

Superior Court

Superior Court will convene Monday December 3rd for a two week term. Judge Leo Carr is scheduled to preside. The terms will be for civil cases only.

# Duplin Times

Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

Duplin County

Duplin County has 410,697 acres of land in farms of which 136,540 are cultivated, or 33 per cent.

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## T. W. P. Co. To Merge With Carolina

### Pres. Bel Announces Present Employees Be Retained

Tide Water Power Company, the only power company to serve Duplin county since the advent of electric power, will soon pass into history and become a part of the Carolina Power Company according to an announcement made Wednesday by President Warren Bell in Wilmington. The following telegram was received by the Times Wednesday afternoon.

WILMINGTON, Nov. 14 — At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Tide Water Power Co., agreement was reached looking toward the merger of the Tide Water Co. and the Carolina Power and Light Co. Consummation of the merger will depend on approval by directors of Carolina Power & Light Co., and approval by the stockholders of each company.

The transaction by the two companies will take the form of the statutory merger of Tide Water into Carolina Power & Light Co., which means that the stockholders of Tide Water Power Co. will receive Carolina stock for their interest in Tide Water Power Co. It is proposed that the merger agreement will provide that (A) each holder of 4 shares of \$1.35 cumulative preferred stock of Tide Water shall have the right to receive in the merger, at his option, either 1 share of \$5.00 preferred stock of Carolina or a sum in cash equal to the redemption price (\$28.50) per share plus accrued dividends of his Tide Water preferred stock, and (B) each holder of 4 shares of common stock of Tide Water or (including holders of preferred stock of Tide Water who convert their shares into common stock of Tide Water prior to the effective date of the merger) shall have the right to receive in the merger 1.1 shares of common stock of Carolina.

At one time it was felt that Tide Water should continue its operations alone and a public statement with respect thereto was made on behalf of the company. The terms of the proposed merger, however, caused the Tide Water management to reach the conclusion that the merger of the two companies would be advantageous to the Tide Water stockholders and to its customers and would be in the interest of continuing and accelerating the industrial development of eastern North Carolina. The terms of an agreement have been worked out between the officers of the two companies and Tide Water's directors today gave their approval. No definite date for the actual merger can be fixed until stockholder and regulatory authority approvals can be obtained. It is hoped that the merger can be completed at an early date.

It is my understanding that Carolina Power and Light Co. contemplates plans which would result in an increase of the total number of the company's electric employees in this area. In my opinion there is no need for Tide Water employees to have any concern about employment.

It is by firm belief that Carolina Power & Light Company will provide for the Tide Water area a type of service which has earned for that company an enviable record in the area it now serves.

Warren W. Bell, President, Tide Water Power Co.

### Beauty Queens Chosen Warsaw Armistice Day

The Beauty Queen contest that was sponsored by the American Legion with J. C. Page as chairman announce the following winners.

Miss Ann Ramsey of Wallace was chosen queen. She received twenty-five dollars from the American Legion and an orchid from the Warsaw Floral Co. Miss Doris Byrd of Warsaw won the second prize and she also received an orchid from the Warsaw Floral Co. Miss Peggy Judge of Chinquapin was third runner up. She received ten dollars and an orchid from the Warsaw floral Co. The judges were from out of the county and were Mrs. I. Z. Vann, Clinton; Mr. George Walston, Clinton; and Mr. Billy McFall, Mt. Olive.

### Local Student Makes Fraternity

Gilbert Smith of Kenansville, student at Wake Forest College, has been pledged by The Chi fraternity according to announcement made this week.

### Wilson Market Closes On 30th

The Wilson Tobacco Market will close for the season on Friday, November 30th, according to announcement by Alton Boswell, supervisor of sales. Mr. Boswell said that with the close of this season the "Wilson market has paid its customers more money than any tobacco market, regardless of type, prior to and including the 1951 season."

### SCHOOL and DEFENSE

By Superintendent O. P. Johnson. Said Winston Churchill, "The future of the world is left to highly educated races who alone can handle scientific apparatus necessary for preeminence in peace or survival in war." Back of every member of the armed forces is a teacher who taught him to read; to be punctual, dependable, and cooperative; to stand on his own two feet, carry his share of the load, and take his own part. This present struggle for freedom will perhaps outlast this generation. Somewhere in an unac. in class room today may study a child who may lead the world away from war to a world of peace and freedom. Let us not neglect this child.

Our aim for the schools of Duplin County is to provide equal educational opportunities for every child regardless of locality, color or creed. We are doing all in our power to provide adequate and comfortable buildings and equipment from the funds that are available to us by the State and County, and to provide the best trained and experienced faculty available to teach, lead, inspire and direct our most treasured and valuable natural resources — our children. In any civilization that hopes to survive children come first. Let us protect their education by strengthening our schools for the years ahead, enlightening, and governing citizens.

