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Assurance Of An Auditorium In County Capital Short By Only \$3,000! Let's Go Folks And Get Construction Underway

According to Supt. of Schools O. P. Johnson, the quota of \$38,000 for construction of an auditorium in Kenansville is short \$3,000. Just as soon as this \$3,000 is raised construction will get underway. Leslie Honey, noted architect of Wilmington and a native of Duplin will draw the plans. It is hoped the building will be completed by fall.

Contributions and pledges to date have come from all parts of the county. Kenansville is not selfish about this program and is doing its part. It wants the county to share in and use the building in any project desired by any community in the county. It will be a building the while county will be proud of. (Ed. Note: We believe that the public spirited people of the county will respond, as many have, and the building will grow into something even larger. Duplin has always proved itself when a worthy cause presented itself.)

Magnolia Gets State Class "B" District Tournament Feb. 25-26

The North Carolina District No. 2 Class "B" Elimination Tournament will be played in the Magnolia High School Gymnasium on Friday and Saturday nights of this week, February 25th (tonight) and 26th.

Participating teams will be Camp Lejeune, Elizabethtown, Richlands, and Magnolia. Winner of this tournament will advance in State Tourney Play. Camp Lejeune will be represented by one of the strongest high school teams in this section of the State. It has suffered only one defeat during this season's play, and that setback resulted from a close and hard fought battle with East Carolina's leading contender for State "AA" honors, New Hanover High School.

Elizabethtown won district honors last year and will make a determined bid to repeat again this year.

Richlands, Onslow County Champions, possess a group of smooth, fast, hard working sharpshooters, who are sure to give a good account of themselves in any game and who are noted for springing surprises and pulling upsets.

Magnolia, Duplin County's defending champions, gained a tournament spot by virtue of its record in season's play, having dropped only two of 27 games played, and only one of these being in County Conference play.

The four tourney teams represent the best in Class "B" Basketball in Eastern North Carolina.

Tournament Pairings, Friday:
Magnolia Vs Richlands;
Camp Lejeune Vs Elizabethtown.
Tournament Pairings, Saturday:
Magnolia Vs Richlands, 7:45;
Camp Lejeune Vs Elizabethtown, 9:00

Good Will Group Meets In Beulaville

On the evening of February 22 the ladies of Beulaville stole the show at the Good Will Dinner, sponsored by the Kinston Chamber of Commerce members for Beulaville business men. The accent on the "dinner" stressed by the ladies of the Beulaville PTA drew more than 80 business men and farmers of Beulaville.

The affair was the third sponsored by the Kinston organization in its trade territory, and 35 visitors were host to 83 business men and farmers of Beulaville. Welcome was given by Mayor Guy Elliott of Kinston, and Manager Charles L. McCullers of the Chamber of Commerce was toastmaster. Entertainment was furnished by the Kinston Male Chorus, and a number of gifts were presented to the guests by the visiting hosts, through attendance card drawings by Janice Bostie of Beulaville.

Mayor Elliott recalled the meeting of the old Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce at Beulaville and the progress of the section since that time. He said it was through the efforts of those present in getting acquainted and putting collective shoulders to the wheel, that such progress was possible. He added it was his belief that any sort of depression of the past would be avoided and normal adjustments made through "know-how" and wisdom.

The reply to the welcome was made by W. P. Miller, president of the Beulaville Civic Club, who expressed the pleasure of the guests. Following, James M. Tyler, president of the Kinston Chamber of Commerce, expressed pleasure of the gathering. He said the knitting of the elements of the communities was vital and that the success of the trade territory was mutual to both town and farm interests.

Mayor Stokley Bostie of Beulaville stated the major difference in the trade relations of Kinston and his town now was one of time. He said it was on a 30 to 45 minute travel basis, whereas in the past it required a half day's travel or more.

Manager McCullers told the assembly the purpose of the good will dinner was not to sell Beulaville as a "hot spot". That, he said, was an old purchase by its citizens. He emphasized Beulaville citizens are not just Kinston and Beulaville.

would be eager to serve them. Others heard from were I. J. Sandlin, Arthur Kennedy, William Humphrey, S. A. Smith and others. The highly acclaimed chicken dinner was served in a George Washington Birthday motif in the attractively decorated school cafeteria under the direction of the home economics teacher, Mrs. P. E. Thigpen. The home ec girls, wearing crepe paper aprons in the national colors, acted as waitresses.

