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WHY VOTE, ANYWAY?

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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 in 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.

Large Crowd Hears Rep. Hatch At Chinquapin High School

By: EMORY SADLER

Some 300 persons gathered in the Chinquapin High School Friday evening of last week in a Better Schools and Roads meeting heard Representative William T. Hatch, of Wake County, set forth clearly and convincingly reasons why rural voters should especially favor both the School and Road Bond issues to be voted on June 4. He said farm residents had the power to raise gasoline taxes which went chiefly

and that it was now time for the rural residents to benefit from the gas tax and have some consideration shown them in hard surfacing and road improvement.

Mr. Hatch was introduced by Duplin County's Representative, Lewis W. Outlaw, who lauded Mr. Hatch as an outstanding member of the State House of Representatives.

At the close of the meeting a resolution was unanimously adopted favoring both the School and Road Bond issues and urging all



TOWN BEAUTIFICATION was the theme of the joint meeting of three Faison section women's groups late Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Marshall Williams. The meeting furthered move of the Faison Garden Club to beautify the town. Faison Sesame Club and John M. Faison Woman's Club joined in the meet. Representatives

from Mt. Olive, Calypso and other sections were among the 50-odd present. State Highway Landscape Architect J. A. Saunders told what other towns are doing. Participants on the program included, seated, left to right, Mrs. I. R. Faison, Garden Club president; Mrs. W. R. Clifton, Sesame president; Mrs. B. C. Clifton, president John M. Fai-

son club; Mrs. W. H. Hurdle, president of Calypso club. Standing: Rep. Vivian Whitfield, Burgaw; Highway Commissioner A. W. Clark; Mrs. Marshall Williams; Mrs. Whitfield, state chairman of Women's Division for Better Roads and Schools; and Mr. Saunders. (News-Argus photo).

Duplin County Historical Association Meets In Kenansville; Sam Byrd Speaks

Sam Byrd, author, play-wright and actor, spoke to a large group of Duplin County historical association members in Kenansville, Saturday, May 28th. Mr. Byrd told his audience that this seems to be the "Year of Pageants" and that the Duplin pageant would differ from others in that local players would be used to portray the Duplin Story. He solicited the aid of all individuals in securing the properties and costumes needed. He outlined some of the scenes to be portrayed in the pageant. Mr. Byrd stated that it was his desire to make "The Duplin Story" a pattern for all sectional dramas in the United States, but warned that the wholehearted help of all the citizens of Duplin County would be needed to make the "Duplin Story" a living, throbbing drama long to be remembered by all who see it. He stated that it was his intention to come to Kenansville July 15th to come to Kenansville July 15th to remain until after the performance and that Mr. Corwin Rife, of the Carolina Art Association, who is to prepare the stage scenes, will be in Kenansville to work for some thirteen weeks. Mr. Byrd's remarks did much to stimulate interest in the pageant.

Mr. Gilbert Alphin, Jr., President of the Association, then asked for reports from committees. Mrs. F. W. McGowen, Chairman of the Colonial Dames Committee, reported that her committee had met and discussed plans for using a group costumed as Colonial Dames to advertise and stimulate

interest in the Duplin Story in various sections of the State and that she felt sure this group would be ready to present programs in the near future. This committee has already started planning and on May 26 presented a program before the Mount Olive Rotary Club. Reports from present members indicate that the program was well received and several other clubs have requested programs by these ladies, among them the Mt. Olive, Beulaville and Wallace Lions Clubs.

Mrs. N. B. Boney, Chairman of the Antiquary Display Committee, reported that eight sub-committees had been appointed, five being present at this meeting. She stated that these committees plan to have store windows decorated with antiques at least thirty days prior to the Bi-Centennial Celebration. President Alphin urged the committee to consider the display of antiques as early as possible and gave reasons for displaying the antiques as soon as arrangements can be made.

The reports from various members of the Ticket Steering Committee indicated that the sale of tickets was good. However, all who have tickets are urged to put forth every effort to increase sales. Mr. Moseley Phillips was applauded when it was announced that he had personally sold more than one hundred tickets - the greatest number sold by any one individual. Officers present were: Mr. Gilbert Alphin, Jr., Pres.; Mrs. John D. Robinson, Vice-Pres.; Mr. M. F. Allen, Treas.; and Miss Velma Murphy, Asst. Secy.

