

# A MIRACLE IN A CORN FILED

The following story along with the page of "Duplin Story" pictures is run again this week because of so many calls for extra copies of last week's issue.

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Wilmington, N. C. Sept. 23.—It was a miracle! I saw a miracle! I felt a miracle coming to life about me. Seated on good board benches, in what was but a few short weeks ago a field of corn with the ploughed rows hardly weather worn under foot; I was in the midst of thousands of happy, excited people. Still I felt it was not true, it was not possible - for I had journeyed some seventy miles from home to where only a mere eight hundred odd people lived. There could not be that many people there. These

could not be that great stage expanding high up a hill before me; there could not be a famous band playing stirring marches; but I was there; for my family was with me, and I saw actually hundreds of people, from miles away, that I had not seen in years -- and I was yelling out to them with excitement

and happiness. But that was only the beginning of a miracle in our midst -- for many scenes were to be unfolded before my eyes -- each wonderful and splendid in its own right. For -- I was in Kenansville, in their quickly erected amphitheatre seeing and hearing the theatrical masterpiece that Sam Byrd had wrought - "THE DUPLIN STORY" - And yet I was at home among those thousands of strangers, for there were some four thousand of them there last night. Because the names and events were as familiar as though I might be seated in an amphitheatre beside Greenfield Lake. The names were Wilmington names, the place was once a part of New Hanover County, the events were close to things we knew at home - so similar. I felt at home in so many ways in that lovely spot. The Duplin Story is no mere page-

ant, it is a vast production on a tremendous scale -- and it is a success! Sam Byrd wrote this story, he directed the production and he superbly played the leading role. But that is not the half of the story for he organized the company, the workers, the actors, the musicians into a group that knew no obstacle to hinder effort that could keep this from being one of the most outstanding local productions I have ever witnessed. Space would not provide proper credit for the many colorful and interesting scenes of this historical play; or for words about the hundreds of workers behind the scenes both before and during the presentation. It is all good - it is all excellent. Of course, there are professional touches, expected from experienced casts and crews, magnificent, but they are never noticed, for there is entertainment and interest holding scenes here that build up more and more anticipation on the part of the audience as to what is coming next.

The vivid, the spectacular scene at the Command Post of Colonel James Kenan at Rockfish Creek, is as thrilling and awe inspiring as any similar scene I have ever seen on any stage or in any movie. The sight of the pathetic little band of colonists defending their stand before the oncoming might of the British Red Coats is spine tickling. Marvelous sound effects of warfare, that are not only seen, but heard, chill you as you see the red coats come over the top of a far away hill to fight in formation as they drive back the brave colonists. Amid the light of fire from shot and shell you glimpse the British flag rise over the crest of a hill - to be followed by company after company of soldiers - what a scene - what effects - what splendid production! And, there is comedy, it's not all historical events reviewed - there is comedy! Good old belly laughs so foreign to events of this nature. The scenes unfold before you not exactly in time sequence, but according to their entertainment merit. You'll hear a great choir of excellently trained voices sing hymns and popular tunes you know. You will bow reverently in prayer as their voices rise in glory with their singing of the "Ave Maria"; "The Lord's Prayer". You'll want to shout with the large colored choir as they sing their spirituals - especially when a modern note comes with a grand moment of "Yes Indeed".

It was a miracle - a miracle in a cornpatch that you must see Friday or Saturday night to believe. You'll be proud you live close to people who with so little, can accomplish so much. You'll treasure a fine informative program that shows a vast amount of historical research; you'll want to see the hundreds of antiques that are on display in shop windows; you'll want to see the very buildings that were much of the action in which the story is depicted; you'll want a copy of the forty-two page newspaper "The Duplin Times"; you'll wish you could ride the "Shoo-Fly" of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad as it passes through Duplin County - and - you'll want to go back; and single and get to know the people of this county, who can work together and produce a miracle on the other side of Duplin's Creek.

## PAGEANT STATISTICS

Officers of "The Duplin Story" have not completed figures yet on attendance and moneys taken in and spent from the showing of "The Duplin Story".

