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TWO CENTURIES OF PROGRESS

The year 1949 may indeed prove a turning point in "The Duplin Story." When I use the phrase "The Duplin Story" I mean much more than "The Story of Duplin." The Story of Duplin only portrays Duplin's growth and accomplishments as recorded in history. When I say "The Duplin Story", I am referring to Duplin County, past, present, and future.

Two hundred years ago, seven hundred and forty nine, our ancestors who had set foot in the wilds of Eastern Carolina, settled the lands now called Duplin. They named their adopted home for Lord Duplin of England. As one traces the development of the county through its countless stages to the present day one becomes astounded at its growth and prosperity. The Pageant, "The Duplin Story", is going to reveal to us many of the high spots of our political, economic and religious developments. Duplin has a heritage to be proud of but it seems almost tragic how little our own people know of what has gone before. It is humanly impossible to show through the course of history, its growth and development, but the Pageant will give so to speak, a bird's-eye view of what has gone before us.

In study of history books one finds so little about his own county or community. The Pageant of a growth and development of a State or Nation is so broad and intricate that it becomes impossible to record all the important events down through the years. If we could take all the notes of Albert Outlaw, our register of deeds, L. A. Beasley and H. D. Williams of Kenansville, and students of history in every community of the county and compile them into one edition; it would fill a text book too voluminous to be practically taught in our schools. However it seems to me that in every school in every county in North Carolina a short course in the history of the county should be taught.

As we reflect back over the bygone days of Duplin we find that too many of our most able citizens have left the county to make a mark for themselves elsewhere. Today, no doubt, many of the younger people who would become the outstanding leaders of tomorrow are leaving their native county to find greener pastures elsewhere. This is a day of school and college closing and one's mind naturally begins thinking along these lines. It is commencement time. It's 1949 in Duplin, the beginning of another century, the third century of the life of this great county. We are going to hold a fitting and appropriate commencement exer-

ercise in our capital. Not only at a momentous time from the standpoint of celebration, but it marks the beginning of a new era, a new day for us all. Duplin has always been a leader, a pioneer, in the field of education and religion.

We begin the new century with the construction of a new landmark along the road of education. The huge Kenan Memorial Auditorium and gymnasium in our county seat is now under construction. This building, to cost a hundred thousand dollars when completed, is made possible through the generosity of sons and daughters of Duplin who have left our midst for larger horizons and generous children of the county living here now, and friends elsewhere. The Kenan family has shown their interest and loyalty to the land of their fathers by making possible this great building.

Sam Byrd, a grandson of Duplin and writer and actor of national reputation is staging "The Duplin Story." Sam says that this must and will be his masterpiece. Sam cannot and will not fail in presenting a story that will live for years to come in the annals of Duplin.

John Sprunt Hill, another illustrious son of Duplin, has shown abiding faith in his home town of Fairon. Their community building was donated by Mr. Hill. He has been a liberal donor towards helping out in the Pageant.

There are hundreds of other sons and daughters of Duplin living in the county now and living beyond its borders who carry in their bosoms a deep and abiding love and loyalty to the land of their birth. They have great dreams and high hopes for its future. We all believe in Duplin County and most of us are willing to make sacrifices that it will move forward in a manner commensurate with its accomplishments of the past.

Nineteen hundred and forty nine is our year. It is a year of re-education of ourselves, our wealth and our ambition, to make Duplin County shine out as a bright star in the Old North State. There are many things to be done and together we will do them.

Let's all roll up our sleeves and offer our assistance to those who are taking the lead in development of the Pageant. This is no one man or one community affair. As Sam Byrd said we must forget that there are township lines or even city limits. For the year 1949 Duplin is one big community working together for the betterment of all.

J. R. GRADY.



MISS GRACE ALEXANDER

Girl Scout executive, will be director of Camp Trailee this summer for her third season. Miss Alexander directed the Raleigh Girl Scout day camp for two summers. She had one year's experience as counselor in the Raleigh Girl Scout camp. Miss Alexander is a graduate of Meredith College. She took a Girl Scout camp director's course at Tallahassee, Fla.

Visitor's day at Trailee this summer will be July 17 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. A special program of entertainment will be planned. Visitors will also be invited to the campfire each Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Camp opens June 26 and runs through August 6.

PROOF

"The proof of the pudding" was in the driving last Saturday night when a Mr. Mercer of the Cabin community started on his drive to Kenansville to report the outcome of the road and school bond vote at Cabin. Before reaching the hard surface Mercer's car got stuck in the mud. He was the last one to report in Duplin. They say the best is always saved for the last. The Cabin report was: For roads, 181; against, 5. For schools, 112; against, 5.

