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## EDITORIAL LISTEN AGAIN WARSAW

Last week we pointed out some of your weak spots and some of your strong spots. We suggested a meat processing plant to be established at the present location of your abattoir and encouraged more exploitation of your transportation advantages. Warsaw not only is now standing at the crossroads of its history - Warsaw is the crossroads of Duplin County when we think in terms of the county as a whole. When we make this statement it follows that Kenansville must be tied in with this phase of Warsaw's business and social life.

Kenansville and Warsaw represent a situation in Duplin County that once existed in Lee County. Sanford was the largest town in the county while Jonesboro, just a short distance away, was the county seat. Sanford grew by leaps and bounds as Jonesboro sat idly by. But as Sanford grew it developed towards Jonesboro. There was for years in Lee County an urge, which naturally fermented and fomented in Sanford, to move the courthouse to Sanford. There was believed no hope for the future of Jonesboro. As time moved on, Sanford grew, Jonesboro held its own, until one day not so long ago the two towns became one. Sanford is now the county seat, but the pride and joy of Jonesboro remains the courthouse and together they are moving forward towards a greater and nobler day.

We are not suggesting that Warsaw try to absorb Kenansville nor vice-versa. Kenansville is not standing idly by. Though the process may be somewhat slower than other towns, such as Beulaville, Rose Hill, and of course Wallace. Kenansville is definitely growing. New homes are going up and new businesses opening. Kenansville is the heart center of Duplin and always will be. Once Warsaw tried to have the courthouse moved there but the movement failed and will fail again if ever attempted.

But, this fact cannot be overlooked. There is an indefinable mark of relationship existing between Warsaw and Kenansville that does not exist between any other two towns in the county. The life blood of Warsaw's business depends to a very large degree on Kenansville. Their interests are in common. A closer tie in relations between the two, especially in business and industrial development, will be for the best interest of both. Kenansville must rely on Warsaw for rail service, power and telephone service. In many fields Warsaw serves Kenansville and their close proximity does not justify any changes at present. Warsaw should extend more service to Kenansville. It has been proven many times that Kenansville goes to the aid of various undertakings of its neighbors. For instance, the baseball club, even though a flop, is a good example of the support Warsaw may expect from the county seat. Kenansville residents shop in Warsaw daily as if they lived there.

A movement may be undertaken in Kenansville in the not too far distance to build a hotel. The county seat needs one. The closeness to Warsaw will justify Warsaw supporting such an undertaking. Kenansville would be justified in supporting a packing plant near Warsaw.

The new auditorium at the county seat, now a fact not a dream, is going to result in many more gatherings and much larger ones than in the past. If proper co-operation is given, Warsaw stands to profit more from the building than any other town besides Kenansville. The auditorium is not a Kenansville project but a county wide project.

Kenansville needs more business houses. Several new ones have opened in recent years but we need more. The more new businesses in the county seat, the more people will be drawn to this section to trade. The more people drawn to Kenansville the more will Warsaw business attract. The town of Kenansville is your best feeder. The Duplin Pageant is just as much Warsaw's as it is Kenansville's. It belongs to every community in the county. The pageant is going to benefit every community in the county, but next to Kenansville it stands to reason that Warsaw has more to gain by it than any other town. Yet ticket sales in Warsaw is almost at the bottom. Little interest is manifested. At the called county-wide meeting Saturday night to discuss further plans for the Pageant not a soul from Warsaw was present.

Warsaw, again we say, take advantage of your natural opportunities. Kenansville doesn't even have a doctor, it has to depend on Warsaw.

A thought in closing. A hospital located between Warsaw and Kenansville would not only be a benefit to both towns but would give to every Duplinit something that is sorely needed. At present and for the past several years most all hospitals in a 100 mile radius of Duplin County are overcrowded and undermanned.

By: J. B. GRADY

New officers for next year's senior, junior and sophomore classes at East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville, have been elected and according to custom, have begun their duties this spring. They will serve until the middle of the year.

## Sam Byrd To Broadcast Next Sunday

Author Sam Byrd, author, director and actor in the Pageant "The Duplin Story" is expected to arrive in Kenansville today. He will be accompanied by the engineer who is to lay out the amphitheater. While here Mr. Byrd will broadcast over station WRRZ, Clinton and Wallace, at 3 P. M. Sunday. Tune in your dial at 880.

