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"The Duplin Story" Moves Into High Gear; Work Started On Theatre

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Have you heard? Have you seen? There's going to be a Pageant in Duplin. "The Duplin Story", yes the story of Duplin but more than just a story. It's a play with music. The play's the thing; it's almost 100 per cent Duplin. Not only "The Duplin Story" but it is being put on by Duplin people and will be mostly acted by Duplin people. It will be Duplin in all its glory come September 22, 23, and 24. Are you helping? Have you bought your ticket?

As you all know, Sam Byrd, Duplin's grandson, has been in the county several weeks now putting the finishing touches on the script. He has already begun selecting his cast. Newspapers throughout the State are getting more and more interested. Radio broadcasting stations say that they are ready to give us publicity. The ground has been broken for the 5000 seat amphitheatre adjoining the local school grounds. Mr. Hamp Williams is so interested in the project he has given the site, rent free in addition to much parking space. The State Patrolmen say they will handle the traffic.

On Tuesday and Wednesday nights the Kenansville Lions rolled up their sleeves at Colon Holland's work shop and began making furniture for the sets. Even our dignified court has lent a helping hand by allowing Corwin Rife, the scenic director, paint backdrops in the courtroom while court was going on. Some say Mr. Rife's work attracted more attention than did Judge West and the court. Maybe it was a break for the defendants. A sidelight on the painting occurred one day recently when Mr. Rife was painting the scene for the Battle of Rockfish. As he was meandering his brush along the banks of Rockfish Creek Judge West was trying a defendant for possession of liquor. Asked what he did with it when the officer arrived the defendant said he poured the stuff in Rockfish creek. It did not change the color of the paint Rife was using. The defendants were found guilty but since their work in the courtroom that morning was in connection with Mr. Rife in determining the various courses of Rockfish, they were let off with what was probably lighter punishment.

Rife has been attracting much attention with his artistic work here. Duplinites are getting a glimpse of what goes on along the Great White Way when a big show goes into production. In fact the work going on in and around Kenansville these days is the Great White Way in miniature. In short, the Great White Way is being brought to Duplin instead of Duplinites going to The Great White Way.

Don't tell anyone but there is a rumor that the ministers of the various churches in the county are harboring thoughts of holding a county-wide union service in the amphitheatre on Sunday, September 26th. What with a powerful electric organ, a player of national reputation from Cleveland, Ohio, seating capacity of 5,000 and a choir of 100 trained voices, church history may be made right here now. Such a program would be fitting and appropriate since "The Duplin Story" is being presented in a dignified and serious vein—no far fare, no carnival, do racing, no gambling.

When Duplin makes up its mind Duplin can do things and do them in a big way.

Miss Gertrude Carraway, noted columnist and feature writer, was here Wednesday to observe what was taking place. She was literally carried away with Sam Byrd and what he is doing. Miss Carraway said the Duplin Pageant is so "far different" from "The Lost Colony" Common Glory" and other historical pageants that seem to be taking the day in the Southeast. "It will be breath-taking," she said. "If the people of North Carolina could all know just what is to be given here, your pageant will have a run weeks, and," she added, "I will not be surprised if there is a demand strong enough to warrant a reproduction next summer." That all sounds good Miss Carraway and such a statement coming from you gives us much more confidence and hope. Miss Carraway plans to do several feature stories for many papers over the state. When asked what she was going to charge us for her labors she replied, "That will be my contribution towards the success of your undertaking. The whole state will be proud of you. You are exceeding in the



ROBERT F. CLODFELTER

M. F. Allen, Cashier of the local unit of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, announced today that Robert F. Clodfelter, formerly of Greensboro and Durham, has joined the staff of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company as Trust Officer.

Mr. Clodfelter was reared near Greensboro. He was educated at Jamestown high school, and Mars Hill Junior College, and is a recent graduate of the Duke University Law School. He is a veteran of World War II, having spent about three years in the Navy, most of the time as a communications Officer at Sea.

Mr. Clodfelter will live in Whiteville but his work will cover the entire territory served by the nine offices of the Waccamaw Bank. Mr. Allen stated. His services will be available to people in the Kenansville area.

"We are glad to bring a qualified Trust man to this section," Mr. Allen continued, "because, since there is no other active trust department here, he will be available to act as Trustee, Executor, Administrator, Guardian, and in other fiduciary capacities. He will also fill the need for assistance in estate planning and administration. The need for qualified service in this field is especially important in view of the present and prospective State and Federal Estate taxes."

Mr. Clodfelter, his wife, and one child moved to Whiteville on Thursday of last week.

