

Duplin Times

Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

Bonded Indebtedness
Duplin County's total bonded indebtedness is:
For Schools \$63,000
Other than Schools 1,133,000
Total 1,196,000

School Attendance
The average daily school attendance in Duplin County schools for year 1949-50 was:
WHITE
High school 1,254
Elementary 4,593
COLORED
High school 695
Elementary 1,615
Grand total 8,657

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EDITORIAL

Welcome Governor Scott

The Town of Kenansville in particular and the people of Duplin in general extend a hearty welcome to Governor Kerr Scott who will visit us next Monday. We say Kenansville in particular because he will be guest of the town for dinner.

It is not often that we have had the honor of having a governor pay us a visit. We always do have the potential governors but after their inauguration larger places and matters usually take up their time. One thing we must say about Governor Scott is that no person or town, however small, is overlooked by him when he is called on. He has truly proven, so far, that he is the people's Governor and our hats are off to him.

Along with the Governor we hope to have other state officials and we extend them all a hearty welcome.

The Town of Kenansville also extends a hearty welcome to the hundreds of Duplinites who are coming to hear Governor Scott talk and to square dance.

Again we say welcome Governor to our town and county. May your visit be a pleasant one. — J. R. Grady.

Our Telephones

Sometimes we say it is hard to jump on a fellow when he is down and some of the telephone folks may say that's just what we are doing, hollering when nature has them down. We say however if they had been adequately prepared to cope with the situation nature would not have them down. Recent storms and rains have caused a large number of telephones in Kenansville and Beulaville and intermittent points along the line to go out of order. We try not to complain too much when our phone goes dead but when we report, and report, and report, and report, etc. and still get no telephone service it becomes mighty aggravating, and then when the end of the month comes the company has the gall to send us a bill for 30 days service. If we make a complaint about that they just say they cannot control nature and the Public Utilities Commission allows them to collect for those dead days. At this writing, Monday night July 2nd, the writer's residence telephone has been out of order since June 24th. We made the customary complaints and tried not to become a nuisance. About the middle of the week service picked up to the point that we could call out but no one could not call in. We reported this but nothing has been done and today, another rain, and we cannot even call out. Looking forward from tonight we may reasonably assume that our phone will continue to be out for at least 4 or 5 more days, making nearly 2 weeks we are without phone service.

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Kinston Beauty Seeks Title

Miss Gay Manning of Albemarle, who has been chosen by the Kinston Junior Chamber of Commerce to represent the city in the 1951 Miss North Carolina Beauty Contest in Charlotte. She placed second in the national of 1950, runner-up and the first runner-up in the state. She will represent Kinston in the contest. She will take part in the state contest in Charlotte, N. C. on July 14th.

Noted Minister At Cabin Sunday a. m.

Dr. Paul T. Bagby, former Pastor of the Wake Forest college Baptist church and of the First Baptist church of Wilson, N. C. will preach at the Cabin Baptist church near Beulaville on Sunday July 8 at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Dr. Bagby graduated from the University of Richmond with an M. D. degree in 1909. In 1906 he was awarded the Th. D. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky. He has been pastor of the noted Highland and the First Baptist church of Williamsburg, Ky., in addition to the pastorates mentioned above. Throughout the Southern Baptist convention he is regarded as one of the ablest preachers. In addition to his work as a minister, he has found time to write numerous articles for the religious press.

On account of ill health, Dr. Bagby retired from the ministry in 1943 at the age of 38 years. Since his retirement he has been living in Bules Creek. He has now recovered from his sickness and at seventy one is as chipper as a cricket. The Cabin church is fortunate to have this distinguished minister to come to the community.

Beulaville Lions Name New Officers

The Beulaville Lions club met on June 26th in Mercers Cafe and elected new officers. Mr. Miller presided over the meeting. New officers are:

Cecil Miller, president; Arthur Kennedy, 1st vice president; Ray Humphrey, 2nd vice president; W. D. Thompson, 3rd vice president; secretary-treasurer, Malcolm McWhorter; Lion Tamer, W. F. Miller, tall twister; Ramon Davis, one year director; W. G. Jones and Ralph Miller, directors for two years; T. C. Shaw and James Miller, one year directors.

