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Duplin County Under Japanese Beetle Quarantine

Due to Japanese beetle infestation in certain parts of the county the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the N. C. Department of Agriculture placed Duplin County under the Japanese Beetle Quarantine. Postmasters in the county have received instructions from the postmaster General's Office to the effect that it is unlawful to accept for mailing certain items. Soil is one of the items which cannot be mailed under this quarantine unless accompanied by a certificate. Since there is little or no hazard involved in mailing soil samples to the soil testing laboratory of the N. C. Dept. of Agriculture, we have received permission for various agriculture agencies in the county to issue these certificates. For the convenience of the farmers mailing soil samples these certificates may be obtained from the County Agents Office, County Soil Conservation Office, Farmers Home Administration Office, Warsaw, N. C.; Faison Experiment Station, Faison, N. C.; E. F. Galston, Soil Survey Office, Wallace; and the following Agriculture Teachers: R. F. Watkins, Warsaw, J. H. Dison, B. F. Grady, T. M. Fields, Wallace, Temple Hill, Beulaville, and P. C. Shaw, Beulaville, W. F. Hubbard, Chinquapin. The Japanese Beetle Inspector, Mr. J. B. Riley of Wadesboro, has authorized the furnishing of these certificates to agriculture workers in every community in the county. Others may secure certificates from your county agent. Certificates are easy to fill out and should not retard the soil sampling being done in the county.

Farm Labor Now Under Social Security

Farmers and farm workers will need to familiarize themselves with the provisions in the Social Security Act. The Old Age and Survivors Insurance system under the Social Security Law has been extended to cover farm employees. Where a farmer employs a person on a full time basis for at least 90 days and his cash wages are \$50 or more, Social Security returns must be filed according to the amended Social Security Law. Application form may be obtained at the County Agent's Office.

Duplin Soldier Gets Silver Star

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Dickson of Calypso have received word from Army authorities in Korea that the Silver Star, for "gallantry in action," has been awarded to their son, First Lieutenant, James Thomas Dickson, who is a liaison pilot in Korea.

The citation accompanying the award read, in part:

"On 30th September, 1950, Lt. James T. Dickson piloted an unarmed aircraft over enemy territory to provide reconnaissance information for a task force which was operating in the vicinity of Hae-an, Korea. Flying at an extremely low altitude, constantly subjected to anti-aircraft fire, he recommended the route of advance to provide timely information on enemy strength and disposition.

"Although his plane was damaged by hostile fire, he made repeated passes over a bridge to determine whether it would accommodate heavy vehicles. When strong enemy forces threatened to disrupt the advance of the task force, he directed fighter aircraft into the target area. He continued to provide reconnaissance support for the task force until the supply of fuel was depleted. Lt. Dickson's courage, military skill, and unremitting devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on himself and the military service."

Lt. Dickson has also been awarded the Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross, with 25 Oak Leaf Branches. He has over 840 missions flown since his credit. He re-joined the Army in 1949, after serving in the same capacity in the U. S. Army.

Superior Court January Term Held Here

The January term of Superior Court was held in the Duplin County Court House Monday and Tuesday of last week with Judge Chester Morris presiding.

A verdict of not guilty was rendered James Staton charged with assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill in the first case tried. Jesse Lee Darden found not to have complied with the judgment of the court rendered on Nov. 4, 1950, ordered to serve the term therein imposed based on charges of criminal knowledge of a female over 12 and under 18 years of age and non support of an illegitimate child.

Rosevelt Harrison charged with forgery sentenced to State Prison for a term of two years. A state prison term of three years was ordered Edward Carr charged with assault on a female with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

A two-year suspension on good behavior was granted Eugene Houston charged with possession of apparatus for purpose of manufacture of non tax paid whiskey. Roosevelt Harrison charged with burglary, entry and larceny, plead guilty and was sentenced 8 years in State Prison.

Bigamy charges resulted in a sentence of not less than 18 months or more than 24 for Maggie Hatcher Smith assigned to the Women's Division of State Prison in Raleigh. Leslie Smith, Sr., given 18 months in jail with work on the roads for trespassing in the night and public drunkenness.