Newbold Speaks Men's Church Club

Rev. Newbold, pastor of the Warsaw Presbyterian Church, was guest speaker at the monthly supper meeting of the Hallsville-Kenansville Men's Club. The supper was held in the Sunday School rooms of Grove church, Litch Hole of Warsaw and Sam Byrd and Corwin Rife of The Duplin Story were special guests. R. V. Wells presided over the meeting. Mr. Newbold talked on matters to be considered when choosing a pastor. About 25 men were present.

Report From Sheriff's Office

There were fourteen arrests for possession of non-tax paid whiskey for the purpose of sale during the preceding week end. The were as follows:

Mary Simmons (col.) Wolfsrape Township; one gallon of non-tax paid whiskey for the purpose of sale.

J. F. Middleton (col.) Warsaw; one-half gallon non-tax paid whiskey for the purpose of sale. Annie Middleton, Aiding and Abetting.

Tommy Robinson (col.) possession non-tax paid whiskey and transporting, from Wolfsrape.

Bennie and Edith Cooplin (col.) possession and transporting non-tax paid whiskey; Wolfsrape.

John Henry Williams (col.) Hallsville, N. C., one and half gallons non-tax paid whiskey for purpose of sale.

Noah Burnell (col.) Kenansville, N. C., 8 pints non-tax paid whiskey for purpose of sale.



Sam Byrd puts the polishing touches to a scene from "The Duplin Story" concerning the graduation exercises of the Class of 1910, on the grounds of the James Sprunt Institute, Kenansville. Sam is shown here working in his office-bedroom in the Presbyterian manse, temporary headquarters for the working staff of the pageant. On Sam's can be seen a copy of "The Duplin Story" and Furbelows, the James Sprunt Institute annual for 1910, and a scrapbook of valuable papers and newspaper clippings loaned the author by Luther A. Beasley. (Photo by Vaden Brock.)

County-Wide Evangelistic Crusade



Rev. James T. Johnson Evangelist

Wallace is to be the center of a County-Wide Crusade of evangelism. August 21st at 7:45 the services will get underway at the Big Tent which is to be located at the Wallace Produce Market. Mr. Jimmie Johnson will lead the campaign and will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Iner Basinger, who have been with Mr. Johnson in several large campaigns.

Mr. Johnson comes from a month's campaign in Lancaster, Pa. Crowds packed a huge tent for four weeks. The closing night brought one of the largest crowds ever to assemble in such a gathering.

During the past three years Jimmie Johnson has held campaigns from the First Baptist Church in Tucson, Arizona and from there to the large Avenue Road Church in Toronto, Canada. He has also conducted services for a week's duration at the largest Bible Conference of the nation. Last year he was at Montrose Bible Conference in Pa., commemorating the 40th year of its founding by Dr. R. A. Torrey. He was at Schroom Lake in upper New York, at the First Baptist Church for the famous board walk conference in Ocean City, N. J., and at various other camp and conferences. Twice recently he has spoken in Town Hall, New York City. He is founder of Your Daily

Devotional Program, heard over W.P.T.F. every morning at Raleigh, conducted and directed by Tomby Steele. He is also founder and director of King's Mountain Bible Conference.

His schedule for the first three months of 1950 will lead him to the First Baptist Church of San Jose, Calif., Watsonville, and Glendale, Calif. and to many other places on the west coast.

He is a graduate of Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill. Also a graduate of Bob Jones University of Greenville, S. C. Twice he has made tours of Europe and South America. For five months he preached in the British Isles.

One of the features of the campaign will be his relation of experiences in the jungles of South America.



Mr. and Mrs. Iner L. Basinger Musicians

With Mr. Johnson in the coming campaign will be Mr. and Mrs. Iner Basinger. Both are young musicians of wide experience. Mr. Basinger has sung in nearly every state in the Union. He was editor of a newspaper before going into the field of Evangelism. They spent a year in Canada on a large radio program conducting a daily broadcast.

These meetings are of an inter-denominational nature. All churches and all people are invited to attend.

Warsaw Group Organizes Lions Club; Sterling Marriner President

A group of about 20 Warsaw business men gathered in the banquet hall of Mitchener's Cafe there on Monday night and organized a unit of Lion's International. New officers were elected and installed. This is the second civic club in Warsaw, the Rotary Club was organized several years ago. Officers elected were: Sterling Marriner, President; J. A. Backley, W. E. Currie and D. H. Cartwright, Vice Presidents; Bill Hines, Tail Twister; R. G. Lewis, J. C. Page, J. C. Surratt and Milton West directors. Officers were installed by District Governor Lewis K. Day of Rocky Mount, assisted by A. F. Shipp, President of the Clinton Lions Club, Lion visitors were: W. A. Pike of Pikeville, Deputy Governor of Region 4, David Southerland, Goldsboro, Howard Bannum, President of the Goldsboro

County Votes Dry; No Legal Stores

Duplin county voters said "No" in no uncertain tones to a proposal to establish ABC stores in the county.

