

Vote For Your County Hospital November 6th

Duplin Times

Straight from the Shoulder - Right from the Heart of Duplin

Square Dance

A square dance is held in Kennan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville each Saturday night beginning at 8 o'clock. The dance is sponsored by the Kenansville Lions Club.

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EDITORIAL

WHAT SHALL OUR ANSWER BE?

By J. R. Grady

A rumor has been going the rounds in some sections of the county that the Sampson County Hospital is losing money rapidly. One story is that the hospital is already in the red by (\$72,000.)

We called Mr. Jim DeVane, administrator of the hospital yesterday and he said the rumor was fantastically absurd. Mr. DeVane said they were well pleased with the financial status of the hospital, in fact, he said, they are not nearly as much in the red as was anticipated for this length of time of operation. Actually they are in the red about \$18,000 he said and are rapidly moving into the black. The Sampson hospital has 100 beds and Duplin will have only 50.

Comparing this with the anticipated deficit of the Duplin hospital, we find that the amount in arrears in the Clinton hospital today amounts to slightly more than what Duplin is now paying out for public and charity hospitalization, about \$15,000, of which a good portion is going to the Clinton hospital.

A check on the Franklin County hospital, which is the same size plant proposed in Duplin, reveals that they levied only 2 1-2c tax rate for operation in the beginning. The hospital has been operating only since last spring and in August they only showed a deficit of \$7000 and expected to be in the clear before the first of the year.

Remember the cost of the proposed hospital to the taxpayer will not exceed 17 cents per hundred, that is 8 cents for maintenance and 9 cents for construction. It is almost a surety that this much tax will not be levied, but suppose it should. If you have \$1000 worth of property it will cost you only \$1.70 for the first year. The construction tax of 9 cents reduces 1-20th each year and will be eliminated at the end of 20 years. Some folks say that once a tax is levied it never will be taken off. This is not true with the Hospital tax. Moneys collected for this purpose cannot be diverted or spent for any other purpose therefore when the hospital is paid for the tax automatically eliminates itself.

Another question going the rounds regards government regulation of control of the hospital. The hospital must be built according to the American Hospital Association specifications. After it is completed and turned over to the operating group the State nor Federal government has anything further to do with the operation of the hospital or the buildings. The property belongs exclusively to the people of Duplin County and no one else has anything to do with it.

What have we to lose? Should the hospital fail, which it will not, the county will have a million dollars worth of Buildings that will not have cost us a quarter million dollars.

This may be Duplin's last chance to get a hospital, and surely its last chance to get one almost given to us. Hospitals operate in counties surrounding us without burden on the people. If Sampson, Pender, Onslow, Wayne, Lenoir, and we understand Jones is now building, can afford to own, and successfully operate a hospital Duplin County can do it. We are just as able and just as capable of operating a hospital as are our neighbors and surely 41,000 people in a growing county needs one. Let's not wake up tomorrow folks and discover the folly of our ways if we should fail to vote for this hospital.

One more point, should we vote for it the total debt of the county will be no more than it was five years ago when we were carrying the load with a \$1.50 tax rate. The bonding companies in New York believe we can do it. They have already approved issuance of the bonds. If they have faith in us why shouldn't we? Duplin has always succeeded when it undertook the right kind of proposition. This is eternally right and Duplin will and must succeed this time.

Radio Station WFMC To Open Goldsboro Soon; Asking Duplin Folks Cooperation

Radio Station WFMC in Goldsboro is scheduled to begin broadcasting in the very near future. The station is owned and operated by Southern Radio and Television Corp. Eugene Stewart of Goldsboro is President of the Corporation. W. E. Murrell of Pulaski, Va., Mgr.; Chas. Carter of Wytheville, Va., Program Director and W. W. Bridges of Jackson, Miss. Chief Engineer.

Construction permit was granted in July of this year and construction was completed the 1st of October. Equipment tests are now being conducted and they expect to be on the air soon.

Sunday Day Prayer

It has a power of 1000 watts and is a most significant contribution to the community.

Senator Umstead Speaks To Tri-County REA Members In Goldsboro Saturday

Former United States Senator, William B. Umstead will be the principal speaker at the yearly meeting of Tri County Electric Membership Corporation which will be held Saturday, November 3, at 2:00 p. m. in the Wayne County Court House in Goldsboro. It was announced today.

