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## McGowen Addresses Mass Meeting On Road, School Bond Issues

**By: F. W. MCGOWEN**  
On June 4, we folks here in Duplin County as well as all over the State have a wonderful opportunity to vote on \$200,000,000 of State Highway Bonds -- the proceeds of which will be used to build rural roads.

We will also have an opportunity on June 4 to vote on \$25,000,000 State Bonds to be used for constructing public school buildings throughout the State.

To vote in this election is not only an opportunity but a responsibility. Every qualified citizen should exercise his or her rights of franchise.

The \$200,000,000 of Road Bonds are to be obligations of the State. They are to be paid from State gasoline taxes. They are not to be paid from a direct property tax; therefore, our county property taxes will not be affected by the issuance of these bonds -- in other words our county taxes will not be increased because of the issuance of these bonds.

I feel that all of us realize that our future progress is somewhat tied in with our road improvement and school improvement programs.

We are certainly in a better financial position in the State to issue the proposed bonds than we were in 1921 when the first road bonds were issued. The first bonds issued have been taken care of as per schedule.

Many of our big corporations and big businesses began their business on a small or medium sized capital investment, and borrowed large sums of money to expand their business, and have made money in addition to having rendered a larger service. Certainly government can do as well.

Duplin County issued \$2,000,000 of road bonds. These bonds were issued prior to 1931, before the State took over the roads.

Today we have 220 miles of hard surfaced roads in Duplin County including roads actually constructed or on which contracts for construction have been let on or before January 1, 1949.

If the \$200,000,000 of road bonds are approved we should get 250 to 300 more miles of rural roads hard surfaced out of this money. This would give us approximately 50% or more of our total road mileage in the county in hard surfaced roads.

When more of our roads are hard surfaced more of our people will be able to get their farm produce to markets. This will certainly help our towns and cities.

School bus transportation is one of our big problems. With our road improvement program from the proceeds of the \$200,000,000 of road bonds school bus transportation will receive daily benefits that will be worth their weight in gold.

With better roads our children will not have to leave home as early or be out as late. Transportation will be safer with better roads. All weather roads will mean that our schools will not have to close down because of bad roads.

Future generations will also receive many of the benefits from this road improvement and school improvement programs because they will be able to enjoy the progress made due to better roads and schools.

The minutes of Board of County Commissioners back in the early twenties are made up almost wholly of petitions and requests for roads and for school buildings.

Today every time the Board of Commissioners meets groups and delegations appear before them asking for road improvements. Our people are certainly interested in road and school improvements and better schools.

This \$200,000,000 bond issue for roads is an answer for a lot of road improvement.

As to the \$25,000,000 of State School Bonds, we certainly realize the urgent need for public school buildings here in Duplin County as well as in the majority of the counties in North Carolina.

Last year a survey was made to determine the school building needs in the county. It was found from this survey that additional class rooms are needed now and are going to be needed at almost every school in the county. Our school enrollment is increasing annually. The war crop of babies are already entering school. Enrollment is going to continue to climb. The teacher-load has been reduced again and rightly so. All of this is going to require many, many more additional class rooms and buildings.

## Notice This . . . . .

Miss Macy Cox says, since she put the article in the paper two weeks ago concerning Mrs. Emma Pope being healed, the letters are pouring in to her asking how to get in touch with "Little David", and she does not have time to answer them. His address is "Little David", Boy Evangelist, 902 Fletcher, Indianapolis 3, Indiana. Write him there. That is home address. Mrs. Pope is still well.

## ATTRACTIVE BUILDING Date Given Warsaw City Hall Dedication; Wm. B. Umstead Speaker

On Wednesday, May 18th, 1949, the Town Hall in Warsaw will be officially dedicated and accepted by its citizens and for the purpose F. J. Strickland and A. L. Cavanaugh were appointed program and entertainment Committee to prepare the program for the dedication of the Town Hall. It was decided by the Board of Commissioners that open-house should be held to begin at 7 o'clock at which time refreshments are to be served by the wives of the Junior Chamber of

## 20 Children In 17 Years; Some Going

Asheville, May 10 — Bouncing triplets boosted the family of Jack Norris, 35 and his 33-year-old wife to 20 today.

The three babies — David, Donald and Daniel, were born yesterday. Their father is caddie maste at a country club near here.

In 17 years of married life the Norris' have had 20 children — at least one birth a year.

The triplets were born in their downtown home here but were immediately taken to a hospital for care.

## NEW COTTAGE ON NEW RIVER



Above is the new cottage, located on New River and its tributary, Cumberland Creek, at Sneeds Ferry. The Cabin, now about completed, was built by L. A. Beasley of Kenansville and will be used by the Beasley and Stevens families. It is built of Cypress logs cut from

## Tide Water Power Company Asking Hike In Electricity Rates

### County Fathers Note Death Of Former Member

**RESOLUTION Before The Board of County Commissioners May 2, 1949**

North Carolina, Duplin County.

