



County Court
County Court will convene Monday May 5th. A heavy docket faces Judge Phillips and Solicitor Mercer.

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Colonel Brown To Address Meeting North East Drainage Proposal

Editorial We, The People Stand Accused

Helen Caldwell Cushman

We, the people of Duplin County go on trial next week. Our names will not appear on the court docket, but we are guilty. We are guilty of a crime far worse than the one for which eight of our teen age boys were arrested last week. We are guilty of culpable negligence for we are to blame for the trouble these boys are in.

We shut our eyes to county wide corruption. We have refused to turn men out of office who have stolen votes and boasted of it. We have aided and abetted our politicians in violating the sacredness of the ballot, and made it a thing of shame and dishonor. Samuel Gregory said that the universe is not rich enough to buy the vote of an honest man. There must be a lot of dishonest men in Duplin County. We are to blame for the whole rotten mess.

These boys are our accusers. We have betrayed them. Our names, not theirs, should be written on the court record. We let them down. These boys are not bad, they are victims of our own carelessness. They grew up in our communities. What have we offered them for recreation? What efforts have we made to give them wholesome entertainment? If we had done our duty, they need not have resorted to stealing to get a thrill. If we had cried out against the underhanded practices of our men in public office, they might have taken crime more seriously. How could they know the evil of wrongdoing when some of our most prominent officials have laughed at the law?

These boys are all first offenders. Some of our men in high public office have gotten away with far worse crimes for years. We have turned our heads away, we have winked at their smartness. They were our choice, we kept them in office. When the decay and corruption smelled too bad, we held our noses, and continued to vote for them. We have eaten sour grapes and our children's teeth are set on edge. We have NOT been fair and honest with our children, and these boys are our children, our responsibility. When they face the court next week, it is their eyes that will accuse us, and in their eyes, we stand convicted.

Duplin Blood Donors In Goldsboro

Among Duplin County residents who had donated their blood at the Red Cross Center in Goldsboro on Friday, April 25 were Mrs. Norwood Boney and Mrs. Clarence Murphy of Kenansville.

From the Welfare Department contributors were Mrs. Edna Stroud and Miss Arsh Lee. Sgt. Ottoway of Warsaw and the Misses Bessie Kornegay, Margaret Smith and Ruth Taylor, teachers at the B. F. Grady school, also gave their blood.

During the day, Mr. L. W. Hewitt, field Scout executive donated his 66th pint of blood. A blind boy, George Long, entered the woman's club building with his seeing eye dog to offer another pint of blood to the cause. Fifteen Veterans of Foreign Wars also contributed their blood.

The next opportunity to help in this great cause will come in July. Why not make a date with the Duplin Red Cross Chairman, Mrs. Norwood Boney, to give blood yourself?

Former P.M.A. Officials Give Their Side Of Corruption Charges

Kenan Auditorium Packed To Capacity



The above picture was taken by staff photographer Shubert Williams at the annual Music and Art Festival in Kenansville on April 18th. This shot was made on opening night and shows a portion of the packed house. Over 3500 people were estimated to have been in attendance and large numbers turned away. Patrolmen estimated over a thousand cars. The auditorium is still new but seems to have outgrown itself already. Supt. Johnson states he hopes to get seats installed in the East bleachers this summer which will seat a few hundred more.

Following publication of last week's Duplin Times the Editor was approached by Marlow Bostic and Moseley Phillips, separately, regarding the article about the P.M.A. office. Editor Grady informed them of the source of his information and stated that the pages of the Times were open to them for any statement they might wish to make regarding the story and their activities in connection with the P.M.A.

The following is the statement of Marlow Bostic, verbatim as submitted to the Times:

Bostic's Statement
"TO THE FARMERS AND CITIZENS OF DUPLIN COUNTY.

It is unfortunate that last week's article in the Times did not have all the facts. Full information on the entire situation would, no doubt, have changed the entire tone of the article.

"There were some 100 applications for new growers' allotments filed in the P. M. A. office in Kenansville, N. C. for the year 1952. These applications were carefully screened by committee assigned to do this job and who were well qualified, having done this work for several previous years. Some 52 of the applications did not substantially meet the requirements, the remaining 48 were recommended and approved without any discrimination or personal gain. These applications were forwarded to the State P.M.A. office in Raleigh and approved there and returned to the County P.M.A. office and the farmers notified of their allotments. Shortly thereafter there were complaints made to the State P.M.A. office by 7 or 8 farmers, some of whom had received new growers' allotments within the last three years. Thereupon an investigation was made and a portion of the new growers' allotments were cancelled. The County Committee, in every case, tried to give the farmer the benefit of the doubt and was of the opinion, and is still of the opinion that the applications substantially met the requirements.