Three Year Suspended Sentence Given Dobson For Death Of His Wife

By: EMORY SADLER

David Dobson, negro, was sentenced to three years in State Prison, suspended upon his paying to injured parties the sum of \$600 in Superior Court here last week. Dobson was being tried on a charge of manslaughter and personal injury as the result of an automobile wreck on the Goldsboro-Warsaw Highway on a curve just north of Bowden last February 27th. In this wreck the Packard automobile, driven by Dobson, struck a Ford, driven by John O. Kirby, which was headed north. Dobson's wife, riding with him, died in the Goldsboro Hospital later as a result of the accident and Mr. John O. Kirby, Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Temple J. Merritt, riding in the Kirby car, were all injured and treated at the hospital.

At the close of the State's evidence Mr. N. B. Boney, attorney for Dobson, entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to involuntary manslaughter. This plea was accepted by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, presiding, who stated that the Court was of the opinion that the evidence

tended to substantiate a verdict of involuntary manslaughter rather than manslaughter. The defendant offered to pay to the Kirby's and Mrs. Merritt the sum of \$600 for injuries sustained.

Judge Frizzelle then dictated the following sentence: "It is now considered, ordered and adjudged that the defendant be confined in the State Prison for three years. It is further considered ordered and adjudged that upon payment of one-half of said sum, to wit, \$300 on or before the convening of the October Term, 1949 of the Duplin Superior Court and the cost of the action and upon payment of the remainder of said sum, to wit, \$300 on or before the convening of the October Term, 1950 of the said Superior Court, prison sentence will be suspended.

Court was then adjourned. This ended the two weeks Special Term.

NOTICE HALLSVILLE BAPTIST

All those interested in the cleanup project of the cemetery at the Hallsville Baptist Church are urged to meet at the church on Saturday, June 11th.

Work Starts On Kenan Auditorium

Work was commenced Thursday morning on the new \$100,000 Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville. The fireproof auditorium and gymnasium is expected to be near enough completed to be used when the 1949 basketball season opens.

First Polio Case Reported

The James Walker Hospital in Wilmington has reported to H. E. Phillips that baby Robert Batts, 2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Batts of Rt. 2, Wallace, has been admitted to the hospital and his case designated as polio. This is the first case in Duplin to be officially reported this year.

Hail Storms Hit County

Last Thursday afternoon hail and wind storms hit several sections of the county doing some damage to crops. Farmer Brown of Kenansville reports that a four acre patch of tobacco near Dobson's Chapel suffered about a 15 per cent loss. In some sections of the field the whole stalk was broken off at the ground. Several farms adjoining the Brown farm were damaged.

Hail, rain and heavy winds were reported near Beulaville, the heaviest hitting in the Quinn Store section. Rain and winds were reported from Smith Township. Little damage done. One barn and some small trees were reported blown down.

Gillette, Clark, Whitfield Head At Faison Chamber Of Commerce Dinner

By: HENRY BELK
Editor of Goldsboro News-Argus

If the road bond issue carries at the polls Saturday, Duplin County will receive an additional 212 miles of paved roads. Most other roads in the county will be improved so as to be in good condition at all times.

So Highway Commissioner A. W. Clark of Fayetteville told the Faison Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night. He spoke at a dinner at the Community House attended by about 60 Faison business men, farmers and guests.

James C. Hill, Chamber president, presided; Rev. J. M. Smith spoke the invocation and Rev. Dennis Kirlew the benediction. Mayor L. D. Grooms gave the welcome. Ladies of the Presbyterian church served the dinner.

N. C. Ports Director George W. Gillette told the meeting that blueprints for North Carolina ports are being rushed. He said that it is hoped to begin construction next fall. While big gains will come to North Carolina through more favorable transportation rates because of water commerce, main benefit will result in the developing new business and industries now inadequate as the result of the ports, he said. These will make possible the utilization of Eastern Carolina's raw materials of forest and farm, he said.

Roy Cates, class mate of Col. Gillette at State College, presented the Wilmington man, Avery Thompson, Hallsboro, member of the Ports Authority, also was a guest.

Rep. Vivian Whitfield of Burgaw made an appeal for vote for road bonds on Saturday. He said that the state is well able to finance the proposed program and that if it is not carried secondary and rural roads cannot be improved for many years. He charged out-of-state interests opposing the road bonds are actuated entirely by selfish motives. He pointed out that one major or company opposing the road bonds netted a million dollars a day last year. He asked if this same company sent high-salaried men to N. Carolina to aid the state when it got the Better Health Program going.

He pointed out that Duplin's share of the road bond money totals \$2,978,000.