### 200 Cartons Cigarettes, Cigars, Pocket Knives Stolen Glisson Township Store

About 48 hours after a Glisson township store was robbed of over 200 cartons of cigarettes, some cigars and pocket knives, deputies tracked down and arrested the thieves, three Duplin youths, Deputy Perry Smith reported.

Smith said the youths — Edward Price, Leslie Gautier and Joe William Arnett — admitted breaking in and taking the goods from Ralph Water's store in the township late Friday night.

The three youths, all around 20 gave no reason for the robbery other than "We were drunk," Smith said.

They have been charged with breaking and entering and larceny Smith stated, and will face trial during the January term of Duplin Superior court.

Some increase in sweet potato acreage next year seems probable because of relatively high prices received this year.

### 1951 TB Christmas Seal Sale Begins

#### Help FIGHT TB

Buy Christmas Seals

Approximately 5000 letters containing TB Christmas seals will be mailed to the homes of Duplin county residents on or about November 15th, according to Mr. Lewis W. Gentry, state chairman of the National Tuberculosis Association. Mr. Gentry also states that he feels sure that there are people in the county who would contribute to this fight against tuberculosis, but will not receive Christmas seals. We will have most successful results if you or your neighbor sends a gift of good health.

The Christmas seal sale is the annual appeal of the Duplin TB Association for funds to carry on a year-around work of fighting tuberculosis in this county.

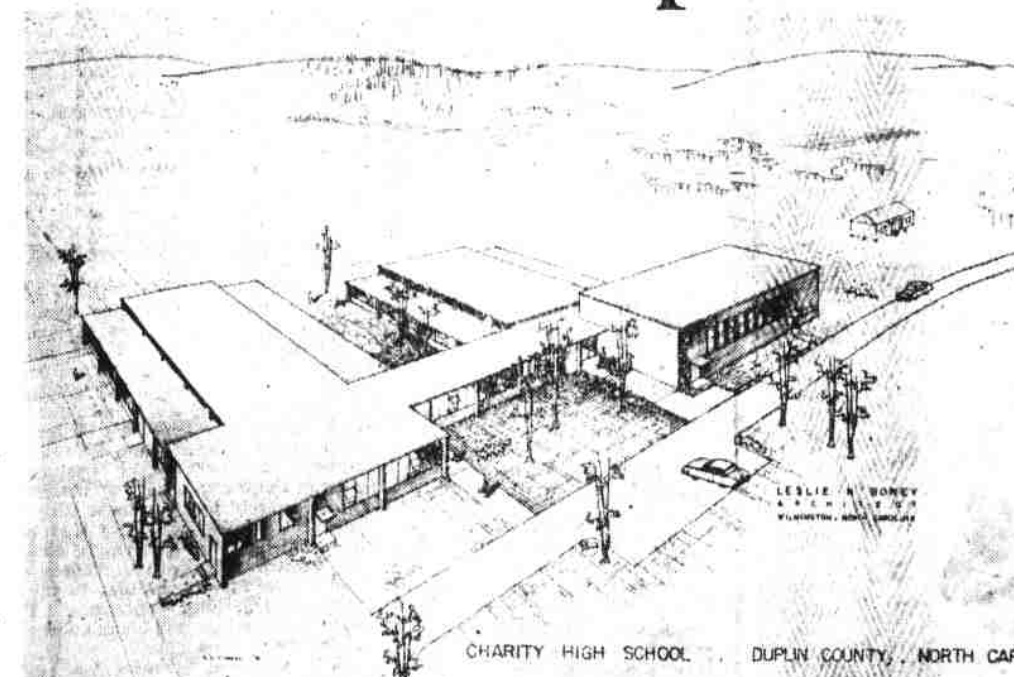
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Thanksgiving

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## Past And Present Schools In Duplin County



THE ABOVE rendering shows an aerial view of the recently completed new Charity High School. The lunch room is in the foreground, gymnasium — auditorium on the right administration and library in the center and classroom buildings in the rear wings.

Last week the Times featured most of Duplin's white schools. Due to lack of time and space some of our important stories were omitted. This week we are publishing them along with a feature on our Negro schools.

When we were considering a possible source of information for schools past and present we turned to one of Duplin County's native sons, Leslie N. Boney, Architect, who cut his teeth and scratched his fingernails, and learned how to cultivate strawberries at Wallace, North Carolina. With few exceptions Mr. Boney has designed all of Duplin County's schools since 1906. He has devoted most of his professional life since 1920 to the design of schools and other public buildings. As we drive through Eastern North Carolina, we see his handwork in a attractive architectural designs in almost every county. We think Ripley's column would be interested to find the out-of-ordinary fact that Mr. Boney and his three sons are all registered architects — J. R. Grady.