I regret to inform the farmers that this instance caused by 7 or 8 persons is causing the farmers of Duplin County to lose about 25 acres of tobacco this year at a loss to them of an income of about \$85,000.00 and will in the future diminish their income by about \$100,000.00 per year and which will be multiplied each year.

My conscience is absolutely clear in this matter and I have done nothing for personal gain or selfish gain and am still willing to do everything within my power to aid the farmers of Duplin County. The farmers themselves are the ones however who are making the criticism and causing the new growers' allotments to be cancelled. The farmers of the State of North Carolina are entitled to 67 per cent of the National new growers' allotments and are only receiving 22 per cent of same. When this is not consumed by North Carolina it is Continued on Back Page (Sec. 1)

Graduating Exercises At Grady Is Announced By Principal Wells

Principal High Wells announced this week the program for commencement exercises at B. F. Grady school. On Friday night of this week closing exercises will be held at Outlaw's Bridge.

Dr. Leslie Bullock, Bible Instructor at Flossa McDonald College and formerly supply pastor to Grove Presbyterian Church in Kenansville will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon at 8:30 p.m. on May 11th. Class night exercises are scheduled for May 12th at 8 p.m. Graduating exercises will be held on Wednesday May 14th at 8 p.m. with the address being delivered by Dr. C. Sylvester Green of Chapel Hill.

After six years as editor of the Durham Morning Herald, Dr. Green went in January, 1950, to Chapel Hill to become Executive Vice President of the newly created Medical Foundation of North Carolina.

A native of Kentucky, he has lived in North Carolina most of his life. He was graduated from Wake Forest College, and did graduate work at Duke, Harvard, and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. He holds earned degrees from Wake Forest and Duke and honorary degrees from Washington and Lee, and the University of South Carolina.

As a pastor, Dr. Green served the Watts Street Baptist Church in Durham, and the Grove Avenue Baptist Church in Richmond, going from the latter post to the presidency of Coker College in Hartselle, South Carolina.

While at Coker, he was president of the Southern Association of Colleges for Women. He returned to Duke on a sabbatical in 1943 and served as advisor in religious activities there prior to becoming editor of the Durham paper.

Author of two books on religious subjects, and contributor to many religious and secular periodicals, Dr. Green has been affiliated with numerous church and civic groups in the several states in which he has lived. He is a member of the



C. SYLVESTER GREEN

80 Year Old Man Gets Lost In Woods Looking For Ditch

J. J. Andrews, 80 year old white man went to his field to transplant watermelons on Friday evening around three o'clock. He had carried a rake and bucket with him. When he did not return to his home several hours later the family became worried and began searching for him. They found his coat and rake at the field just back of his home where he was setting the plants.

Deputy W. O. Houston was called. Houston and a negro guard from the prison camp with a bloodhound went to search for Mr. Andrews. During the time the officer was called and the time he got there it had rained so it was impossible for the dog to pick up the tracks. Russian Bostic and Miller Edwards heard the man calling. They found him about two and one-half miles from where he set the plants. Mr. Andrews had been in the woods for a new ditch on Raleigh County line which divides the

Music Recital

Mrs. W. J. Middleton, Jr., presents her music pupils in recital on Tuesday night, May 6th at eight fifteen o'clock in the Warsaw High School Auditorium.

Duplin Red Cross Quota Short Of Mark

The Duplin County Chapter, ARC, announced this week that its goal of \$5093.00 had not been met. The total amount raised as of April 26 was \$3284.00. Only two communities have met their assigned quotas,—the B. F. Grady-Outlaw's

F. H. Jeter Urges Pink Hillians To Accept Challenge Of Building North Carolina

The Pink Hill civics club held its 7th annual Ladies Night meeting in the cafeteria of the Pink Hill school Friday night. President Wilbur Tyndall presided. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Frank Jeter, agriculture editor of Raleigh, was introduced by John E. Johnson. Mr. Jeter urged his hearers to accept the challenge of building North Carolina into the nation's greatest farming state. He