## Local School Commencement Program

The activities of the commencement exercises at Kenansville High School began on Thursday evening April 28 when Mrs. H. E. Latham presented her students in the annual piano recital. On Sunday, May 8, at 11 a.m. the Rev. A. D. Wood, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Charity, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the high school auditorium. The Senior Class will present its Class Day exercises on Thursday evening, May 12. Then on Friday evening, May 13, Dr. J. D. Messick, president of Eastern Carolina Teachers College will deliver the commencement address.

## Beulaville Closing Event Scheduled

Beulaville, Duplin's large consolidated school will open commencement exercises Sunday evening, May 8, at 8 o'clock when Rev. Alvin M. Whitted of Fuquay Springs will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon. Class Day exercises will be held Thursday, May 12, at 8 p.m., and Graduating exercises, Friday, May 13, at 8 p.m. Prof. J. E. Woodhouse of the University of Chapel Hill, will deliver the address to 24 girls and 8 boys who will receive diplomas.

## Boy Scout Court Of Honor Be Held Hallsville

The Duplin District Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at the Hallsville Presbyterian Church on Monday night, May 9th at 8 p.m. All the Scout Troops in Duplin County are eligible to participate in this Court of Honor, and parents and friends of Scouting are urged to be present. At the present time there are Scout Troops in Kenansville, Hallsville, Chinquapin, Warsaw, Unky Church, Faison, Calypso, B. F. Grady School, Outlaw's Bridge, Rose Hill, and Wallace.

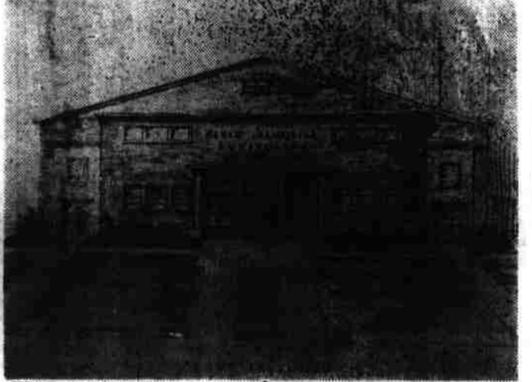
## Bus Driver Breaks Arm

Miss Helen James, daughter of Albro James of Chinquapin and school bus driver is in a hospital with a broken arm suffered Tuesday morning when the partially loaded school bus she was driving plunged into a washout while enroute to school. Miss James was gripping the steering wheel so hard in an effort to control the bus she broke her arm. No other occupant nor the bus was injured. She was driving through a shallow puddle of water in the road and could not see the washout.

## Why The Bible Has Endured

Where from? Why Provided? What does it contain? Hear the answers at the Court-house in Kenansville on Sunday, May 8th at 3:00 P. M. Address by J. F. Cochran. Welcome Good-Will Persons FREE

## KENAN MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM



HERE 'TIS FOLKS - your new county-wide auditorium and gymnasium. Through the generosity of Wm. Rand Kenan of New York, Mrs. Graham Kenan and Mrs. Louise Wise of Wilmington, the untiring efforts of Supt. O. P. Johnson and the liberal donations of hundreds of Duplinites and their friends outside of Duplin, this magnificent building is now ready for construction. The contract was let last week to the Taylor Construction Company of Goldsboro on a fixed fee basis and construction is expected to begin within a few days. The overall dimensions will be 100 feet wide by 140 feet long. The main auditorium will be 100 ft. by 100 ft.; will seat comfortably 4000 people or 5000 in a jam. The seating capacity during athletic contests will be 2345. The athletic area will take care of a maximum size playing court. On each side of the court will be the dressing rooms with showers. Two toilets will be provided for spectators. At the front will be the portico, lobby and two offices on each side. In the rear will be a stage 23 ft by 42 ft. The building will be of concrete, steel and brick construction. The steel brick will be red to correspond with the present school building. The auditorium will be located on the north side of the present school building facing highway 11. Ample parking room will be provided at the rear of the building. Walks and green lawns will adorn the front grounds. The building will be completely fireproof with eleven sets of double doors. Also on the inside will be a balcony. When complete the auditorium is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000.00. Leslie Boney, Sr., and Sons, Wilmington architects, drew the plans. Before any set ideas was made to the appearance local officials visited a number of gymnasiums in surrounding counties. It is said that Kenan Memorial Auditorium will be one of the most attractive and conveniently arranged in North Carolina and the only publicly owned auditorium and gymnasium built as an outright donation by residents and friends of the county. The Kenans, in whose honor the building is named, gave \$20,000 as follows: Wm. Rand Kenan, \$10,000; Mrs. Graham Kenan, \$5,000; Mrs. Louise Wise, \$5,000. The Kenansville school district raised \$10,000 in one concerted drive. Profits from the Pageant, "The Duplin Story" will go towards completing and furnishing the building. To date more than \$60,000 has been raised in cash and bona fide pledges.

## ELECTIONS ARE QUIET Duplin Towns Hold Municipal Elections; Mayors, Commissioners Named

Local politics in Duplin towns came to an end Tuesday when all towns held their elections except Magnolia which was held Monday. See Magnolia News for results there. Most excitement was evinced in Warsaw where the entire slate was composed of new candidates. Results:

**WARSAW**  
W. E. Currie was elected mayor, while five commissioners were also chosen out of a field of nine candidates. The Commissioners are Woodrow W. Blackburn, A. Askew, G. A. Best, Glenn C. Brown, and W. E. Fussell. Currie polled 238 in the race for mayor, while his opponents Samuel E. Godwin and Mangum Carrll, had 154 and 5 respectively. Votes for commissioners were: Blackburn 255, D. Matthis 185, Askew 172, Best 304, Brown 270, S. H. Porter 157, M. V. Orr 165, and F. J. Thomas 140.

**WALLACE**  
Mayor W. G. Hoffer was re-elected without opposition, polling 254 votes. The only incumbents seeking renomination to the board of commissioners, Dr. A. R. Bland, and Melvin Cording, were re-elected. For commissioner: Dr. A. R. Bland 236; M. G. Cording 224; E. J. Johnson 189; D. B. Townsend 208; J. S. Blair 180; C. L. Shields 166. The five highest were named to the board.

**FAISON**  
The incumbent mayor, L. D. Groome, was re-elected. Only one incumbent was returned to office from the two seeking renomination. For mayor: L. D. Groome 152; D. J. Oats 62; T. E. Adams 28; A. S. Thornton 16. For commissioner: C. A. Decker 191; J. M. Faison 154; C. D. McCullen 142; Perry Lewis 129; C. R. Lewis 124; P. G. Adams 103; S. Murphy 46; J. B. Stroud 105; Frank Martin 51; Paul Clifton 76; J. C. Bell, Jr., 80. Five candidates are named to the board.

**BEULAVILLE**  
Voters elected S. P. Bostic mayor and elected five members to the board of commissioners. The following were named to the board: Supt. Johnson has called a meeting of all the school boards to be held in the Kenansville auditorium Tuesday night, May 6th to discuss the proposed school bond issue. The Board of Education has endorsed the bond vote. Supt. Johnson says that if the vote is approved it will be used to build the rest of the school building.

lead the council race. Others named were M. M. Thigpen 61; W. D. Brown 54; Gardner Edwards 38; Archie Lanier 56. Unsuccessful candidates were: Richard Bostic 35; Charlton Sandlin 25; Sidney Hunter 37; R. R. Mercer 18; and Herman Thomas 32.

## VOTE AGAIN NEXT MONTH June Date Set For Road Bond Election Books Open Saturday, May 7

The State Board of Elections has set May 7 as the date for registration books to open in all precincts for the school and road bond election on June 4. The registration period will run from May 7 to May 21. Registrars will be at polling places on May 7, 14 and 21. Saturday, May 28 will be challenge day. Persons who already are registered in general election books will not have to register for the bond election. The outcome of the election will be determined by a majority of votes cast. Both bond issues—\$300,000.00 for roads and \$25,000.00 for school buildings—will be submitted on one ballot. Governor Scott has issued a proclamation formally setting June 4 as the election date.

## Time Of Ticket Sales For Reserved Seats Extended, Says Alphin

The Officers of Duplin County Historical Association extended the Ticket Sales for Reserved Seats to "The Duplin Story" until May 28th. On this date all tickets not sold will be called in and stamped for Section B, which will be the next section to the Reserved Seats. Tickets bought during August and September will be sold for Section C, which will be the remaining Section in the Amphitheater. If you would like a Reserve Seat ticket to "The Duplin Story", \$9.99 the Ticket Sales Committee in your town or community or write to M. F. Allen, Jr., the Treasurer, Kenansville, N. C., before May 28, 1949. ADMISSION: Adults, \$2.50; School children, \$1.25 Duplin County Historical Assoc. Inc. G. E. Alphin, Jr., Pres.

