

# Duplin Times

Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin



## County Court

County Court will convene Monday May 28th. A heavy docket faces Judge Phillips and Solicitor Mercer.

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# Duplin P. M. A. Office Scandal Out

## Editorial

### Duplin Is In A Hell Of A Mess

By J. R. Grady

Nosey reporting is not always a cherished job of newspapers but at times there seems to be a desperate need for some. At a recent meeting in Washington City of the American Society of Newspaper Editors several of the top editors of the country sounded off on the subject.

"If newspapers had done a more thorough job," Louis B. Seltzer, of the Cleveland Press, said, "they (the federal government) wouldn't be in this incredible mess today."

Another editor, V. M. Newton of the Tampa (Fla.) Tribune, said: "You can kick the scoundrels out of Washington but unless you start the cleanup at home a new crop of scoundrels sooner or later will slip into the federal government."

The Wilmington Morning Star has this to say: "A few days ago we mentioned that it's getting tougher and tougher for a reporter to write objectively about the news. In fact, it's tough for him to write the news at all because he's hemmed in by so many curtains and restrictions that it's practically a full-time job just to find the basis for a snot of news, let alone getting all the details and having time to present them to the readers."

"We've all read about how Washington restricts a lot of news and we're inclined to rise up on our haunches and cuss Washington out about so doing. It somehow never occurs to us that we have the same situation right at home.

"A reporter will call on his news sources here, and all around, and stumble on a minor piece of news. He'll start taking notes. Somebody — it's getting so almost anybody — will peer over his shoulder and say, "You're not going to print that, are you?"

"It always turns out there are a lot of angles to a piece of information about why it should be kept quiet. It won't make so-and-so look good. Or maybe the general public shouldn't be told about this or that. Or if you print that it might keep us from catching a crook, or getting a new factory, or keep the visitors away."

"There seems to be always some excuse for not printing the truth and the whole truth. And the reporter, intent upon doing his duty, gets in disfavor when he does print all he can find out about a happening or a situation.

"That reporter is called "nosey" and "snoopey". "From what the editors say that's one of the things we need in this country today: more "nosey" and "snoopey" reporters."

The Duplin Times, looking back over events in Duplin for the past few years and reviewing its news columns, concludes that DUPLIN COUNTY needs some real first class snooping.

There seems to us little doubt that the average thinking citizen of Duplin feels and believes that our county government, in some departments, and our P.M.A., in some departments, are in a Hell of a Mess. Duplin stinks to high heaven and the good people of the county should drop their heads in shame that they have permitted such a situation to develop. It appears to us that some of us in Duplin have lost our sense of moral values. We have too long taken the passive attitude that give things time enough and they will work themselves out. Yes, we believe they will work out some day, but why pay such a price for the working?

If even a few of the reports are true, our Sheriff's Department is a disgrace to any decent people and should be cleaned out. Now this week up pops the P.M.A. department full of scandal. Health Department dropped to this low level last year and we hope it is cleaned out now. Even our Superior Court Judge snubbed his nose at the Public in the famous Hattie Gavin case. Reports have gone the rounds that a certain superior court judge has held court in Duplin when he was in no decent condition to hold court. We have no evidence in writing to this effect but the talk was of such a nature that there was little reason to doubt it. Many have wondered, and still wonder, if there is such a thing as genuine justice to be found in the day to day grind of the mills of justice in Duplin County. Who are our courts? Who are our office holders? Do some of them think that by virtue of their election to office they have the inalienable right to run their office, their inferiors and the general public in any manner they wish, to satisfy their personal comforts and desires, to enhance their social or political standing or to enrich their pocket books? All the guilty haven't been brought to light, in our opinion. There are others who must be, and will be, shown up. Duplin is too deeply rooted in honor and integrity to permit things that have been taking place

## 1952 Cancer Crusade Begins Monday

The 1952 Cancer Crusade will begin in Duplin County on Monday, April 28. Have your contribution ready when the solicitor calls. Cancer is a major problem, some 22,000,000 living Americans will die of cancer. Many of them could be saved by early diagnosis and expert care.

