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Britt Calls For Second Primary, Legislature

Olive Leads Umstead In County; Umstead Elected N.C.s. Next Gov.

By J. R. GRADY

5,384 Democrats and eleven Republicans went to the Duplin polls last Saturday for the biennial primary elections. The day was marked with few incidents and on the whole was reported county-wide as one of the quietest elections seen in Duplin in a number of years. Evidence of money floating around were at a minimum and less drinking was noticed. Conspicuously noticeable to those who were present Saturday night and those present two years ago was the attitude and actions of the crowd that packed the court room during and after election returns were all in from the twenty Duplin precincts. Two years ago there was much evidence of drinking and slightly intoxicated victorious candidates making speeches and celebrating in general. Even then one of the notorious bootleggers of the county made his appearance in the court room and was immediately taken in by one of the victors. Last Saturday night the picture was a complete reverse. The crowd was large but cool, somewhat serious, but jovial, and the writer only spotted one person who appeared intoxicated and he was so quiet he was hardly noticed. In mentioning this phase of the two nights the writer is trying to emphasize that of all the times in the life of our governmental activities election time is the one when everyone should participate and should do so with a clear and sober mind. The ballot cast by each voter is one of the most solemn actions of his lifetime and his attitude towards such an action is going to determine the kind of government this country will have tomorrow. It will determine the kind of society they will live in and the kind of people our children will be in the days ahead. As we are wont to prophesy by the proverbial "handwriting on the wall" and elections are definitely that handwriting that can be plainly seen.

Jack Sitterson Of Kenansville Appointed Local Agent For Farm Bureau Insurance



JACK SITTERSON

Jack Sitterson, Kenansville, has been appointed a local agent for the Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, according to W. A. White, vice president in charge of sales.

White said Sitterson will work under L. R. George, Burgaw, district manager in Duplin, Pender and Sampson counties.

Sitterson is joining an agency force numbering more than 3000 men and women operating in 12 states and the District of Columbia. He represents the Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, the Farm Bureau Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, with home offices in Columbus, Ohio.



PAUL INGRAM

Paul Ingram was elected president of the Lion's Club at the meeting Wednesday night. The other officers are: 1st V. P., D. W. Reynolds; 2nd V. P., Andrew Scott; 3rd V. P., Roy Sitterson; Secretary-Treasurer, Laurie Sharpe; Lion Tamer, D. H. McKay; Tall Twister, A. C. Holland; Directors, Ivey Bowden, W. L. McPhail, Z. W. Frazelle.

Fish Fry To Be Wednesday June 11

The Magnolia Lion's Club is sponsoring a fish fry to be held at Carlton's Fish Pond, located near Carlton's Crossing, between Masopola and Warsaw, on Wednesday night, June 11. Come and enjoy a meal, all you can eat for \$1.00.

Cat Furl

One day recently a Minshew tax heard a noise in the motor when he cranked his car. When he raised the hood to investigate he found a cat in the belt between the fan and motor. There was blood and cat hair all over everything. Mr. Minshew thinks the cat climbed in the motor to get warm.

Even though the cat put up a good fight Mr. Minshew was able to rescue him.

Many Applications For Ranger's Job

The Board of County Commissioners at its regular meeting directed that a letter be sent to Mr. Joe Herlevich, District Forester at Whiteville listing the following names of prospective applicants for County Forest Ranger: Lloyd H. Kennedy, Jack Brinson, James Albertson, Eugene C. Wells, Leland H. Sheffield, Perry Smith, Wilbert Jones, Jack Albertson, Albert Lanier, and Woodrow Maready.

Sheriff Office Has Busy Week-End

Sheriff Ralph Miller's office has been busy in June. On the first, Deputies W. O. Houston and Oliver Horne, discovered a cache of non-tax paid whiskey in Glisson Township about 50 yards from Adam Springs Church. They arrested Moser Wallace for possessing three gallons and one quart of the contraband for the purpose of selling it. He was tried in the June term of the County Court and sentenced to twelve months in jail. He appealed to the superior court.

On June third, Chief Deputy W. D. Boone accompanied by Deputies

If There's Smoke, There's Fire

It wasn't a particularly hot election as elections go in the Kenansville Courthouse. The campaign had been quiet rather than heated. But something caused a fire in the courthouse anyway. During the afternoon, smoke was observed coming from a closet on the main floor. Curran Powell, deputy, opening the closet to put out the fire, discovered that even the courthouse closets sometimes have skeletons. In the back of the closet, concealed behind the janitor's supplies, two gallons of non-tax paid whiskey were found. It did not seem to be of sufficient quality to have started a fire spontaneously.

