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## SEAL SALE LAGGING TOTAL \$608 REPORTED

As this paper goes to press Dr. H. W. Colwell, Seal Sale Chairman for Duplin County T. B. Association, reports a total of \$608 has been received as a result of the 1949 Tuberculosis Fund Drive.

Receipts of this drive will go to promote the continuance of a tuberculosis control program in Duplin County.

"In the name of the tuberculosis association and all Seal Sale volunteers, I wish to thank those who have already sent in their contributions for their thoughtfulness and encouraging promptness," said Dr. Colwell. With this beginning, Dr. Colwell feels that by the time the other Seal Sale letters are answered the tuberculosis control program will be assured for another year.

## Duplin's Meanest Man

Chief of Police Coombs of Warsaw says he has found Duplin's "meanest man."

Tuesday afternoon, Coombs says, a Negro woman, about 50 years old, walked into the city hall building in Warsaw with pitiful tears streaming down her cheeks. She wanted a warrant for the arrest of her husband, Ledge Owens. The offended Negro woman said that Ledge, her husband, a few minutes earlier came home and deliberately turned over a kettle of lard in her back yard. She and a friend had been killing hogs all day. The lard was boiling in a wash pot in the back yard and she had called a neighbor to come over and get the pot in the middle of the night. She said that time her husband walked up and remarked "I can pour my lard out if I want to" and walked to the pot, kicking it over with his foot. The lard spilled out in a ditch. She and other witnesses said those were the only words Ledge said. He apparently was not drinking.

Coombs arrested him and he was tried before magistrate Edgar Williams who imposed a sentence of 30 days on the roads to be suspended on condition Ledge buy his wife a 100-pound stand of lard and pay costs in the amount of \$12.50.

## Jurors Listed County Court

The following named persons were drawn to serve as jurors for County Court, January 2, 1950:

Roseco R. Dall, J. R. Sandlin, Richard Pickett James W. Elston, A. Rodney Harper, J. Harper, Berry Raynor, L. Earl Fussell, L. R. Sutton, Lloyd Dell, J. E. Grady, R. T. Dixon, Thaddeus Kornegay, J. L. Futrell, C. P. Blanchard, Jr., Liston Henderson, Graham Robinson, H. E. Waters, N. B. Best, J. E. Bone, J. L. Rich, Lee Maresady, J. C. Brown, and Samuel E. Jones.

## Junior Play At Chinquapin

The Junior Class of Chinquapin High School will present their first play of the season, "No Bride For The Groom", in the high school auditorium on Monday night, December 19, at 7:30 o'clock.

This play, a three-act comedy, promises to be the funniest and the most exciting that has ever been staged here. It has a cast of 12 persons including the traditional love affair with as many highly emotional parts. The feature of the play, however, is the comedian, Freddie Futrell, who plays his part of an old widower exceedingly well. Other characters are Hilma Jones, Edwin Lanier, Polly Batchelor, Ruth Esther James, Helen Lanier, Gerald Motion, Ellen Ann Dall, Evelyn Lanier, Durwood Raynor, Mageline Henderson, and Palmer Maresady.

The admission will be 20 and 25 cents. Make your plans now to see this rich comedy production and follow the characters in the play through the scenes of love and laughter.

The picture above left is only a hint of what is to be presented on Saturday night at the school auditorium in Beulaville; featuring the Most Tantalizing Tans and Browns that we have seen around these parts.

The picture on the right shows only part of the cast starring in the "Harvest Moon Minstrel", to be presented Saturday night, December 10 at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium by the Beulaville Civic

Club. Reading from left to right are Freeman Edwards (Apple Jock), Doreen Nethercutt, Cecil Miller (Flannel Mouth), Dinah Eubanks, W. G. Jones, Jr. (Bones), W. F. Miller (Master of Ceremonies), Wilma Brinson, Vena Mae Quinn, Ray-bourne Kennedy (Bag Ears), Kathryn Waller, Chariton Sandlin (Asbestos), Ramona Batchelor, Rollin Thomas (Pernicious), and Jacquelyn Williams.