Cancer kills more children from three to fifteen years of age than does any disease. In North Carolina, alone, 3,068 died of cancer in 1950. It is no respecter of person; it strikes rich and poor, young and old alike.

You can strike back. You can guard your family, each member should have an annual physical examination, you can help with your contributions, you can know cancer's seven danger signals: 1, any sore that does not heal; 2, a lump or thickening in the breast or elsewhere; 3, Unusual bleeding or discharge; 4, any change in a wart or mole; 5, persistent indigestion; 6, Persistent hoarseness or cough; 7, any change in normal bowel habits. If any of these symptoms occurs, visit your physician, it may save your life.

## Total 40 Candidates File For Office

### L. P. Wells Withdraws; Mrs. Christine Williams Enters Register; Deeds Race

The 1952 election campaigns in Duplin County began to take on shape and form last Saturday as filing time for candidates came to a close. The only new filers for county offices were L. P. Wells, chairman of the board of county commissioners and Arthur Kennedy, county commissioner, filing for re-election and Emmett E. Kelly of Gilson filing for commissioner from the 2nd district. Mrs. Christine Whaley Williams of Albemarle filed for Register of Deeds.

Monday morning brought about the only upset in the county picture as Commissioner Chairman L. P. Wells announced he was withdrawing from the race. Mr. Wells told the Times that he had seriously been considering such a move even before the filing date closed. He is not in the best of health and his extensive farming and business interests are taking so much of his time that he has to show down somewhere. Since going on the board of commissioners eight years ago he has been probably the most active commissioner, giving unstintingly of his time and efforts towards a greater and more prosperous Duplin County. Mr. Wells has labored long and hard to see that Duplin got her share of the

hard-surfaced roads under Governor Scott's road program. Some sections may feel they did not get all they were entitled to but looking at the county as a whole no one questions but that Duplin got her share of roads, and largely due to the efforts of Mr. Wells. The commissioner stated that though he is retiring he is not losing his interest in the welfare of the county and will continue to do anything in his power to help Duplin. He was largely responsible for the Duplin Hospital project and it is expected that he will be named to the board of trustees of that institution when he retires as commissioner. He asked the Times to express his thanks to the people of Duplin for their support and cooperation during his tenure of office.

The races now shape up this way: Albert T. Outlaw, Register of Deeds is opposed by Mrs. Christine Williams and Walter Gresham, County Commissioner; A. P. Cates of Faison, Dallas Jones of Magnolia and A. C. Hall of Wallace have no opposition. Leon Brown of Lyman is opposing incumbent Arthur Kennedy of Beulaville and Emmett Kelly of Gilson and Durham Gray of Albemarle will fight it out in

the 2nd district. Incumbent Robert Carr has two opponents for the House of Representatives. They are Mitchell Britt of Warsaw and J. S. Blair of Wallace. Wm. Dail and Lemmie Williams of Chinquapin are running for the Board of Education held by Chesley Williams who is not offering again. Judge Hubert Phillips and Solicitor Gaby Mercer of the county court have no opposition. The following have filed for Justices of the Peace: R. M. Byrd, R. S. Sitterson, Roy Sitterson, Rudolph Hasty, P. R. Stephens, and W. F. Williamson, Kenansville; L. R. Brown, Wallace; A. E. Williams, Chinquapin; J. L. Oates, Faison; Hix Bradshaw, Rose Hill, and F. J. Thomas, Warsaw and Gordon Muldrow, Beulaville.

Township Constables: R. M. Byrd, Faison, Paul Lee, Albemarle; A. R. Marley, Robert J. Hursey, Wallace; and W. W. Evans, Magnolia; John Butts, Rock Fish; R. E. Fields and Dallas J. Jones, Rose Hill; W. J. Kissner, Magnolia; J. D. Smith, Beulaville; Robert Blackburn, Jr., Warsaw. County surveyor, W. Paul Outlaw Albemarle.