At the close, following distribution of gifts, including a bridge, alarm clock, sheets, kitchenware, flowers and service certificates from Kinston merchants, the date was set for the appearance of the Kinston Male Chorus was set. Arrangements were completed for March 14 at the Beulaville School.

HERBERT SUMMERLIN TELLS THIS ONE.

Herbert Summerlin, our esteemed Deputy Sheriff from Wolfscrape Township, tells this one and swears that it's true. He says that one night last week a gift of his farrowed pretty pigs and that the next day he noticed that she had left them and was not feeding them. She appeared to be sick and Herbert took the little pigs up to his wife who fed them from a bottle. The next morning he went down to the hog pen and found that the mother had farrowed five more pigs, but they were dead. Herbert then went to the house and brought the first 6 pigs back to their mother who immediately started feeding them. On the following morning when Herbert went to see his hogs he found that there were seven pigs instead of the six he put back with the sow. In other words she had given birth to one more pig during the night. If anyone doubts this — See Herbert Summerlin and he says that he will show you the pigs and prove his story.

Civil Service Exam.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for the position of Substitute Clerk for filling a vacancy in the Post Office at Magnolia, N. C. The usual entrance salary for this position is \$1.04 per hour. Competitors will be required to report for a written examination at 8:30 A.M. on March 10, 1949, at Warren, N. C. Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Room 4000, Washington, D. C.



AT ANNIVERSARY PARTY — The above group of persons attended the 12th anniversary party of the Rooty Branch Free Will Baptist church Women's Auxiliary Friday evening of last week at Summerlin Crossroads. The birthday parties have been held each year. Present officers are Mrs. Earl Dail, president; Mrs. Carl Ivey, vice president;

Mrs. Eddie Goodman, secretary; and Mrs. Elbert Whitman, treasurer. Those attending Friday night were the Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Summerlin, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hinson, Mr. and Mrs. D. F.

Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ivey, Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Aman, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ivey, Mr. and Mrs. Amy Garner, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dail, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Godbold, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alphin, Mr. and Mrs. Foye Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Alorzo Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Outlaw,

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Bell, Mesdames Arthur Outlaw, B. P. Summerlin, Charlie Outlaw, Mary Grey Henderson, Thomas Summerlin, Misses Janice Summerlin, Peggy Alphin, Millie Ivey and Jack Ross. — Staff photo by Cletus Brock.

Grand Opening Of Capital Theatre

By: EMORY SADLER

On Monday evening, Feb. 21st, Mr. C. E. Quinn opened his new theatre in Kenansville. The Capital is one of the finest in Duplin and surrounding territory and it was packed jam-full on opening night with customers standing in the aisles. The same condition has continued on each night and the customers have been treated to some fine pictures.

On Monday night John Sikes, of Wallace, Secretary to "Wallace Associates", Newspaper man, Radio Announcer and Publicity expert, acted as master of ceremonies. Music was furnished by Tyson Bostie and his Kenansville Kutups.

Mr. Quinn welcomed his paying guests and promised them the best pictures possible to secure at all times. He stated that he had long felt that Kenansville and environs needed some medium of good, clean, wholesome entertainment

and that it was his purpose to furnish it. There is no doubt that Kenansville now has - thanks to Mr. Quinn - one of the finest movie houses in this section of the State.

Mr. O. P. Johnson, County Supt. of Schools; Mr. F. W. McGowan, County Auditor; Mr. Gilbert Alphin, Jr. County Tax Collector and President of the Duplin County Historical Association, and Mr. J. E. Jerritt, former Mayor of Kenansville, congratulated Mr. Quinn upon the opening of the Capital and thanked him for his interest in the welfare of Kenansville and Duplin County.

Mr. C. B. Hayworth, Theatre Man, of Pink Hill, and Mr. Bob Demorest, Theatre Man, of Beulaville, congratulated Mr. Quinn and welcomed him into the field of movie entertainment.

In the future if you want to see a good movie COME TO KENANSVILLE.

Negro Agent's News - - -

By: RIDDICK E. WILKINS
Negro County Agent

While the Boy Scouts of America are preparing to celebrate their 40th anniversary, the scouting program for negro boys in Duplin is relatively new. Mr. A. P. Cox, Tuscarora Field Executive, met with the Duplin County Divisional Committee last Monday at the Magnolia Industrial School and rededicated themselves to the services of youth. Recognizing the need for patience and guidance for these boys, upon whose shoulders will rest the responsibility of our leadership of tomorrow, Mr. Cox was reassured that the Duplin division of the Tuscarora Council will work unceasingly to provide finance, adventure and guidance for our boys.