Husband Shoots Wife As She Cooks His Breakfast; Had Quarrel Night Before

William McCallop, Negro, of Rose Hill shot and killed his wife Sunday, according to coroner C. B. Sitterson. It is reported that McCallop said he shot his wife while she was cooking breakfast Sunday morning. The night before, the couple had gone to a party and when the husband wanted to return home, his wife would not leave.

Wallace Negro Robs Ten Places In Wallace Before He Is Finally Stopped

Wallace has produced something maybe of a record, in court annals in Duplin. One man, Ralph Augustin Hall, colored, was arrested for robbery ten times in almost as many days, 15 to be exact. On 9 of them he got released under bail but on the final go-around bail gave out and he is now in jail awaiting trial in Superior Court on January 23rd.

Cache Of Liquor Found Under Settee

The area behind his living room settee proved to be a very poor choice of location for Henry Long's merchandise this week, Deputy Perry Smith reports. Long was charged with possession of whiskey for sale after officers in a thorough search of his home in Faison found several various sized bottles of the white stuff nestled under the sofa Smith said.

Dr. Blackmore New Spring Hope Pastor

On Sunday morning, October 14, it was my great pleasure to share in the installation of Dr. James H. Blackmore as pastor of the First Baptist church of Spring Hope, N. C. Dr. Blackmore and his young wife returned to America from the University of Edinburgh the first week in August. They had spent two years in Edinburgh where Jim completed his work for his Ph. D. degree.

74 Dropped From Roll

The Duplin County Welfare Department reports that 74 persons have requested that their monthly assistance checks be terminated due to the new provision in law passed by the last General Assembly, said Mrs. Thelma Taylor, superintendent. Under the new law, the person receiving aid prior to October 1, 1951 is required to sign a lien on his property in order to continue getting his monthly checks.

County Agent Endorses "Nickels For Know How"

LACY F. WEEKS, County Agent, will North Carolina keep pace with the great progress being made in agriculture throughout the nation. This question will be answered by the farmers in the Nickels For Know How referendum next Saturday, November 3.

Saturday Is Election Day For Better Crops In Duplin County



Saturday, November 3, is an important day for agriculture in North Carolina and Duplin County, according to E. V. Vestal, Chairman, for the Duplin County Nickels for Know How Committee. Every man, woman and child who buys feed and fertilizers will have an opportunity to vote in the "Nickels for Know How" referendum, which provides for the collection of an extra 5 cent per ton on the sales of feeds and fertilizers to supplement agriculture research work in the State.

Southwide Junior Leader Baptist Training Union To Speak Warsaw Church Sunday

Miss Frances Whitworth of Nashville, Tenn., will be the guest speaker at the Warsaw Baptist church Sunday evening November 4, at 7:30. The entire tour was made by airplane. Her comments concerning her trip just to the Holy Land is of vital interest and importance at the present time. She has a few personal ornaments that will be of special interest.

Supt. Mercer Presents Awards Cabin S. S.

Awards were presented Sunday, October 21 at the Cabin Free Will Baptist Sunday school by superintendent Calvin Mercer. Nineteen pins, twenty second year wreaths, seven third year bars and one six year bar were given. They were presented as follows:

List Jurors County Court Monday

General County Court convenes Monday for trial by jury. The following jurors have been drawn: Paul Sutherland, Ralph Sheffield, W. L. Smith, Ben Maready, J. Cameron Stroud, Jno. F. Bryan, M. T. Tucker, Foy Lee Kennedy, M. H. Quinn, A. D. Horn, Richard A. Smith, Willie Grady, Jr., D. H. Whitman, Morris Williams, Cleve Chestnut, D. C. Batts, and J. C. Blizard.

Sample OFFICIAL BALLOT Special Election County of Duplin, North Carolina November 6, 1951

Official ballot form with instructions and questions regarding the referendum. Questions include: 1. To vote "YES" on either question make a cross (x) mark in the square to the right of the word "YES". 2. To vote "NO" on either question make a cross (x) mark in the square to the right of the word "NO".

A. T. Outlaw, Clerk of Board of Commissioners, E. Walker Stevens, Chairman of County Board of Elections.