

Duplin Times

Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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Mr. Rand And Mrs. Graham Kenan Pay Visit Here; Pleased With Auditorium

By J. E. GRADY

William Rand Kenan of New York and his sister Mrs. Graham Kenan of Wilmington spent most of the day here Wednesday and were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson. While here they rode around and were pleased with the growth of Kenansville over the past few years. They were particularly pleased with the progress that has been made on the Kenan Memorial Auditorium. When it is finally completed Mr. Kenan said there will be nothing out of the Coliseum in Raleigh to compare with it. Mr. Kenan made an initial donation of \$10,000 and Mrs. Kenan donated \$5,000. The building is named for them and their families. Mr. Kenan also is the donor of the Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Chapel Hill and the Kenan family endowed the Kenan Chair of History at the University. Mr. Kenan is a young "old" man, probably wouldn't like to be referred to as "old" but a person nearly eighty years old has seen a bit of life and from his conversations Wednesday Mr. Kenan has enjoyed his nearly eighty years to the fullest. He can carry on a conversation with the enthusiasm of a 16 year old boy. He and Mrs. Kenan remained over days here when they would play at the old Kenan home here and especially the big times they had at Christmas. Mr. Kenan said the garden plot adjoined the old home lot that was surrounded by trees. Each tree belonged to one of the children and they took particular pride in their trees. They could do what they wanted to in their respective

County Court Next Monday

General County Court will convene here Monday morning, January 1st, Judge Phillips has issued a call for all defendants and those having unpaid court costs to appear in court on Monday without fail.

A two-week term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases will convene Monday, January 8th with Judge Henry L. Stevens presiding.

Superior Court Civil Decisions

The Superior Court rendered decisions in civil suits week before last with the Honorable William L. Halstead presiding.

First case Carlton Cox, by his next friend E. J. Summerlin vs Emmett Rogers, action brought to recover the value of services rendered to the defendant upon an alleged contract. The court taxed Emmitt Rogers \$250, court costs to be deducted, the remainder to go to the plaintiff.

Hon. Halstead granted divorce to Francis B. Outlaw and Marvin E. Outlaw.

W. E. Stout was ordered to pay to the Tide Water Power Company the sum of \$1601.24 with interest thereon from the 5th day of April, 1950, until paid.

In the case of E. L. Lowie Company vs W. E. Stout the court ordered the defendant to pay \$1749.10 with interest thereon from March 1, 1950 until paid.

W. W. Patterson was appointed Referee in the land boundary case of Lewis Keathley vs Atlas Plywood Company to report findings to the court.

Superior Court reconvened on Monday, December 11 with Hon. Q. R. Nimocks, Jr. presiding.

An agreement of non-suit was reached in the case of Johnnie Johnson vs Lucille Johnson, case dismissed.

Leon Earl Essell, by his next friend Vanzoris Essell vs C. A. Precythe, the attorney for the plaintiff received \$100 from the defendant to be paid the clerk of the Superior Court.

A settlement was reached in the Bonnie B. Brown vs Harvey C. Hines Company with the defendant paying \$1000 and the cost of action to be taxed by the clerk.

The case of Melvin Whaler vs A. C. L. E. R. Co. ordered calendared until Jan. 1951 term of court.

The hearing of S. L. Warran and J. T. Flythe - trustees vs Ralph J. Jones, Sheriff and Capital Sales Corporation ordered Jan. 8, 1951.

Cotton Report

Cotton report shows that 1,648 bales of cotton were ginned in Duplin County, North Carolina, in 1950.

Father Of Six Children Found Dead In Fireplace Day After Christmas

"Daddy, daddy, look . . ." the young daughter of Harvey Lawrence Wood ran into the house ahead of the others to show her father the new doll she had gotten for Christmas to find the worst disaster of the holidays in the county. She found her father badly burned and dead in the cold ashes of the fireplace in one room of their modest two room house in the Red Store section of Duplin county near Kenansville.

The family had been visiting relatives in Goldsboro since Friday and returned home the day after Christmas. Mrs. Wood said she asked her husband to go with them but he refused.

The last time Harvey Wood, then on his way home. His tragic death is thought to have occurred Saturday night. The evidence and surroundings indicated he was sitting in a chair in front of the fire eating at the time. Food was on the table and a piece of bread was near the hand of the dead man.