A complete report will be given at a meeting of the Duplin County Historical Association in the Courthouse here Monday night. The report will be published in next week's Times. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

## President Boosts National Business Women's Week

National Business Women's Week will be celebrated throughout the nation during October 9-15 by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. 155,000 members of the Federation will observe the week and work together on this year's theme "Boost Your Town - It Boosts You." This will be the 22nd anniversary of Business Women's Week.

President Truman in a letter to Dr. K. Frances Scott, President of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., pledged his support to that organization's observance of National Business Women's Week - October 9-15 - and praised the National Federation's theme - "Boost Your Town - It Boosts You."

Mr. Truman stated, "I am happy to give my wholehearted support to the theme chosen this year by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs for its observance of National Business Women's Week. Democracy, like charity, begins at home and you are emphasizing this fact in stressing good works on the community level."

"When we speak of the American way of life, we are summing up the manner in which Americans live in cities and towns all over this land of ours. To make democracy work nationally we must make it work in our communities. To raise the living standards of America we must raise the living standards at the crossroads of America. To assure nation-wide prosperity, we must see to prosperous times for the small farmer, the village milliner, the corner grocer and the neighborhood shop operator."

"Because of the present pre-eminence of our country in international affairs, it is more than ever necessary that our economy remain healthy and prosperous and that our democracy retain its vigor. We need have no fear of losing that world position, with all that it means for lasting peace and widespread human freedoms, so long as the informed women of America are prepared to take up the cudgels for our way of life in the communities of the Nation. The members of your affiliated clubs can be counted on to do their part."

National Business Women's Week is being celebrated for the 22nd year. Its purpose is to pay tribute to the accomplishments of women everywhere in business and the professions. This year members are concentrating their efforts towards building better communities. During Oct. 9-15, National Business Women's Week will be observed in every state in the United States as well as Alaska, Hawaii and Washington, D. C., and all 150,000 members in their 2500 clubs will be working to "Boost Your Town - It Boosts You."

## Sheffield Presides At Rotary Meet

The Warsaw Rotary Club met Thursday and in the absence of President E. C. Thompson, Bill Sheffield presided.

Speaker of the day was Charles Baddour of Clinton, who spoke on different phases of Rotary work.

Mrs. Glendora Brown was pianist and no visitors were present. A good attendance was had.

## Graham, Hoey, Carr Barden At Pageant

Opening night of the Pageant was marked by the presence of Congressman Graham A. Barden who spoke at intermission, congratulating the people of Duplin County on their wonderful work in producing and presenting "The Duplin Story." "As long as the spirit of cooperation and harmony as shown here in Duplin prevails in this country, the United States has nothing to fear," he declared.

Friday night of the Pageant brought U. S. Senator Frank Graham who also spoke at intermission and had this to say:

"I hope the pageant will be given again next year so thousands more of our people can see the story of Duplin. It is a dramatic representation of a cross section of our people in which more than five hundred people participated from the town and farms."

section of our history in which is surrogated the story of Lord Duplin in Britain, the pioneers in the Carolinas, the patriots of Duplin in the Revolution, in the War Between the States, and in the risen South. We hear the melodies of the spirituals of a race on the way to freedom. We see the farms with their tobacco, cotton, strawberries, blueberries, corn, potatoes, cucumbers providing the economic base and hopes of another civilization. We see the influence of history in churches, academies, institutions, and more modern schools and their contribution toward the fulfillment of those hopes. We are reminded that it is from rural life that our people and civilization are reawarded from generation to generation. We are envisaging the story of a family which gave heroically in the wars and gives generously today to their state universities, the Kenan foundations and memorial at Chapel Hill and the Kenan Memorial Auditorium for the children of Kenansville and the people of Duplin County. We salute the Duplin Historical Association and Sam Byrd and his associates and the all-out representation of the people in the following ways and drama of their own lives in the story of Duplin which is an epitome of the story of America whose faith and power defines in the hope of freedom and peace in the troubled world of today."

Saturday night attracted our senior U. S. Senator Clyde R. Hoey, who spoke on world affairs and offered his congratulations to the people of Duplin.

Monday night brought Judge Leo Carr of Burlington, a native son of Duplin, who spoke and offered his congratulations and recalled some pleasant memories of boyhood days when he went swimming in old

## FIRE PERMITS NOW NECESSARY

Permission Must Be Obtained Before Any Fire May Be Set During Period From October 1st to November 30th. County Warden Ralph Miller

stated that as of October 1st and until November 30th, inclusive, it will be necessary for all persons burning any brush to first obtain from him or a duly authorized agent a Burning Permit to start or cause to be started any fire in Duplin County.