When we observe the school buildings with their modern facilities of Duplin County today and make a mental review of school facilities of yesteryears, we must admit that rather wonderful progress has been made.

About the turn of the century the Charles B. Aycock move for better school began to penetrate even the most rural communities and fathers and mothers all over this county awakened to the need of better educational advantages. They were encouraged by the faithful teachers, who though few in number and most untrained, led in a quiet but effective way in arousing general public interest.

How well the efforts of these early pioneers, parents, teachers, and other community leaders succeeded, can only be fully appreciated by those who have seen the beginnings and who live today to see and appreciate the great advancement made in educational facilities.

Duplin County's public schools of that early date around 1900 were, with few exceptions, one room, one teacher schools very crudely built with inadequate lighting, no heat and no sanitary facilities.

The buildings in many of the school districts were built by the parents of the community rather than at public expense.

For two decades prior to 1900 private schools in the county had flourished. Among these were the Samuel W. Clement school at Wallace Rockfish Academy 6 miles west of Rose Hill, one at Magnolia, Faison Academy at Faison, James Sprunt Institute and Grove Academy at Kenansville.

Some of the county superintendents who guided the educational work of the county during this half century were Mr. Millard, Mr. Sam Clement, Mr. Wooten, Mr. B. C. Sisk, Mr. J. O. Bowman and for the past 12 years Mr. O. P. Johnson.

Community interest began to crystallize about 1906 and several districts with some county aid raised funds to build small school buildings. The Teaching school district led by Professor Shaw organized and built a two story brick high which was used as such until this school was merged with Wallace and Rose Hill. The Board of Education bought this building and remodeled same and it now serves as 6 Teacher Colored school. Under the leadership of W. B. Southerland, Rose Hill, built a 3 room frame school costing about \$1500. This building served the school needs for several years. About this time two young college graduates Shaw and McNeil built a rather pretentious two story brick school in South Kenansville. This was a private school and ran for several years. Magnolia, under the leadership of...

## Two Modern School Plants For Negroes In Duplin Are Now About Completed

Work on the new High school for Negroes at Charity and Faison has been completed according to O. P. Johnson, Supt. of Schools of Duplin County.

The buildings are designed to be fireproof and employ the latest techniques and methods in construction, lighting, heating, plumbing and ventilation. The predominant materials on the exterior are brick and glass and the interior walls are masonry block, painted in contemporary colors pleasing to the children's eyes.

The Charity school contains: 11 class rooms, home economics, science laboratory, library, lunch room and kitchen, offices and teachers' rest room, book room, toilet facilities, and auditorium-gymnasium.

Faison school contains: 9 class rooms, library, multipurpose room with kitchen, health room, teachers' rest room, administrative offices and toilet facilities, 1st and 2nd grade buildings, and a playground.

Ventilation and lighting for classrooms is obtained through windows on exterior walls and by clerestory windows near corridor walls, which according to the architect, insure the best, light and most even distribution of light at desk level.

When natural lighting intensity is low, concentric ring indirect incandescent light fixture provide the necessary supplemental light. A 2 foot overhand of roof and venetian blinds provides sun control at window walls.

Roof construction is of present reinforced concrete slabs which are painted on the underside to form the finished interior ceiling. Floors are quarry and asphalt tile over concrete. Equipment for the building includes class room wall storage cabinets for coats and instructional equipment.

The Charity school was built at a total cost of \$193,733.00 and the Faison School cost \$131,655.00.

The Architect, Leslie N. Boney, of Wilmington has designed over 600 schools and school additions in North Carolina. The building has been planned to fit a limited budget and yet provide for future expansion in several directions.

General contractor for Charity school was Godwin Building & Block Company of Warsaw, Adams Electric Company, Wilmington, performed electrical work and R. C. Lucas & Son, Wilmington performed plumbing and heating contracts.

The Faison school was built by Godwin Building & Block Company.

### Turkey Shoot Beulaville Saturday

There will be a Turkey Shoot at Beulaville Saturday November 17. The shoot will be held one mile north of town and will begin at 10:00 a. m. and last until dark. Barbecue sandwiches and cold drinks will be sold. The shoot is sponsored by the Beulaville Lions Club. Come on out and get the Thanksgiving turkey.

### Leroy Simmons Makes Desperate Appeal For Farm Bureau Quota This Month

Leroy Simmons of Albertain, president of the Duplin County Farm Bureau made a personal appeal to Farm Bureau membership workers in the county "to go all-out during these last three weeks of the drive to reach our quota of members."

