

TOTAL LAND AREA

The total land area of Duplin County is 595,860 acres, of which 347,790 is forest area, and 157,900 acres are non-forest area.

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County Court There will be no court for the week of April 30th. County Court will be held May 7th.

EDITORIAL

IT'S TIME FOR ACTION

BY J. R. GRADY

The Duplin County Industrial Council, organized several months ago for the purpose of trying to promote industrial growth in Duplin, has come upon an idea believed, by those who have been actively at work, will produce some results.

After many weeks of thinking, studying and planning, with the help of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, a plan whereby the assets and advantages of the county can be clearly shown to prospective industrial builders has come to fruition.

It is planned that a bait sheet be prepared and mailed out over country to an industrial mailing list and that responses from this sheet a pamphlet be delivered. The Council has prepared a 100 page pamphlet on the county that will give the whole picture in brief. The pamphlet is attractively gotten up and well illustrated with pictures from the county. Statistical data has been collected by the State Department in this work. To get this pamphlet and bait sheets printed and distributed approximately \$3,000 must be raised.

I might add right here that we have the entire Department of Conservation and Development behind us. They have discovered for themselves, in delving into statistics about the county, that Duplin has more to offer many kinds of industry than any county in this area. The State News Bureau has agreed to cooperate in mailing out the bait sheets.

On next Tuesday night, May 1st, at eight o'clock in the court house the County Council will meet to take some final action on this program of advertising. To give some impetus to the plan State Treasurer Brandon Hodges, who has been following our work, will be here to deliver an address on why Duplin needs to act now. Mr. Hodges is recognized as a very good speaker and will have a message that everyone will want to hear. Also coming is Marion Shuffler of the State Department who is considered an expert in these matters and who has been working tirelessly with the Council. Mr. Shuffler will explain in detail what to do and what to expect from the proposed booklets and what we as individuals and communities must do to attract industry.

It is somewhat out of the ordinary that high state officials will take their time to help a single county attract industry; There must be a reason. The reason is that they have found Duplin has something out of the ordinary to offer and if they can help Duplin they in turn are helping North Carolina as a whole.

The meeting Tuesday night will be open to the public and it is hoped a large attendance will greet these state officials.

At the last meeting it was decided to give each community a quota in raising the necessary \$3,000. It is hoped that reports from the communities will be made and that the money has been raised. It is time for action now. Duplin is called on to raise money for many things but this is the first time we have been called on to raise money to advertise the county as a whole for the purpose of attracting some industry. \$3,000 isn't much considering the size of our county. Let's all get behind this program and put it over.

School Closing Begins Here Tuesday With Music Recital; Grade Drama Friday

Commencement exercises at Kenansville White School will begin on Tuesday night the first of May when Miss Anna Hines will present her music students in the annual music recital.

On Friday night the 4 of May the elementary grades will present a program of musical drama. Students in grade 8 will receive their certificates of promotion to high school.

The Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached on Sunday the 6 of May at 11:15 a. m. in the Kenansville School Auditorium by Rev. Lauren Sharpe pastor of the Kenansville Baptist church.

On Monday night the 7 of May the seniors will have their annual class day exercise. The salutatorian's address by Mary Sue Burch will be heard at this time.

Then on Tuesday night the 8 of

May Mr. W. E. Debnam, radio commentator and news analyst, will deliver the commencement address. Diplomas and special awards will be presented by the principal, Mary Catherine Bryan will speak the valedictory address.

1st To Set Tobacco

The first farmer in Duplin County to have completed setting his tobacco.

The cover was pulled off his tobacco beds April 13th and he had finished setting his 7 and 3-10 acres by the 23rd of April.

He reported using no sprays or insecticides on his beds.



L. H. FUSSELL of Magnolia, for the past several years principal of the Magnolia school, recently reported for duty with the U. S. Navy. Since World War II Lt. Fussell has been in the Naval Reserve.

Gerald Carr, native of Magnolia, has succeeded Mr. Fussell as principal of the Magnolia school.

Shriners Convene May 2nd Wallace

The Duplin County Shriners meeting and banquet will be held at the American Legion Home in Wallace on Wednesday, May 2 at 7:30 p. m.

Seven distinguished office holders of the Sudan Temple will be present at the Duplin Shriners meeting Wednesday. These officers include Sam S. Toler, Jr., Potentate; Mark Carpenter, Chief Rabbi; J. J. Burney, Asst. Rabbi; Lester Gillikin, High Priest and Prophet; J. E. Rooker, Oriental Guide; J. LeRoy Allen, 1st Ceremonial Master and Frank I. Watson, past Potentate and guest.