The law reads as follows: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service or within 500 feet of any such protected areas between the first day of October and the 30th day of November, inclusive, or between the first day of February and the first day of June, inclusive, in any year, without first obtaining from the State Forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to set out fire or ignite any material in such above mentioned protected areas; no charge shall be made for the granting of said permits.

This action shall not apply to any fires started or caused to be started within 500 feet of a dwelling house. Any person, firm or corporation violating this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$50 or imprisoned for a period of not more than 30 days. (Chap. 14-139, General Statutes of North Carolina as amended by Chap. 126 of Public Laws of 1939 Session.)

Burning permits can be obtained from the following issuing agents: C. E. Stephens, Kenansville; Farmers Hdwe Store, Warsaw; H. A. Parker Store, Bowden; Faison Hdwe. Store, Faison; Grice Store, Calypso; Walter Hinson Store, Sumner; Rds.; John W. Waters residence, Mt. Olive, RFD; Gerald Albritton, Pink Hill Tower; James Miller Hdwe. Store, Beulaville; Geo. R. Cowan, residence, Beulaville, RFD; Chinquapin Fire Tower; Edgar English, Wallace, RFD; A. C. Hall Hdwe. Store, Wallace; B. V.

By twelve o'clock the organ and piano were on their way to Raleigh, the sound equipment was removed and "The Duplin Story" became another historical milestone in Duplin's march to destiny.

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## Responsibility Of Employers For Giving Receipts To Employees

Every employer is aware of his duty to keep complete and accurate records for Social Security purposes.

In addition to this, maintaining proper records for his own reporting obligations, the employer must also provide his employees with statements of their employment showing the amount of wages paid to the employee. These statements or receipts must be in writing but need not be in any special form so long as they are in a form suitable for retention by the employee. The receipt may be given each time the wages are paid, or the receipt may cover one or more, but not more than four calendar quarters. In other words, the worker must be given a receipt at least once a year. If for any reason a worker leaves his employment he must be given a receipt with his last pay.

Each statement must show the name of employer, employee's name, the period for which the receipt is issued, the total amount of wages paid within that period, and the amount of the worker's tax on such wages. If an employer gives receipts more frequently than once a quarter, he can show the date of payment of wages instead of the period covered by the statement.

In some instances through incorrect or incomplete reporting, the worker's record may be incomplete. The employer's receipt then

Byrd, Rose Hill, RFD; Rose Hill Fire Tower; Dallas Jones, RFD, Warsaw.

may be the evidence needed to establish his wage credits. Thus, this provision of the Social Security Act providing for receipts for employees, is a very important one. Along with other safeguards it serves as an added protection for the worker, his family, and his survivors.

## Onslow States Deer Hunts Through Jan.

Twenty-five open deer hunting days in Hofmann Forest, an 84,000 acre tract in Jones and Onslow counties, will begin with a single day hunt Oct. 15. It was announced by Dr. J. V. Hofmann, director of the N. C. Forestry Foundation, for whom the forest was named.

Other open hunting days will be Oct. 21-22, Oct. 28-29; Nov. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 24-26; Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31 and Jan. 2.

## Square Dance

There will be a square dance at the Pink Hill High School gymnasium Saturday night. Dance sponsored by the Pink Hill Veterans of Foreign Wars. Everyone is invited to attend. Good Music - Good Fun.



## Freedom Goes Where The Newspaper Goes

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Is it merely an accident that those countries that have a free press, also have a free people? Most Americans realize it is more than coincidence. They have learned that the right of newspapers to seek out and publish the truth without fear of reprisal is their only opportunity to know the facts on which they may exercise their freedom of choice. This is the essence of true Democracy.

## - Rediscover Your Home County -

Freedom of choice starts where people live and work. There have been vast changes this past decade... not only in the world and nation, but also in our home county. And... more are on the way. Read your home county newspaper, The Duplin Times, with care—the advertising as well as the news columns—to discover the freedom of choices that promises you a happier, more abundant life, right here in your home county.

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