## COUNTY FATHERS MEET Duplin Commissioners Favor ABC Vote; Passage Road Bond Issue

At the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners here Monday, the board voted to authorize the county board of election to call a special election on the matter of ABC stores in the county. The board also went on record endorsing the proposed \$200,000.00 School and Road bond vote Monday. The special election on the ABC store question will be held provided the calling of the election is legal. The board of commissioners authorized the elections board to call the election without being requested to do so by petition from either the dry forces or the wet forces. County Auditor F. W. McGowan and elections board clerk A. T. Outlaw were instructed to go to Raleigh and take the matter up with Attorney-General Harry McMullan's office to determine the legality of their authorization. While the county board took this action without being requested to do so by petition, it was reported that petitions are being circulated in the county requesting the election. If the election is found to be legal and is held it would automatically halt any town elections on the ABC question which might be called.

## Allied Church League Meets; Asks For County-Wide A. B. C. Store Election

The Allied Church League of Duplin County met at the Teachey Baptist Church on Friday night, April 29. Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Rev. J. V. Case, president; Rev. S. A. Smith, vice-president; Rev. A. D. Wood, secretary-treasurer. At this meeting plans were made to ask for a county-wide election on ABC stores and strategy to carry forward the dry cause discussed.

## IN SPITE OF RAIN Boy Scouts Of Tuscarora Council Enjoy Week-end Encampment

In spite of rain and inclement weather throughout the whole week end, 156 Boy Scouts and 10 adult leaders braved the elements to enjoy the Council-wide Camp-o-ree held at Selma, April 29, 30, and May 1. The program was followed very closely as planned and the Camp-o-ree ended with no casualties and everyone happy even though it was a rugged experience. The Campfire scheduled for Saturday night had to be canceled, but the group met in the auditorium of the Selma school where Mr. D. A. Bateman of Goldsboro entertained with his musical saw, and where moving pictures of the last Camp-o-ree were shown by Thomas Meece of Selma. The group was led in some lively Camp singing by Bobby "Cotton" Klutz. On Sunday morning, Rev. Fletcher Ford, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Four Oaks, conducted the religious services. The contests on Saturday afternoon consisted of rope throwing, log sawing, tent pitching, match lighting, and knot tying. The rope throwing contest was won by Beaver Patrol, Troop 2 of Goldsboro. The log sawing contest was won by the Bear Patrol, Troop 12 of Fremont. Tent pitching contest was won by the Beaver Patrol. Match lighting contest was won by the Wolf Patrol, Troop 12, Fremont. The knot tying contest was won by the Wolf Patrol, Troop 6 of Goldsboro. Final awards for the Camp-o-ree were issued at the close of the Church service on Sunday. The following Patrols were awarded: on Patrol; Troop 2, Goldsboro; Beaver Patrol, Troop 2, Goldsboro; Wolf Patrol, Troop 6, Goldsboro; Standard Patrol Banners were awarded to Troop 28, Sanders Chapel; Cobra Patrol, Troop 3, Goldsboro; Eagle Patrol, Troop 74, Herring High School; Rattlesnake Patrol, Troop 74 Herring High School; Seal Patrol, Troop 75, of Westbrook; Bear Patrol, Troop 12, Fremont; Wolf Patrol, Troop 13, Fremont; Flying Eagle Patrol, of Troop 26, Sanders Chapel; Beaver Patrol, Troop 75, Westbrook; Flying Eagle Patrol, Troop 33, Selma; Indian Patrol, Troop 32, Selma; Beaver Patrol, Troop 10, Providence Church; Wolf Patrol, Troop 23, Micro. Participating Banners were awarded to Troop 39, Clinton; Troop 28, Micro; Troop 15, Pikeville; Troop 32, Selma; Troop 18, Ram Patrol, Troop 18, Owl Patrol and Troop 18, Flying Eagle Patrol all of Meadow High School.

**May Fellowship Day**  
The annual MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY will hold their meeting in Kenansville on May 6th. This year instead of having a luncheon, the meeting will be observed with a "Come and Sit" tea from 4:30 until 5:30 o'clock in the Presbyterian Sunday School rooms, announces the chairman of the Council of Churches. The theme for study this year is "Freedom's Foundation - The Christian Home." Do it now! Don't be a hold back. Buy your ticket in "The Duplin Story" today!