The vote against ABC in Tuesday's county-wide election was not quite two to one.

Reports from 20 out of 20 precincts showed 2600 votes against ABC and 1591 for ABC. Approximately 12,000 voters were eligible to vote in the election.

Six precincts voted for ABC. The proposal was approved by narrow margins in Faison, Wallace, Magnolia, Albertson, Smith and Chinquapin.

The county-wide election was called as an aftermath of bills passed in the last General Assembly. Special acts had given Faison, Warsaw, Wallace and Kenansville privilege of calling town ABC elections if the county did not do so within 60 days after the end of the Legislature. The county-wide vote forestalled ABC votes in the towns.

In other recent votes on ABC stores Sampson county voted overwhelmingly against the stores.

while in the western section of the state Catawba and Rowan counties voted for establishment of stores. Mecklenburg voted sometime ago to open stores.

Here is the vote on the 20 precincts reporting:

	Against	For
Kenansville	167	121
Glison	128	41
Faison	111	122
Rose Hill	314	43
Magnolia	134	139
Calyso	183	23
Wallace	249	252
Locklin	53	20
Rockfish	114	44
Warsaw	219	205
Charity	145	16
Wolfsrape	111	33
Cabin	62	53
Albertson	25	90
Hallsville	71	90
Beulaville	324	121
Smith	5	45
Chinquapin	43	46
Cedar Fork	74	31
Cypress Creek	63	44
TOTAL	2600	1591

18th Annual Reunion Grady-Outlaw Clan At Outlaw's Bridge Aug. 27th

The 18th annual reunion of the Grady-Outlaw clan will be held at the Outlaw's Bridge School on Saturday, August 27th. It was announced last week by Paul D. Grady of Kenly, vice-president of the Association. The program will open in the school auditorium at 10:30 in the morning. A feature of the program will be a presentation of the Colonial Dames of Kenansville, Beulaville and B. F. Grady. Writer Sam Byrd and scenic designer Corwin of The Duplin Story will be guests for the day.

Judge H. A. Grady, president of the Association, will deliver a memorial address on the late W. J. "Uncle" Jock Grady and Attorney Norman Sheppard of Smithfield will deliver a memorial to the late Dr. James C. Grady of Kenly. Malcolm Grady will introduce visiting guests. Following the program a picnic dinner will be spread on the picnic table. Everyone attending is urged to carry a full basket. That night the usual square dance will be held in the Grady school gym.

The first annual picnic of the Gradys and Outlaws, which include nearly everyone in Albertson and Smith Townships as well as hun-

dreds of kin throughout the county and Eastern North Carolina was held in 1930. If they weren't Gradys and Outlaws they were Simmons, Kornegay, Westbrooks, Maxwells, Harpers, Holts, Jones, Smiths, Alldredges, Quinns, Williams, Whitfields - or what have you - and Sam Byrd says now they can claim the Byrd, at least through his stay in Duplin.

The group organized themselves into the Grady-Outlaw Literary and Historical Association. Judge Henry A. Grady was elected President and Albert T. Outlaw, Vice-President.

They have held these respective offices since. Only one gathering has been called off and that was last year, due to the Polio epidemic.

At the first reunion a crowd of 5000 or more were estimated in attendance. It was held at the E. F. Grady School and since then has been held alternately at the Grady and Outlaw's Bridge Schools. Members of the clan in Duplin are direct descendants of John Grady and James Outlaw who settled in Albertson Township long before the Revolutionary War. A large crowd is expected to attend this year.

Street Dance In Kenansville Saturday Night; Come Out, Meet Sam Byrd

There will be another old fashioned street dance in Kenansville Saturday night, August 20th. There will be square dancing and round dancing. The Kenansville Kut-Ups will furnish the music and as usual "Les" Williams and John Ivey Smith will call figures. The dance is scheduled to get under way at 8 o'clock.

Sam Byrd and daughter, Pat and Mr. and Mrs. Corwin Rife will be the honor guests. Sam says he won't be in much of a speaking mood that night but had rather dance. He says he is itching to get into the swing.

Mrs. Rife, a native of Ohio, says she wants to see how the Virginia Reel is done in Old Duplin. Maybe she will give us a demonstration of the folk dances in Ohio. She talks like they have plenty. Also with a little encouraging maybe Sam and Gilbert Alphin will give a "Charleston Contest". We'll wager our money on Gilbert.

So, come on out folks, let's whoop it up again in Kenansville. Remember the one a few weeks ago? This will be the last big blow-out before the Pageant.