State vs Bonnie M. Smith on charges of forgery and embezzlement found the defendant not guilty.

Hazel Kelly and Edward Lee Kelly both charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and inflicting serious body injuries were suspended and placed on probation for two years on payment of costs. Also suspended on five years probation under regular conditions and payment of cost was Melvin Hatcher charged with burglary, entry, and larceny.

James T. Wells charged with operating an auto while intoxicated was suspended on payment of \$50 and costs. David E. Smith charged with abandonment and non support was suspended on the condition he pay his wife a set sum each month until the youngest child reach the age of 18, further ordered to be of good behavior, remain gainfully employed and placed on probation for five years.

Release and discharges from 5-year probation were ordered for Finley Robertson and Collie Robertson. Divorce granted John A. Ferrell and Imogene D. Ferrell.

A motion for commitment continued in cases of State vs Hauser and State vs Robert M. Johnson.

The following cases were continued for R. D. Johnson: State vs W. H. Teachey; State vs John Allen Armwood alias Buddie Armwood; and State vs Isaac Mathis.

Capias were issued to the following: Haywood Smith, Thomas H. McGee, William Wright Wilson, James McGee and James Delaney Sholar.

71-2 Miles Roads Completed Here

The State Highway Commission has completed seven and one-half additional miles of bond paving in Duplin County.

The following projects were finished during January:

From Calypso to the Wayne County line, 17 miles; from Faison south to the Sampson County line, 3 miles; from NC 24 east of Warsaw to Lane Field Church, 2.8 miles; connection at colored school with NC 24 west of Warsaw, 0.14 mile.

Also during January the Commission completed the hard-surfacing of streets connecting with the school in Calypso and from NC 24 to the high school and school drive in Warsaw.

Official year-end figures show that the State Highway Commission has completed 43.4% (or 1811 miles) of the 12,000-mile secondary road paving goal set by Governor Scott two years ago. Approximately one-fourth of the 35,000-mile state highway program was finished by the end of 1950, and more work was in progress on the primary road system than at any time in the Commission's history.

Kenans Contribute \$2000 To Help Complete Auditorium Heating System

Public spirited citizens of Duplin will be interested to learn that Mrs. Supt. of Schools O. P. Johnson this week received another cash contribution from the Kenan family towards the completion of Kenan Memorial Auditorium.

It will be recalled that Christmas week Mr. Wm. Rand Kenan of New York and his sister, Mrs. Graham Kenan of Wilmington spent the day here looking over the old town and especially the auditorium which is named in honor of their family. They were well pleased with the progress so far on the building. At that time the furnace had been installed for the heating system.

This week Mr. Johnson received a letter from Mr. Kenan that read as follows:

"I deem it very essential that you buy materials for your heating plant at the earliest possible date. In order to assist you in connection with this purchase I am enclosing herewith check of Mrs. Jessie Kenan Wise for \$500, check of Mrs. Sarah G. (Graham) Kenan for the same amount and my check for \$1,000. . . ."

On receipt of this letter Mr. Johnson immediately ordered the necessary materials, including header for boiler, condensation pump, piping and unit heaters. When completed it will be a steam system with large unit heaters in each corner to blow heat on spectators; 4 unit heaters over court to take care of floor spectators when stage is in use; small units in each room in building, including dressing rooms.

Commenting, Mr. Johnson said: "It is hoped that materials will begin arriving in a few days and work on installation can commence. It is thought that it will take about 60 days to get all equipment in and installed, Mr. Johnson

wants to commence installation as materials arrive and this will require more cash. To complete the job an estimated \$1500 more will have to be raised in subscriptions. We realize that money is not so plentiful at this season but we believe Duplin will come to the rescue and do the job. The building is sufficiently completed for practical use, as everyone knows, but the cold weather this winter curtailed many uses that would have been advantageous. The county basketball tournament begins on March 1st and Mr. Johnson hopes that it may be possible to rush delivery of unit heaters and get them installed by that time. This means of course, that he will need the additional money by then."