Photos by Daniel W. Lanier

## Supt. Johnson Answers Patrol Commander In School Bus Report

Kenansville, N. C.  
December 6, 1949

To The Editor

Dear Sir:

On Wednesday, November 30, The News and Observer, carried a news item from Col. Toler, Highway Patrol Commander's Office, that as a result of a second inspection Duplin County had twenty-two buses grounded because of major defects. Since this is such a serious charge, and without foundation, I desire to answer it.

Five Highway Patrolmen, working under Sergeant Clark, made the second inspection of our buses on November 14 and 15. The results of this inspection are in this office, and we presume that a copy was sent to Col. Toler. This inspection report shows the following defects:

- No. 101 Two bad tires - Bad muffler
- No. 105 one front tire
- No. 109 one bad tire
- No. 34 One slick tire
- No. 2 Right Headlight out
- No. 49 Replaces bulb
- No. 62 One bad tire
- No. 20 Good except right front tire

- No. 4 One cracked glass
- No. 16 Grounded - Two front tires slick.

Number 16 was the only bus grounded and it was grounded only until two tires could be changed.

(Slick tires are not considered a hazard on vehicles governed to 30 miles per hour.)

Only ten buses of a total of 98 were found to have any defects at all and the most of these were of a minor nature. Practically all defects were corrected as the inspection was made, and all were corrected during the two days of inspection.

Duplin County has for a number of years had one of the best transportation systems in the state. Regardless of conditions we make every effort to give the children of the county safe transportation.

We welcome the help of the Highway Patrol or any other group in providing better transportation, but we will appreciate more accurate reports to the press of their findings.

Very truly yours  
O. P. Johnson, Supt.  
Duplin County Schools

## Duplin Man May Be Named Special Assistant To President Truman

Washington — A Wallace man who once worked in the Durham post office appeared today to be the most likely choice to succeed Clark Clifford as special counsel — and phrase-maker — to President Truman.

Informed capital sources said today that Charles S. Murphy of Wallace, administrative assistant to Mr. Truman for nearly three years, apparently holds the inside track for the \$20,000 a year job being vacated by Clifford.

Murphy is a son of Mrs. William Faison Murphy, of Wallace and the late Mr. Murphy, and his wife is the former Miss Kate Courtney Graham of Durham. Murphy is a graduate of Duke University, where he also took his law degree, working the while in the Durham post office.

The Wallace man came to Wash-

ington in 1934 as a member of the staff of the Senate legislative counsel. He became acquainted with Mr. Truman, then a Senator, during his Capitol Hill service, and on January 1, 1947, joined the White House staff as an administrative assistant, specializing in the drafting of legislation and in Capitol Hill liaison work.

During the presidential campaign last year, Clifford was generally credited with writing many of Mr. Truman's more effective speeches — but what was not generally known was that Murphy was a tower of strength behind Clifford. For it was the Wallace man who headed the research program which produced the material on which the speeches were based, and it was he who put them into draft form prior to Clifford's phrase-polishing activities.

## Governor Scott To Speak Annual Boy Scout Meeting In Warsaw

Governor Kerr Scott will be the principal speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Duplin District Tuscarora Council, Boy Scouts of America. The meeting will be in the Armory in Warsaw, Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m.

All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorer Scouts, all scout parents, and all Scouters and their wives are expected to attend. It will be a dinner meeting; the boys eating at 6:45 p.m. and the adults at 7:30. Plates will be a dollar each for but Cub Scouts and Explorers, who will be served free of charge, states John Foyviels, Warsaw, Chairman of Arrangements for this

event. The meal will be prepared by the Warsaw Unit of the National Guard.

Judge Henry Stevens, of Warsaw, will act as Master of Ceremonies. The Scouters business meeting, consisting of Annual Reports, Roll Call, and Election of Officers will be presided over by Roy Carter, of Wallace, and John J. Delfell, of Wallace. Bruce Boyer and Bill Craven, both of Goldsboro, will direct the Scouts and their activities of the evening.

Mr. Roy Cates, of Faison, will introduce Governor Scott. Over 400 are expected to attend.

