



Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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## WHY VOTE, ANYWAY?

I did not vote for Kerr Scott for Governor and I have no apologies to make. I did not agree with everything he proposed and neither did I agree with everything Charlie Johnson proposed. Maybe my decision in choice was based on the lesser of two evils. Kerr Scott is a Democrat and he was elected. I am a Democrat and so am going along with the Governor on his constructive undertakings.

At first I was inclined to be against the road bond issue but favorable to the school bond issue. After studying the matter and securing what information I could I came to the conclusion that the two are interlocking. What is the advantage of better school buildings if we do not have the roads to transport the children? Why attempt to improve our farming activities when we do not have adequate farm to market roads? Why are city folks entitled to more good roads than are the country folks when all alike have to pay for them? Since 1920 the farmers have been paying for roads in North Carolina designed primarily to help those living in cities. Now it's time for fair play, it's time for the country people to have more and better roads. We helped pay for city roads and made no squawk and we expect the city folks to help pay for our roads without any squawk. But we know, however, they will squawk and are squawking loudly now with the aid of moneys being spent in this State from outside sources in an effort to kill the road bond issue. It is eternally true when large sums of money are spent by corporations or individuals to defeat any proposal that is designed to help the people as a whole, those doing the spending are showing their true colors by putting selfishness above service.

The huge bond issue in 1920 will be paid off in 1953. No one can say he or she suffered from taxation to pay for the road building. The proposed bond issue of \$200,000,000 to be voted on June 4th will be paid the same way. There will not be one cent of tax levied on real estate or personal property to pay off this obligation. The average auto or farm truck driver will never know the difference after having paid one cent extra on the gallon of gas. In fact the increased number of paved roads will save him on car and truck upkeep more per year than he will spend in the one cent gasoline tax. The savings on school bus repairs and upkeep will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars each year. Any way you might look at it the savings by motorists in North Carolina will more than offset the increased gasoline tax. The interest to be paid on the \$200,000,000 issue over a period of 20 odd years will be less than that paid on the \$115,000,000 issued in 1920. We carried that load through the gay days of the 20s and the dead days of the 30s. If we could carry that burden through the depression of the thirties surely we can carry this load through any anticipated economic period in the next 25 years. Should a depression comparable to that of the thirties strike us it won't matter if we owe \$200,000,000 or \$500,000,000, we'll never know the difference.

Duplin County now has about 220 miles of hard surfaced roads including No. 111 to Beulaville. Construction is now under way on about 7 miles more on the Beulaville-Chinquapin road. If the road bond issue passes we will add another 300 miles of paved roads in the county giving us more than 500 miles of hard surfaced roads and about 300 miles of all weather roads in addition to the hard surfaced roads. There will not be a single community in Duplin without hard surfaced or all weather roads.

If the \$25,000,000 school bond issue passes Duplin will receive a total of \$558,267 for school building construction and repairing. Without this help it will not be so very long before the county will be forced to issue bonds for needed work facing us.

Folks this is the chance of a lifetime. It is the first time Duplin has ever been offered something for nearly nothing. If it is defeated the city people will defeat it. If it carries the farmers in Duplin and the 99 other counties in North Carolina will carry it. It is not only your privilege but your obligation to society and to your pocketbook to go to the polls June 4th and vote FOR the road and school bond issues. This is one time when the voters in Duplin can vote for a tax increase that will actually result in a tax decrease by bringing about a decrease in costs and upkeep in other public services. J. R. GRADY.

## Special X-Ray Clinic Announced

Dr. G. V. Gooding, Public Health Officer announces that a special chest x-ray clinic will be held at the Health Department in Kenansville each Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m.

These clinics are especially planned for the benefit of foodhandlers who find it more convenient to leave their places of business on Wednesday afternoon than on days of regular chest clinics, which are on Monday and Saturday mornings.

Photo clinics will be a new attraction in Kenansville, N. C. this summer.

## Hattie Gavin Is Convicted On Charge

Hattie Gavin, 56 year old colored woman of Warsaw, was convicted by the jury here last Friday on a charge of committing abortion. Judgment was pronounced by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle until the July term of Court. She is free under an \$8,000 bond. For details of the trial, see inside page.



Robert Franklin Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Williamson, who was elected best all round boy in the Kenansville High School. Young Williamson also took part in athletics, having been on the baseball and basketball teams.

## Fun For Everyone In Warsaw Now

Yes, there is fun for the kiddies at Kaus Shows in Warsaw and Saturday. And fun for the oldsters too. Located at the usual carnival lot next to the new city hall W. C. Kaus has brought his famous carnival for fun and frolic to the people of Duplin this week. The kids will find rides galore and the young people and older folks will find much merriment in addition to watching the children have a thrill of their lifetime. Open day and night.

