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Bob Grady Says ----

Folks, have we realized yet what is about to take place in our midst? Do we realize that we have working with us Sam Byrd, a man of national reputation, and Corwin Rife one of the nations leading painters and technicians?

Has it yet dawned on us the amount of work that is to be done and that this work must be done by everyone in a spirit of sacrifice towards a common goal, "The Duplin Story"? The Pageant is not a commercial undertaking, it was not designed to make money. It designed to do honor to our forefathers who lived and died to make Duplin County and North Carolina what it is today.

It must not and will not fail. Everybody has a job to do. Don't wait to be told what to do. Look around you and go to it. As "Bud" Miller, president of the Beulaville Civics told his listeners one night recently when he was pleading for work and cooperation on a certain project, "Let's all go out and do what we know our neighbor ought to do." If we follow this advice the Pageant will be a hundred per cent success and we can proudly hold our head high and sing:

HAIL DUPLIN

Mighty is thy strength,
Green grow thy trees,
Clear flow thy waters,
Pure is thy breeze.

To thee we hail -
Move onward in thy path;
Duplin thou never fail,
Thy honor, thy hope, thy task.

Have you bought your ticket yet?

Birthday Party Called Off

The annual family reunion and birthday party of Mrs. John Nick Carroll, to be held Sunday at the home place near Kenansville, has been postponed due to the severe hot weather and illness of Mrs. Carroll.

IT'S HOT!

Duplin smelters and almost wellers as old sol vents his wrath on we folks trying to do the best we can and especially on those eager to harvest the golden weed as tobacco curing time begins to reach its close. Thermometers have reported varying degrees of heat this week. In Kenansville they have ranged from a 98 high in the shade to a 114 high in the sun. No one here records the official temperature but everyone is in agreement that the mean high temperature in Duplin passed the hundred mark more than one time during the week. Very little breeze and no rainfall has marred its record.

Wilmington reported Monday that Columbia, S. C. officially reported the highest reading in the nation of 99 and Wilmington was second with 98.

Many farmers in Duplin completed "crappin'" tobacco this week and some have sold on the Georgia market, or they carried a load down. We've had no reports on their sales. Tobaccoists in Georgia have advised N. C. growers not to rush tobacco there as they are blocked for ten days or more.

Bitten By White Oak Snake

Jonah Lenon, young Negro boy near Kenansville was bitten one day last week by a white oak snake while walking along the road. He was given quick treatment and no serious after effects set in.

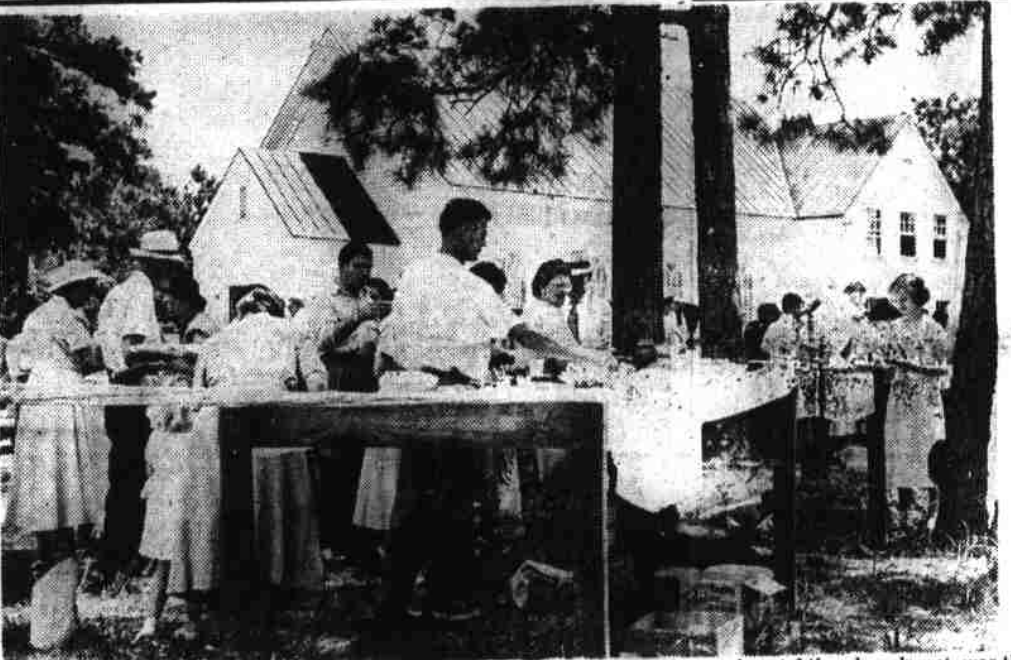
New License Examiner Dates

Harmon James of Kinston is the new drivers license examiner for Kenansville. Instead of being here each Monday, he will be here each Tuesday, on the second floor of the Daily Building. Hours 8:30 to 4:30.