## Hundreds Turned Away From Duplin Music, Art Festival

By Helen Caldwell Cushman More than three thousand enthusiastic spectators attended the Duplin County Music and Art Festival on Friday night, and hundreds more were unable to crowd into the Kenansville Memorial Auditorium. There were fewer in attendance on Saturday but they were as thrilled as those present on Friday by the excellent performance of the Duplin School Students.

It would be impossible to pick out any single offering as the most outstanding. They were all good, and some of them rate superlatives. The costumes were lovely and added to the color of the occasion. This reviewer was deeply impressed with the direction and order of the entire production. The teachers should be complimented not only for the fine work but the capable discipline which so many children were handled without a hitch. All twelve schools in Duplin were represented, and the cooperation was a marvel to behold. Special mention should go to Mrs. William Teachey and Mrs. A. D. Wood for coordinating the affair. They both seem to have that priceless gift of imparting inspiration to their pupils.

The program opened with two offerings by brightly-costumed primary children with a rhythm band. And they played rhythm, too. The second grade was represented by some water glass players and two stagers from each second grade room, one song being accompanied by rhythm bells. Perhaps the best of this group was a Hoagy Carmichael song, "Nice Doggy, Nice Kitty!" well sung and beautifully

directed. The four singers from each third grade room sang two songs very well. The singing games presented by the fourth and fifth grades were delightful to watch, and must have been fun for the participants. The flutophone band was generously costumed in sparkling red and white, and looked as if they were fresh from a circus. The excerpts from the operetta, "On Midsummer's Day," made every one wish that it could have been given in its entirety. These costumes, were exquisite, from the vivid hues of the flower children to the gay attire of the butterflies and bees, and the delicate white of the fairies and the red and brown of the elf's. This number was almost of professional scope.

After an intermission, a ukulele band led the audience in two songs and sang four others by themselves. The Beulaville Sixth Grades presented a Maypole dance. Two more ambitious offerings were given by the seventh and eighth grades of Kenansville, a Swedish dance called "Gustav's Skool," which seemed very intricate, and was perfectly accompanied by Miss Gail Newton of the seventh grade. The stately Virginia Reel was gracefully done and Miss Barbara Mitchell of the eighth grade did a fine job as pianist. The program closed with a stirring performance of the sixth grade pupils singing "Palomita" and "America, the Beautiful," with four autoharps and Mr. Marvin Brackin as pianist to accompany the singers.

Saturday night was a festival presented by the band and choral groups of all the schools. Of amazing calibre were the offerings of the choir and choruses, all sensitively directed. The bands were good, too, and showed evidence of lots of patience on the part of the directors and lots of enthusiasm on the part of the performers. The varied program contained numbers by the Wallace Band and the County Band, well directed by Mr. Brackin of Wallace and Mr. Don Hayes. Especially well-received were "My Hero" sung by the combined High School Chorus of Rosehill, B. F. Grady, Magnolia and Kenansville and directed by Mrs. L. K. Alderman; and "Cindy" presented by the Warsaw High School Chorus, directed by Mrs. J. A. Anderson. "Oh, It is Wonderful," given by the well-trained Wallace Elementary Choir, directed by Mr. Marvin Brackin, B. F. Grady and Kenansville Elementary Choirs, directed by Mrs. L. K. Alderman; and the "Green Cathedral" of the Chinquapin Elementary Choir, directed by Miss Elna Sutphin.

Equally impressive were the paintings and drawings from all grade groups of the various schools that were hung around the auditorium. The Rosehill offerings of those private art students were amazing, and the Magnolia schools had a remarkable group offering as a whole. I have seen exhibitions of art from schools in California, in New Mexico and in New York City . . . and I never saw a collection as a whole that was more remarkable to me than the one on exhibition in Kenansville last week end.

These Duplin children have real talent. I am glad that I was not a judge and had to pick out a best-in-show.

## Mrs. Wood Says "Thank You"

The Duplin County Office of Education expresses appreciation to all those who rendered assistance in the recent Art and Music Festival. Mrs. Wood states that she never experienced finer cooperation than was evident in the preparation for this year's music programs. Teachers worked faithfully in preparing the numbers, and attendance at rehearsals was perfect. To all parents who furnished costumes and were responsible for getting the children to the programs, a hearty Thank You is in order.