WHEREAS, This Board has learned with a feeling of profound regret of the death of Hon. I. J. Sandlin which occurred at his home in Beulaville on Tuesday, April 21, 1948, and

WHEREAS, It has been pointed out that Mr. Sandlin was a member of this Board during the years 1927 to 1932, inclusive, three years of which time he was Chairman of the Board, and again served an unexpired term of the late J. L. Miller, during the year 1940. Also, it has been pointed out that Mr. Sandlin was a son of a former member of this Board back in the eighteenth-eighties, and

WHEREAS, the members of this Board desire to publicly express appreciation for his long and valuable service to the public of Duplin County. Now

THEREFORE, it is resolved by the members of this Board that we deplore the passing of a valuable citizen and public servant, whose death is a distinct loss to our County.

Further, as evidence of our respect and esteem, it is ordered that a copy of this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of this Board, and a copy mailed to his family.

Board of County Commissioners, A. C. Hall, Chairman, G. D. Bennett, L. F. Wells, Arthur Kennedy, Dallas Kennedy

ATTEST: A. T. Outlaw, Clerk.

## Notice To Dog Owners Around Warsaw

The people of Warsaw and surrounding territory will have the opportunity to have their dogs immunized against rabies.

Now is the time of year to have this important duty attended to. On Wednesday, May 25, Dr. J. I. Weeks of Clinton will be at the Warsaw high school from 1 to 5 p.m. to vaccinate dogs. All dogs owners are urged to take advantage of this opportunity and bring their dogs on the above named date.

By having all dogs in the community vaccinated against rabies, the owners are protecting their own as well as all families in the community.

This dog clinic is being sponsored by the Vocational Agricultural Department of the Warsaw High School.

## Public Hearing On Hunting Rules

Final regulations will not be adopted until after a lapse of at least 30 days.

The State Wildlife Resources Commission met in Raleigh May 10 to adopt tentative 1949-50 hunting regulations.

## Packed Crowd Jams Court House At Road, School Bonds Hearing

### Dobson Chapel Going Ahead On Church Drive

Rev N. E. Gresham, pastor of Dobson's Chapel Baptist Church, whose chapel burned recently, filled his regular appointment in a borrowed tenement house in the neighborhood Sunday.

He preached a Mother's Day sermon. Following services pledges were taken up on the new building program. Mr. Gresham said that \$2280 was pledged that morning. Small pledges and cash donations have been trickling in since the appeal for help was broadcast. He stated that interest in the Sunday School work has shown a marked increase since the fire. Attendance has picked up generally. The people of Dobson's Chapel have set for themselves a goal to not just rebuild the chapel, but to construct a fine, attractive edifice that all will be proud of.

## Beulaville Club Holds Meeting

The Beulaville Civics Club held its monthly meeting Tuesday night in the school cafeteria with Willie F. Miller, president presiding. About 25 men were in attendance. The smallest crowd since the club was organized. Reasons for the small attendance was the Road and School Bond Issue meeting in Kenansville and the National Guard meeting in Beulaville.

Following a delightful dinner of green peas, fresh ham, mashed potatoes, slaw, rolls and delicious corn bread, editor J. R. Grady of Kenansville made a short talk on the progress of the Duplin Project. Business of the meeting was then taken up. President Miller read letters received by the club from Governor Scott and others. A brief discussion regarding dumping of community trash took place.

The club members voted to recommend to the basket ball coach at Carolina, that Seth Doyle of Mt. Olive be considered for a berth on the Chapel Hill Basketball Squad.

## Lacy Weeks Says . . .

**TOBACCO PLANTS:**

Due to a rather severe lack of Blue Mold and other tobacco plant production hazards some farmers in Duplin County and other sections of the State are becoming rather concerned about having enough plants to set out their crop. This means that there will be many farmers exchanging plants. Any grower seeking plants to finish transplanting his crop should be very careful where he gets them. Bringing in plants from other farms is a very good way to bring in diseases, such as Black Shank. This is especially true when growers go out of their community for plants from farms which they know very little about. There will be some good plants left on the beds when the grower finishes transplanting that those who run short may secure.

In an effort to assist those running short of plants we will appreciate it very much if the growers of Duplin County will report to the County Agents Office any plants they have in excess of their needs. After Duplin growers needs are taken care of, tobacco producers in other counties which have experienced similar difficulties with their tobacco plants can be assisted.

The Extension Tobacco Specialist at State College is making a weekly survey of the progress made in transplanting and availability of plants in the various counties in order to assist in the exchange of plants on farms where diseases are not present. If you have any extra plants when you are through transplanting that you are willing to release, let us know the approximate number of plants and variety.

Have you bought your ticket to "The Duplin Story"?

quires quick action if we are to stay in business and continue to give adequate service to our 45,000 electric customers.