## Mrs. Annie Ingram Injured In Fall

Mrs. Annie Ingram of Kenansville sustained painful injuries late

returned from visiting her sister at Summerlin's Crossroads. As she started to get out of the truck her feet missed the running board and she fell to the ground, breaking her left arm just above the wrist.

It was feared she had suffered a broken hip but a x-ray showed only

## EDITORIAL

### SAM BYRD IS NOT COMING PRESIDENT TRUMAN COULDN'T QUALIFY

Of late years we have been reading and hearing so much about government planning. Theorists seem to rule the day. Their ideas, maybe we should say notions, sound mighty pretty but in many instances they are not only impractical, they are absurd. The latter term might apply to the Welfare Department in Duplin County. The State of North Carolina, or at least one department of the state, is proud of the so-called merit system. Yes, it may be something to be proud of in theory but the following letter is an example of its practicability. Read it for yourself:

"STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
Merit System Council

Durham, N. C.  
November 15, 1949

Mr. Sam A. Byrd  
Prospect Hill Plantation, Box 739  
Charleston, South Carolina.

Dear Mr. Byrd:

We have received your application for the Merit System examination for the Position of County Superintendent II.

In order to qualify for this examination, an applicant must have completed at least six months of graduate social work training in an accredited school of social work in addition to having had supervisory and administrative experience in a public agency within the past seven years. Your application does not indicate that you have had this required training or experience; therefore, we cannot accept your application for this examination.

You do not meet the minimum qualifications for any of the professional positions which are used in the Department of Public Welfare. All of these professional positions require graduate social work training, graduate training in psychology, or graduation from college.

If you can furnish any additional information concerning your training and experience, we shall be glad to review your qualifications again.

Sincerely yours,  
Frank T. de Vyver  
Merit System Supervisor

Now isn't it something to set up a Welfare Department and then make it virtually impossible to secure an administrator? High faluting sociology professors and students are attempting to put into practice something approaching the impossible. And in so doing are subjecting the already dejected Welfare Care need it now and with some degree of guidance. They should not be made the guinea pigs or a bunch of theorists who probably might be one of the subjects were it not for their jobs with the department. When I was in college the so-called sociology and most psychology courses were recognized among the students as "crip" courses, that is courses that anyone could pass with a slight degree of intelligence and without having to put forth much effort. They were the courses overflowing with students who were satisfied with "just getting by" grades.

If Sam Byrd is not practically qualified to serve as Welfare Officer for Duplin County then our advice to the Board of Commissioners is to abolish the department completely and use the money for some other purpose, probably to help Miss Macy Cox build and operate a County Home for Old Folks. A few money so spent would serve a much better purpose. When high-toned theorists and dreamers can transform human nature and make a lazy man suddenly become inspired and filled with energy to work then the whole course of mankind need only be turned over to them and the world will be safe for Utopia.

J. B. Grady

## FACTS DON'T SEEM TO MATTER

Last week the News and Observer carried a story on school bus conditions in several counties in the state. One paragraph stated as follows:

"A report from Duplin County, where 52 major defects were found on first inspection, showed 22 major defects on second inspection. The 22 buses were grounded until repairs were made. Duplin has 93 buses."

The facts: Number 16 was the only bus grounded and it was grounded only until two tires could be changed. . . Only 10 buses of a total of 93 were found to have any defects at all and most of these were of a minor nature. . . and were corrected during the two days of inspection. (Read School Bus Story).

The News and Observer report was credited to Tony Toler, Commander of the State Highway Patrol. The above facts have been called to the Department's attention. No correction has been published in the News and Observer.

## Abbey Simon, Concert Pianist To Appear In Clinton Tuesday Night

Abbey Simon is an artist to his fingertips.

Those words of a Philadelphia critic describe Abbey Simon, famous pianist who will play at the Clinton Theater next Tuesday night, December 13, at 8:00 p.m. Members of the Clinton Community Concert Association are eligible to hear Mr. Simon by presenting their membership cards at the door of the theater. No admissions will be sold at the box office.