But no one has yet claimed ownership of the highly volatile liquid, nor does anyone admit knowing how it got there or why or when. It was smoked out, you might say, and that's another courthouse closet that has been spring cleaned.

Jaycees Sponsor Dance To Open Warsaw Produce Market Saturday

Warsaw Youth Center Opens; Recreation For Warsaw And Nearby Communities

A Warsaw Youth center sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Warsaw opened on Tuesday.

The Youth Center is being conducted at the Legion Home and is open from 8 until 11 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Plans are to continue the Youth center through the month of August.

Ping pong, music for dancing, and soft drinks are provided. The auxiliary feels that the center is an urgent need of the community and extends an invitation to all the young people of Warsaw and the adjoining communities to come out and make Warsaw your recreation center. Suitable chaperonage will be provided during these hours.

Two Warsaw Stores Robbed

Two stores in Warsaw were forcibly entered between midnight and dawn today, June 5. The T & S Grocery Store was entered through a side door, and the cooler was raided and a large ham stolen. The cash register was completely demolished. Thieves also forced their way into the R. T. Blackburn Store and took over \$200 in money and checks. There are no clues at press time.

Infant Outlaw

Pattie Jo Outlaw, one-day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon K. Outlaw of Outlaw's Bridge, died late Saturday afternoon at the Henderson-Crumpler Clinic in Mt. Olive. Surviving are the parents, three brothers, Donald K., Michael and Ivey Gordon Outlaw, all of the house; two sisters, Mrs. Herbert Lewis, Jr., of Goldsboro, and Miss Elsie Jean Outlaw of the home. Funeral services were held at the home Sunday at 4 p.m. with the Rev. L. C. Prater, pastor of the Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church, officiating, and burial was in the family cemetery near the home.

Memorial Service For Ensign E. E. McLane

A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, June 8 at 2 o'clock in Sanford, Florida for Eugene Eloise McLane, Ensign, United States Navy, Jacksonville, Florida, who was killed in a plane crash about 200 miles out at sea, off the coast of Florida on May 28, 1952.

Ensign McLane and Gayle Gaylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gaylor of Jacksonville, N. C., were married August 26, 1951. Ensign and Mrs. McLane were residing at DeLand, Florida at the time of his death.

Junior Base Ball Team Loses Opener

The Warsaw American Legion Baseball club played its first game of the season on Saturday night at the local ball park. Opponents for the evening was Wilmington. The admittance was free but a collection was taken at the gate.

This was an exhibition game and a return game with the same team will be played in Wilmington on Monday night.

The final score was 15 to 1 in favor of the Wilmington team.

Herring And Williams In Double Assault Case In Glisson Township

In a brawl that has several aspects of the famous Hatfield-McCoy feud, two men from Glisson township exchanged blows late Saturday night or early Sunday morning—using the same weapon, an iron jack handle. David Williams alleged that he had been hit in the head, knocked unconscious, and had sustained serious body wounds. Deputies W. O. Houston and Oliver Horne found Herring in a semi-conscious state

Sheriff Miller Asks Commissioners For Inventory Of Whiskey

At the first Monday meeting of the Board of County Commissioners this week, Sheriff Ralph Miller went before the Board and asked that they make with him a complete inventory of all the whiskey held in evidence or seized in raids and contained in the locker behind the judge's chamber. He asked them to direct him as to its proper disposal. He further requested that a thorough inspection of all the closets in the courthouse

Muskrats Delay Opening Of Lake Tut

L. Bernard Tut' Fussell of Wallace and owner of the recreational resort center, Lake Tut located near Rose Hill said that he believed that muskrats were the cause of a leak in the dam at the lake last week. He said that a corn field was pushed up to form the dam and that many roasting ears imbedded in the dam were probably the object of the muskrats' intentions of their burrowing for them that caused the break.

Tut' Fussell said that a leak of about 200 gallons of water per minute had been noticed for several weeks but it began to get worse last week. The clay was so hard in the area that was dynamited on Wednesday, in an effort to stop the leak, that it would not be sealed.

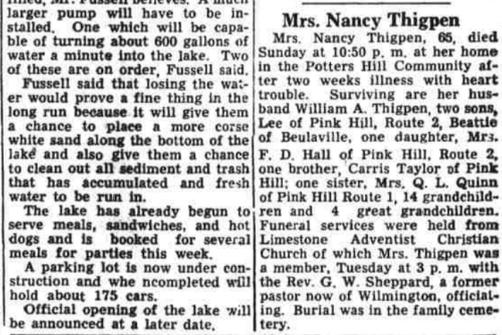
On Thursday sandbags were placed at the base of the dam and later sales of hay were used in an attempt to stop the leak.