Anyone who cares to make a contribution towards this project please mail check to O. P. Johnson in Kenansville.

Marines Seek Recruits Here

Captain M. D. Smith, Jr., Director of Marine Corps Recruiting for North Carolina, announced today the quota for enlistment in the Marine Corps is unlimited.

To be qualified for enlistment a man must be between the ages of 17 to 29, of good moral character and must be able to pass the mental and physical examinations.

Ex-Marines, who held the rank of Sergeant or below at time of discharge, may now reenlist in the Marine Corps Reserve and retain their rank.

Married men without prior Marine Corps Service may enlist in the Marine Corps Reserve and be assigned to active duty immediately.

Marine Tech Sergeant Raymond Jurgensen announced that he will visit Kenansville every Wednesday. He will be here in the court house from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

While here he will answer questions pertaining to the U. S. Marines and accept applications for enlistment in the Marines.

G. E. Frederick Buried Monday

Gracie Ellis Frederick, 70, died early Saturday morning at his home near Warsaw after being in declining health for the past year. He was a former resident of Goldsboro for a number of years.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 o'clock at the home of Rev. B. L. Crossno, pastor of the Carlton Chapel Church of which he was a member, assisted by Rev. Royall of the Magnolia Baptist Church. Burial was in the family cemetery near the home.

He is survived by his wife, the former Rebecca Dowdy of Cumberland County, Va.; three sons, G. E. of Garfield, N. J., David of Patterson, N. J., and B. C. of Turkey; two daughters, Mrs. D. R. Veltri, Jr., of Lodi, N. J., and Mrs. D. W. White of Warsaw; three brothers, Charlie and Fennell Frederick, both of Warsaw and M. L. Frederick of Rocky Mount; five sisters, Mrs. Lewis West, Mrs. Joe Cobbett and Mrs. A. W. Frederick all of Turkey, Mrs. Henry Rackley of Mt. Olive and Mrs. W. R. Wynn of Wallace and ten grandchildren.

Boy Scouts Observe Week

The week of Feb. 6-12 is annual Boy Scout Week. As part of this program there will be a council-wide Boy Scout Rally in Goldsboro Monday night, Feb. 12th at 7:30 in the Community Building. Two outstanding troops have been selected from each of the Scout districts of Duplin, Sampson, Wayne and Johnston to compete for council-wide honors. Troop 30 of Warsaw and Troop 40 of B. F. Grady who recently won the district play-off will represent the Duplin District.

The closing date for accepting new farm tobacco and peanut allotment applications was out on January 31. Any producers who planned to apply and failed to do so will have to wait until next year.

2 Large Stills In Albertson Taken

INTENDED FOR LAST WEEK Sheriff Ralph Jones, assisted by deputies Perry Smith and Herbert Summerlin and A. T. U. officer Lon Howe and assistant of Wilmington drove 1500 yards from the public road just a short distance from Outlaw's Bridge church last Friday and found a 200 gallon copper still, rigged up with all the fittings. The still was not in operation. 24 barrels of mash were poured out. The still was set up under a tin shelter for protection and was ready for a run off. It was said that when the still was in operation smoke from it could be seen at the church.

From there the officers drove on to another still site about 2 miles east of Holt's store and there found a plant so similar to the first one taken that officers feel certain it belonged to the same party or parties. It was a 200 gallon copper outfit and 20 barrels of mash were destroyed. Officers were tipped off, they said, by two young men in the neighborhood and as a result they later arrested Alvin Stroud and Durwood Rouse. Rouse lives in Lenoir County. They are now free under \$500 bond each. Officers later revealed the names of the boys who reported as Jones brothers, but did not recall their first names. They said the still was within 300 yards of the home. Their mother is a widow. Sheriff's officers are continuing investigations.

Quiet Funeral For Jeff McLendon

Funeral services for Jeff McLendon, age 40, were held from the local Baptist Church this morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Lauren Sharpe. Burial this afternoon was in the Wadesboro cemetery beside his mother in the family lot. Pallbearers were J. O. Stokes, Morris Brinson, Willard Brinson, Bill Williamson, Ralph Brown and Colon Holland. The casket was draped with a U. S. flag.