The body was found with the head in the fireplace and the body across the hearth badly burned. A small hole was burned in the floor near the hearth.

Duplin County Coroner C. B. Sitterton is of the opinion he suffered a sudden heart attack or brain hemorrhage and was dead when he fell into the hot cinders as there was no evidence of an attempt to move.

Harvey Lawrence Wood, 43, was a tenant farmer and the father of six children.

Surviving are Mrs. Wood, the former Pauline Dall; four daughters, Edna Ann, Lena Pearl, Sara and Patsy Lee; two sons, David Earl and Charles Edward, all of the home; two brothers, W. D. Wood of Selma, Rt. 1, and Elmon Wood of Goldsboro, Rt. 5; two sisters, Mrs. Peninah Parnell of Smithfield and Mrs. Ida Davis of Kenly. Funeral services were held at the graveside in the Friendship Methodist Church Cemetery near Faison Wednesday.

Farm Census Survey Reports Required Of All Farmers

The Farm Census information should originate from the farmers and land owners. This report provides each farmer an opportunity to make a permanent, official and confidential record of his agricultural operations. These records are kept on file in the Department of Agriculture and are available upon request, but only to the individual making the report. By furnishing reliable and realistic facts, the farmer is not only contributing to the basis of his future agricultural program, but to many other interests dependent on agricultural welfare. These have been and will increasingly use the farm census information in promoting better local

services and understanding in the State.

Agricultural workers are dependent on these records and service, as a guide in their current and long range planning. The State U. S. D. A. Council, representing all public agriculture service agencies operating in North Carolina has unanimously endorsed the Farm Census, and they are definitely interested in the services rendered, and results obtained, by their representatives in the development of each County's program.

Farm Survey information will be given to Tax Listers when County Taxes are listed during January, 1951.

Mother Perishes In Apartment Fire

Mrs. Hubert Gautier, formerly of Faison, died in a fire that swept the two-room apartment in Goldsboro three days before Christmas. Her 3-months old baby was saved by her husband. He received severe cuts and burns and suffered from exposure.

Gautier said he started a fire in the oil stove in the kitchen at 5 A.M. He awoke to find the kitchen in flames and the bedroom walls burning. Mrs. Gautier's body was found only a few feet from the safety of the back yard.

Funeral services were held Saturday in the Faison Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Mrs. Gautier, 37, was the former Sudie Holloman of Faison. Surviving in addition to her husband and child are her mother, Mrs. Pearl Hall of Calypso; a sister, Mrs. Richard Moore of Faison; her step father, Jimmy Hall of Calypso; six half-brothers, Perry and P. W. Hall of Mt. Olive, Elbert of Faison, Rodney and Grover of Ft. Bragg and Bobby of Calypso.

50-CENTS QUARTERLY DIVIDEND DECLARED BY WHITEVILLE BANK

Whiteville, Dec. 23 — A 50-cents quarterly dividend has been declared by the Waccamaw Bank and Trust company of Whiteville, a bank spokesman announced last week.

Checks for the dividend were mailed to stockholders December 20th, the spokesman said.

The Waccamaw Bank and Trust company has branches in several Southeastern North Carolina towns, including Kenansville and Rose Hill.

EASTERN STAR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Kenansville Order of the Eastern Star held their annual Christmas party Tuesday night, Dec. 19 at the Kenansville lodge.

An impressive candlelight program was given by the Worthy Matron and officers of the chapter.

Special guests of the chapter were District Deputy Grand Matron Brewer of Roseboro and District Deputy Grand Patron Knowles of Wallace. Mr. Knowles led the members in repeating the Obedience.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members gathered around the Christmas tree to exchange gifts, and refreshments were served.

Dr. Crittenden Visits Kenansville

Dr. C. C. Crittenden of the State Department of History and Archives was a visitor in Kenansville last Thursday. His visit was in the interest of the proposed state building of Archives which it is hoped the next Legislature will appropriate money for. The proposed building will house the state art gallery, the hall of history and state archives.

Dr. Crittenden expressed interest in the Duplin Store and said he hoped it can be continued.

DUPLIN RETAIL SALES

Figures released by the U. S. Dept. of Commerce, Census Bureau show Duplin County retail sales in 1950.