There will be no reserved seats for the concert. The doors of the theater will open at 7:00 p.m. and seating will be strictly on a basis of first come, first served.

The recent appearances of Abbey Simon have evoked high praise from critics and hearers. "In the first rank of the younger generation of pianists," has been a frequent comment by music critics in New York, Chicago, and Boston.

New Yorker by birth, Abbey Simon received part of his academic education and his major musical training at the Curtis Music Institute in Philadelphia, which he entered when he was twelve years old. After studying with David Saperstein and other distinguished teachers, he graduated from Curtis in 1939 and shortly after won the coveted Naumberg award which carries with it a Town Hall debut in New York.

Successful concert performances in many music centers and frequent appearances on radio programs under the direction of Leon Barzin gave further proof of the talent, catholic taste, and dazzling yet carefully controlled technique of the young artist, exemplifying -- in the words of another critic -- that he is "on the friendliest terms with all schools and styles of music."

During the summer of 1946 Abbey Simon appeared as soloist under Dimitri Mitropoulos at the Philadelphia Dell and under Efram Kurts with the New York Philharmonic Symphony in Lewisohn Stadium. Appearances with the Minneapolis and Buffalo Symphony orchestras are among the important engagements for the artist during the current season.

Mr. Simon is the first of three artists who will appear in Clinton under the auspices of the Clinton Community Concert Series.

## Jurors Listed Superior Court January Term

The following named persons were drawn to serve as jurors - Civil Superior Court - January, 1950:

FIRST WEEK:  
G. J. Wilson, D. L. Mathis, W. E. Davis, Luby J. Anderson, Wiley Dell, J. W. Cottler, H. I. Jones, J. P. Yonkers, J. E. Taylor, Elbert Wallace, Norman Tillman, Herman Henderson, Viek H. Robinson, Lewis T. Fountain, H. S. Whaley, M. C. Foss, Hines Swinson, J. H. Holt, D. M. Lanier, G. B. Kennedy, Owen Swain, Jr., Bruce Costin, Willard Sumner, Dora M. Faison, Ella Allen, W. B. Bostin, A. R. Smith, Roy Simpson, Oscar Evershark, Luther Outlaw, David R. Cavensough, Gladys Alderman, H. L. Taylor, J. E. Bush, Marion Quinn, and Jobe Swinson.

SECOND WEEK:  
R. H. Jones, Ross Teachey, M. T. James, B. G. Teachey, J. D. Bostin, E. J. Dixon, Paul E. Smith, Albert Manning, J. D. Cameron, G. P. King, W. M. Eyrton, Clarence Houston, W. M. Teachey, George Whaley, Aaron Edwards, D. L. Cole, Luther H. Horne, Buskin E. Swain, John H. Walls, Herman J. Cavensough, Leslie L. Maresady, Morris Sloan, Wm. Fred Revell, Donald Fussell, R. C. Moore, A. J. Galloway, J. R. Taylor, William Ivey Galloway, J. A. Smith, Jasper J. Galloway, G. D. Westbrook, William Swain, B. G. Jones, Wilton Sumner, James Padgett, and Lewin L. Smith.

## Seven Springs Artist Honored In New York City

Mrs. Edwin Davis of Seven Springs has been notified that one of her paintings has been selected to appear in an exhibit in New York City.

Alfred Frankfurter, president of the Art Foundation in New York, informed Mrs. Davis that her portrait of her father has been selected from the 4,000 submitted from all over the United States. It will be shown in an exhibit of 180 paintings making up the Art Digest of Amateur Paintings Exhibit.

Mrs. Davis was also one of the award winners which will be announced on opening night.

## Notice To Duck Hunters

The season for duck opened on November 30, and ends one hour before sunset January 7, 1950. The shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise until one hour before sunset.

Only one wood duck (or squawker) is allowed per day. Daily bag limit is four ducks.

Dove season opens December 21, 1949, and closes January 14, 1950, all dates inclusive. Daily bag limit, 10.

Trapping season for mink, opossum, coon, muskrat in Duplin County opens January 1 through February 28; after from January 1 through January 31.

ABBEY SIMON, CONCERT PIANIST