The following committees have been appointed to serve to make preparations for the Shriners meeting. Arrangement committee, Claude W. ... Institutional committee, Steve ... Decorations, Henry Eisenberg, David King and H. D. Patterson and Entertainment committee Joseph H. Bryant, D. B. Townsend and Bill Brady.

All Duplin Shriners and their wives and dates are requested to attend the banquet and meeting May 2.

Music In Duplin Theme For Tonight

Around 500 school children will present the program, "Music in Our Schools," in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville, tonight at 8:00 o'clock. An especially entertaining presentation has been planned, designed to portray the place of music in Duplin county's educational system. There is no admission fee, and every school friend and patron is urged to attend. Every grade will be represented on its own characteristic level, so it will be a program that will interest the whole family.

This program is being held in connection with the Duplin County Schools' Arts and Crafts exhibit which will be on display Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 27, 28 and 29, in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium.

The exhibit will be open to the public on Friday, April 27 from 8:00-10:30 p. m.; on Saturday from 10:00-12:00 and from 2:00-7:00; and on Sunday from 2:00-6:00 p m.

Produce Market

The Wallace Produce Market, world's largest strawberry market, opened April 23rd and will remain open until July. The market is operated by the Wallace Exchange.

Draft Board Chairman Resigns Protests Present Selection Set-Up

Whitaker Resignation

Patrolman Earl W. Whitaker has announced his resignation from the State Highway Patrol. Whitaker has served eight years with the patrol in this vicinity with six and a half years stationed in Mount Olive and for over the last two years in Warsaw. Whitaker is to be commended for his service to the county while serving with the State Highway Patrol.

Prior to coming to this section he served with the Police Force of Burlington until 1942.

He has been active in the civic life of the community serving as president of the Mount Olive Lions Club 1949 and the Lions Club of Warsaw 1950-51. He is outgoing president of the Law Enforcement Association, Vice President of the Duplin Shrine Club and is a member of the York Rite Masons.

He is married to Maibelle Scoggin formerly of Gibsonville and the father of three sons.

Whitaker, in partnership with George Henry Best owns and is operating the B & W Restaurant, formerly Fussell's in Warsaw.

Beulaville Seventh Grade Tours Capitol

Miss Kathryn Waller and Miss Bernice Taylor chaperoned their 7th grade classes on a sight seeing tour to Raleigh Friday. The place of interest they visited were the Capitol, Governor's office, Senate and House, Museum and Hall of History, the radio station, State Prison and the School for the Blind and Deaf. The group enjoyed a dinner at the S and W Cafeteria and a ride on the escalator at Hudson Bell's. Joe Jackson, a member of the Senior Class drove the bus which is owned by Beulaville School.

Those making the trip were: Mavis Kennedy, Frances Sumner, Susie Gresham, Betty Kennedy, Shirley Sanderson, Earl Baker, Steve Kennedy, Ward Kennedy, Moro J. Braucher, Ella Rose Mercer, Jimmy Creech, Nick Bostic, Raybourne Andrews, Zelma Matthews, Hilda Belle, Jackie Williams, Britt Miller, Harold Brown, Murrell Walton, Imogene Jackson, Betty Houston, Lora Houston, Truett Miller, Carl Jones, C. G. Thigpen, W. J. Thomas, Percy Mobley, Stanley Pickett, Jerry Ann Sandlin, Patricia Ann Williams, Gene Quinn, Royce Jones, Lois Edwards, Vernel Thigpen, Melba Jones, and Stacey Smith.

Last year 498,893 packages were handled during the season. The market opened ten days later this year than in 1950.

Pricing Charts Deadline Extended

In the group viewing the explanation of the pricing charts by Mrs. Nina M. Shaw, price analyst of the Office of Price Stabilization, Raleigh, at a Goldsboro meeting and See Picture Below

left to right, M. Barr of Warsaw, Mrs. Blanche W. Reeves of Mount Olive, Ben Peacock of Fremont, Reuben Burgess of Mount Olive, H. L. Sutton of Kinston and Neil Joseph of Goldsboro.

Forest Fire In Magnolia Area Does Nearly Three-Quarter Million Damage

The Magnolia section suffered one of the worst losses by fire in twenty-five years or more a few days ago. The estimated loss by the forest fire was seven hundred thousand dollars, covering approximately thirty thousand acres. Those suffering damage were: J. A. Smith Eugent Carlton, Willie Blanchard, Julius Tucker, Hoke Taylor, Dr. R. F. Quinn, Estate, S. B. Hunter, Claude Pope, Earl Beasley, Luther Beasley, Jim Bishop, Carl Bishop, Homer Waters, several Torraus Families, the North Carolina Pulp Wood Company, and others whose names were unavailable.