Conservation Farming

By: G. V. PENNEY
Soil Conservation Service

The very heavy rains of the past few weeks have convinced many Duplin County farmers that they must do something to prevent excessive erosion on their farms.

At the last meeting of the Duplin County Supervisors of the Southeastern Soil Conservation District, they estimated that at least 50,000 acres in this county needed immediate soil conserving practices, such as terracing, contour tillage and strip cropping.

Some of our farmers started preparing for these heavy rains last spring.

Tom Hill terraced about 30 acres of his rolling land and he not only kept these fields from washing, but his crops look better than usual in spite of the excessive rains.

Wilbert Jones started some strip cropping and contour tillage this spring and his crops look good too.

L. D. Summerlin planted the steep part of one of his fields in permanent hay and he is sure that from now on, he will get no more erosion there.

H. E. Grubbs also started with his terracing program in time to hold his flood damage to a minimum.

Lions Name New Officers

M. F. Allen was elected president of the Kenansville Lions Club at their regular meeting Wednesday night. Gilbert Alphin retiring vice president presided. 13 members were present. Other officers elected were: 1st vice-president, J. E. Fulford; 2nd vice-president, Leo Jackson; 3rd vice-president, H. D. McKay; 3rd vice-president, Secty-treas, Garland I. King; Lion Tamer, J. R. Grady; Tail Twister, D. S. Williamson; Directors, Lacy Weeks, H. E. Phillips, and A. C. Holland.

It was decided that Ladies' Night will be held soon at which time the new officers will be installed.

Tobacco Farmers To Meet State College; Discuss New Program

Words Of Appreciation

We hereby express our sincere and personal thanks to all Committees, and the voters of Duplin County for the magnificent majority given the bond issues in the Special Election last Saturday.

F. W. McGowen
O. P. Johnson
L. P. Wells

Beulaville Civics Club Meets Tuesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Beulaville Civics club will be held in the Beulaville school lunch room Tuesday night. A heavy attendance is expected.

Pouring Concrete

Contractors for the construction of the Kenan Memorial Auditorium here began pouring the concrete foundation Monday. It is expected that brick-laying on the walls will get underway in a few days.

Plan Community Building For Albertson At Holt's Store

M. B. Holt of Holt's Store in Albertson Township states that plans are underway for the construction of an Albertson township community building near his store. Mr. Holt states that work on raising the money has been underway for some time. He says the demand for such a building in the neighborhood is strong. To give it sufficient impetus he promised to give the land for the site and also contribute \$200 in cash. He says that pledges and donations may be turned in to him or Thurmond Stroud. To date pledges and cash have reached \$618. It is hoped to raise the necessary money to begin work on the building in the fall. When completed it is expected to cost somewhere between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

FATHER - SON - ADOPTED DAUGHTER Calypso Couple Is Held On Rape And Carnal Knowledge Charge

By: EMORY SADLER
At a preliminary hearing before Magistrate C. B. Sitterton, in Kenansville, Buck Hughes, of Calypso, was held in \$500.00 bail for Superior Court on a charge of "Carnal knowledge of a virtuous female over twelve and under sixteen years of age." Albert Hughes, also of Calypso, the son of Buck Hughes, was held without bail for Superior Court on a charge of Forcible rape of a female over twelve and under sixteen years of age. Testimony at the hearing was to the effect that Helen Jean Holland Hughes was the adopted daughter of Buck Hughes and the sister, by adoption of Albert Hughes. That she was adopted by Buck Hughes at the age of six years. That she is now either thirteen or fourteen years of age as of July 22, 1949. The adoption papers show that she will be four teen years old in July of this year; and school registration papers show that she will be fifteen years old in July.

Helen Jean Holland Hughes testified that Albert Hughes, her foster brother, forcibly raped her sometime in June 1948 and that one time since then he had had sexual intercourse with her - both times against her will. She also testified that Buck Hughes, her foster father, had on several occasions had intercourse with her. That he would come into her room early in the morning to call her to get breakfast and would feel of her breasts and that the first time he had intercourse with her that he told her not to tell her foster mother as her foster mother would probably kill her. She testified that on several occasions she had tried to tell her foster mother of the acts

of Buck Hughes and had been told to "Hush up and go on". Helen Jean told the court that no man other than her foster father and foster brother had ever had intercourse with her.

