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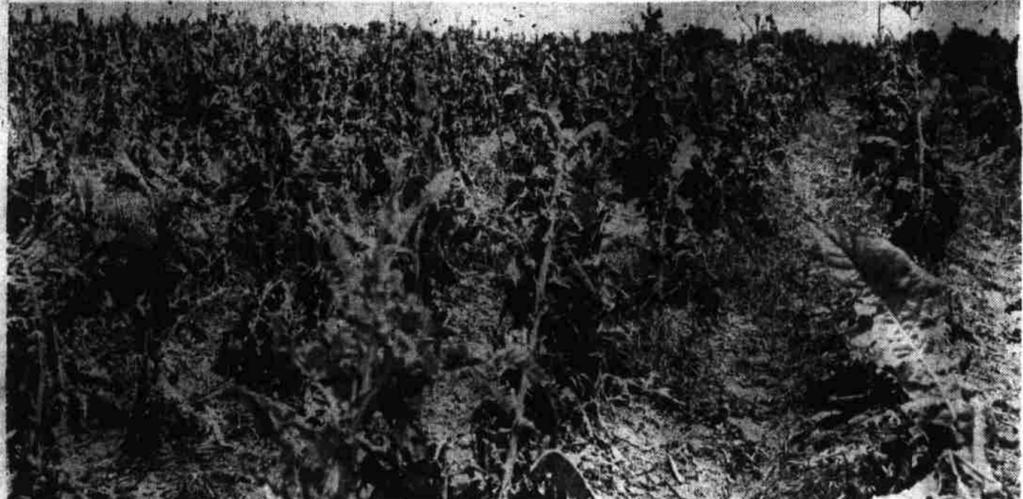
Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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Preceding this week's rain damage to tobacco was the hail storm which struck in the Faison-Calypto area week before last. Above is a picture of a section of tobacco owned by Johnny Arcuri of near Faison. The field was completely riddled and shredded by the hail. He will have little use for the new tobacco barn he was building.

Duplin Tobacco Estimated Damaged 25 To 30%; East, South Heaviest Hit

The County Agent's office today estimated the damage to Duplin County's tobacco crop, inflicted by the heavy rains of recent days, will reach as high as 30 percent. In the worst stricken areas the general average is estimated to be 25 to 30 percent. Those areas suffering most cover the territory from about Pink Hill in the east, south to Chinquapin and west to the railroad. North and west have suffered but not so seriously. If the rain holds up and the surplus water can get off before a hot sun begins boiling down farm officials say there should be little further damage. When asked what the farmers should do they said the only advice they could give was to keep ditches open and drain fields as fast as possible.

The rain started falling on last Thursday and fell continuously through Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday it rained heavy in some sections of the county but was not so general. Monday it fell in the southern part of the county almost as hard as it did Saturday, which was the worst day. Many old timers say it was the worst stage of rain experienced in their lifetime in Duplin for this time of year. Last year the farmers suffered a rain seige but it came about two weeks earlier than this season. Had this rain come two weeks earlier the tobacco crop would have been a total loss, it is said. In the southern part of the county many farmers were half through housing while in the northern section some had not begun when the rain struck. Where the leaves have drooped and fall to regain their shape and strength it is said they are ruined, however, if they droop and later straighten up they can be salvaged. Duplin farmers last year planted a total of 20,000 acres with an estimated yield of 1165 pounds to the acre, a low yield. This year they planted approximately the same acreage with a yield prospect from 1300 to 1400 pounds per acre.

TWO SEVERE FIRES IN WILMINGTON

Two severe fires occurred in Wilmington last Saturday night at about the same time. The first fire reported was at Godwin Lumber Company. A damage estimated at about \$100,000 was done. Shortly after the alarm was given for the Godwin plant a second major alarm was sounded for the Ideal Laundry and Dry Cleaners. Reports say the damage there was heavy but the laundry and dry cleaning departments were not destroyed and work continued Monday as usual. Ideal sends trucks daily into Duplin. No Duplin clothes were damaged, it was reported.

Warsaw P. O. To Get New Home

It was officially announced this week that the United States Post Office Department has leased the main lobby of the old Homestead in Warsaw from J. J. Jenkins, owner. Mr. Jenkins says he will remodel the interior and probably the vestibule to the front. Automatic mail will be installed. The Department expects to equip it with new equipment and have it ready for use by August 1st.

"The Duplin Story" Generals Arrive In Spite of Rain Optimism Prevails

By: J. R. GRADY

"It's an ill wind that blows no good" the saying goes and the weather in Duplin has been somewhat ill during the past several days with tobacco farmers up to their knees in mud and water trying to house the 1950 crop of the golden weed. Duplin farmers, like many other Southeastern Carolina farmers, depend to a large degree on receipts from tobacco sales to pay their bills, make improvements and plan for another year's work. The rains of the past few days have put something of a damper on their spirits, but not so with the promoters of "The Duplin Story".