Simmons said that the farmers of North Carolina need Farm Bureau now more than ever before to help combat the serious problems confronting the agricultural produce the greatest variety of crops and livestock in the nation," he said, and added that due to this widely diversified system of agriculture "our problems, too, become greater."

Mr. Simmons pointed out that "the only way we in the South can hope to compete with other sections of the country for the existing commodity markets, is to build a strong Farm Bureau membership to protect our interests."

He said "over 50 per cent of the nation's total farm population is in the South, but the per capita incomes are lower than in any other section."

The Farm Bureau leader made it plain that "the farmer is not receiving his fair share of the national income." He said that the average hourly wage on the farm is only 50 cents per hour. "When you compare this figure to labor's average wage of \$1.46 per hour," he added, "it is a small wonder why the farmer is becoming less and less of our total population."

Simmons said "It is more important for us here in Duplin County to reach our Farm Bureau membership quota than it ever has been in the past... we must maintain our system of production and marketing through a strong Farm Bureau organization."

He called the county membership workers "to leave no stone unturned in getting in the membership before the November 30 deadline."

### Rev. R. H. Collins New Methodist Minister Here

Rev. Robert H. Collins has been assigned to the Duplin Charge of Methodist churches for the new year by the North Carolina conference, recently in session in Wilmington. Mr. Collins succeeds Mr. K. Glover who goes to Glen Raven.

Mr. Collins comes from Alabama but is a native Tar Heel having been born in Wilmington. He is married and has one child. At present he is still in school in Atlanta where he will complete his course and move to the parsonage in Kenansville in March.

Mr. Collins comes highly recommended. He is young and enthusiastic and has great promise in the ministry. Those who have met him feel that the local charge is fortunate in securing his services.

His first pulpit appearance in Duplin will be in the Kenansville church Friday evening November 23 at 7:30. This service is planned for the entire charge and the general public is cordially invited. Mr. Collins will meet his other congregations as follows: Weasley, Saturday, Nov. 24 at 7:30 p. m.; Magnolia, Sunday Nov. 25th at 11 a. m.; Friendship, Sunday Nov. 25th at 2 p. m. and Unity Sunday Nov. 25th at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to hear him and the public in each community is invited to attend the services and meet Rev. Mr. Collins.

### What Others Are Saying

**DUPLIN PUSHES AHEAD**  
Action by the voters of Duplin County last week in approving a bond issue of \$250,000 to provide a 30-bed hospital for that progressive county stands out as an example of faith in themselves and the future which should be a challenge to many of her neighboring counties.

The vote was overwhelming. There were 1,820 for the hospital and only 460 votes cast against it.

Like other similar projects over the State, the hospital will receive aid from the State Hospital and Medical Care Commission. It will include a 30-bed nurses home and a health center. Ample provision for expansion to 60 more beds will be made for the future.

The people of Duplin County have recognized their responsibility to provide adequate hospital facilities for themselves. There are many arguments that might have been advanced to discourage this project and so doubt was cast, but the people were essential to their health and medical care program.

The people of Duplin County are to be congratulated upon their efforts. They have much further to go before their much-desired hospital will become a reality, but they have set their hands to the plow, so to speak, and we are confident that in a few years the type of action we would expect from the good people of Duplin and the surrounding counties will be held in high esteem.

### Local PT A Has Largest Membership In History Of School; Alphin President

G. E. Alphin, president of the Local Parent Teachers Association, at the Nov. meeting congratulated the members on the very successful district meeting held here on Oct. 18. A letter from Mrs. M. W. Rochelle, district director, was read. She complimented the community on the excellent job done. Mrs. Sadler, membership chairman, reported the largest membership in the history of the school, 155. Mrs. Ingram's seventh grade with a membership of 51 was the banner room, and was voted a prize by the associations.

The devotional for the evening was "Ide."

### Goldsboro Radio Station Goes On Air

Goldsboro's new radio station, WFMC, World Broadcasting System went on the air Saturday.

Located on the truck lane southwest of Goldsboro, the station will broadcast with 1,000 watts power on a frequency of 780 kilocycles.

Owners of the station are Hayden Stuart, E. T. Marshall, and B. H. Bell. William E. Murray recently with a radio station in Pulaski, Va. will be manager.

### Local Lions Abandon Dance

The Kenansville Lions club at the regular meeting Wednesday night decided to discontinue its weekly Saturday night dance. The reason for the action was that no one had been in the club since the last meeting.

### Johnson Baptists To Hold Homecoming Picnic; Ground Breaking For Manse

At 12:30 o'clock will be held on the grounds and following dinner will be the ground breaking for the new manse.