Mrs. Juliette M. Highsmith, Superintendent of the Welfare Department, testified that she learned of the affair when she went to the home of the Hughes' to make a routine investigation as to the adoption and Helen Jean told her about the acts of Buck and Albert Hughes.

Unidentified Negro Dies In Field

An unknown negro man died of a heart attack while working in the potato field on the farm of Frank Williams near Mt. Olive Tuesday. There were no papers or marks of identification to be found reports Coroner C. B. Sitterton who investigated the death.

The body is now at the Garris Funeral Home in Mt. Olive.

Champions Federal Aid To Education

Liquor Referendum Set August 16

Duplin County elections chairman E. Walker Stevens reported to the Board of County Commissioners Monday that he had set a date for the county wide liquor referendum for August 16th. There will be no community elections in Kenansville, Warsaw, Wallace, and Faison.

Colonial Dames To Present Program

The Duplin Colonial Dames will present a program before the Mt. Olive Lions Club on June 15. Dames from Grady, Kenansville, and Warsaw will take part. The Colonial Dames is an organization of Duplin ladies and young ladies who are giving of their time and efforts to advertise and boost the Duplin Pageant.

Cavanaugh Named State Commissioner

Duplin's Aubrel L. Cavanaugh, prominent Warsaw insurance agent and staunch supporter of Governor Scott in his race for the governorship has been appointed by Scott a member of the State Board of Conservation and Development. Mr. Cavanaugh replaces K. Clyde Council of Wawanish, president of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Cavanaugh will serve for a term of four years.

Duplin Cast 5013 For Roads; Schools 4950

Duplin County voters, in no uncertain terms, told Mr. Scott that "We Want Roads". Cabin precinct said so to the tune of 181 to zero.

Also each precinct went on record favoring the \$25,000,000 school bond issue.

The vote in each precinct was as follows:

Warsaw, for roads, 385 to 52; for schools 400 to 34. Faison, for roads, 180 to 42; for schools, 192 to 29. Calypso, for roads 97 to 20; for schools 102 to 16. Wolfe-crape, for roads 400 to 15; for schools 396 to 21. Glisson, for roads 238 to 2; for schools 226 to 8. Locklin, for roads 262 to 21; for schools 253 to 22. Smith, for roads 116 to 1; for schools 112 to 5. Cabin, for roads 81 to 0; for schools 177 to 3. Beulaville, for roads 627 to 18; for schools 592 to 32. Hallsville, for roads 115 to 2; for schools 215 to 2. Cedar Fork, for roads 131 to 5; for school 115 to 14. Cypress Creek, for roads 58 to 3; for schools 331 to 17. Clinchquin, for roads 212 to 7; for schools 209 to 8. Locklin, for roads 42 to 10; for schools 40 to 10. Charly, for roads 114 to 14; for schools 103 to 14. Wallace, for roads 268 to 111; for schools 320 to 54. Rose Hill, for roads 176 to 60; for schools 192 to 50. Rockfish, for roads 11 to 23; for schools 93 to 25. Magnolia, for roads 333 to 24; for school 318 to 30. Kenansville, for roads 577 to 17; for schools 584 to 10. TOTAL, for roads 5013 to 452; for schools 4950 to 404.

It will be noted that Beulaville lead the voting with a total of 645 votes cast. Locklin was low with a total of 52 votes cast.

Final tabulations over the State showed that the \$20,000,000 road bond issue and the \$25,000,000 school bond issues carried easily.

New Business Opens Here

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Kraft known to their many friends as "Pot" and Anne - will open their "Washerteria" on Friday, June 10 and will be ready to handle all your family damp-wash. The business cognomen will be "POT'S WASH POT" and Pot says he and Anne will try to keep the pot boiling and will welcome your wash business. Satisfaction is guaranteed. Anne is the former Anne Dail and the WASH POT is located in the

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES)

By: Virginia Reynolds

For more than a quarter of a century, educators, leading school organizations, civic minded laymen and others have sought federal aid to education.

This week as the House Committee on Education and Labor wound up three weeks of hearings, a long step was taken toward final action on a federal-aid-to-education bill. A North Carolinian, Rep. Graham A. Barden, Democrat, Chairman of the Education Committee, has commanded the attention of the nation by introducing a bill which impartial educators and laymen, alike, agree is one of the most outstanding measures in this prolonged battle for federal financial assistance to the nation's public schools.

Congressman Barden, recognized on Capitol Hill as an outstanding champion for federal assistance to our public school system, is adamant that federal assistance will be acceptable to local schools only if federal control and interference are absent from any bill adopted.