Installation of officers will be held at the next meeting on July 11th.

Grady Cub Scouts Take Train Ride

The Grady Cub Scout troop went on a train ride from Warsaw to Wilmington and returned on the 28th. The trip was a public supplied by the Railroad Public Relations Dept., who took them on a tour of the railroad yards and repair shops and allowed them to inspect a train engine. The troop has been studying railroads during the month of June. Chaperones for the boys were Lehman Williams, Rev. J. and Wesley Lewis, Mrs. James Dempsey Smith, Faison Turner, Faison Smith, Robert Holt and LeRoy Simmons.

Georgia Opens July 19; Border Aug. 2 Eastern Belt August 21

RALEIGH — The Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association set opening dates for flue-cured tobacco sales late yesterday and marketing specialists predict all but Old Belt growers would be satisfied.

The 1957 crop of golden week will start flowing to markets in the Georgia-Florida Belt July 19, North and South Carolina Border Belt Markets August 21, the Middle Belt September 4 and the Old Belt September 17.

The Warehouse Association set a five-hour daily sale limit on all belts, but gave options on earlier openings and shorter sales to some Border and Middle Belt markets. South Carolina markets in the Border area may open July 30 if they make application to the Warehouse Association by July 3. The early openings would be limited to four hours sales time through August 17. The Sandhills markets of Aberdeen, Carthage, Fiquay, Sanford and Elberne may open August 30 but would have four-hour sales through September 14.

"The dates are reasonable and I think farmers will be fairly well satisfied with them," Tobacco marketing specialist W. F. Dedrick of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture commented. "At the rate the crop is progressing, those dates will coincide with the maturing of the crop."

"However, growers in the Old Belt may think their opening is a little late."

Tobacco, the South's second biggest money crop, brought in approximately \$685,944,500 last year the state department of Agriculture reported. It is estimated that the 1957 crop will be worth about \$685,000,000.

ATTENTION TOBACCO GROWERS

County Agent Lucy Weeks says that tobacco disease in Duplin County this year is approaching alarming proportions. There is not a community in the county that is not hit with Black Shank or Granville Wilt, he says. It is time to take some action now and Mr. Weeks is doing just that. Next Tuesday, July 16, Howard Garvie, plant disease specialist of State College will be in the Agricultural Building here from 2 to 5 p. m. to consult and advise with any farmer wishing his services due to the large amount of tobacco infection in the county. Mr. Weeks said it will be impossible for Mr. Garvie to attempt to visit each farm. The farmers are asked to bring diseased tobacco, 5 or 6 stalks showing various stages of the disease. Mr. Garvie will examine and advise the farmer what to do.

This tobacco trouble is something new on such a large scale. Mr. Weeks and his department is doing all they can to help prevent future losses.

Highway Commissioner A. Wilbur Clark



A. Wilbur Clark, the Third Division Highway Commissioner and his family in their home in Fayetteville. Left to right: Mr. Clark, Mrs. Clark, Martha, 9, and Nancy. It is hoped that the Clark family will accompany Mr. Clark to Kenansville Monday night for the celebration.

Editor's Note: It is our belief that Mr. Clark has shown more real interest in improving the roads and the lot of the people in Duplin County than any highway commissioner since the district system was set up. It seems he could hardly have done more for us had he been a native son of Duplin. We are sure that the people of Duplin would be interested in reading the following article of Mr. Clark that appeared in the July issue of "N. C. Highways".

John A. Oates in his newly published history of the county says: "Fearless says that the first Highland Scotsman to settle there was a man named Alexander Clark who died of his illness."

Mr. Clark's name bears his name. Alexander Wilbur Clark, Commissioner of the Third Highway Division, Clark's family has taken part in Cumberland county's growth for three generations.

His grandparents on both his mother's and father's side came directly from Scotland and settled in the Cumberland county section. His maternal grandmother was born on a ship coming from Scotland. Clark himself is a modern-day Scotsman who has become well-known in the Fayetteville area.

Born on September 10, 1913, the son of Neil D. M. and Elizabeth McFayden Clark, he was the youngest of nine children. His family lived on a farm which was taken over in 1917 to become part of the Fort Bragg reservation. At that time Wilbur moved to Fayetteville with his family and spent his childhood there. He graduated from Alexander Graham High school in 1931.