## 115 Seniors Graduate From County's Largest High School; Hear Woodhouse

Beulaville High School graduated 115 seniors this year when the largest graduating class in the history of the school marched down the aisle. The whole school program was said to have been one of the best in the school's history. Beulaville is justly proud of her new school plant which sits back in junior college majesty. The whole community is proud of its school plant and are making particular efforts to keep it attractive. Much work has been done beautifying its grounds. Beulaville is the largest consolidated, graded and high school in Duplin.

Highlights of the closing exercises featured the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Alvis M. Whitford of Fuquay Springs who preached an inspiring sermon and the graduation address by Prof. E. J. Woodhouse professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina. As usual Mr. Woodhouse was serious and he gave much good advice.

## Sale of Tickets for Reserved Seats Ends May 28th Sam Byrd To Discuss Pageant With Wallace Woman's Club; Other Groups

Sam Byrd, of Charleston, S. C., who is writing The "Duplin Story" will be in Wallace Friday night, May 27th, and will discuss the pageant with the Wallace Woman's Club and other civic groups. This will give the Wallace members of civic organizations an opportunity to hear from the author directly some of the things he has in mind for The "Duplin Story" and should give them a keener appreciation of just what the pageant can be made to mean to Duplin County as a whole and will unquestionably instill in them a greater desire to work harder to make it a great success. The possibilities of the Pageant as a means of advertising Duplin County and its historic background is not fully appreciated by many of us. Far too many of us merely look upon the Pageant as a show, to be seen, and perhaps, forgotten. As a matter of fact The "Duplin Story" will long live in the memories of those who see it - whether they are Duplinites or not. Even those from other states cannot help but be impressed with the pageantry of yesterday that was Duplin - even those who do not now know that there is a Duplin County. Every true Duplin citizen should be keenly interested in the Pageant and determined to do everything possible to make it a great success. The wholehearted support of every person living within the county is necessary to the

## Lions Report Wag Their Tails

Twenty-two Lions, guests and one Kiwanian converged on Roscoe Jones' Cafe here Wednesday night for the regular meeting of the Kenansville Lions. This year being the 100th anniversary of the birth of the safety pin, name cards were pinned on coat lapels of all visitors with a huge safety pin. Following the meeting one lion made a collection of the pins and presented them to Lion Hubert Phillips.

President Gilbert Alphin presided over a spirited meeting. Secretary Garland King read the annual financial report showing the local club had made the following contributions during the past year: \$50 March of Dimes; charity, \$4.16; State Commission of Blind, \$51.37; Pageant, \$100; Kenan Memorial Auditorium, \$100; Christian Rural Overseas Relief program, \$15; blind case worker, \$60; Kenansville High School baseball team, \$50; Treatment of Viola Smith, \$13; \$25 towards advertising North Carolina at Lions International Convention in New York. \$50 has been promised towards beautifying the Kenansville School Grounds.

Lion Roy Sitterson was recognized as the latest new member. The club voted to send some flowers to Lion Halley Daughtry who is a patient at Duke Hospital. The following guests and potential members were present: L. H. Quinn, Paul Ingram, Elmore Bell, Emmett Kelly, Billy Lewis, Chas. Nicholson and Vernon Reynolds. Also guest of the club was Neil Bolton, agricultural agent for the Tide Water Power Company and a member of the Wilmington Kiwanis club. The club meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings.



Former United States Senator Wm. B. Umstead, speaker at the dedication of the new city hall in Warsaw Wednesday night, May 13.

He is shown with the outgoing town officers. Left to right - B. C. "Bill" Sheffield, commissioner, Mayor A. J. Jenkins, Senator Umstead; Commissioners A. L. Cavanaugh, Milton West, Floyd Strickland and Stacy Britt. Britt is also the Warsaw fire chief.



Warsaw's new Mayor and Town Board, pictured at the dedication of the new city hall May 13th, reading from left to right are G. S. Best, Woodrow Blackburn, W. E. Currie, Mayor, W. E. Fussell, Glenn Brown and A. Askew.

## SIX CHILDREN IN SIX YEARS MOTHER ONLY NINETEEN

Six down and (??) to go and it all started at 13. Last week it was reported, a young negro mother, residing near Rose Hill, gave birth to her 6th child. She is 19 years old; married when 13. She has given birth to one child each year since she married. Dr. Hawes made the delivery. Mother and all six children doing well.

## Cypress Creek Supports Bond Vote

Duplin County citizens are very strong in favor of the \$200,000,000 Road Bond and \$25,000,000 School Bond issues if action favoring those issues are to be judged from attendance at special meetings held throughout the county and resolutions passed as a result of those meetings. The Board of Commissioners of the towns of Wallace and Kenansville have gone on record through resolutions passed unanimously in favor of the bond issue. Other towns are expected to follow.