A. J. Strickland of Warsaw last week began construction of a new small house here. The building will have four rooms and bath. It will be located next to the home formerly occupied by R. H. Oates, also known as "The Ball of Bonanza" one of the highlights in "The Duplin Story". The boys are badly



VISIT PRESIDENT — Senators Clyde R. Hoey and Frank P. Graham and Representative Raham A. Barden headed a committee calling on President Truman Friday afternoon to present an invitation from the Duplin County Historical Association to attend the celebration in September commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Duplin county. The President told them that he was very much



members of the church met, was the picnic lunch spread on the grounds at the noon hour. Photo by Vaden Brock.

Rones Chapel Folk Enjoy First Homecoming Celebration At Church

The first homecoming day program ever held by Rones Chapel Methodist Church was held Sunday, beginning at 10 a. m., and after the large group of friends, members and former members had enjoyed the day's activities, it was declared a huge success.

Efforts will be made to continue the program as an annual affair. The church, which has served Methodists in that section for many years, has undergone an extensive building program within the past few years, which involved turning the building around to face the principal road, and addition of two stories of Sunday School

class rooms. The Rev. W. C. Wilson, pastor along with other units of the local circuit, delivered the morning sermon, and the choir presented the anthem, "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart". Miss Jean Whitfield sang a solo, "I Am Thine, O Lord".

Words of welcome were extended to the visitors by E. G. Kornegay, and C. C. Ivey, charge lay leader, made a brief address. The pastor's sermon was titled "Beyond This Life". Congregational singing of hymns was enjoyed throughout the service.

Following benediction, picnic lunch was served on the grounds.

Tobacco Farmers Overwhelmingly Favor Tobacco Control For Three Years

Duplin Weed farmers turned out strong Saturday in the tobacco referendum. They voted overwhelmingly in favor of control. The vote throughout the entire tobacco area of the United State voted 45 to 1 in favor of control.

Below is the official vote tabulated for Duplin County:

Number voting in favor of quotas for three years, 4357; number voting in favor for one year, but opposing quotas for three years, 40; number opposed to any quota, 107. Voting by Townships in order:

- given: for 3 years: for 1 year and opposed:
- Albertson - 358 - 1 - 6.
- Cypress Creek - 504 - 1 - 17.
- Faison - 160 - 2 - 5.
- Gilsson - 198 - 4 - 4.
- Island Creek - 461 - 8 - 12.
- Kenansville - 314 - 1 - 14.
- Magnolia - 150 - 3 - 10.
- Limestone - 816 - 5 - 9.
- Rockfish - 174 - 2 - 7.
- Rose Hill - 119 - 3 - 8.
- Smith - 429 - 3 - 3.
- Warsaw - 370 - 1 - 0.
- Wolfscrape - 306 - 6 - 12.

National Guard Pitching In

The National Guard Unit of Warsaw, headed by Gib Buck is offering a splendid hand in cooperation with the Pageant. They are securing rifles and ammunition and its members will play the part of Confederate Soldiers in "The Ball of Bonanza" one of the highlights in "The Duplin Story". The boys are badly

impressed with the invitation but at this early date he could not give an answer. The committee who called on the President are shown leaving the White House Left to right, are: Sam Byrd, Mount Olive, author and playwright; Albert Hall, Kenansville, chairman, Duplin County Board of Commissioners; Senator Hoey; Dr. John D. Robinson, Wallace, Presidential Elector

DON'T GO TO GEORGIA!

Charlie Herring, native Duplin tobaccoist, called the Times Wednesday afternoon and asked that Duplin farmers be advised not to haul their tobacco to any of the Georgia markets. Mr. Herring stated that they were already blocked and could not take on any more. No need waste time and money calling for floor reservations, he said. Mr. Herring stated that since running an ad in the Times last week he has been flooded with telephone calls from Duplin each day. He appreciates the farmers wanting to sell with him but advises them to wait until the Eastern Belt opens. He operates the Big Star warehouse in Kinston and is adding 45-000 square feet of floor space this year for a total of approximately 120,000 square feet.

The Brick Warehouse in Metter, Ga., operated by Charlie Herring, sold a total of 255,556 pounds, for \$123,600.41 for an average of 48.57 on opening day. These figures are official, he says.