He is survived by his father, L. L. McLendon of Elizabeth City, former County Farm Agent in Duplin; three brothers, Larry of Richmond, Va., Dr. Walter of Oakboro, N. C., and Albert of Los Angeles, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Ernest Stallings of Raliford and Mrs. Matthew Norcia of Los Angeles, Calif.

Jeff was born and reared in Kenansville and at the time of his death was proprietor of McLendon's Esso Station here. It can be said that he is another casualty of World War II from Kenansville. When discharged from the Army he had not fully recovered from an illness contracted in service and has been frequently taken to the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville where he died Thursday morning after having been seriously ill for a week. His death came as a shock to his many friends.

Last Saturday morning Kenansville awoke to find the ground white and it continued snowing throughout most of the morning. The snow was not general over the county, however, Warsaw and points north on the railroad having hardly any. Wallace saw a nice snowfall and as one moved towards the coast the snow was more general and heavier.

Reports here today say the snow is general over the county and the radio reported it was snowing at Raleigh and seemed pretty general over northeastern Carolina. At noon time it was reported no snow as far south as Wilmington and Lumberton.

In the funeral service Mr. Sharpe paid high tribute to Jeff's simple but honorable and noble life. He was a friend to all who knew him. Jeff will be quietly missed here.

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Large Attendance Negro Tobacco Farmers Meet

A capacity crowd turned out for the Annual Tobacco School held for Duplin County Negro farmers Wednesday at the Colored school in Chinquapin, according to R. E. Wilkins, Negro County Agent.

The meeting was conducted by Mr. S. N. Hawks, widely known tobacco specialist of the N. C. Extension Service. The growers showed great interest in the work, in detail, covering varieties, curing, fertilization, plant production, sucker control, diseases and answered questions asked by growers. He warned farmers, after finding that great interest was shown in sucker control, that he would advise that only a small area be tried for the sake of the curious, pending further research.

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Principal I. R. Marcliff of the Chinquapin school took advantage of the opportunity to bring parents up-to-date on the work of the Duplin County Industrial Council and explained their role in the undertaking.

New Press Installed

The Times office has been somewhat topsy-turvy this week as we have been installing the new press we were telling you about. Our job of remodeling and reconditioning is not yet complete. Your paper is reaching you late this week with several features left out and some current news. We hope to be back on regular schedule next week. The promised face-lifting will have to wait another week or two due to delay in getting some more of the equipment in.

Winter Wonderland

Winter wonderland came to Duplin for the second time in less than a week today when snow began falling in Kenansville this morning about nine o'clock. Before mid-afternoon more than an inch and a half had fallen and it was still coming strong. School turned out early and all the kids hit the roads and fields. It was really a children's holiday and as we write it promises to be such through most of the week end. It is a fine time for elders to stay home and enjoy the snow with their children and prevent highway wrecks.

Funeral Services For County Wide Mrs. Laura Gavin Here Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mrs. Laura More Gavin will be held from the local Methodist Church here Saturday afternoon at 2:30 with the pastor Rev. M. K. Glover officiating. Interment will be in Golden Grove Cemetery here.

Mrs. Gavin, age 82, died this morning at 3:30 at the home of her daughter Mrs. Moses Farmer of Raleigh. She has been in declining health for a number of years. The Times will carry a brief sketch of her life in next week's paper.

L. W. Hewitt To Speak In Warsaw

Field Scout Executive, L. W. Hewitt, of Clinton, a former Episcopal minister, will be guest speaker at the Presbyterian Church at a special service in connection with Boy Scout Week on Sunday morning, Feb. 11. Troop No. 30 of Warsaw and Scout leader Joe Surratt, Jr., will attend the service in a body. The minister's subject will be "I am the Way." The public is cordially invited.

