anderson, W. C. Brown, J. M. Murray, Willie Best, Major Lanier, Geo. L. Register, Will J. Ashford, Graham Russell, Harry M. Teachey, A. J. Register, W. R. Westbrook, Chancy Carlton, G. S. Herring, Maurice E. Brinson, E. G. Lanier, Roland Sullivan, W. S. Chestnutt, Marshal Kennedy, L. N. Southerland, R. A. Batts, Owen Bushop, James D. Thomas, M. J. Hinchey, Dewey Brown, W. W. Crouch, Allen Stroud, William James Miller, Elvin A. Boyette

P. R. Carlton, P. U. Casteen, James T. Heath, H. J. Taylor, J. S. Hinchey, Roland Thomas, Thomas P. Brown, O. Q. Lanier, E. P. Blanchard, Clyde Brinson, J. D. O. Sutton, I. D. Frederick, Marvin Bradshaw, Ed Carter, Odell Henderson, Luby Tadlock, B. Leo Brown, Foy Lee Kennedy, W. J. Parker, James B. Southerland, R. J. Alphin, H. B. Brown, T. W. Moore, Quince Pickett, W. R. Kennedy, T. Frank Merritt, R. J. Lewis, E. T. Register, K. C. Carter, Hark Middleton, James Brock, M. M. Thigpen, Rutha Henderson, J. B. Faulk, Jule Hill, and J. G. Holland.

succeeded in getting them from the truck. The first remark from one of them was: "Let me get my chawin' tobacco." They were looked over and apparently didn't receive a scratch.

Croakers were strewn all over the highway. The folks in that neighborhood apparently had a good fish supper.

## Duplin, As Usual, Goes Over The Top Duplinites Can Be Depended Upon

Kenansville, N. C. December 21, 1948  
Dear Principals, Teachers and Pupils:

Thank you for a job well done. Two cars, loaded to capacity, pulled out of Warsaw last night to join the Friendship Train to Europe. 2070 bushels of corn, and 16 bushels of other commodities are now on their way to help hungry people. Not only that, but you sent almost enough cash to pay the freight to Norfolk.

I read in the morning paper that Wayne County is having trouble loading one car with 30,000 pounds of corn. Some of our school districts collected more than Wayne County has collected to date, and some have collected three-fourths of Wayne's total goal. We loaded two cars with 116,539 pounds.

The collections are as follows:  
Kenansville - White, 117 bushels and \$54.27 cash; Colored, 111 bu  
Warsaw - White, 38 bu. \$34.75 in cash; Colored 144 bu.  
Faison - White, 64 bu.; Colored, 140 bu.

Calypto - White, 123 bu.; Colored, 63 bu.

B. F. Grady - White, 205 bu.; Colored, 70 bu.

Outlaw's Bridge - White, 52 bu. Beulville - White, 184 bu., and \$19 in cash; Colored, 25 bu.

Potter's Hill - White, 18 bu.

## Duplin County Robberies

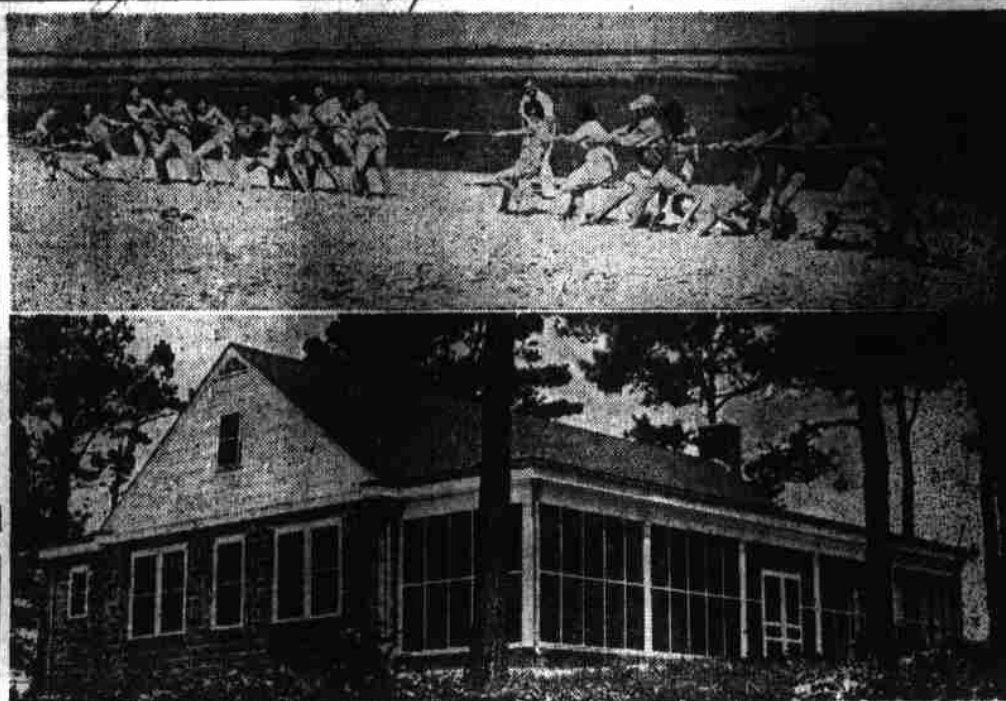
By EMORY SADLER  
Duplin County, with much of the rest of the state, is experiencing an epidemic of robberies. Since December 29th there has been reported to the Sheriff's office six robberies by breaking and entering. Most of these robberies have been committed by thieves who seem interested only in money and not in merchandise. Some merchants have reported losses of merchandise, but in most instances where the thieves have failed to find money little else has been bothered. Following is a list of robberies reported since December 29th:

Dec. 29, 1948: Seth Hill's Store and Service Station at Baltic was entered and \$30 in silver stolen. No merchandise reported taken.