The North Carolina congressman not only has made a very serious and definite effort to exclude every possible type of federal control or interference in connection with his bill -- H.R. 4643 -- but has left the door open for any citizen to appeal to the courts. This basically American device not only avoids possible intrusion by federal employees in local school systems but will insure that the bill is being administered to meet the needs for which it was written.

The Barden bill differs in several important details from S. 316 - the bill recently approved by the Senate.

While both of the bills use the same formula for computing the amount of money to be paid to each state, states will receive more money under the Barden bill. Under the Senate bill, the states would actually get only \$260,000,000 of the \$300,000,000 provided, would be distributed among the 48 states plus an additional \$14,500,000 for outlying territories.

Under the Education chairman's bill it would mean in effect \$40,000,000 would remain which would be divided among all states. This would amount to a minimum of \$5.41 per census child.

In both S. 246 and H.R. 4643, the bulk of the money would go to 17 southern states with North Carolina getting the largest allotment - approximately \$22,300,000.

Chairman Barden, in an interview here this week, said he expected this sub-committee to report to the full committee within two weeks. It is expected according to authoritative sources, that the Barden Bill will be approved by Federal Aid to Education.

Not too lean a margin.

Benjamin Fine, education editor of the New York Times, in testifying before the Education Committee, described the North Carolinian as "the man who has suddenly loomed as the most important champion for this measure (federal aid to education)." He added that he "considered the Barden bill as one of the 'best measures' introduced since the start of the battle for federal aid.

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, Executive Secretary, National Commission on Teachers Education and Professional Standards, testified recently before the subcommittee. He termed the Barden bill as "one which would have the effect of establishing a floor under the educational programs of the state," without danger of federal control or interference.

Congressman Barden, who has been identified with the House Education Committee since 1937, has served as chairman of the Education Committee since the 77th Congress. He also was co-author of the Barden-LaFollette and the George-Barden Acts, dealing with vocational education and rehabilitation, respectively.

Mrs. Henry Dail of Kenansville, suffered painful injuries Wednesday night when the truck in which she was riding, driven by her husband, ran into a washout near town, throwing Mrs. Dail up in the cab, injuring her head and hips. No bones were broken the doctor said.

Old Tom Kelly office building just across the street from the Bowden Garage.

The Times welcomes this new undertaking and wishes "Pot" and Anne the best. LET'S GIVE THEM ALL OUR WASHING.

Vital Information Is Needed For Pageant; Look Around You And Report

Author Sam Byrd has sent out an urgent appeal for names of the members of the graduating class of James Sprunt Institute for the year 1898. Mr. Byrd says it is imperative that he have each name just as soon as possible in order to complete his skit of "The Duplin Story". If anyone knows the name or names of any person, living or dead, who graduated in 1898, please send them to O. P. Johnson, Kenansville. Also, if living please send present address if known.

There must be plenty of Confederate soldiers uniforms stored away in closets or old chests in Duplin. Remember the days of the "Old Soldier's Reunion" in Kenansville? It hasn't been so very many years ago when the battle-brave men assembled here each August for the celebration. Most of them wore their uniforms. It is necessary that a large number of uniforms be secured for the pageant. Also dresses and evening gowns of days gone past. These uniforms and dresses and gowns will be taken care and returned to their owners probably in better shape than they are now. Look around your home, ask your neighbors, and locate as many as possible. When you have done this get in touch with Gilbert Alphin or Mrs. Faison McGowen.

Also if you know of any old furniture, paintings, pictures, costumes, rifles, guns, etc., that are very old, no matter how old, anything of interest that has survived the old days, get in touch with Mrs. Nor-

Rones Chapel Picnic Set For Sunday Morning

A program and exhibit will close the Rones Chapel Methodist church school Sunday morning. A picnic dinner will be spread on the lawn. Vacation School classes are being held from 8:30 to 10:30 each morning of the week. Mrs. Russell Whitfield is director of the school, assisted by a staff of thorough-trained faculty members.

Negro Minstrel

A Negro Minstrel will be given in the Beulaville school auditorium Friday night, June 10. The minstrel will be presented by a Warsaw group under the sponsorship of the Beulaville Civics club. A large attendance is expected.

minstrel of antique displays is anxious to get hold of as much as possible to be displayed in store windows throughout the county. All antiques will be well taken care of and returned. Let's dig up Duplin's antiques and show them to the thousands of visitors who are going to attend Duplin's Pageant. It is time to begin searching now. Time is shorter than you might think.