The Duplin County Court House was filled and overflowing at the meeting last night (Tues.) to discuss the \$200,000,000 State Road Bond and \$25,000,000 State School Bond issues to be voted on in the Special Election June 4.

The meeting was called to order by County Superintendent of Schools, O. P. Johnson, who gave a very comprehensive survey of public school building needs in the County, and he made a strong appeal for support of the bond issues.

Others discussing our public school building and road needs, and urging support of the bond issues were Harry Oswald, Editor of the Wallace Enterprise, Mr. Lucas and Mr. Thompson of Pender County, Mayor Willard Hoffer of Wallace, Mayor Dallas Herring of Rose Hill, Mayor John R. Croom of Magnolia, Mayor B. C. Sellers of Calypso, Mayor L. D. Groome of Faivon, A. P. Cates, Member of the County Board of Education A. L. Cavanaugh of Warsaw, Dr. John D. Robinson of Wallace, A. C. Hall, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, L. P. Wells, G. D. Bennett, Dallas Jones, and Arthur Kennedy, Lewis W. Outlaw, Representative in the General Assembly, J. C. Thompson, Vice-President and Cashier of the Branch Banking & Trust Co., and F. W. McGowen, County Accountant.

State Highway Commissioner A. W. Clark of Fayetteville was present and made a stirring appeal for support of the bond issues.

During the meeting it was pointed out that to vote in this election was not only an opportunity and a privilege, but a responsibility.

The \$200,000,000 of Road Bonds are to be obligations of the State for rural roads and not obligations of the County. They are to be paid from state gasoline taxes.

The \$25,000,000 of School Bonds are to be obligations of the state and are to be paid from revenues of the State's General Fund, which are sources other than a direct property tax. In other words property taxes will not be increased because of these bond issues.

If the State School Bonds are not issued in all probability Duplin County will have to issue school building bonds, and these County Bonds would have to be paid from a direct property tax.

Should the Bond Issue for Rural Roads not carry, in all probability our road conditions will remain bad for a long time.

The registration books are now open and will remain open through May 21. If you are not registered see your Precinct Registrar and register.

All citizens are urged to vote on June 4 for this Go-Forward Program.

Other meetings will be held in the County. The dates for these meetings will be announced at a later date.

## Kenansville Town Team Wins Game

The Kenansville Town Baseball team and Gordon Store played on Sunday afternoon with Charlie Nicholson pitching a 12 to 2 victory. The team is made up of local talent as follows: Kelly Maxwell, catcher; Charlie Nicholson, pitcher; Alfred Herring, 1st base; Cecil Bostic, 2nd base; Van Bostic, short stop; Clifford Wood, 3rd base; Harvey Baker, right field; Billy Stephens, center field; and T. C. Summerlin, left field.

Next Sunday, May 15, they will play Hudson Store at Hudson Store, which is about 3 miles northeast of Turkey, at 2:30 p.m.

## "Poor Slim"

Judge Robert L. West vent his wrath at bootleggers in court here last week when he slapped a fine of \$750 on bootlegger "Slim" Matthis of Warsaw. At the same time he relieved him of his driver license "Slim". It is said, mortgaged his home to raise the money. Also his car was confiscated. Judge West has received many praises for his actions.

This \$750 will help out considerably in Duplin's school efforts -- that's where the money goes. Judge West says he is ardently supporting the cause of ABC schools in this county. He states that his experience with bootleggers has convinced him that the money is the best way to get the schools

## Local Student Gets Digest Award

educators supplements to the magazine, containing guides for reading improvement and aids to effective speech and composition, are made available to schools and colleges.

The award to Miss Baker, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Baker, Kenansville, N. C. was made possible through the cooperation of Mr. Frazzelle and his teaching staff. They selected Miss Baker to receive the award, designed to stimulate scholarship, citizenship, and continued contact with good reading after graduation.

## Memorial Services In Warsaw Sunday

Grace Baker, Valedictorian of the graduating class at Kenansville High School, has been given the Annual award of The Reader's Digest Association for students who by their successful school work give promise of attaining leadership in the community. It was announced today by Z. W. Frazzelle, principal.

Miss Baker will receive an honorary subscription to The Reader's Digest for one year and an engraved certificate from the Editors, "in recognition of past accomplishment and in anticipation of unusual achievement to come."

The Reader's Digest Association has presented these awards yearly in senior high schools throughout the U. S. and Canada to the highest honor student of the graduating class. The awards are part of the educational program sponsored by the Association and were a logical outgrowth of the wide use of the Reader's Digest in schools.

## ON DEAN'S LIST AT UNIVERSITY OF N. C.

Making the Dean's list at the University of North Carolina for average grades of not less than 90 to 95, were Benjamin F. Cooper, of Warsaw; William G. Forrest, of Kenansville; John W. Gresham, of Kenansville; William C. Griffin, of Kenansville; and Grover B. Pittman, of Kenansville.