Duplin Farmers Name Committeemen For 1951; Total 234 Votes Cast

The annual convention of Duplin County Agricultural Committee was held in the agricultural building in Kenansville Dec. 15, with delegates from 13 townships present.

Results of the community and county committee election were as follows, with total votes cast:

Albertson, 203; Cypress Creek, 602; Faison, 58; Glisson, 130; Island Creek, 138; Kenansville, 128; Magnolia, 66; Limestone, 345; Rockfish, 75; Rose Hill, 45; Smith, 60; Warsaw, 73; and Wolfsrape, 284.

The following men were elected to serve on the committee for next year: Henry S. Tyndall, chairman;

Richard C. Moore, vice chairman; Marlow F. Bostic, regular member; J. Kenneth Blanchard, first alternate; Ellis V. Vestal, second alternate.

Among the township committee members named were:

Wolfsrape: Herbert Summerlin, chairman; Ed Garris, vice chairman; John Goodson, regular member; Andrew Outlaw and Randall Hargrove, alternates.

Albertson: Paul Lee, chairman; Hess Davis, vice chairman; Alton Outlaw, regular member; R. A. Smith and R. D. Harper, alternates.

Faison: David Lane, chairman; J. W. Warran, vice chairman; Ben Swinson, Jr., regular member; W. R. Clifton and Rufus R. Best, alternates.

Glisson: Melvin Powell, chairman; Carl Kornegay, vice chairman; J. E. Westbrook, regular member; Norman Smith and Joe Waters, alternates.

Hunting Season Closing Dates

Game Protector D. B. "Shorty" Bell reminds hunters that the open season for squirrel, deer and bear closes Monday, Jan. 1. The open season for duck and geese will close Jan. 5, while the open season for rabbit, turkey and birds will close Jan. 31.

The second half of the split season for hunting doves will open on Jan. 1 and close on Jan. 15, Bell said.

150 Men Called To Report Jan. 2nd.

Local Draft Clerk Bernice Farrior reports that a total of 150 men have been called to report here on Tuesday, January 2nd, for pre-induction examination.

Albert Outlaw, chairman of the board, said: "It is urged that all registrants receiving Form No. 110 1-A Classification report their complaints to the Local Board within the ten day period granted by said form."

It is also urged that registrants report any actions that would change their classification from that of 1-A."

Lions Report Show Profits

The local Lions club held its regular bi-monthly meeting Wednesday night at Jones Cafe here and heard treasurer Lacy Weeks report on the financial outcome of the recent home talent show put on here by the Lions. The club realized a total profit of \$131.41 which will go to help in community causes.

The members reported satisfaction with the Christmas display on the court house of Santa and his eight reindeer but expressed hope that the display will be improved next year.

Mr. McPhail, brother of local professor McPhail was guest of the club.

Industrial Council Holds 1st Meeting

The Duplin County Industrial Council at its organizational meeting elected as its first president, A. L. Cavenaugh, prominent Warsaw businessman and a member of the State Board of Conservation and Development.

Other officers elected were M. G. Cording, Wallace, vice president; F. W. McGowan, Kenansville, secretary-treasurer.

The council will be composed of mayors from various towns, representatives from other communities and members of the County Board of Commissioners.

Plans were completed for an inventory of the resources available in Duplin for industries. Approximately 10,000 questionnaires will be distributed through the schools to obtain an up-to-date information of labor available in the county.

Philip C. Schwartz, chief industrial analyst of the department of conservation and development, spoke on what other regions are doing to attract industries.

Preliminary plans are under way for the publication of an industrial booklet.

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Most of the farms in past years have been left idle.

Holiday Offenses

Offenses reported to the Office of Justice of the Peace C. B. Sitterton were light during the holidays.

State Patrolman E. W. Whitaker reported Charlie Fash Mathess for careless and reckless driving, passing on right of car headed north driven by Lonnie Quinn near Magnolia on hwy 117 Dec. 20, causing personal property damage. Mathess placed under \$150 bond to appear in County Court.

Whitaker reported Robert Dudley Hooks of Magnolia for driving drunk on Xmas eve.

Dennis Moore of the Rose Hill section was reported by Deputy Sheriff W. O. Houston for possession of 3 1/2 gallons of non-tax paid liquor, placed under \$200 bond to appear in County Court.