Lions vs F. F. A. Boys In Basketball Game; Dance Thursday Night Feb. 15

Next Thursday night is the big night for the Kenansville Lions and FFA boys. The local Lions, after deciding to take on the FFA boys in a basketball game almost took cold feet and backed out but aggressive president Garland King made them live up to their bargain and judging from the first practice held Thursday night the boys are going to do much better than even they thought. Out of the group is emerging a pretty good team composed of McPhaul, McCullen, Reynolds, Craft and Weeks. Pushing strong for positions on the first

string were Kelly, Frazzelle, Paul Ingram, Garland King and Jim Fulford. Other expected stalwarts who were not present for the first practice but who will be in the squad were Allen, Sitterson, Nicholson, Jones, McCoy and some others.

The game is called for 8 o'clock Thursday night Feb. 15th. Following the game will be a square dance free to all who attend the game. Profits go to help the local FFA boys secure equipment for their work-shop.

Beulaville Livestock Auction Market Pays Out \$10,000 On Opening Day

Beulaville Livestock Market, inaugurating its first auction sale Wednesday of this week closed the day by paying out to farmers approximately \$10,000 for approximately 300 head of hogs and 20 odd head of cattle. Hogs sold from \$16.75 to \$22.50 while the cattle ranged from \$25 to \$30. Farmers seemed well pleased with the sales. An estimated crowd of 1500 turned out for the opening sales. Stock was sold from Duplin, Wayne, Jones, Onslow and Lenoir Counties.

Messrs Kennedy and Raynor were well satisfied with the opening and expect sales next Wednesday to run even higher than they did on opening day.

Arthur Kennedy and Carlyle C. Raynor are the spearheads of the market movement in Beulaville and own and operate the market. They buy stock every day. The auction, they said, is operated for all farmers to sell anything they have. Auctions will be held each Wednesday beginning at 1:00 P. M.

Seven Springs Folks Honored In Wayne

William M. Griffin of Seven Springs was elected president of the Wayne County Farm Bureau at a meeting held in Goldsboro last week.

drive Duke has underway to raise \$12,000,000. His plea was so strong that one strong Carolina man in the audience remarked he was sorry he did not have some money to donate to the cause. Dr. Edens' talk was spiced with a bit of non-chalant humor.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected to serve for the next year: Dr. Johnson, Garland, President; O. P. Johnson, Kenansville, Vice President; Thos. Johnson, Secretary; Mrs. L. A. Wilson, alumni representative.

Duke Grads Hear New President

Mrs. L. A. Wilson proved not only a charming hostess but a top-notch master of ceremonies last week when Rose Hill played host to alumni of Duke University from Duplin and Sampson Counties. Highlighting the meeting was a masterful address by Dr. Hollis Edens, President of Duke University. Many Duke grads and others present had never seen the new President. He made a home run hit with the audience. Most of his talk was taken up with the present

Grady P. T. A. Meets Monday

The B. F. Grady PTA will hold its regular meeting Monday night, Feb. 12, at 7:30. Mrs. Lillian H. Swain's tenth grade will present a Founder's Day program.

County Rabies Inspector Named

Dr. H. A. Phillips, veterinarian of Wallace was named County Rabies Inspector by the Board of Commissioners Monday.

Funeral Services For County Wide Red Cross Meet Feb. 15, Here

Harry Kramer, chairman of the Duplin County Chapter of the American Red Cross is calling for a county-wide meeting of all interested persons to be held at the court house in Kenansville on Friday night, February 16th at 7:30. He is fortunate in securing the services of David E. Bowers who is at present Field Director for the American Red Cross at the main base at Camp Lejeune.

Mr. Bowers had a wide range of experience for discussion of Red Cross work on an international basis since he was in Military Welfare Service during World War II. He was first assigned as Assistant Field Director of the 25th Division in the Pacific Area then transferred to Field Director of the 41st Division for a short time, after which he was appointed Regional Supervisor of our work on Okinawa, later becoming Area Supervisor of Japan before being recalled to the States.

Please all past and present officers of the chapter keep this date in mind and come with well filled ears to this meeting. The public is most cordially invited to come and find out why it is necessary for the American people to set a goal of \$5,000,000 for its 1951 Fund Raising Campaign which begins on March 1st.