Have You Joined Bushwhackers Club

Men, have you joined the Bushwhackers Club yet? A movement is on foot to organize a group of men from all parts of the county to grow beards to advertise "The Duplin Story". You know the pageant commemorates 200 years of Duplin County and 200 years ago nearly all the men grew beards.

Wonder how it feels? Just like it felt then, we imagine. If you see someone straggling around with an unshaven face don't accuse him of being nervous in his sleep, just join the club. Help us commemorate

Faison Co-op Move Gains

Opening Tobacco Market News Report Georgia And Florida Flue-Cured

Valdosta, Ga. July 26—Opening day's sales on the Georgia and Florida flue-cured tobacco markets were marked by lower prices than on the first day in 1948 and a very heavy sales volume.

The U. S. Dept. of Agriculture reports that practically all grades averaged below last year's open day prices. Better qualities declined \$1.00 to \$3.00 per hundred in most cases while fair grades were off \$3.00 to \$9.00. Low and common quality leaf and low lugs dropped \$5.00 to \$11.00. The largest losses were recorded for low orange primings and best thin nondescript which sagged \$20.00 and \$16.75 respectively, under the previous year's opening.

Chief difference in the offerings as compared with first sales in 1948 was the great increase in the proportion of leaf while there was a correspondingly smaller percentage of cutters and lugs. Although the crop as a whole is reported to contain more lemon colored tobacco than last year, there was less on opening day. The ratio of green marketings decreased whereas there was more orange. Fair to fine lugs and low and fair leaf predominated sales.

Practically all warehouses were filled to capacity and volume was the greatest in many years.

It was estimated that 8 to 12% of the offerings were received by the Flue-cured Stabilization Corporation under the Government loan program. This was a larger percentage than on opening day last year. Only one grade averaged below the loan rate - choice lemon lugs.

Estimated general averages on several individual markets ranged from \$45.00 to \$50.00 a hundred pounds. Last year on opening day gross sales for the belt totaled 3,763,151 pounds averaging \$53.20.



JIMMIE L. JOHNSON,

of Pink Hill, veteran tobaccoist, announces that he will be with the New Duplin Warehouse in Wallace this year. Mr. Johnson has bought an interest in the house and will operate it in cooperation with E. A. Rackley, J. A. Chestnut and Arthur Brown.

Mr. Johnson has been connected with the New Carolina Warehouse in Kinston for the past three years and, he says, "I feel that I have made many friends". He was also sales manager at Wells Warehouses 1 and 2 in Glasgow, Ky. the past two seasons as well as an independent buyer on the Statesboro, Ga. market for the past several years. "Having been reared on a farm I feel that I know the farmers problems from the plant bed up, and shall strive to serve them to the best of my ability", he says.

North Carolina has a lower infection rate of Ban's disease in cattle than any other State in the Union.

Warsaw Boys Caught After Two Weeks of Intensive Searching

By: Mrs. Graham Phillips James Alford Williams, 16, J. C. Lothe, 18, and Isiah Bernette, 16 all teenage negro boys are in the Kenansville jail and bound over to Superior Court following their arrest and admitting the robbery of Williford's Department Store in Warsaw on the night of July 10.

The store was broken into and robbed and the thieves took a quantity of clothing and made their get away.

Two weeks later this merchandise was found and the confessions of the three boys was obtained.

The three boys, all of Warsaw, admitted the robbery and gave a description of their break in.

Lothe and Bernette pulled and bent the rusty bars at a rear window far apart enough for Williams to crawl through and then he unbarred the back door and all three

entered and proceeded to help themselves.

Williams and Lothe were jailed but when Bernette went in the house to get the clothes he had stolen, he slipped out the back door and made his escape.

Bloodhounds were used to track the escapee but due to the heat the dogs and officers gave up the chase. The following day Bernette gave up to Sheriff Jones and is now in Kenansville jail.

Merchandise recovered consisted of 5 pair shoes, 6 pairs pants which were separated from suits, 2 belts, 2 sport coats, 2 dress shirts, 2 sport shirts and other items such as socks, underwear, etc. Some items were too badly soiled to recover.

Officers Perry Smith, Oscar Houston, and Charlie Wagstaff, aided by Warsaw police made the arrests.