Willie McDougal arrested Dec. 21, by Patrolman J. S. Briley for no driver's license; cited to appear in County Court.

Clara Coke, arrested in Magnolia Dec. 23 for possession of non-tax paid whiskey for the purpose of sale, bound over to County Court.

Emerson Joyce Pridden cited by Patrolman T. G. Brooks for operating vehicle without driver's license to appear in County Court.

Duplin Native Dies In Mebane

Mrs. J. E. Thornton, 60, died at her home in Mebane Friday afternoon, December 22nd after having been in declining health for a number of years. She was the daughter of the late Herbert D. and Mattie Henderson Middleton of near Warsaw.

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Mebane Presbyterian Church by her pastor Rev. Baker. Burial was in the family plot of the Mebane Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband; one son, James; and one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Thornton, all of the home; one sister, Mrs. W. M. Hawkins of Richmond; two brothers, H. D. Middleton, Jr. of Charlotte and W. H. Middleton of Raleigh; her step mother, Mrs. Lela J. Middleton and one half-sister Mrs. B. C. Surratt of Warsaw; three nieces and two nephews.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE- ANSWER YOUR CHRISTMAS SEAL LETTER



FIGHT TB

Although Duplin's TB Association is still short of its goal, it is hopeful that the difference will be made up soon by the late returns now coming in, according to Dr. H. W. Colwell, fund chairman of the association.

Mrs. Kornegay, Executive secretary, said that many of the late returns are accompanied by brief letters of explanation. For example one donor wrote, "I regret this delay, but am consoled in my tardiness by the fact that your association works the year around, not just during the Christmas season."

Mrs. Kornegay added, "We wish to repeat that it is not too late to acknowledge your seal sale letters, as we are counting on those delayed returns to meet our quota."

INCOME TAX NOTICES

North Carolinians can expect to begin receiving forms to be used in filing out federal returns on 1950 income next Tuesday.

Most of the forms in past years have been left idle.

OPEN FORUM

An Open Letter To The People of Duplin County

For the past several years, there has been off and on an attempt made by individuals, towns or communities to attract industries to our county. These attempts have largely failed, although recently Wallace hit the jackpot and landed the J. P. Stevens & Co., a big textile manufacturer. With the failure of these attempts, we have become despondent and have fallen back into a rut, feeling that all efforts to gain industrial development are futile.

All of us agree that Duplin County needs and must have industries. Our per capita income is about one-third of the average national per capita income and not quite half of our states income. We are forced to do something about it, if our people are to continue to enjoy the same benefits and privileges that others do.

With these thoughts in mind, a group of the leaders of Duplin county which include all mayors and all county commissioners, together with other deeply interested men, have formed the Duplin Industrial Council. This Council that the first thing that is to be done towards this worthwhile cause is to list exactly what we have that might be attractive to outside industrialists. The biggest assets of our county are: Forest Products, Agricultural Products, and most important of all, Man Power. Other assets of importance are: our schools, our climate, our freedom from labor disputes, our accessibility to Northern markets, and our churches. The great benefit that will accrue to us by reason of the Development of the port at Wilmington, and scores of other benefits that make us a great county.

Your Council also feels that now is the most opportune moment to launch a drive for more industries. Southeastern North Carolina has, during the past 12 months, been in the limelight industrialwise throughout the Eastern Seaboard. This is evident from the \$80,000,000 of outside capital that has been earmarked for this area. With these and other favorable factors, we feel that the time is now ripe for advertising ourselves to the world. This is a mammoth job. It will require the help of all of our people, every man, woman and child of our county is needed to put this program over, every one of us will be a salesman, selling our values to those who we desire to settle in our midst.

With this thought in mind and with the co-operation that we are assured of from the schools, we have prepared a questionnaire that we are distributing through the schools that we want the students to fill out for us. This questionnaire will tell us exactly what our labor or man power is in the county and will be of the greatest value in our program. We appeal to you to help these students get the correct information when they come to see you. With this information, coupled with other information, we will be in a position to make up a booklet of our county that will be of great help in the carrying out of our program.

This is a program for the county, every citizen will be benefited by its fulfillment. We are counting on you to help make Duplin a greater, more prosperous and a happier county. Please do not fail us.

Cordially yours,