The Mid-century production of "The Duplin Story" took on new impetus over the past week end when Sam Byrd, Author, Director and Actor in Duplin's 1949 "Miracle in a Corn Field" arrived on the scene. Following close behind Mr. Byrd was the arrival of Corwin Rife, Technical Director, and Scene Designer of the pageant, from the Dock Street Theatre in Charleston, who handled the job last year. The two, together with Byrd's adopted daughter, Patricia Bolam, a native of England, have rented the remodeled colonial home of the late Miss Martha Southerland in Kenansville, and will make their home there until the middle of September.

The second edition of "The Duplin Story" is scheduled for showing on September 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12th, two weeks earlier than last season. It is hoped that the heavy rains falling in Duplin these days will be sufficient and we will be blessed with fair weather in September.

Mr. Byrd is touching up the script. He says the 1950 production will be essentially the same as the 1949 showing with some improvements in several spots. He expects

Audrey Butler Reports From Fla.

Mrs. Audrey Butler, popular dancing teacher in Duplin, is in St. Petersburg, Fla., where she is spending several months with her aunt. Mrs. Butler writes the Times that she is enjoying her stay on the Gulf of Mexico. She says swimming is much better in the Gulf than on the Atlantic. Part of her letter reads:

"I have been in Florida since May and have thoroughly enjoyed visiting the public schools, kindergartens and dance studios. I've gotten lots of fine ideas during my observation and much hard work during my practice hours on Dance Classics. I've been very much interested in Baton and Majorette lessons as connected with high school bands and parades. Some of my private classes will be in Baton technique. I'll be here for quite a while yet. . . . Hello to all my friends, sincerely, Audrey Butler."

SUPERIOR COURT IS CANCELED

The July term of superior court scheduled for Duplin has been canceled by Governor Scott. The cancellation was a result of a request. It is becoming customary to cancel the summer terms in Duplin due to farm work.

Draft Board Being Named

Clerk of Court R. V. Wells said Thursday that two members of the new draft board has been named and a third one should have been named by the time you read this. The Times will list the members and the new clerk next week. It is expected that less than a dozen men will be called from Duplin in the present draft call.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

Killed July 7-10	8
Injured same dates	152
Killed thru July 10, 1950	452
Killed thru July 10, 1949	399
Injured thru July 10, 1950	5,907
Injured thru July 10, 1949	4,552

FEDERAL COURT IN AUGUST

A special term of United States District Court for the Eastern district will begin in Wilmington on August 7th. Judge Don Gillom will preside. The following cases involving Duplin people will be heard: U. S. A. vs M. Butler Cavanaugh, et al; Babcock Lumber Co. vs J. A. Newkirk, et al.

Two More Duplin Road Projects Be Let Soon

Special To The Times
Two Duplin County projects are among those being advertised by the State Highway Commission for letting on July 25. Both will be financed under the \$200,000,000 secondary road program. The first project calls for the grading and hard-surfacing of 10.7 miles from the end of pavement south of Kenansville southeast via Dobson Chapel to a point on NC 41 approximately 2.5 miles west of Chinquapin. The second involves the grading and hard-surfacing of 12.7 miles from Sarecta southeast to NC 41, from NC 24 north to NC 41 and from NC 41 north to the Jones County line.

Park Naturalist At "Cliffs" For Summer

L. Jack Wilson of Wilmington has been employed as naturalist at "Cliffs of Neuse State Park" for the summer months. Mr. Wilson is interested in contacting persons and groups who like the out of doors and are interested in taking field trips and nature study hikes. A scenic foot trail has been established from the picnic area to the "Cliffs". One nature study trail has been set up and work is under way to set up others. The study trails are set up so as to portray the unusual floral features of the park which includes lush semitropical growth in close proximity with plants that are indigenous to mountainous areas. Mr. Wilson will be on hand and very glad to guide interested groups on tours over any of the trails. In the near future, nature study trails will be labelled so as to be of benefit to groups and individuals during the months when the park is open. PAGE

"Duplin Story" Letters

The Times will, from time to time publish letters received concerning the coming production of "The Duplin Story". Below is a letter received last week:
Manager of "The Duplin Story"
Kenansville, N. C.
Dear Sis:
I am planning to bring another group to see "The Duplin Story" in September, and will thank you to advise as soon as possible, the dates the pageant will be shown, so I can arrange for our trip. Also advise the price of tickets and time the performance begins each night. The group I brought last year enjoyed it so much that I have requests to go again.
Best wishes for continued success of the pageant and we hope it will become a yearly event.
Sincerely,
Edna W. Parker,
Residence Director
Young Woman's Christian Assn.
11 July, 1950



PINK HILL BREWERS — Above is the family group of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brewer of Pink Hill. The little ones are, left, Barbara and right, Betty. Mrs. Brewer is the former Marsha Hood of Kinston. The Brewers have recently moved to Pink Hill from Kinston. They are the proprietors and operators of Brewer Drug Company there. Mrs. Brewer is a registered pharmacist. See the three Pink Hill pages in this issue for details about Pink Hill business. Incidentally the town of Pink Hill will be featured in this week's issue of Carl Goerch's State magazine.