From there he went on to specialize in accounting and business administration at Benjamin Franklin University in Washington, D. C. in 1935.

For five years after his graduation Wilbur Clark did auditing and public accounting work in North Carolina and Virginia. He worked for two years with Elkins and Durham in Richmond, Va., and Greystone and Butler in Rocky Mount. The remaining three years were spent as field auditor in the

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SPECIAL NOTICE

The Times will issue on Wednesday of next week in order to give our employees a few days vacation. Office will close Wednesday night and reopen Tuesday July 17th. Please bear this in mind and get all news and ads not later than Tuesday noon. Correspondents please take notice and mail your news not later than Monday afternoon, July 9th.

Duplin Man Named Vice-President Famed 81st Division

DUNN, July 3 — Heat beat veterans of the famed 81st Infantry Division planned today to hold their next convention in the cool of October rather than the torrid temperatures of June.

The blistering weather put the Wintest Division veterans to rout yesterday, putting an end to their three-day reunion after only two days. The group decided to meet next year in Hickory — in October.

Before adjournment the organization elected Tommy A. Core, Dunn Salem, vice president; J. Paige King, Salisbury; W. A. Gibbs, Spruce Pine; and E. I. Coffey of Gastonia.

The Rev. James Fitchett of Lillington was named chaplain and W. C. Pitts of Lenoir, sergeant at arms.

OPS Regulations

The Office of Price Stabilization has made available at the office of the County Accountant copies of the following regulations: The General Freeze order, Automobiles, Canned Goods, Retail Prices for certain consumer goods, Restaurants, Gasoline, Food-Wholesale, Post-Office, Large Retail Stores, Food - Large retail stores, Live cattle, Seafoods, and Retail Services.

Anyone needing a copy of any of these regulations may get same from the County Accountant's Office.

400 Farmers Gather Faison Field Test Farm

Approximately 400 Duplin, Sampson and Wayne County farmers gathered at the Coastal Plain vegetable research farm at Faison last Thursday. Albert A. Banadyga, superintendent of the farm said, that the group seemed very interested in reviewing the work done there since the beginning of the experiment station on Dec. 11, 1941.

Cecil Thomas, director of Test farms in North Carolina, said that more work on a wider variety of vegetables that are and could be grown in this section will be experimented at the Farm Paul R. Covert, entomologist at State College, told the farmers that insecticides should be used as little as possible in control of insects. However, they are essential and must be used if insects are to be controlled thoroughly. He advised that early planting in order to get the crops off before the bugs move in. Fred Corhan, head of the vegetable crop section of horticulture at State College said that variety of seeds are being tested on this farm. All types of seeds that will grow in Eastern North Carolina are being tried.

Irrigation was one of the main demonstrations of the day.

Dollars fight cancer. Give to the 1951 Cancer Crusade of the American Cancer Society.

What Others Are Saying

We had planned not to mention the picnic supper being held here Monday night after the event but news travels so fast that it seems to find its way into all the press especially when it's about Kenansville and Duplin County. Yes, Kenansville is entertaining the Governor, highway officials, and other state officials at an old-fashioned picnic supper to be held at the old spring here Monday evening about 6:00. We would have liked to have made this part of Monday's program county-wide but was afraid it might become too big if it would get out of control. We are sure our friends throughout the county will understand our position and that they will all turn out at 8 o'clock to hear the Governor to take part as dancer or spectator in the street dance that follows.

The following editorial appeared in the Wilmington News this week:

The Town of Kenansville is going to brush up its contacts with Raleigh in an entertaining way on the evening of July 9.

The event will be in the form of a picnic supper, a program of talks and an old-fashioned square dance. Governor Scott and other state officials will attend and the people of Duplin will thank them for the fine street and highway improvements made in recent months. Comparatively few counties of the state have been as gracious in letting Raleigh

know they appreciate what state leaders are doing to improve some of their facilities. True, the money for the roads comes from the people. But it wouldn't mean much without state-level leadership to carry out the people's desires.