H. T. Ray said that whether or not school bonds are approved, Faison must find money for modernizing and expanding its school plant. He said that one room of the school today is "propped up" with 4 by 4 timbers to keep it from falling on somebody and killing

them." He said that it was a waste of money to send children to schools where facilities were so poor that they were fooled into thinking they were getting a full education. He pointed particularly to need for space for an agriculture department and for teaching science.

Preston Wells urged organized effort to reach every precinct and get out the vote Saturday.

O. P. Johnson said that Duplin has a chance to get from the state badly needed school funds if the bonds are voted. If this issue fails, he said, Duplin must get this money on her own. He pointed out how schools cannot do their full work if bad roads delay and stop operation of school buses.

Duplin County's mayor, George Bennett urged efforts to get out the biggest vote possible.

Rep. L. W. Outlaw said that the Saturday vote is a great opportunity to move North Carolina forward.

Senator Henry Vann said Sampson county is solidly behind the vote for school and for road bonds.

New Methodist Minister Takes Up Duties June 1st.

The Rev. Burrell K. Glover, new pastor for the Duplin Circuit Methodist Churches, begins his work here June 1. His first service will be at the Kenansville Methodist church at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, June 5. Mr. Glover will be glad to see members from other churches on the circuit also at this service.

Mr. Glover is already known to many folks in this locality. A native of Maryland, he comes to us from the Duke Divinity School, where his work is nearly completed for the B.D. degree. He has an unusual background for a minister and is quite versatile. He was born and reared on a farm, worked as a chemist and supervisor in industry, has a private pilot's license, and is a Mason. He thinks of his ministry from the standpoint of the interest of the people and hopes he can serve them well.

Church Schedule:

First Sunday - 11:15 a.m., Kenansville; 2:30 p.m., Unity; 8:00 p.m., Friendship.
Second Sunday - 11:15 a.m., Kenansville; 8:00 p.m., Magnolia.
Third Sunday - 11:00 a.m., Friendship; 8:00 p.m., Wesley.
Fourth Sunday - 11:00 a.m., Magnolia; 2:30 p.m.; 8:00 p.m., Wesley.



MISS WANDA TYNDALL

Pink Hill has produced a music writer who is going North to seek her laurel - Miss Wanda Tyndall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Tyndall, has composed a piano selection "Wandering Melody" that has been published by a California publishing house.

Miss Tyndall has been a student of piano since she was eight years old. Wanda plans to go to New York and visit Tin Pan Alley, the street of songsmiths.

She is a graduate of Womans College, University of North Carolina and East Carolina Teachers College. She has taught music at B. F. Grady, Pink Hill and Kinston.

Tobacco Barn Fire Control Demonstration

Farmers in Duplin who are interested in the protection of their leaf barns from costly fires during the current season are invited to attend a demonstration of flame control by use of carbon dioxide gas in one of Leighton Turner's tobacco barns back of the Drive 1 Theatre, it was announced.

The demonstration will be offered by the Curtis Marine Company, represented by a CO2 Company of Newark, N. J., in cooperation with Tom Davis' Farm, Home and Equipment Company of Pink Hill. Fire control with this type of gas can be made automatic or with a warning system that makes manual extinction more rapid and effective. The promoters contend similar equipment was used during the war to extinguish fires on battleships and carriers, it was noted.

The public is cordially invited to attend the demonstration at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Special Services

All members of Grove Presbyterian Church and the public generally are invited to attend church services here Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. A. H. Davidson will preach. Mr. Davidson is coming here for a trial sermon. He is being considered for the permanent pastorate of the Kenansville-Hallsville charge.

Dr. Jarman Acting Head Of A. C. C.

Dr. Cecil A. Jarman, 40, was appointed as acting president of Atlantic Christian College Tuesday. He has been serving as pastor of the First Christian church in Wilmington for the past few years.

Dr. Jarman is a graduate of A. C. C. and Transylvania College. He was dean of men at A. C. C. for a number of years. The new president is a native of Richlands. He succeeds Dr. H. S. Hilley, who resigned after serving 30 years. The college is now in the midst of a large expansion program.

YOUNG ADULTS MEET

The annual Young Adult Conference for the Methodists of Eastern North Carolina will begin at Louisburg College on Friday afternoon, June 3. Registration starts at 3 P. M. and the program starts at 4:30, and the featured speaker will be Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, of the Divinity School, Duke University.

DAIRY FOODS PLENTIFUL

Dairy foods will be in the spotlight, Miss Hilda Clontz, home agent said this week in releasing a list of foods expected to be plentiful on local markets during this month.