It is resolved by the Citizens of Cypress Creek Township assembled at McNeal Sholar's Store in a Better Roads and Schools meeting on May 24, 1949, that we hereby request and urge our friends and neighbors in all of our towns and cities to support the School and Road Bond issues on June 4, in order that we may have better roads and schools, and a better community in which to live.

We make this plea in all sincerity, and trust that our kinsmen, friends and neighbors will join with us in building a bigger and better community.

On motion, duly seconded, this resolution was unanimously adopted.

At a meeting recently held in Cypress Creek township, a wholly rural section, a resolution was proposed from the floor and was immediately put on motion by Mr. N. P. Blanchard, and duly seconded and unanimously adopted. Some 250 persons attended the meeting.

## TOM WOLFE HOME TO BE OPENED BY MID-SUMMER

Asheville — The "Old Kentucky Home", where Tom Wolfe resided in his youth is now being reconditioned and decorated as it was in the days when Wolfe resided there. Old furniture and family mementos are being placed just as they were in the early twenties.

"Old Kentucky Home" on Spruce St., was operated as a boarding house by Wolfe's mother and was made famous in his book "Look Homeward Angel" as Eliza Grant's boarding house, "Dixieland."

## Truck Owner Responsible For Cargo Though Partners Are Co-Owners

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle Monday ruled that the owner and operator of a truck was guilty of transporting tax paid whiskey when it was admitted here in court that he and two passengers Willie Mathis and Andrew Keith, had in their possession in the truck more than one gallon of tax paid whiskey with the seals unbroken. Willie Mathis and Andrew Keith were found not guilty. Judge Frizzelle holding that only the owner and operator of the truck, knowing that there was more than one gallon of whiskey in his truck, was guilty.

The case against the three charging all of them with transporting tax paid whiskey was tried in the General County Court in December, 1947, and a jury found all three "Guilty of Transporting", and they were sentenced to 90 days in jail, assigned to work the roads by Judge Robert L. West. From this verdict they all three appealed to Superior Court. On agreement between Mr. L. A. Wilson, defense attorney, and Solicitor Barber, the appeal was heard by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle without a jury. Mr. Wilson stating to the Court that there was no question being raised as to the facts in the cases and only a question of law was involved. It was admitted by the defense that

the defendants had in their possession at the time of their arrest in the truck some two gallons of tax paid whiskey and that each of the defendants owned a part of the whiskey - none of them owning more than the legal limit of one gallon. The warrants upon which they were convicted in General County Court charged them with "Transporting over the legal limit of tax paid whiskey and aiding and abetting in the transporting of whiskey."

In the cases of Mathis and Keith Judge Frizzelle found them "Not Guilty" but ruled that Charlie R. Newkirk was "Guilty". After hearing a long list of prior criminal acts against Charlie R. Newkirk involving dealing in whiskey and a plea from Mr. Wilson, defense counsel, that Newkirk was farming and had a wife and two children, Judge Frizzelle stated that the only way he could let Newkirk remain at large was to issue him a license to continue his infractions of the law and then sentenced Newkirk to two years in State Prison.

The case should give pause to owners or operators of motor vehicles in permitting others to have in their possession in their automobiles or trucks a total of more than one gallon of whiskey at any time.

## Snow Hill Church Plans Annual Home Coming Day June 12th

## Bible School At Snow Hill

There will be a Daily Vocational Bible School held at the Snow Hill church beginning Monday, May 30 and continue through June 3rd. Everyone that would like to attend in the adjoining communities, are cordially invited to come whether you have been contacted personally or not. The School will be held each afternoon from 2 until 5, with competent teachers in charge of each department and refreshments will be served by a group of the Ladies Auxiliary each afternoon after classes are over.

FHA ENGINEER, D. G. Medlin of Raleigh spent last week in Duplin County, working with farm families in planning new buildings on their farms.

The annual Home-Coming Day celebration of the Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church will be observed on Sunday, June 12. All former pastors and members as well as the general public is cordially invited to attend. There will be a special speaker for the occasion and we are also expecting several splendid choirs to supply the music. Dinner will be served on the grounds at the noon hour. Every body come. (Mrs. Edd Kornegav).

## NOTICE

Tickets for Reserved Seats to the "Duplin Story" are now on sale in Warsaw at Warsaw Drug Co. and Clark Drug Store; in Kenansville at every store; in Mt. Olive at the Glenn-Martin and Lewis Drug Stores. Buy your tickets now. Reserved seat tickets will go off sale after Saturday.