The forest fire originated at a saw mill in Sampson County, near Waycross, burning practically all timber from Waycross to Carlton Crossing, between Magnolia and Warsaw.

The Duplin and Sampson county fire wardens were assisted by forest fire conservation groups from adjoining counties and local people. The Magnolia Fire Department rendered service wherever possible, using both the new fire truck and men. The value of the fire truck is deeply appreciated by all Magnolia people, as it has already saved several residences there. Also appreciated were the efficient and untiring efforts of each and every person assisting in fire fighting.

District Court of Honor Awards Presented to Duplin Scouts

The Duplin District Court of Honor was held at the American Legion Post in Warsaw April 11th. Tenderfoot badges were presented to Joe Suratt, Scout Master of Troop 20 of Warsaw. Second Class Badges were presented by Elder Anton Schanney, District Supervisor, church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. Merit Badges were awarded by Earl Huie, Camping and Activities chairman for the Duplin District. Bill Hewett, Field Scout Executive for Tuscarora Council, presented the Den Charter Cards.

Merit badges were awarded Wayne Davis, Home Repair and Painting; and Linwood West, Home Repair, both of Troop 20 Warsaw.

The following awards were presented to Troop 35 of Wallace. Receiving Tenderfoot Badges were Tommie Blanton, Jerry King, Tracy Harrell, Council Colwell, Turner Hivensmark and Graham Wells, 3rd. Second Class Badges were given Tommy Brooks, Jimmy Wiley and Charles Wells. Wray Carlton and Kent Currie were presented Star Rank Badges.

Merit Badges were presented to the following of the Wallace Troop. Kent Currie, Personal Health, First Aid, Safety, and Athletics; Wray Carlton; First Aid, Personal Health, Safety, and Athletics; Harry Powell; Art; Jimmy Blake; Wood carving and Home Repairs; David Worsley; Art and Home Repairs; Willie Merritt; Reading, First Aid, Home Repair and Athletics.

Legion Post To Install Officers Warsaw Tonight

On Friday April 27, at 8:00 p. m. The Charles R. Gavin Post No. 127 of the American Legion will install its newly elected officers. A banquet and installation ceremonies will be held in the Legion Home in Warsaw. All members and their wives or girlfriends are invited to attend. There will not be any charge for the banquet. The newly elected officers are:

- Commander J. Ed Strickland 1st Vice Commander Albert A. Banadye 2nd Vice Commander J. Paul Hunter Adjutant W. E. Birtwell Finance Officer Henry W. Rivlen Chaplain H. Tracy Brown Historian Henry L. Stevens Jr. Service Officer Ralph J. Jones Sergeant at Arms Otis Swinson Color Guard Ralph Langston

In addition to the above officers, who were elected at the last monthly meeting, the following Legionnaires were appointed to the indicated posts.

Boys State Chairman Woodrow Blackburn Grave Registration Chm. E. D. Pollock Americanism Chm. William E. Boyette Ceremonial Contest Chm. A. W. McNeill Guardianship Chm. O. C. Holland Athletic Officer Graham A. Phillips

During the 1951 crop it is estimated substantially more ground will be planted than in 1950.

14 Beulaville Seniors To Get 1st Aid Certificates

Rev. A. L. Brown, who is pastor of the Baptist church in Beulaville, has recently taught Standard First-Aid Course in the Beulaville school. This class composed of 14 Teen-age High school girls, was an extra fine class so Rev. Brown states. All 14 will receive Red Cross certificates in the near future. They are: Lois Boyette, Evelyn Edwards, Polly Kennedy, Judy Muidrow, Sheila Jean Kennedy, Helen Murphy, Sarah Smith, Macy Lee Kennedy, Hazel Brown, Lou Ann Nethercutt, Ruth Sandersan, Sybel Pickett, Dinah Eubanks and Margaret Johnson.

Since teaching this class in the Beulaville school, Mr. Brown has begun a class in Kenansville at the Court House. This is an advanced class of adults from various points in the county. Their names will be published later. Mr. Brown is the only certified Red Cross First Aid instructor in the Duplin county chapter, but it is hoped that some of those taking the advanced course will go further and take the instructors Training later when we can secure a representative from the Atlantic Office to give further training which is necessary.