A 12 foot wide section of the dam caved in late Thursday afternoon

Mrs. Nancy Thigpen

Mrs. Nancy Thigpen, 65, died Sunday at 10:50 p. m. at her home in the Potters Hill Community after two weeks illness with heart trouble. Surviving are her husband William A. Thigpen, two sons, Lee of Pink Hill, Route 2, Beattie of Beaulieu, one daughter, Mrs. F. D. Hall of Pink Hill, Route 2, one brother, Carris Taylor of Pink Hill; one sister, Mrs. Q. L. Quinn of Pink Hill Route 1, 14 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held from Limestone Adventist Christian Church of which Mrs. Thigpen was a member, Tuesday at 3 p. m. with the Rev. G. W. Sheppard, a former pastor now of Wilmington, officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery.

It's Cool And Refreshing In Kenansville



THE DEEP AND FRESH ARTESIAN WATER OF THIS WELL IN A WOODS NEAR LAKO, SHOWING WATER, AND THAT RELIEF HAS BEEN AVAILABLE FOR YEARS AT KENANSVILLE. The date when this artesian well from which Josephus C. Precythe of Faison is drinking began flowing is not known, but it is reported that one time it was the major supply of water for the county seat of Duplin County. The well was cemented and curbed in 1909, as indicated in the curbing at left, but the well was flowing before. Precythe, 74, and a frequent hot weather visitor to the well, said he had been drinking its water for 45 years.

"Vignette" Makes North Carolina Girl A National Champion

The old axiom about trying again when you don't succeed the first time proved to be what Doris Ann Hall of Hudson, North Carolina needed to win the National Spelling Bee, and the \$500.00 cash award plus a free trip to New York that the Scripps - Howard newspapers give each year. When she was twelve, she had worked her way up to the finals. Then with thirty other contestants still left, she missed the word "condign". But she was determined to try again—and she made up her mind she was going to win.

So she began intensive training last November. She got her

Square Dancers Enjoying Friday Night At Lako Tut



A group of square dancers enjoying a set at Lako Tut, popular recreational resort in Duplin County, near its own artificial spring. A square dance is held every Friday night with music by Donald Jones and Dixie Pale. On Saturday nights, there is a round dance to the music of Skeeter Williams.

Letters From Our Many Readers

Bob,

I could and did read all, especially the \$4.00. I'm enclosing check for same.

It's a damnable shame, but I have to depend on Aunt Vevie in South Dakota for most of my Duplin County news. Some day I hope I can go back to Duplin and finish my career as a teacher. I don't suppose anyone ever chose a career for which he was anymore unqualified temperamentally than I. But I love it, and these folks here at Stanhope have put up with me for nineteen years.

I'm looking forward to reading your paper again. Please keep it Bob-like. Don't let it go stereotyped as our local Spring Hope Enterprise has done.

Best wishes,
Mary Holt Richardson

May 28, 1952
Mr. J. Robert Grady, Editor
The Duplin Times
Kenansville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Grady:

I want to congratulate you on the long article in "The Times" for May 8, 1952, entitled "Nick Tanks". I especially enjoyed that "Yocco" and "Skeeter" Johnson, did not want you to print the story. When I heard what Charlie Nicholson told last summer, I thought that that account sounded forced and that behind it many corrupt and dishonest people of Duplin County were probably hiding. You

can render a great service to the County of Duplin and to the State of North Carolina by publishing the unadulterated truth as you have done in this instance.

It might be wise to have a guard thrown around Charlie Nicholson (if this has not already been done), for it begins to look as if many of the so-called "good" people of Kenansville and Duplin County are involved. And if a real probe and cleanup get underway, there is no knowing what vicious measure somebody might take to keep still further truth from coming out.

Undoubtedly now there are further questions in many people's minds. What will be found out if all the offices of Duplin County are investigated? If the State Bureau of Investigation goes further with its investigations as it must and should, shall we hold our breath or put something over our nostrils? In some measure both the County and the State are to blame for this kind of situation because of their failure to demand qualified men and definite standards for each county office. For example, how can a man be a coroner without having the knowledge of a medical doctor? Why should the sheriff also be the County Treasurer? Are different types of men ever required here. One main qualification for a sheriff is brains; one main qualification for a treasurer is an academic and commercial education with a thorough knowledge of bookkeeping. The auditor should have the training of a Certified Accountant in audit. (See Book D)