To the Kenansville school children and faculty with Mr. Franklin, their principal, very special recognition is due. They prepared the auditorium, helped in all possible ways at rehearsal and at performance, and served as runners, stage hands and ushers. To Mr. William Johnson and his crew of men, special thanks is due

for the building of risers, stage extensions, and other equipment used in the programs. Mr. Naselrod provided, free of charge, the sound equipment and management. This service is appreciated.

The Highway Patrol was in charge of traffic, thanks to Corporal Brooks, of Wallace. Mr. Shubert Williams was in charge of photography. Any schools, parents or groups desiring pictures of the Festival, may contact Mrs. A. D. Wood, Kenansville, phone number 2261.

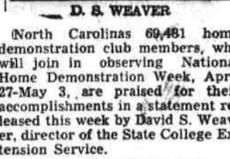
It is the desire of the school personnel of Duplin County that this Festival should awaken in all patrons an appreciation of the value of Art and Music to the education of the child. Not that these features should be stressed out of proportion to their importance, but that the child should be encouraged to participate in these activities.



Cpl. Bronnie A. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Brown of Warsaw, N. C. left Saturday, April 12, 1952 for Seattle, Washington where he will be shipped out to an overseas base. Cpl. Jones entered the U. S. Army May 7, 1951 with the Beulaville National Guard. He received his basic training at Camp Stewart Ga. He was sent to Fort Dix, N. J. January 20, 1952 where he stayed until he came home to spend a 21 day leave with his parents before going overseas.

## NOTICE

To all cancer fund chairmen: All money collected in cancer drive send to Wayne Jordan, Mgr. Branch Bank and Trust Co. Wallace.



North Carolinas 69,461 home demonstration club members, who will join in observing National Home Demonstration Week, April 27-May 3, are praised for their accomplishments in a statement released this week by David S. Weaver, director of the State College Extension Service.

## Duplin County HDC Church Service 27th

The Duplin County Home Demonstration Clubs will hold a county-wide church service of Saturday afternoon, April 27, 3 p.m. at the Kenansville High School Auditorium. Everyone is invited to be present. This service will mark national H. D. C. Week. The Reverend J. V. Case of Rose Hill will deliver the sermon. The Duplin H. D. C. choir will sing. All members of the choir are urged to attend a practice on Friday, April 25, at 2:30 p.m. in the Kenansville High School Auditorium.

## School Operetta Friday Night

Sunny of Sunnyside, an operetta, will be presented by the pupils of the fourth through the eighth grades of the Kenansville School Friday, April 25th, at 8 p.m. in the Kenansville High School Auditorium.

## Rebel Revelations

If you expect a straight eight-hour day, five day week, don't enter the fourth estate. You won't find any such leisurely bankers' hours there. A state Supreme Court has recently ruled that a newspaperman is on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week . . . and hence may not be called to serve on a jury. I never knew how true it was until last week . . . take Friday, for example. Long ago I learned that a competent reporter (that's what we all try to be) must be able to cover a fire, a prizefight, a divorce trial or a wedding without losing her stride. But I did not know that in one day I would have to cover a new resort, three churches, a well-known cafe, a lumber operation, a casket factory, and a music and art festival that night. It is not to be wondered at that us gals who work on newspapers are hard to impress, that we acquire a slightly jaundiced cynicism in the pursuit of our careers. Well, we get variety, and we learn something new every hour on the hour, too.