With that bit of good manners attended to, the Kenansville and Duplin county folks will bring the Governor and others up to date on the aims and accomplishments of the Duplin Industrial Council. This body is seeking more job-providing enterprise for the county. It knows it cannot do the job alone. State interest and cooperation must be had. And the first step in getting it is the gathering planned at Kenansville.

The program there next Monday is one which could be copied to advantage by other North Carolina counties.

Since Raleigh is so important — regardless of who is Governor or who fills this or that state office — in the life of the counties, frequent get-togethers like this serve well in strengthening the ties on the personal level between state and local government. Meetings like these encourage understanding and can be the foundation for further planning by the men and women whose principal civic aim is improvement of their county and state for the betterment of all the people.

The Pender County Hospital

Editor's Note: The Pender County Hospital in Burgaw, though small is doing a splendid job for that county, according to all reports. Last week we were talking with Dr. Wolfe of Burgaw and he seemed interested in seeing a similar undertaking in Duplin. Dr. Wolfe is not a native of Duplin but a near native having been born just across the line near Mt. Olive. The following story was written for the Times by Miss Mattie Bloodworth of Burgaw and we hope she will send us more stories about their hospital. Pender County is slightly over one third as large as Duplin.

By MATTIE BLOODWORTH

The Pender Memorial Hospital has been opened since May 1st. The active staff is composed of Dr. A. H. Dunn, Surgeon, Dr. W. I. Taylor, Jr., Dr. N. C. Wolfe, Dr. Eleanor Williams, Dr. George Beard, Dr. G. C. Blair of Wallace, Dr. John Robinson, Dr. John Powers and Dr. Dean Hundley also of Wallace.

The Associate staff is composed of Dr. W. J. Wilson, Orthopedic Surgeon and Dr. Paul Black, Ear, Nose, and Throat specialist of Wilmington.

Since the hospital was opened there has been some very effective surgical operations from which the patients have gotten well. The fact is, that the Pender Hospital boasts on one of the most outstanding surgeons Dr. A. H. Dunn, who was with the Government all during World War I and followed the battle lines to administer to the soldiers.

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Dr. Dearing Retires After 30 Years Service As Superintendent Coastal Plain Test Farm

Charles T. Dearing, who pioneered in the development of improved varieties of muscadine grapes, strawberries and blueberries, retired Saturday, June 30, after more than 30 years as Superintendent of the Coastal Plain Test Farm near Willard.

He will be succeeded by Jesse W. Sumner, of Williamston, who has been an assistant agricultural agent in Martin County since 1947.

Announcement of the change was made by Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine and Cecil D. Thomas, director of test farms for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

Dearing's position has been unique in the test farms set up. He has been jointly employed by the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture and he has served both as a research specialist and as a farm manager. He retired from the federal service at the end of last year after 41 years in the Bureau of

Plant Industry.

A native of Wichita, Kansas Dearing moved early in childhood with his parents to Columbia, Mo. He was graduated from the University of Missouri in 1919 with a BS degree in agriculture. After pursuing postgraduate studies for some months he became a scientific assistant in the Bureau of Plant Industry in Washington in 1920, later becoming an associate horticulturist.

For ten years he was engaged in research work with muscadine grapes in the southern states and spent much time supervising experimental projects at the Coastal Plain test farm. In 1930 he moved to this test farm, which had been operated by the State Department of Agriculture since 1905, so as to devote closer attention to his grape studies there, and he also became superintendent of the farm, succeeding J. H. Jefferies.

Dearing directed early experiments in muscadine breeding and introduced 15 new varieties, including the Wallace, Willard and Pender (white varieties) and the Burgaw, Duplin and Tay Heel (dark varieties). His most outstanding variety was perhaps the Topsis.

A memorandum written by Dearing relating to commercial blueberry production in eastern North Carolina led to the first research work in this field. He also assisted in strawberry research and contributed to the development of the Blakemore and Massey varieties, which have become very popular with commercial producers. It has been estimated that these strawberries have increased the incomes of growers by an amount greater than all the money spent on the Coastal Plain Test Farm.

While horticultural work has been Dearing's specialty, he has had a major role in developing other projects at the Willard Test farm including dairy and poultry operations.

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