Rev. C. Fitzgerald Preach Chinquapin Baptist Church Sun.

Rev. Curtis Fitzgerald, Jr., Raleigh, N. C. will occupy the pulpit of his uncle, Rev. N. E. Gresham, pastor of the Sharon Baptist Church, Chinquapin, N. C. on Sunday, August 21 at the morning services at 11:00 o'clock.

Mr. Fitzgerald's mother is the former Miss Lillie Gresham who was reared in Beulaville, N. C. but since her marriage has resided in Raleigh.

Rev. Fitzgerald graduated from Wake Forest College in June of this year and expects to enter the Southern Baptist Seminary this fall. He grew up in the Haynes Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh, where he has for several years been a leader in Sunday School and young

people's work. During this summer he has been engaged in religious work in the western part of the state under the auspices of the Baptist State Convention.

It is expected that many friends of Mrs. Fitzgerald and her family will be pleased to have the opportunity of hearing Mr. Fitzgerald at this service.



Killed Aug. 13 thru 15	5
Injured Aug. 13 thru 15	110
Killed thru Aug. 15 this yr.	470
Killed thru Aug. 15, 1948	409
Injured thru Aug. 15 this yr.	5,519
Injured thru Aug. 15, 1948	4,383

Mayor's Court

Town Of Warsaw: Louise Middleton, colored, interfering with an officer while discharging his duty; fined \$15 and cost.

Sam J. Adams, Wilmington, falling to stop at spotlight at the

LETTER — Nurses Needed In Polio Work

August 3, 1949.

Mrs. N. B. Boney Executive Secretary Duplin County Chapter American Red Cross Kenansville, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Boney: We know you will be interested in an up-to-date report on the recruitment of nurses for assignment to the care of polio patients.

Since July 1, 81 polio nurses have been recruited by southeastern Area Nursing Services. Ten of these were assigned to the Charity Hospital in New Orleans, four to Grady Hospital, Atlanta, and 67 were assigned within the jurisdiction of Eastern and Mid-western Areas.

At this time Nursing Services has 30 unfilled requests for polio nurses for Oklahoma City, Okla., San Angelo, Texas, St. Louis, Mo., and Vicksburg, Miss.

Will you check your local nurse resources and notify area headquarters of the names of nurses who are available for assignment to care for polio patients. We would also like to know whether or not the nurses have had previous polio nursing experience.

The need for polio nurses is urgent, and we hope you will find nurses within your chapter jurisdiction who are available for assignment.

Sincerely yours,
Francis P. Smirville Regional Director, Southeastern Area

Funeral Held For W. J. Grady

Funeral services for William Joshua Grady, age 84, were held from the home of his daughter Mrs. Faison Smith, in Albertson Township Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. His pastor, Rev. L. C. Prater of the Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church conducted the services, assisted by Rev. N. P. Farrior, pastor of the Pink Hill Presbyterian Church. Interment was in the family-cemetery near the home.

Active pallbearers were Reuben King, Perry Smith, Roscoe Daniels, M. B. Holt, Cecil Kornegay and LeRoy Simmons.

Masonic rites were held at the grave by members of St. John's Lodge No. 13 of Kenansville of which he was a member.

Mr. Grady, retired farmer and public official of Duplin, died about noon Thursday of last week after a long period of declining health. During Mr. Grady's long career of public service, he was postmaster for 33 years, justice of the peace for 12 years, a member of the Duplin County board of commissioners for two terms, with one term as chairman, and was on the board of education for about 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Kate Ford; three daughters, Mrs. O. G. Simmons and Mrs. Faison Smith of Albertson and Mrs. H. W. Spence of Kinston; two sons, C. W. and Paul Grady of Albertson; two sisters, Mrs. G. M. Maxwell of Seven Springs and Miss Catherine Grady of Greensboro; 13 grand children and nine great grandchildren.

Charles Hales Is Dramatist

Charles Hales, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hales, has just completed a two months course in Dramatics taught by Miss Sarah Newell Alexander of Clinton. During this training Charles was given experience in stage setting, costume designing, lighting effects, and make-up. He had the leading male role in four plays and took part in several monologues.

Miss Alexander has taught Dramatics in Goldsboro City Schools for the past three years and considers young Hales to have quite a bit of talent. He won prizes for his "Feudin', Fussin' and a fightin'" skit at the Strawberry Festival in Wallace this spring. He designs and makes costumes and scenery as well as acts.

Worried About Tax In Wilmington, Ohio, a man told police he stole \$4.80 to help pay his \$110 income tax bill.

Total cotton acreage in the U. S. is estimated at 26.3 million acres. A Barred Plymouth Rock has at N. C. State Poultry Farm has laid 1,000 eggs since she first