A large number of neighborhood leaders and interested persons are attending a series of meetings that have already required the services

of eight specialists from the North Carolina Extension Service to discuss various phases of farm work including corn, small grains, pasture, hay crops and other farm management. These meetings were necessitated by the fact that operating capital per farm worker was only \$558 in North Carolina while the nation, as a whole, the corresponding figure was \$1,627. It has been concluded that the trouble lies in our cultural practices.

Two other meetings still remain on schedule. Dr. Bennett, Tobacco Specialist, will be available on March 2 at 2 p.m. to discuss the tobacco situation in Duplin, and on Tuesday, March 15, there will be a meeting of all neighborhood leaders in Negro 4-H Club work. Both activities will take place at the Kenansville colored High School. Please make special effort to attend.

Mule Has Enough Of Western

Whatever it was Gene Autry's horse said, he certainly cured one North Carolina mule permanently of movie-going.

It happened last Friday night at the Drive In Theatre in Pink Hill, owned by C. B. Hayworth.

Three young men drove up in a buggy pulled by a mule, bought their tickets and drove in.

The rest of the movie, but left the mule outside, feeling it had seen all the westerns it wanted.

Two Duplinites In Mediterranean

Two Duplinites, Gorman Norris, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Mrs. Eula Norris of Chinquapin, and Cpl. Malcolm B. Price, Jr., USMC, husband of Mrs. Hazel H. Price of Rt. 2, Faison, are making a cruise of Mediterranean ports while serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Midway with the 6th Task Force, under command of Admiral Richard L. Conolly.

Leave is granted to the crew whenever possible to afford them some recreation. Last Thursday, the two Duplinites were in the Mediterranean Sea.

Duplin 4-H Club Boys Get Medals

By V. H. REYNOLDS
Assistant County Agent

Medals were awarded to the boys who had the best 4-H projects in 1948 at the February 4-H Club meetings. Boys receiving County Champion Medals for different projects were:

Field Crops - Gerald Simmons, B. F. Grady;
Meat Animal - Brinson Vestal, Kenansville;
Dairy Cow - 1st, Dick Cordine of

Wallace, 2nd, Gene Holland of Warsaw;

Poultry - Horace Fussell, Jr., Rose Hill, James Vernon, B. F. Grady, Ray Bell, Kenansville;
Garden - Ervin G. Dobson, Beulaville, Ventress Daughtry, Kenansville, Charles Rogers, Rose Hill.

Boys who received County Champion Certificates were: Horace Fussell, Jr., Rose Hill, for Tobacco and Victor Taylor of Faison for Beef Calf.

P. T. A. At Warsaw Backs

Summer Recreation Plan.

Plans for supervised recreation for Warsaw children are shaping. Movement was organized at the PTA meeting last week. The president, Mrs. M. A. Smith, named Mrs. G. S. Best chairman of a committee to submit a summer recreation plan. Other members of the committee are Mrs. Graham Phillips, Mrs. N. A. Mitchell, Mrs. J. C. Thompson and Mrs. David Carlton.

A committee to nominate PTA officers for next year is composed of Mesdames Lena Carlton, J. W. Farrior, and Walker Stevens.

Addition of music classes for the next three months was discussed. A committee was named to find ways and means of financing the project. Members are Mesdames F. J. Baars, E. D. Pollock, Stacy Britt, and Frank Hobbs.

Older Youth Meeting To Be Held Here On March 2nd

By: ALTA LAWSON
Assistant Home Dem. Agent

Jessie James, Assistant State 4-H Club Leader will be in Duplin County for the Older Youth Meeting Wednesday night, March 2 at 7:15 o'clock in the Agriculture

Building, Kenansville. Mr. James will show a picture and then lead the group in recreation.

Every person between the ages of 18 and 28 is invited to attend this meeting.

Public Health Conference Meets Here

The Southeastern District Public Health Conference met in Kenansville Thursday, Feb. 17, with Dr. S. B. McPheeters of Goldsboro presiding. There are thirteen counties in the district and they met once each quarter. About 65 guests were present.

Dr. J. W. R. Norton, State Health Officer, was the principal speaker, and was introduced by Dr. McPheeters, who is exceptionally outstanding in health work in North Carolina.