Jan. 1, 1949: The store of L. H. Quinn, Kenansville, was entered with little, if any merchandise stolen. No money was taken. The front glass window was broken.

Jan. 2, 1949: The store of L. H. Quinn, Kenansville, was entered with little, if any merchandise stolen. No money was taken. The front glass window was broken.

Jan. 3, 1949: The store of L. H. Quinn, Kenansville, was entered with little, if any merchandise stolen. No money was taken. The front glass window was broken.



It's time out for a TUG-O-WAR on the gleaming sands in front of the Edge Water Club, owned by employees of the Tide Water Power Company. The club, located at Middle Sound on the Inlet Waterway, about 12 miles north of Wilmington, is one of the largest and finest of its kind in the entire South. There are more than 200 members and the project is self-supporting.

## TO OUR READERS

Folks, we are very sorry that the Times is late this week. Through no fault of ours, but through the fault of our paper supply house in Richmond, Va., who shipped our newspaper by freight instead of express as ordered.

Our freight shipment is still in transit; we wired for immediate shipment by express. The express shipment arrived at noon Friday, which is by far, too late to get off three runs on the press, fold, stamp and mail your papers in time to hit the 5 o'clock mail.

## Head Of Maxwell Company Dies He Was A Son Of Duplin

New Bern, Jan. 11. — Raymond Maxwell, local wholesale merchant and president of the State-controlled Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Company died today in a Richmond hospital where he underwent an operation a few months ago.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Baptist Church by the Rev. Thomas J. Rogers, pastor. Burial followed in the city cemetery.

A native of Duplin County, he attended a private high school at Seven Springs then went to college in civil engineering at State College in Raleigh. For some time he was an engineer in the Sandhills area of the State and became chief engineer of the extensive draining projects at Lake Mattamuskeet.

In 1911 he formed a partnership with his father, Gilbert M. Maxwell, and they bought the Seven Springs property, including mineral springs, farms and hotel. Four years later he moved to New Bern to enter a wholesale grocery partnership with Walter B. Pugh as Maxwell and Pugh. In two years, his brother Harold Maxwell purchased Pugh's interest and since then the establishment has been operated as the Maxwell Company. It was gradually

## Former Duplinite Holds High Honor

Mr. Thomas H. Wilson, who is listed his home as Magnolia since 1930, was elected Worshipful Master of Lawton Lodge No. 183 A. F. & A. M., on Monday, December 6, 1948, and was installed in his new office on Wednesday, December 8, 1948. He will preside throughout the year 1949. The Lawton Lodge was organized in 1901 in what was Indian Territory, several years prior to the territory's being accepted into the Union as the State of Oklahoma.

The Lodge has a membership exceeding 1200 and possesses considerable real estate in Lawton, Okla. Mr. Wilson is a 32nd degree Mason and a Knight Templar; he was presiding officer of Lawton Chapter No. 44, Royal Arch Masons in 1946, and of Lawton Council No. 21 Royal and Select Masters in 1947. He has been a Certified Lecturer of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Oklahoma for several years.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Lawton. Mrs. Wilson is the former Hettie Baker of Magnolia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hill Baker of Magnolia and is also a member of the Baptist Church. The Wilsons have two children, Joseph who is fourteen and Rachel who is eighteen and was married to Robert Beanson of Pittsburgh, Pa. on September 13, 1948. The family is now residing in Fort Sill, Okla., four miles from Lawton and are frequent visitors to Magnolia.

Upon Mr. Wilson's retiring from the U. S. Army, they will return and make their home in or near Magnolia. We shall be glad to welcome them home.

expanded into one of the largest wholesale mercantile businesses in this region. Active in State College Alumni Association affairs, he was long interested in education. For the last five years he has been a trustee of the Greater University of North Carolina. Since August, 1945, he had served as president of the State-controlled Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Company and was this month reelected for his fourth term. Previously he had served a number of years as a State appointed director of the railroad company and a member of its executive committee. He was a director of the local unit of the Branch Banking and Trust Co. He was a member of the former Kiwanis Club here, he was an Elk, a Mason and a Shriner.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Charles Pope Maxwell, a son, Raymond Maxwell, Jr., a student at Princeton University; two daughters, Kathryn and Gary Maxwell of this city; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Maxwell of Seven Springs, one sister, Mrs. J. H. B. Moore of Greenville; five brothers, H. J. Maxwell, G. C. Maxwell and Dr. Reginald Maxwell of Augusta, Ga., Harold Maxwell of New Bern and Morgan Maxwell of Seven Springs.

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## G. O. Griffin Dies In Raleigh

George Oliver Griffin, 61, died in a Raleigh hospital Wednesday night after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Rose Hill Methodist Church by Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor. Burial was in the Fossell Cemetery near Rose Hill.

He is survived by his wife, the former Helen Ekins of Pender County; three daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Fussell of Warsaw, Mrs. C. A. Maughan of Yakima, Wash., and Mrs. Chester House of Rose Hill; one son, Leonard Griffin of Richmond, Va.; three grandchildren; two brothers, C. B. Griffin of Rose Hill and Willie Griffin of Seven Springs; six sisters, Mrs. Henry Holland of Kenansville, Mrs. J. J. Fyfe of Raleigh, Mrs. Lena White of Kinston, Mrs. John Haxford, Mrs. Fauney Grady and Mrs. Marie Price, all of Seven Springs.