Junior Baseball Tryout May 16 At Warsaw

Try-outs for the American Legion Junior baseball team will be held at the Warsaw ball park, Friday, May 16 at 2 P.M. Any boy from the surrounding section who was born after 1934 is eligible to participate. There are four teams in the league, Wilmington, Wallace, Jacksonville and Warsaw. All games will be played at night, and there will be two home games a week. Mr. W. J. Taylor, former freshman coach at Duke will coach the team. The legion wants to see as many out as possible for the try-out. Eighty-five per cent of major league players come from American Legion sponsored teams. No boy who has ever played American League Baseball has ever been involved in any major crime.

Local Seniors To Hear Dr. Robert Humber

Rev. Jerry Newbold of the Warsaw Presbyterian Church will preach the baccalaureate sermon or the seniors of Kenansville school on Sunday afternoon the 11 May 1952 at 3:00 p.m. at the school auditorium.

Monday night the 12 May 1952 the seniors will present the annual class day exercises at 8:00 p.m. in the form of a play "Senior Merry Go Round."

On Tuesday night the 13 May Dr. Robert Humber of Greenville, will deliver the commencement address. At this time diplomas will be presented and special awards given. The program for the act of commencement will begin at 8:00 p.m.

County T. B. Association Holds Meetings

The Duplin T. B. Association met at the Health Department in Kenansville on Thursday night, April 17th at 8 o'clock at the Health Department. Dr. H. W. Colwell, president, presided.

In the absence of the treasurer, Mr. Garland King, Mrs. Kornegay, Executive Secretary gave the treasurer report showing a balance of \$288.13 in the treasurer.

Mr. Lewis Outlaw, Seal Sales Chairman reported that the 1951 Christmas Seal sale to be \$1899.21.

Mrs. Ruby C. Kornegay gave a report on her work for the past 10 months and also showed a film entitled "Time Out."

A committee composed of Rev. A. W. Wood, Lewis Outlaw and Mrs. Kornegay were appointed by Dr. Colwell to nominate new officers and make plans for another year's work.

Refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Spark Chasten and his wife were cleaning a gas drum, last Wednesday, preparing it for use. It was thought to be empty, but when Spark held a lighted match over the opening in the drum, the drum exploded, hitting his wife in the stomach, seriously injuring her. She was rushed to the hospital.

Groom Of Month Accidentally Shot

Oda Heath, Jr., 17, married less than a month, was accidentally shot in the Western Auto Associate Store in Wallace Tuesday. He is in serious condition at the James Walker Hospital in Wilmington. Young Heath, a clerk in the store, was showing some fishing

Warsaw Lions Lease Ball Park

The Warsaw Lions club met Monday night at the Whitaker's restaurant. During the business session, it was voted unanimously to lease the local ball park for an indefinite period of time. The purpose of renting the ball park was to use it for practice and games of the Junior baseball team which is to be organized at an early date. The Junior baseball team for Warsaw and adjacent towns is being sponsored by the American Legion.

Two Sunday Collisions In Duplin

State Highway Patrolman Proctor reported two collisions in Duplin Sunday. Sunday afternoon at 12:40 p.m. at Williams Crossroads, George Robert Whaley of Route 2, Kenansville, driving a 1934 Chevrolet, ran into a car driven by John Robert Walker, a serviceman whose home is at Mt. Olive. The injuries sustained were not serious.

Sunday night at 11:30 p.m., Marion Lee Carr of Magnolia, was driving a 1948 Ford, going north on highway 117. He was sideswiped by a car driven by Tom Jones of Rose Hill. Passengers in the car driven by Marion Carr were Miss Wonder Strickland, and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hardison of Warsaw. Miss Strickland suffered a sprained arm, and Mrs. Hardison received bruises about the face and arms, and her back was injured. Damages to both cars were estimated at \$250.00 each.

Calypso Planning Buy 4,000 Gallon Water Tank To Be Equipped With Pump & Hose

Interested citizens and firemen of Calypso have started a campaign to raise funds to purchase a 4,000 gallon water tanker and equip it with a pump and hose.

The tanker was to be brought from Charlotte to Calypso by Chester P. Ellis, who is going to make available to the town a tractor to pull the tanker until the project is completed, and money is available to buy a truck.

