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Drainage Of North East In Making Hearing To Be Set For Kenansville

Barden Secures Reopening North-east Drainage Matter; Hearing Dates To Be Set:

Congressman Graham A. Barden has been interested for some time in getting through a drainage project for the Northeast Cape Fear River. He has met with none too enthusiastic reception but since the recent rains which played havoc with so many farmers along the Northeast he has gotten the Office of the Chief Engineers in Washington to reopen the matter and a hearing will be held in Kenansville. The following letter was received by the Times from Mr. Barden, followed by a letter from the Department of Army to him:

August 8, 1950

Mr. J. R. Grady
Kenansville, North Carolina
Dear Bob:

You have been interested for several years in the proposal to do some flood control dredging along the North East Cape Fear.

Sometime ago I introduced a resolution which was approved, calling for a survey to determine the needs of this project. Later I was informed by the Office of the Chief of Engineers that an unfavorable report was in the course of preparation. I then requested the Chief of Engineers to reschedule the hearings and to reopen the matter.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter dated August 2 from which you will see that he has complied with my request. The hearing, no doubt, will be held in Kenansville, and I am sure that you will work up all the interest possible and will appear and do your best.

With personal regards, I am
Yours very truly,
Graham A. Barden

2 August 1950

Honorable Graham A. Barden
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.
Dear Mr. Barden:

Reference is made to your letter of 27 April 1950, requesting that further consideration be given, and additional hearings be held, on the proposed unfavorable report on the Northeast (Cape Fear) River, North Carolina. As stated in my acknowledgement of 5 May 1950, I requested information on the matter from our Division and District Engineers. I now have their replies and am pleased to report to you further.

In view of the recent flood events and renewed interest in flood control and major drainage in the Northeast (Cape Fear) River area, I am pleased to inform you that the tentative report is being returned to the reporting officers for further study. I have requested that you be consulted when arrangements are made for the public hearing. It is necessary to state, however, that, inasmuch as the amount of funds to be appropriated for the Fiscal Year 1951 for such investigations is not yet known, it is impracticable to establish a schedule of resubmission for the report. You may rest assured, however, that the report will be resubmitted as soon as possible, consistent with the need for additional careful engineering and economic studies and the availability of funds.

It is trusted that the above information is satisfactory for your purpose. I shall be pleased to answer any questions that you may have on the matter.

W. E. POTTER
Col. Corps of Engineers
Acting Assistant
Chief of Engineers
For Civil Works

47 Clubbers At 4-H Camp

Forty-seven Duplin County 4-H girls and boys left Monday morning for a week at Millstone Rocks 4-H Camp near Rockingham. Robeson County 4-H members are co-campers for the week.

While at camp, club members will have classes in handicraft, forestry, swimming and recreation. A full and varied activity program has been planned.

Miss Alta Lawson, Assistant Home Agent, and Mr. Vernon Reynolds, Assistant County Agent accompanied the group to camp. Other leaders included Mrs. Joyce Blizard, Miss Annie Laurie Rivenbark, and Robert Henderson.



HARDY TALTON

Goldsboro Mart Is Ready To Open

By: J. R. GRADY

Hardy Talton, sales manager of the Goldsboro Tobacco market, is all optimism in discussing prospects for the 1950 tobacco crop. Mr. Talton says the farmers in this section are in for a good fall. With tobacco yields greater than last year and prices definitely expected to be higher there will be a plentiful amount of "old gold" flowing into the farmers' bank accounts in a few days.

The market opens Friday, according to present announcements, and Mr. Talton says the Goldsboro tobacco market, North Carolina's largest with one set of buyers, is all set for that big day. Five houses will operate there this season with a combined floor space of approximately 300,000 feet. All tobacco sold in Goldsboro is government graded. Last year the market sold approximately 12 2-3 million pounds of tobacco for an average of \$50.39 and this year they are shooting for a sales figure of more than 15 million pounds at a much higher average, he says.

Mr. Talton is State Senator from Wayne County and is well known throughout eastern Carolina. He is very active in the Baptist church having served as president of the Wayne County Sunday School Association. He is past master of the Pikeville Masonic Lodge and past councillor of the Junior Order. Senator Talton lives on his farm about 4 miles west of Pikeville in an attractive modern farm home and is a leading farmer in that section. He has been sales manager on the Goldsboro market for the past three years and for 15 years prior to that was on the Wilsonsboro tobacco market.