Duplin Students Honored

Ella Mae Stirling of Rose Hill, a member of Wake Forest College, was recently inducted into Sigma Pi Alpha national honorary language fraternity.

Henry L. Stevens, III, Warsaw, a Jan. graduate of the Wake Forest College Law School, recently passed the State Bar examination. It was announced by Dean Carroll W. Weathers.

Evelyn Davis of Warsaw has been elected by her classmates as a reporter for the next year's sophomore class at East Carolina College.

Helen Grace Baker, Kenansville High School graduate, has been given the position as private secretary to Dr. E. R. Browning, chairman of the business education department at East Carolina College, Greenville, for the next school year.

PIANO RECITAL NEXT WEEK

Mrs. James Middleton, Jr., of Warsaw, will present Miss Mary Marguerite Teachey is well known in the Wallace High School auditorium next Thursday evening, May 3rd.

Miss Teachey is well known in this section having recently represented the Southeastern District at Greensboro College and won one of the representatives in the State finals at Lenoir Rhyne College. The public is cordially invited.

Food crops along the Persian Gulf in southern Iran have been threatened this year by a severe plague of locusts. The U. S. Department of Agriculture is giving assistance to Iran in the fight to bring the pests under control.

Weekly Legislative Summary

This is the fourteenth and final number of a series of weekly summaries of the work of the North Carolina General Assembly of 1951. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.

Pursuant to resolutions, the journals of the 1951 General Assembly will show that the presiding officer of the two houses declared the session adjourned sine die at 11 p. m. Saturday, April 14. The clocks were stopped at that time but the gavels did not fall until Sunday, was 18 minutes old. In the 88 days members spent at work (6 fewer than their 1949 predecessors) they disposed of 1860 bills and resolutions, 28 more than their predecessors.

With the 1950-51 biennial session adjourned, the General Assembly has left a few minutes of other business for the

O. Albert Outlaw, chairman of the local Draft Board number 31 has handed in his resignation to Col. Thomas Upton, State Director of Selective Service in Raleigh. Mr. Outlaw has resigned in protest over recent legislation governing college students' status in the Selective Service.

Mr. Outlaw's letter to Col. Upton reads as follows:

While expressing my deepest gratitude to you and the committee who chose me to serve as board member and chairman of Local Board No 31 of Kenansville, N. C., I cannot go along with present legislation governing Selective Service.

Recent legislation giving college students aptitude tests in order to determine whether or not they are to be selected for the armed forces is most unfair. This would seem to me a policy of drafting the unfortunate while leaving the fortunate at home.

Our Democratic principles should be defended by all those who enjoy them, thus compelling college students or any other priority groups to serve in the armed forces along with the farm and factory boys.

It is for this reason that I ask you to accept my resignation from the Duplin County Draft Board.

Very Truly Yours O. Albert Outlaw.

Discussing his actions with the Times Outlaw said he could not conscientiously work under the present set-up he said, "This is everybody's war. We are all living under this Democracy and all should be called on in an equal manner to do our proportionate part, regardless of race, color, creed, or education. The only way we can stop the present trend towards favoring the Selective Service is for enough bold members to resign in protest."

Tractor Smashed Into 3 Pieces

A car and tractor collided 3 miles east of Faison on Friendship Road at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon demolishing car and tractor.

The car, a '39 Buick Sedan, owned and operated by Marvin Franklin Jernigan, 26, of Newton Grove, was traveling west when it met a tractor on the left side of the highway operated by Willie Sanders, 27, (colored) of Faison who was making a right turn into a field.

The Buick swerved into the left side of the highway hitting the front of the tractor. The tractor went 62 ft. after the impact and the car 75 feet.

An estimated damage of \$800 was done to the car and tractor with the tractor dividing into three different parts. The tractor was owned by R. R. Best.

The chest of the driver of the tractor, Willie Sanders, was injured. The driver of the Buick and a man accompanying him received cuts.

Both men are charged with operating on the wrong side of the road.

New Linotype Operator

Kenneth Rabon, Linotype operator of Wilmington has accepted a job as linotype operator for the Duplin Times, replacing E. J. Natchez.

He comes from the Wilmington Star where he has worked for the last few years. His wife and eight week old baby hope to move to Kenansville in the near future.

B & W Restaurant Operating in Warsaw

Earl W. Whitaker and George Henry Best have bought Fussell's Restaurant in Warsaw and it is now known as the B & W Restaurant. The restaurant is being operated from 11:30 a. m. to 11:30 p. m. As well as serving meals they will also be having and parties in the private dining room.