Witness Fails To Show Up; Finally Shows Up And Lodged In Jail

Magistrate C. B. Sitterson means business when he issues a summons for a witness, particularly a star witness, to appear at a hearing. Recently an investigation was held into the death of Elizabeth Kennan, who was killed over the 4th of July week end. Magistrate Sitterson set a date for a hearing and had Odell Bryant, star witness as well as James Bryant and a McPherson fellow summoned. Patrolman Provo went to serve the papers but they

were not at home. He left word for them to appear and was told they would. When the hearing was held neither showed up. Magistrate Sitterson became impatient and had a capias issued for Odell, star witness. He was seized by officers and lodged in jail, later released under \$300 bond. On learning of this the other two witnesses reported at once and each were placed under \$300 bond. Moral: When the law calls you had better respond.

until the beard can sprout a little longer, Keen an eye on the Patrolmen in Duplin. They are doing it too.

Rotarian Have Chicken Stew

Warsaw Rotarians enjoyed a chicken stew supper with pie and tea Thursday evening at the Warsaw Cannery in place of their regular weekly luncheon. R. F. Watkins prepared and served the supper using the cannery equipment. He was assisted in serving by Misses Mary Lee Jones and Mary Ellis West, and Graham Phillips, Jr., and Leslie Barnett.

J. C. Thompson. Two visitors were recognized, Paul Hunter, local man and Mr. Neil of the Nello Teer Construction Co.

After an inspection of the Cannery it was the opinion of the Rotarians that the public should make use of this up-to-date safe method of preserving surplus summer fruits and vegetables.

Police Rogers Goes To Red Springs

Thomas A. Rogers, recently resigned Chief of Police of Warsaw, has accepted a position as Police Chief in Red Springs.

James H. C. Hill of Faison has announced a meeting of all interested farmers to be held in the Community Building there Monday night at 8 o'clock. Produce men will gather with them to discuss setting up a Produce Packaging and Market Cooperative.

There will be speakers from State College and other operating cooperatives. Mr. Hill states that more than \$13,000 has been pledged towards the cooperative the entire amount needed to set the project in motion is in sight. The Columbia Bank for Cooperatives has been consulted and preliminary talks with the bank show that money can be provided on the basis of 50% of the building costs at 4% interest per year and 60% of the operating costs at 3% per year may be obtained.

Every farmer in Duplin and Sampson counties who may be interested are invited to attend this meeting.

The Lions Roared

Wednesday afternoon 16 Lions from Kenansville roared down to Morehead City for a delicious seafood dinner at Sanitary Seafood Market. When eating time came they ordered the largest seafood dinner served anywhere in Carteret County. Following the repast of Father Neptune's offspring they departed for the home of the Greyhounds and Whippets, North Carolina's famous dog race track, on the outskirts of the city. Long towards late that evening, after having trailed the dogs as long as the pocketbooks would allow they again roared towards Kenansville, arriving home to find their better halves sitting up awaiting them. No not with rods, the female night owls had just returned from — yes, you guessed it — playing bridge. And, believe it or not, it was cool in Morehead City. Nature had just blessed the coast with a storm.

Speaking of Seafood Dinners, we believe it not amiss here to give Sanitary Cafe a free plug. When it comes to fine eats, it's the finest. But, signs lunge large and strong, better not drink anything there besides water, ice tea, milk or coffee. It says, says it "We will not sacrifice one sober customer for 100 drunk customers". So, if drinking you go, out you go, and woe is yo'.

Pageant Committee Meeting Called Court House For Monday Night

G. E. Alphin, president of the Duplin Historical Association has issued a call for a meeting in the Courthouse here Monday night at 8 o'clock. All committee members are especially urged to be present. Also everyone in the county who are interested are urged to attend. A complete report of what has been done so far will be made. Sam Byrd and Corwin Rife will be present to report on their activities. Plans for the final consummation of "The Duplin Story" will be made. Time is drawing near and it is imperative that everyone who will cooperate in the program be present. Remember the time 8 p.m., place courthouse; date Monday, August first.

with the police department. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, she as former Warsaw Town Clerk, wish to take this opportunity to thank the people of Warsaw for their past cooperation and kindnesses extended to them while in the employment of the town. They wish their son, Thomas Jr. leave for Red Springs to make their home. Mr. Rogers was Chief of Police for the town of Warsaw for eight years.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE
ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

Killed July 19 thru 22	6
Injured July 19-22	50
Killed thru July 22 this year	416
Killed thru July 22, 1948	358
Injured thru July 22, this year	4,710
Injured thru July 22, 1948	3,895
Killed July 23-25	8
Injured July 23-25	88
Killed thru July 25 this year	424
Killed thru July 25, 1948	361
Injured thru July 25 this year	4,796
Injured thru July 25, 1948	3,898