The Senator is not only interested in seeing the farmer get the high dollar for his tobacco but is plugging for the farmer in every respect. He is well read and is up on all problems facing the farmers. He not only represents the farmers of Wayne in the North Carolina General Assembly, he is the friend of every farmer in North Carolina. In discussing the forthcoming session of the General Assembly he seems to be mostly interested in seeing that the State does not over spend its abilities and says that something must be done to curb highway accidents and deaths in our state. Mr. Talton is a very humane type of man, thinking only of the welfare of the little man. He goes back to the Senate from Wayne for a third time. He says he missed "The Duplin Story" last year but expects to be here for the opening this time.

J. R. G.

Welfare Dept. May Get Superintendent

After several years without a leader the Duplin County Welfare Department is becoming hopeful of securing a new superintendent. I. P. Davis of Manteo, head of the department in Dare County, appeared before the county board of commissioners Monday and discussed the local situation. Mr. Davis is interested in coming to Duplin. He formerly lived in Warsaw. No definite action has been taken.

Governor Scott To Be Guest At "The Duplin Story"

Governor W. Kerr Scott has announced that he will attend the opening night showing of the mid-century production of "The Duplin Story". While here he and Mrs. Scott will be dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Gavin.

Grady - Outlaw Reunion Aug. 26

Judge Henry A. Grady, president of the Grady-Outlaw Literary and Historical Association announces that Sam Byrd will be one of the speakers at the 20th annual reunion of the clan at B. F. Grady school on Saturday, August 26th. No special program has been arranged, he said. Members of the clan will be called on for short talks.

Everybody connected with the clan is invited to attend and bring a picnic lunch. Judge Grady and Malcolm Grady are attending to the detail arrangements and plans are being made for the largest gathering in several years.

Comments Heard On "Duplin Story"

Managing editor, Wilson Daily Times: North Carolina has The Lost Colony on the coast, Unto These Hills in the mountains and we have The Duplin Story here at home. The Duplin Story is our pageant and we mean to support it. A New Bern Business man: I have just returned from Asheville and saw Unto These Hills. I've seen The Lost Colony and Common Glory and Unto These Hills. They don't, any of them, hold a candle to the Duplin Story. You have seen from the minute the curtain rises, there are plenty of people here in New Bern who did not see it last year who are going to see it this time.

A Goldsboro business man: My wife saw The Duplin Story last year and made me take her back next night. We are certainly coming again this year. The Duplin Story should run forever. Miss Gertrude Caraway: Kenansville is an ideal location for The Duplin Story and it should run for several years.

Local business man who last year was hesitant about attending: At the weather is with us more than 30,000 will see it this year. A 100 per cent back of it.

A Warsaw business man: I saw it every night last year and as soon as tickets go on sale I want one for every night this year.

A Magnolia business man: I don't help out last year more than seeing it twice and I'll do the same this year.

A Fayetteville newspaper woman: We have comments each year from The Lost Colony. We are having quite a number from folks who have seen Unto These Hills but I've never heard anything to compare with the favorable comments on The Duplin Story last year. From the opening performance our telephone was constantly ringing with praise for the play. I'm going to see it opening night and do a story for our next day's paper.

News and Observer: Bob you can depend on us this year just like you did last year. Anything we can do to help we are ready - no charge.

And so on and so on. I could write several columns. Folks the interest is high outside the county. Duplin is on the spot. If it had failed last year no one would have been too much surprised but this year it cannot possibly fall through or weaken. The reputation and good name of our county is at stake. J. R. Grady.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE On N. C. Highways

Killed Aug. 4 thru 7
Injured same dates
Killed thru Aug. 7, 1950
Injured thru Aug. 7, 1950

Scene At The Kenansville Street Dance Saturday Night



TOP - A group of dancers swinging to the music. LOWER LEFT - R. L. (Bob) Sykes, Kenansville's oldest resident. He is 87 years old. Though a little aged in body he is young in mind and spirit and had just as much fun as anyone. LOWER RIGHT - Sam Byrd at the mike giving a pep talk.

Local Draft Board Issues Warning To Draft Delinquents; Outlaw Is Chairman

Bernice A. Farrior, secretary of the Duplin County Draft Board below lists instructs delinquent registrants and suggests they report to him immediately.

Albert Outlaw of Wolfesboro, veteran of World War II has been named chairman of the newly formed draft board. Other members are Tracy Brown of Magnolia and R. E. Wall of Warsaw.

Selective Service Regulations provide that delinquents shall be ordered to report for induction before other registrants.

We are expecting a call for delivery of men for induction at an early date. If you are delinquent, and unless said delinquency is removed by the time that call is received, you will be ordered to report for induction as a delinquent and if you fail to respond you will be reported to the United States Attorney for criminal action.

We urge you to busy yourself immediately in an effort to remove your delinquency. If you proceed promptly we may be able to give

consideration to your case before the call referred to above is received. If you ignore this reminder of your obligation under the Selective Service Act or persist in your delinquency, you will be ordered to report for induction in the first call.

The local board also wishes to insist that each family connected with the delinquent exert every effort in having him report to the local board before it is too late.

Those listed as now delinquent are:

- Robert Lee Witherspoon, Rt. 1, Box 147, Teachey;
- Will Carr Houston, Rose Hill; Monroe, Jr. Bryant, Rt. 2, Wallace;
- Daniel Edward Smith, Rt. 2, Wallace;
- Ernest Vann, Rt. 1, Box 133, Wallace;
- Robert McDonald, Rt. 2, Box 140, Kenansville;
- Robert Lee Louis, Wallace;
- George Albert Jordan, Rt. 1, Seven Springs.

that word work, but will do a little of it at times, and a little planning and cooperation.

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'A LOOKIN' UP

By: A. M. DAVIS

Every time I attend church services on a hot summer morning it calls to mind something I have been thinking about for a long time but just haven't had the drive or initiative to help put across in our town. I don't think there is any more uncomfortable place to be than in a hot church pew on Sunday morning with a unaccustomed coat literally stewing on you. It doesn't make any difference how interesting the sermon may be, it is still hot and uncomfortable. Ask any man and he will tell you the same.

Very few churches in small towns are financially able to afford air conditioning. Most of the time it is all some of them can do to pay the preacher much less buy luxuries such as air conditioning units. But there is something that they can do that will not cost much money and will be a great asset to the community. It will take a little work, many of us don't like

The Duplin Story Writers In Town

Miss Gertrude Caraway of New Bern, noted feature and historical writer was in town Wednesday collecting information for a series of feature stories she is doing for "The Duplin Story". Her stories are expected to be published in nearly every paper in the state and in many adjoining states.

Billy Carmichael, staff member State Magazine, will be in town Monday gathering information for a feature on "The Duplin Story" which is to appear in Carl Goerch's State Magazine about September 1st. Mr. Carmichael is the son of the comptroller of the University of North Carolina and has been on the staff of State Magazine for some time.

1st. Week Tobacco Sales \$5 To \$15 Up Volume Light; Farmers Well Pleased

The first week of sales for the 1950 season on the South Carolina and Border North Carolina flue-cured tobacco markets was marked by the highest average prices on record for most grades. Volume of offerings was extremely small.

According to the U. S. and N. C. Departments of Agriculture, the increases ranged from \$5 to \$15 per hundred. However, most gains were from \$5 to \$10. The greatest money value increases were for

lower and medium quality grades. All averages were above their advance loan values. Some were up as much as \$10 to \$13.

Sales were fairly heavy in volume opening day but light the rest of the week. During the four sale days, ending Friday, August 4, only 17,471,820 pounds were sold for a record high average of \$55.50 per hundred. The average was \$5.30 higher than the first week last year and \$1.05 above the previous high

DUPLIN'S ILLUSTRIOUS HISTORY

The Mid-Century Special Edition of the TIMES is scheduled to appear on or about September 1st, just prior to Sam Byrd's historical drama "The Duplin Story" to be shown again this year. Described last year as "a miracle in a corn field" the story promises to be equally popular again this year.

A. T. Outlaw, Duplin's Register of Deeds, and a widely known historian and genealogist, will be a liberal contributor to our special edition. Featured last year in state and local newspapers as a man who knows his history, it will be recalled that his historical work appeared in various newspapers, in weekly installments, over a period of several months during the year. His work was a valuable stimulus to the anniversary program and helped greatly toward placing Duplin County among the historical counties of the State.

Plan now to preserve a copy of our coming special edition for its historical value, as well as other values, and make your plans to see the "Duplin Story", a great show and truly "a miracle in a corn field."

Orders being received for copies - 15c per copy. Enclose money with order.

SPECIAL SPEAKER AT WARSAW CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

All Baptist church members and other friends of the Warsaw community are invited and urged to attend the morning worship service Sunday, Aug. 13 at which time an outstanding Japanese Christian will speak.

Dr. Sadamoto Kawano came to America in July as the Japanese delegate to the Baptist World Alliance, recently held in Cleveland, Ohio. At this meeting he was elected a vice-president for the next four years. This past week he has been on programs at the Foreign Mission Week conference at Ridgecrest, N. C., Southern Baptist Assembly. Since he is to return to Japan from the west coast on Aug. 22 his visit to Warsaw will be limited. Warsaw Baptists should feel honored by the coming of this distinguished Christian leader.

In Japan, Dr. Kawano is the Executive Secretary of the Japanese Baptist Convention, which position parallels that of Dr. Duke S. McCall in the Southern Baptist Convention of America. He is Dean of the Baptist Theological Seminary and a professor in the Seinan Gakuin (Baptist) University located at Fukuoka.

Dr. Kawano is a product of Southern Baptist mission work in Japan. After attending the mission school there he came to the States to do graduate work at the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. and at the Oberlin University, Oberlin, Ohio. While a student in the States he served as a staff member at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly during the summer. It was at Ridgecrest that Dr. Kawano was a "classmate" and prayer mate of Mrs. Alton W. Greenlaw, now of Warsaw. Dr. Kawano is visiting with Dr. and Mrs. Greenlaw from Thursday through Sunday.

Local Lions Hear District Governor

The Kenansville Lions Club met Wednesday night in their regular semi-monthly supper meeting. District Governor Pike of Pikeville was guest of the club and made a very interesting talk on Lionism. Following his talk the group moved to the local school auditorium where they were shown a motion picture on steel.

"The Duplin Story" Call Board

The Duplin County Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Naomi Wood, will meet to rehearse their pageant song numbers at the Kenan Auditorium Friday night, August 18, at 8 o'clock.

The cast of the Warsaw Railroad Scene will meet at the Junior Chamber of Commerce room of Fussell's Restaurant, Warsaw immediately following the Junior Chamber's regular weekly meeting Thursday night, August 17.

The cast of the Tobacco Scene and the members of the Liberty Hall Choir will have their first rehearsal at the Magnolia Colored High School Auditorium, Monday afternoon, August 21 at 3:30.

WILLIAM WALKER JOINS "THE DUPLIN STORY" STAFF

William Walker, of Charleston's famous Dock Street Theatre company, has joined the production staff of "The Duplin Story."

Mr. Walker arrived in Kenansville Aug. 7 to become assistant technical director under Corwin Rife. He will also play the role of Capt. James Kenan in the "Story's" famous Duplin Rifles scene "Somewhere in Duplin County" in 1863.

A veteran of World War II, Walker is also a veteran of considerable theatrical experience. He has been active in the theatre for 12 years, and a student of music for 15 years. Among his roles at the Dock Street were Stephen Foster in a musical concerning that composer; Juliet's father in Romeo and Juliet; the Senator from Massachusetts in Of Thee I Sing, and Malvolio in Twelfth Night.

Mr. Walker is living in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stephens during his "Duplin Story" engagement.

Young Doctor Visits Kenansville

Dr. J. H. Cory, Jr. of Greenville was in Kenansville this week looking around. He is interested in locating here, he said. Dr. Cory is looking around several possible locations but says he is definitely impressed with the Duplin capital.

Dr. Cory is a young doctor, a graduate of the University of Virginia Medical School. He did internship at the University Hospital at Charlottesville, Va. He has never done any general practice. Ladies, he is not married.

"The Duplin Story" Tickets On Sale

Faison McGowen, treasurer of the Duplin County Historical Association, sponsors of "The Duplin Story" says tickets for the mid-century production are now on sale. They were placed out in Kenansville Thursday. They may be secured from McGowen at the court house, the bank and Kenansville Drug Store. By the time you read this they will be in Beaulieu at James Miller's Hardware Store, Warsaw Drug Store and in most towns and communities in the county. Duplinites are urged to begin buying their tickets now.

It will be recalled that last year, except for \$1200 put up by a few friends of the project, the pageant's production depended upon the advance sale of tickets. This year those in charge were more fortunate as friends of the play advanced approximately \$3500 to carry on until tickets went on sale. Not too much money is needed between now and curtain time on September 7th and if people will begin buying tickets it will not be necessary to solicit any more advanced loans.

Chicken Supper

The Duplin County Young Men and Women's Club held a barbecue chicken supper at Wendell Evans' tobacco barn Saturday night. Delicious barbecued chicken, potato salad, deviled eggs, home made pound cake andiced tea were enjoyed by 25 members and guests.