Kenansville Youth Center Planned Presbyterian Manse Made Available

By: SAM HAYTER
Plans are now being made to make use of the Presbyterian Manse and grounds as a recreational and social center for the young people of Kenansville and surrounding area. The plans are to have one room for ping pong and two rooms for other indoor games and activities, one being primarily for the younger aged group and the other for the older aged group. The kitchen will be available for any use, and bottled drinks will be kept there for purchase. Also, the Boy Scouts plan to have one of the rooms for their regular meeting place. On the outside there will be croquet, badminton, volley ball, horseshoes, and it is hoped that lighting facilities can be added to permit outside activities at night. The Program will be under the direction of Rev. Sam Hayter, who now resides in the Manse, and the young people themselves are doing the work and are already busy in fixing up the house and grounds for their use, but the support of the townspeople is solicited in getting the house and grounds equipped for the various activities. Following is a list of the supplies and equipment that it is hoped will be made available: sofas, day beds, easy chairs, folding or straight chairs, magazine racks, small tables or card tables, piano, radio, record player, curtains or curtain material, scatter rugs, floor lamps, materials for outdoor lighting facilities, materials for outdoor oven, picnic tables, and any kind of indoor or outdoor games. Cash contributions are also solicited, as there will be some expense in the installation and maintenance of this program. If anyone has any of the above mentioned items which they would like to either give or loan to this program they will be greatly appreciated. If you have something please contact either The Duplin Times, Mrs. W. M. Ingram, or Rev. Sam Hayter, and some of the young people will be by to pick it up. For the benefit of any of the young people of the town or surrounding area who have not heard of this program an invitation is extended to all to come to the Manse and join in the fun, anytime in the afternoon or evening.

The Boys From Duplin Write Of Closing Days At Scouts National Jamboree

The following letter was received by the Times this week. The Duplin County Boy Scouts who attended the National Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge all have returned home and report a great time. They say it was the experience of their lives. The letter:
To the Duplin People:
As the Jamboree is closing we are visiting all places possible. One of the beautiful scenes was Washington Memorial Chapel. It contains a museum which covers the history of Valley Forge from Washington's day to the present time. Tuesday night we had a pageant on the United States from the days of the Indians until now. General Eisenhower made one of the most impressive speeches during the whole jamboree. After his speech Tuesday night we saw \$5,000 worth of fireworks; with George Washington kneeling in prayer, as a climax to the display. Wednesday night we had a pageant presented by troops from North Carolina. Thursday we made preparations to break camp and Thursday night we had a pageant on Strengthening the Arm of Liberty. Friday we made the long trip home. Sincerely,
The Boys from Duplin

Suffers Heart Attack

Paul Berry of Warsaw is in the James Walker Hospital where he was carried a few days ago suffering from a heart attack. This is the second attack in recent months. Mr. Berry, a railway mail clerk on the A.C.L. was at the Warsaw depot awaiting the train when he was stricken. He was rushed to the Wilmington hospital by ambulance. His condition is reported better.

BROOKS STORE PUTS ON BIG SELLING EVENT

On the Warsaw page of this issue will be found an ad of the A. Brooks Department Store in Warsaw. While Mr. Brooks is away for his summer vacation the new manager, Moman Barr, new in management but an old face in the store, is staging a special selling event. Mr. Barr has completely re-worked the stock of merchandise and says he is offering a large number of unusual values for this time of the year. The "New Brooks Store" as some are calling it, is taking on a new atmosphere since Mr. Barr returned and took over. Mr. Barr says this sale is necessitated because more room had to be made for new fall merchandise that will soon begin arriving.

COMEDIES FROM EVERY DAY LIFE

By: Mrs. Howard Joiner
A grandmother was lecturing her young granddaughter on the lack of modesty in the girls of today. She raved forth, "Why the girls of her time were modest and innocent, and even blushed at the proper times, while the girls now were brazen, bold and didn't blush at anything." The young girl listened respectfully and then replied, "Grandmother, if the girls of your generation were so all-fired innocent, please tell me just how they kept their faces from blushing?"