Health officers present were: Dr. Eleanor Williams from Onslow-Pender County; Dr. A. H. Elliott of New Hanover; Dr. McPheeters of Wayne County; Dr. Foster of Fayetteville; Dr. Johnson of Whiteville. Dr. Norton spoke on the subject of Public Health in the Legislature and the need of State aid on the health program.

After the meeting a supper was enjoyed at the school lunch room served by the Auxiliary of Grove Presbyterian Church.

Duplin County B P W C Meeting

The newly organized Duplin County Business and Professional Woman's Club met Monday night, Feb. 21, at Mitchiner's Restaurant. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. R. L. West, the collect of Club Women of America and the American's Creed was read by all.

Mrs. J. M. West, secretary, read the minutes of last meeting which were approved. After reading the minutes Mrs. West resigned, and Mrs. Carl Windsor was voted upon to act as club secretary.

gram Chairman of the Clinton Chapter and Miss Katherine Barber, also of Clinton, gave talks on "How to conduct business meetings, its purpose, ideals, and its programs, which are given monthly."

The club agreed to contribute a nominal sum to the proposed Warsaw Grammar School public music program, which will begin in the near future. The "Toy Band" will be the primary aim of the BPW. The club also agreed to sponsor an Easter dance in cooperation with the Warsaw Junior Chamber of Commerce.

PRESBYTERIAN HOUR

1949 MID-WINTER SERIES

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"TIME FOR DECISION"



for Christ as Lord of the Home

By
REV. W. R. COURTNEY
of Nashville, Tenn.

The Presbyterian Hour broadcast, February 25, over Radio Station WPTE, will feature the Rev. Walter Rowe Courtney, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tenn., as the speaker. Dr. Courtney is a native of Canada. He received his college training at Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn., and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, Carroll College in Waukesha, Wis. conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Commerce. A committee was appointed to supervise the sale of tickets for "The Duplin Story", Historical Pageant, to be presented in September in Kenansville. The tickets will be on sale during March.

Various committees and their chairmen were appointed in the organization as follows: Membership Chairman, Mrs. Cleo Hobbs; Program, Co-ordination Committee Chairman, Mrs. Kathleen Snyder; News Service, Mrs. Eula Lee Britt; chairman Radio and Public Affairs committee chairman, Miss Mary Alice Blackmore; Finance Committee, Mrs. Dorcas Rogers; Chairman Education and Vocation Chairman, Miss Mary Hester Powell; Legislative Committee chairman, Mrs. Lena Carlton; Music and Recreation chairman, Miss Nell Bruchhaus; Health and Safety chairman, Miss Mary Lee Sykes.

14 Duplinites At Campbell College

Cambell College has fourteen persons from Duplin County enrolled this term, three girls and eleven boys, all of whom take part in some activity there.

Norman Spell of Wallace, a freshman, played football last season. Willis Brown of Magnolia, a sophomore, is a member of the International Relations Club and of the Chemistry Club.

Clifton Knowles, freshman from Wallace, played on the J. V's basketball team.

Dorothy Thomas, freshman from Rose Hill, is a member of the BTU Volunteer Band and the YWA.

Billy Register, sophomore from Rose Hill, is a member of the BTU and of the Chemistry Club.

M. B. Pope, freshman from Wallace, played football last season.

Eustace Wood, sophomore from Wallace, participates in football and baseball, and is a member of the Monogram Club.

Mrs. Otis Aldridge, high school senior from Warsaw, plays basketball.

Neal Carlton, sophomore from Warsaw, participates in football and baseball, and is a member of the Monogram Club.

Willie Johnson, sophomore from Rose Hill, played football during last season.

Dorothy Rhodes, sophomore of Beulaville, is a member of the Girls' House Council, secretary of the Student Council, on "Creek Pebbles" staff, and plays basketball.

The following are also on the honor citizenship roll: George Pollock, Jr., Eustace Wood, Neal Carlton, James Powell, Ward Blanchard, Dorothy Rhodes, Dorothy Thomas, Norman Spell, Willis Brown, Clifton Knowles, Billy Register, and M. B. Pope.

GOOD SAMARITANS MEET

The Good Samaritan Circle of the Warsaw Baptist WMU met Monday afternoon with Mrs. Shelby Zachary as with 21 present and Mrs. Ira Ezell, Jr. presiding. Serving on the program were Mesdames Nathan Guy, L. C. Boone, S. E. Parker, C. K. Scott, Ketside, R. J. Lewis, Ennis Tadlock and G. S. Best. Ice cream, cake and punch were served.