Between \$2,000 and \$2,500 will be needed to purchase the tanker, install a pump on it and secure a truck-tractor to pull it.

A barbecue supper will be held in the school lunchroom Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. to raise funds for the equipment. Pigs for the barbecue are being donated by various citizens and farmers.

Local Scouts Attend Camp Training Course

The Rose Hill Boy Scout Troop No. 45, attended the Junior Leaders' Training Course at Camp Tuscarora, April 25, 26 and 27.

All patrol leaders assistant patrol leaders and scribes attended the camp.

Those from Rose Hill attending were: Jimmie Carr, Elvyn Murray, Dan Fussell, Aubrey Murray, Wade Henderson, John Henderson, Dan Alderman, Billy Brown, James Fussell, Bobby Blanton and Wertz Cotton.

Entomology has been added to the list of projects which Tar Heel 4-H Club members may carry in 1952.

My Best Friend Died Of Cancer

Have you ever seen someone you loved die of cancer? Have you watched them seized with that unbearable pain, seen them writhe in agony, knowing you were helpless to aid them, that you could not relieve their suffering? If you have, you will know how urgent is the need for funds to carry on the splendid work of the American Cancer Society. Demands on it for funds are ever-increasing, and in 1951, the Society was only able to grant half the money needed by scientists fighting cancer in the laboratory.

Do you know how your dollar for this year Cancer fight in North Carolina will be spent? It will go towards the following:

Educating more of our people as to signs of the disease and methods of cure. Administration of the Cancer Control Program, Supporting Cancer research in our institutions. Helping to support approved centers where all citizens may be examined, without cost, for signs of cancer. Helping those who need financial aid pay for hospitalization for cancer. Providing special services and aids for the comfort and well being of Cancer patients and Helping to support a State Nursing Home at Lumberton for incurable, needy Cancer cases.

Your dollars will save lives... ease pain... make death less cruel. Last year 215,000 American men, women and children died of cancer.

I know how tragic is a needless death from cancer... my best friend died that way. Had she visited her doctor in time, she would have been alive today.

I think one of the most thrilling nights in my life was when my life-long friend, Barbara Dixon (that was not her real name) received ten curtain calls after the opening of her new musical on Broadway. She was a lovely girl with a beautiful voice, and she had worked long and hard for this opportunity. After several years of success, she retired from the stage to have a family.

I saw her again after her son was born, and she was one of the most radiant mothers I've ever seen. She was deeply pleased when her child began to exhibit signs of musical talent at six. I attended a recital of his music school when he was only eight. The applause that followed his well executed Chopin number was deafening. Barbara had tears in her eyes then, and so many plans for him and his future. The next fall he was to begin instruction with one of the best piano teachers in New York. But Barbara was not there. She had died of cancer of the throat. She had had a persistent cough for years which she had attributed to sinus and kept putting off a visit to her physician.

When I visited her during the summer, I was shocked at the change in her appearance, and I insisted that she go with me to a hospital for an examination. I saw the abject horror on her face when the doctor told her the grim truth... that she had cancer of

Beulaville Lions Hear Dist. Governor

Beulaville Lions had as their guest speaker Deputy District Governor Jake Strother of Kingston last week for their annual meeting. President for their annual meeting, Cecil A. Miller, welcomed Lions from the Kingston and Richlands Clubs along with local visitors. Enjoyable entertainment was furnished by the high school band, and we commended by Lion Strother as he spoke on Lionism. A delectable barbecue supper was served and plans for the election of new officers to be made at the next meeting.

Duplin Home Dem. Choir Give Program Here Last Sunday

The Duplin County Home Demonstration Clubs held their special religious service in observance of National H.D.C. week, April 27-May 3, on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the Kenansville High School Auditorium.

The Duplin H. D. choir, which consists of 42 voices, representing 24 county clubs sang a special, "O, Master, Let Me Walk." The Rev. J. V. Case, pastor of the Rose Hill Baptist church gave a very interesting message, his topic, "Today's Homes Build Tomorrow's World."

Those attending from Rose Hill were Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Alderman, Mrs. David Williams, Mrs. Armand Williams and Rev. J. V. Case.

Albertson P. O.

Thad Kornegay took over as permanent postmaster at Albertson Wednesday, April 23, after receiving his appointment several weeks ago. Kornegay succeeds Mrs. Emma Kelly, who has been acting postmaster since the office was established several months ago.