

# Duplin Times

Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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## A Mass Meeting At Court House Sunday Afternoon

### To Discuss Ideas For New County Rest Home; Everyone Urged To Attend

By: MACY COX

Realizing that the most adequate need of our County is a comfortable home for our aged men and women who are homeless and with sincere desire to provide such a home during this 200th anniversary celebration of Duplin County, we, the undersigned are asking our people to attend a special meeting in the Court House in Kenansville on the third Sunday in October (18th) at 2:45 in the afternoon. All ministers of every denomination, all church leaders, school teachers, doctors, lawyers, county and town officials, H. D. Clubs, all men's clubs and Orders are especially asked to attend. Everybody is included, nobody left out. Plans for such a home will be presented for discussion, and everybody present will have chances to express their wishes. Everything will be explained. We believe everybody will want this home provided. It will be the greatest blessing in consideration of the Celebration. We can only make plans now before the year closes.

The above duly signed by the following: Miss Macy Cox, J. P. Royal, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Newkirk, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bostic, Magnolia; Mrs. Hubert Boney, Mrs. Jackie Wells, Teachey; G. S. Best, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Carlton, Eugene Carlton, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McNeill, Dr. J. W. Straghan, C. Herman Trueblood, G. D. Bennett, Dallas Jones, Warsaw, Dr. John D. Robinson, Dr. H. W. Colwell, Dr. A. B. Bland, A. C. Hall, Wallace; Dr. S. A. Pope, Dr. F. L. Norris, Dr. Paul Bollin, Arthur Kennedy, Rev. A. L. Brown, Beulaville; Dr. C. F. Hawes, Mrs. David Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wa-



Mrs. G. V. Gooding and Mrs. A. P. Cates proudly pin the Eagle Badge on their sons. Steve Gooding and Curtis Cates. The boys received their awards at a court of honor held on the Faison High School campus. Looking on, left to right are: Rev. Lauren C. Sharpe, Scoutmaster of troop 50, Kenansville; Dr. and Mrs. G. V. Gooding, Steve, Brown, Burgaw.

(News-Argus Photo)

### Pageant Shows Approximately \$10,000 Profit ;Financial Statement

"The Duplin Story" winds up its business. A meeting of the Duplin County Historical Association in the court house Monday night revealed many interesting things. Not so many attended but an interested spirit was shown. There was no discussion as to whether "The Duplin Story" will be repeated next year. That question was allowed to rest a while. The things of most interest was the financial statement.

President Gilbert Alphin presided and immediately called for a reading of the financial statement by treasurer M. F. Allen. Mr. Allen read the auditors report as prepared by F. W. McGowan, auditor, of Saturday night, October 8th. The full statement is shown below.

The Pageant came out all right, was the general opinion of everyone. The Duplin undertaking was one of the many pageants given in North Carolina this year and as far as has been learned is the only one to make expenses, so we can be justly proud that the statement showed more than \$9,000 profit.

In the beginning a group of men in the county agreed to put up \$1200 as an underwriting, a loan, so to speak. Before the profits were totaled up each person was refunded his advance. At this writing most of them had endorsed their checks and turned them over to Mr. Allen to be applied to the auditorium. If it had not been for the pageant, in all probability, this amount would not have been donated. The Association gave O. P. Johnson, Superintendent of Duplin County Schools, check for \$7,500 that night with the balance to follow when all work of the Association in regards to the pageant is completed. About \$1100.00 is still outstanding in unreported ticket sales.

More than three-fourths of America's farms now are connected to electric power lines.

gymnasium east of Raleigh, including the ones at East Carolina Teachers College and Atlantic Christian College that can equal Duplin's Kenan Memorial Auditorium.

### Two Duplin Men Drown Bone Lake

Herman Lee Teachey, age 28, and Ollin Wells, age 27, both colored, were drowned about 8 o'clock last night in Boone's Lake 8 miles west of Magnolia. Coroner C. B. Sitterson reports that the two drowned men and Henry Bass, colored, were riding around the lake in an out board motor boat which capsized. Bass was able to swim ashore but was unable to help either of the others. The lake is about 15 feet deep at the point where the boat capsized. Deputy Sheriff A. R. Marley and Chief of Police Norwood Boone of Wallace, directed the two boats which were used in dragging for the bodies. Herman Lee Teachey's body was found around 9:00 o'clock and Ollin Wells' body was recovered about 11 o'clock. Both of the drowned men were veterans of World War II. Their bodies were taken to the Garris Funeral Home in Mt. Olive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the greetings and best wishes of our people be sent to our esteemed new Honorary Citizens.

This the 3rd day of October, 1949.

TOWN OF KENANSVILLE

Amos Q. Brinson, Mayor

D. H. McKay,

Ralph T. Brown,

Ivey Bowden,

Leo Jackson,

Stokes Westbrook,

Commissioners

RESOLVED, That an individual expression be sent to Sam Byrd, producer and director of "The Duplin Story", and to Corwin Rife, technical director, for the generous and eminently satisfactory way and manner in which these gentlemen have given of their time and talents in making Duplin's Bicentennial Celebration a glorious spectacle of which our citizens are justly proud.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the greetings and best wishes of Duplin County be sent to our esteemed Honorary Citizens, Sam Byrd and Corwin Rife.

Board of County Commissioners

### Resolution By The Board Of County Commissioners

NORTH CAROLINA.

DUPLIN COUNTY.

Before the Board of Commissioners

October 3, 1949

RESOLVED, That the Board of

County Commissioners of Duplin

County express its warmest appre-

ciation and thanks to the president,

and other officers of the Duplin

County Historical Association, and

to the entire cast and all of those

who assisted with "The Duplin

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Board of County Commissioners

A. C. Hall, Chairman

Arthur Kennedy

DUPLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Kenansville, North Carolina

M. F. Allen, Jr., Treasurer

REVENUE AND EXPENSE

November 29, 1948, to October 8, 1949

REVENUE:

Funds posted by individuals for sponsorship

of pageant with understanding that some

would be refunded at end of pageant if there

was no loss

Donations received

Refund

Advertising on Tickets

Advance Ticket Sales

Box Office Admissions:

First Performance

Second Performance

Third Performance

Fourth Performance

Fifth Performance

TOTAL

REVENUE:

Total Expenses of producing "The Duplin Story"

Refunds - Funds posted by individuals for

sponsorship of pageant

TOTAL

EXPENSE:

Total Expenses of producing "The Duplin Story"

Refunds - Funds posted by individuals for

sponsorship of pageant

TOTAL

Estimated State & Federal Taxes

Unexpended Surplus

TOTAL

SECRETARY OF THE DUPLIN COUNTY TB ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION