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## The Highest Opening Average In History

### Gains Range From \$3 To \$17; Federal - State Market News Reports

The highest average prices ever recorded by Government grades for smoking tobacco highlighted the 1950 opening sales on the Eastern North Carolina flue-cured markets. The Federal-State Market News Service reports gains ranging from \$3 to \$17 per hundred as compared with opening day last year. Leaf and smoking leaf grades were up \$6 to \$10, cutters \$3 to \$6, lugs from \$4 to \$11, and primings \$8 to \$17. The bulk of baskets brought prices from 46 to \$68 with the practical top on most markets at \$68. Estimated general averages on several markets for morning sales ranged from \$56 to \$58 per hundred. Highest prices by Government grades for smoking tobacco prior to this on any opening day was 1946. However, a few leaf grades during the first day in 1946 were slightly higher than this opening day.

General quality of offerings was slightly better than on opening last year. There were more lugs

sold and less primings and non-descript. The color was more predominately lemon than last year. Principal sales were fair to fine lugs, low to good primings, and low and fair leaf. Volume of offerings was extremely heavy. All markets were blocked and are anticipating heavy sales for the rest of the week.

Receipts of the Flue-cured Stabilization Corporation, under the Government loan program, ranged from a few baskets at some markets to an estimated 4% at others. On opening day last year deliveries represented 12.3% of gross sales. Gross volume last year on opening day, Friday, August 19, totaled 14,003,756 pounds at an average of \$46.42.

The Crop Reporting Board, as of August 1, estimated production of Type 12 for this year at 374,540,000 pounds. Total flue-cured production was placed at 1,146,010,000 pounds.

### Ice Capades Of 1951



MODERN DANCERS are Helen Davidson and Alan Konrad, brilliant young stars of "Ice Capades of 1951" in EAST INDIAN FANTASY - just one of the nine great production numbers in the all-new, exciting 11th edition of the late ice extravaganza which comes to the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum on the campus of N. C. State College, Raleigh, September 5 through September 9.

### "Duplin Story" Refurbished

By GERTRUDE CARRAWAY  
Work is well underway on preparations for "The Duplin Story", historical drama with music by Sam Byrd, which will be repeated here September 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12, following a successful first run last September, under the auspices of the Duplin County Historical Association.

Byrd is busily engaged in selecting characters and making preliminary arrangements for the production, which promises to be even more successful than last year judging from the advance interest manifested from all parts of the county and from many places elsewhere.

With the opening of the Duplin County schools last week, the students will begin rehearsals for their respective scenes in the two-act performance. Already individuals and clubs have started their rehearsals.

The drama last year was conceded to be a highly entertaining show, with a modernized treatment of history, in the scenic outdoor amphitheatre, given them in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of Duplin County.



CALYPSO ACCIDENT — C. M. Phillips, driving, and Mike N. Galtman, both of Clinton, in the pick-up shown at top, suffered broken right arms and legs and lacerations, as well as internal injuries when they collided almost head-on with the truck and trailer shown below, driven by Roy Lee Baker, of Wilson, at Calypso Friday. Baker suffered a sprained right wrist. The truck and trailer, going south, started to pass a panel truck, but met an oil tanker. To avoid a collision with the tanker, the truck pulled off on the left-hand shoulder. The pick-up, just behind the tanker, saw it, put on brakes suddenly, and to avoid running in the rear of it, pulled off on its right-hand shoulder, meeting the truck and trailer almost head-on. Patrolman Cooke, of Kenansville and Patrolman Earl Whitaker of Warsaw investigated. Photos by Vaden Brock.

### "The Duplin Story" Call Board

Who was it said "don't shoot until you see the white of their eyes"?

Well, if you'll look right close you can see the white of Sam Byrd's eyes these days and this is the sign to shoot the works.

The Call Board this week is a call to work. The eleventh hour is at hand and Duplin must roll up their sleeves and pitch in. "The Duplin Story" hour is approaching and there is much work to be done. Not just work for Sam and Corwin Rife but work for everybody. All preliminaries have been carried out and the grind is on. Duplin County is on the spot in the year 1950. This Mid-Century Production of "The Duplin Story" is attracting state-wide attention on a scale never dreamed of. There can be no doubt that attendance figures are going to climb towards the 50,000 mark and even possibly pass that figure. No kiddin' folks let's not fool ourselves. The people are really going to turn out this year. They have heard so much about the "Miracle in the Corn Field" that their curiosity is at a top peak and they are coming to Duplin to see it. Duplin County, not just Kenansville, or any other one community, is in the spotlight. Outside of Duplin "The Duplin Story" is the impossible that the folks of Duplin pulled off last year and the outsiders want to see just what this miracle is. If we fall then Duplin County has failed in the eyes of outsiders. We did not fall last year and we must not fall this year. In many respects it is more important that we succeed this year than last. If "The Duplin Story" had fallen through last year not many people would have been surprised. But it did not fall and it must not fall this year.

Please be kind to Sam Byrd. Just suppose you had a job of getting together 750 people and rehearsing them. When you want to practice several members of the cast failed to show up or came when you were about through you would feel like throwing up your hands. Well, Sam is human like you and I. When he goes to rehearsal and the folks are not there on time it throws him off balance and causes the loss of many hours of sleep. Sam needs that sleep. We don't want to see him come out of this year's event with an ulcerated stomach like Gilbert Alphin did last year. Let's have mercy on Sam and give him every bit of the cooperation he asks for. That's all we need to put it over in a big way this year, just simple cooperation with Sam Byrd.

### COUNTY AGENT STRESSES RURAL TRAFFIC SAFETY

Nearly a quarter of a million farm residents are injured in motor accidents each year, says L. F. Weeks, County Agent. This fact, he adds, points up the need for rural traffic safety.

Unlike city traffic, most rural driving is on high-speed roads. Mr. Weeks advises you to adapt speed to existing conditions; keep to the right; don't pass on curves or hills; obey traffic rules and signs; be especially alert at all grade crossings; keep your car or truck in good operating condition; always cooperate with local traffic officials.

Be courteous to other drivers. Remember a truck starts slower, is less maneuverable and takes up more road than a car.

### "The Duplin Story" September Drama

(Released by State News Bureau)  
Kenansville, N. C. — The Historical Drama season in North Carolina extends into September with the presentation here of "The Duplin Story" for the second season on September 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12.

Preparations for the 1950 production began recently with the arrival of the author-producer, Sam Byrd of "Tobacco Road" fame, and the technical director, Corwin Rife, from the Dock Street Theatre in Charleston, S. C.

The drama, which depicts the rich history of an important region from the beginning of America, was enthusiastically received last year when it was presented as the feature of the Duplin County bi-centennial. Critics termed it a "miracle in a cornfield", because the outdoor theatre in which it is presented transformed an old corn field into a place of light, color, music and living history.

The autumn presentation of "The Duplin Story" follows successful summer seasons of two other major historical attractions in North Carolina — the "Lost Colony" on Roanoke Island, and "Unto These Hills" at Cherokee, which are scheduled to close on Labor Day.

### SHOOTING MATCH

There will be a shooting match this afternoon near Boone's Lake when the Duplin County Law Enforcement Officers Association gets together for an outing. Following the shooting contest barbecue will be served to those present.

### BIG DANCE

There was a big round and square dance last Thursday night on the street at Woodrow Smith's Service Station. The music was furnished by The Little Dutchman and his Country Boys. A large crowd was on hand to see this dance. A square dance is scheduled for Sept. 3 at R. P. Grady's home on the corner of...

### "The Duplin Story" Hits The "State"

State magazine, published by Goerch, this week features "The Duplin Story". The cover picture will be a scene from the play and the feature story inside, done by Bill Sharpe, will play a prominent part. The Times has ordered 100 copies of this magazine which will pass on for 15 cents, add 5 cents to cover cost of mailing. If you want one better order early for they will go quickly.

### Next Week's Issue

Next week's issue of The Duplin Times will be our special edition. As last year we are issuing it in connection with "The Duplin Story". A large section of the paper is already printed.

The theme of this year's edition is the History of Public Education in Duplin County. Albert A. Outlaw, Register of Deeds and Historian, has done a bang up job in writing a complete and accurate history of education in Duplin. Also he has done a history of churches in the county, beginning with Methodism at Carlton's Chapel; Baptism at Bear Marsh and Presbyterianism at Grove, Kenansville. Mr. Outlaw has revised his general history of Duplin County which appeared in last year's special edition and it will appear again this year. Extra copies will be limited and orders are coming in rapidly. Anyone who is not a subscriber or subscriber wishing extra copies are asked to mail in their order together with the money at once. Price of the paper will be 15 cents, add 5 cents for mailing.

### RICHMOND PROFESSOR SPEAKS LOCAL LIONS

Prof. L. W. Jarman of Richmond, Va. was guest speaker at the local Lions Club Wednesday night. Mr. Jarman, a native of Seven Springs, is head of the physics department in the Richmond City Schools. His subject for the talk was cooperation. He approached the race question, the problem of government help and interference in our daily lives, and the religious life of the community in comparison with the way Duplinites approached the production of "The Duplin Story" and the way world-wide scientists, Jew, Gentile, White and Negro approached the atomic theory and conquered it. With such cooperation, he said, we can conquer most any of our problems.

### SCOTT TO SPEAK PINK HILL MEET

The Pink Hill Community Civic Club will meet Friday night, August 25th at 7:30 o'clock in the V. F. W. Hut.

Guest speaker will be Mr. G. T. Scott, State P. M. A. Chairman of North Carolina.

### DUPLIN CHILD VICTIM OF DREAD POLIO

Fay Mobley, five and a half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Mobley of Chinquapin Rt. 1, has been taken to Rex Hospital in Raleigh after being diagnosed here as an infantile paralysis patient.

The child was taken ill Saturday and was soon hospitalized in Kinston. Local doctors diagnosed the case as polio as the result of a spinal puncture. She was taken to Rex Hospital through the action of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

No paralysis had set in while the child was in Kinston, possibly indicating a light case, but in actuality it was too early to tell what the effect would be, doctors said. No confirmation has yet been received from Rex as to the girl's condition.

### TUNE IN

Tune in over radio station WG TM, Wilson, Saturday morning at ten o'clock and hear Sam Byrd's Duplin Story broadcast.

### GREENVILLE MINISTER TO SPEAK IN PINK HILL REVIVAL

Rev. Leon Russell, pastor of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in Greenville, is to be the inspirational speaker at a series of services at the Pink Hill Methodist Church next week, Monday through Friday, according to an announcement by Rev. Thomas Horner, pastor of the Pink Hill church.

Mr. Russell, who has been a member of the North Carolina Methodist Conference since 1930, has served pastorates in Hatteras, Pikeville, Raleigh, New Bern, Goldsboro, and Greenville. Since coming to Greenville he has been very popular with the college students there.

Mr. Horner will hold the regular service at Pink Hill Sunday night, at which time the MYP officers will be installed. Services will be held each evening at 8:00. The public is invited.

### Praise Last Year.

"Miracle in a Corn Field", was the description given to the production by James H. McKay of Wilmington, in a press report. "The Duplin Story is no mere pageant," he wrote, "it is a vast production on a tremendous scale . . . and it is a success!"

Sam Byrd wrote the 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 . . . It is all good—it is all excellent."

The Wilmington Morning Star wrote: "The Duplin Story" is a sensational success . . . Practically everyone who has enjoyed it reports Producer Sam Byrd's presentation surpasses all expectations as to sincerity of plot, variety of scenes, thrilling drama and excellent music. The acting is superb, thanks to the enthusiastic interest and efforts of hundreds of Duplin's citizens. And the staging, lighting and other effects are as professional as anything Broadway offers.

### History Dramatized

"The Duplin Story" will live on. Not only has it recorded in drama the history of one of North Carolina's good sections but will help provide, through greater public recreational and meeting facilities, foundation for a future for the county that may be even richer than its past."

The Kinston Free Press called the play, "A magnificent drama." In an editorial the newspaper says in part: "The closing scene in the Duplin church would be a credit to Hollywood or the legitimate New York stage, as would many other scenes from the entire drama. The scene offers a thanksgiving service after victory that made it possible. But it closes on a philosophical note, pointing toward the path of lasting peace. Individual responsibility in keeping the peace is stressed."

### Bishop Wright Visits Faison Episcopal Church

An Aug. 5 Rt. Rev. T. H. Wright D.D. Bishop of East Carolina visited St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church and in the absence of Rev. Addison Hesse, minister in charge, Mr. R. A. Williams welcomed the Bishop.

### OVER 300 HELP CAVENAUGH CELEBRATE

A. L. Cavanaugh, Warsaw insurance agent, enjoyed a very fine celebration last Saturday when more than three hundred friends and customers, white and colored, visited his office to help him celebrate thirty years in the insurance business in Duplin County. The occasion was the presentation to Mr. Cavanaugh of a certificate by Mr. R. A. Williams, minister in charge of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, and a check for \$100.00 from the church. The celebration was held at the home of Mrs. R. A. Williams, 100 North Main Street, Warsaw.

### Gradys and Outlaws Inlaws and Kinlaws Gather Saturday

The Grady-Outlaw reunion will be held at the B. F. Grady high school Saturday, August 26th. Judge Henry A. Grady will preside and Sam Byrd will be the feature speaker. Some estimate a crowd of 2500 will attend. The reunion was first organized in 1930 and has been headed by Judge Grady since.

### Tonsil Clinic Held Wednesday

This week began another series of tonsil clinics which will be held on Wednesday of each week at the Duplin County Health Department and will continue through the month of November. Dr. O. L. Parker of Clinton will again be the operating surgeon.

Children whose tonsils were removed this week were: Kenneth Brock, Tommie Hulbert, Bobby Best, Ruby Driver, Grace Tyndall, C. B. Grady, Johnny Tyndall, Aubrey Williams, Emmett Holmes, Gerald Holmes, Margaret Whaley, Gloria Best, Wilbert Brock, Annie Turner and Thomas Ray Foss.

Last winter twenty-four clinics were held in the Health Department in which the tonsils of 369 children were removed. The clinics were very successful. None of the patients suffered any ill effects other than sore throat.

### DANCE - DANCE

The B. F. Grady PTA is sponsoring a dance in the school gym. on Saturday night beginning at 8:30 on August 26th. This annual dance follows the Grady-Outlaw Reunion which will be held at the Grady School on August 26th. Good music and a big crowd is expected. Admission 50 cents each. Come one; come all!

Signed —  
Mr. and Mrs. Faison Smith  
Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Smith  
Committee —

### 'A LOOKIN' UP

By: A. M. DAVIS

Along about this time every year the Sunday Schools of Faison get the picnic fever and this year was no exception. We had been hearing rumors that the Sunday Schools had for some time been a little picnic feverish but nothing concrete had been done about the malady until last Wednesday morning when Dr. Bill Clifton, Clement Shine and myself undertook the job of chaperoning the combined Sunday Schools to White Lake.

It was a pretty good day for the trip. Other than a few scattered showers, not enough to dampen the ardor of the crowd, the day was fine for swimming; a bit cloudy but not cold and a day that no one could possibly get sun burned.

We were to leave at nine o'clock but that was entirely too late for some because they were seen gathered at the churches as early as seven o'clock and didn't mind waiting it seemed. With a trip like that in view who cared about waiting a mere couple of hours.

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### COMEDIES FROM EVERY DAY LIFE

By: Mrs. Howard Jeter  
While the preacher berated all kinds of sin, Aunt Dinah punctuated his sermons frequently by crying "Amen -- Praise the Lord". She Amen'd his disapproval of lying, stealing, card playing and drinking likker. When the preacher turned his denunciation to "petty gossip" Aunt Dinah eased back into the pew and muttered, "Now, that preacher has done stopped preachin'."

### THEY BROKE IN CAME OUT BROKE

Robbers of some sort, form or fashion, broke into McLendon's Store Station here Saturday night. They gained entrance through the back door and made off with...