Friday was a hot day, and the dust was choking. When I got to Lake Tut, I wished I'd brought a bathing suit; the water looked so cool and inviting. It will be quite a place when it is ready to open, there will be private dining rooms, a huge dance hall, music everywhere, and open air pavilions for picnics. The main building is paneled in cypress and juniper. I had not known that juniper was so aromatic or so light. I always thought it was an obnoxious low-growing pest whose berries were

used for flavoring gin. It was a warm lazy sort of day, and I knew what Ezra Pound meant when he wrote: Sing we for love and idleness, There's nothing else worth having, Though I have been in many a land, It's all there is in living. For I would rather have my sweet Than do high deeds in Hungary, Past all men's believing. I was sleepy by then because I had lunch at Miss Fannie's in Rose Hill . . . and what a meal she gives you!! She celebrated her 19th birthday last week . . . the birthday of her renowned cafe. It is a friendly place like the town it is in. I don't know why it is spelled as two words on the signs, and as Rosehill in the post office, but regardless of spelling, it is a nice and pleasant town and the people are charming.

Having a lugubrious sense of humor, I loved the casket factory. How I longed for Chas. Adams to be there to do one of his delightfully macabre cartoons. I could have given him a marvelous punch line. They sell only to funeral directors, so this is one time I can't get it for you wholesale. Did you know that styles have changed a lot, and now there is a definitely modern trend in the design? And that they make more than 27,000 models complete from the tree in the woods . . . to the satin-lined finished ready-for-use casket? Orchids and braves to all those who planned and directed the Du-

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## Tuscarora Scout Council Wins Campbell Trophy

(From Goldsboro News-Argus) Tuscarora Boy Scout Council is the first recipient of the Campbell Trophy, established this year as an annual award to the outstanding council in Region 6 which covers North and South Carolina, Florida and Georgia.

The trophy was presented to Tuscarora Council at the banquet concluding the annual meeting of Region 6, held last week in Atlanta, Ga. Special recognition was given to Bruce Boyers, executive of the Tuscarora Council, and two members of his staff, chief executive L. W. Bennett of Clinton, and D. H. Everett of Goldsboro. Goldsboro will host the annual meeting of Region 6 next year.

Tuscarora led the 37 councils in Region 6 during the past year in three important phases of Scouting. Membership in the Council increased 17.1 per cent during 1951. Re-registration of units increased 16.5 per cent. Boys' Life subscriptions increased 94.6.

The banquet was attended by more than 900 persons, including council presidents and regional executive committee members from the four states in the Region. Attending from Goldsboro were Mr. Boyers, Sam Stallings of Smithfield, council president, and Mrs. Stallings, W. P. Kemp, Jr., A. H. Griffin, John D. Kershner, R. G. Griffin, and J. D. Kershner.

## Cancer Crusade Chairmen Announced

The following community chairmen in the Cancer Crusade which will be launched next week were released by County Chairman Harry Eisenberg of Wallace today.

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| Faison                           | Mrs. Woodrow Teachey                   |
| Chinquapin                       | Mrs. George Cates                      |
| Carter Fabrics (Wallace)         | J. A. Brady                            |
| Calypto                          | Mrs. H. E. Grubbs                      |
| Chinquapin                       | Mrs. G. O. D. Parker, Jr.              |
| Warsaw                           | Mrs. O. S. Matthews                    |
| Warsaw Bus. & Prof. Woman's Club | Mrs. Paul Kitchen                      |
| Rose Hill                        | Mrs. O. D. Fussell                     |
| B. F. Grady                      | Mrs. Lewis Westbrook                   |
| Beulaville                       | Mrs. Murphy Thigpen                    |
| Kenansville                      | Mrs. Rudolph Hasty                     |
| Magnolia                         | Mrs. H. M. Pope                        |
| Teachey                          | Mrs. Hubert Boney                      |
| Wallace                          | Women's Club (Business District)       |
|                                  | Sorority Club (Residences)             |
| Employees Division               | Mrs. R. D. Sykes                       |
|                                  | Mrs. Lewis Herring                     |
|                                  | George Powell                          |
| Home Demonstration Clubs         | Mrs. J. M. Komegny                     |
|                                  | (County H. Dem. Agency)                |
|                                  | Miss Annie Mae Kenon                   |
| Colored District                 | Negro Schools Supervisor in Duplin Co. |
|                                  | Wayne Jordan, mgr.                     |
|                                  | Branch Bank & Trust Co. Wallace.       |