



Duplin Times

Vote Tobacco Referendum Saturday

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Duplin Farmers Vote For Survival East Carolina Folk Festival To Be Held Here In September

Folk Lore Artist, Bascom L. Lunsford, Selects Kenansville Site For Festival

By J. E. GRADY
Echoes of the Duplin Story are being heard around Duplin these days. In fact we heard it from Durham last night. The sounds haven't reached amplification proportions yet but are scheduled to do so in a few more days.

Shadows Of Events About To Come To Duplin



Above is Bascom L. Lunsford, folk lore artist, who has selected the site for the East Carolina Folk Festival here in Kenansville. He is seen dancing and singing at the festival, which is to be held here in the heart of Duplin just west of the city on September 12 and 13.

Bascom Lunsford, the "Minstrel of the Appalachians" from Turkey Creek, way up in the mountains west of Asheville, has decided to cast his next lot with old Duplin and establish his East Carolina Folk Festival here. Mr. Lunsford has been toying with the thought for several years of establishing an East Carolina Folk Festival somewhere in Eastern North Carolina and after learning the story of "The Duplin Story" and visiting Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville, decided that right here in the heart of Duplin was just the spot he has been looking for.

Mr. Lunsford is master of the arts of folk festivals. He has established and is successfully operating festivals at Chapel Hill under the sponsorship of the University of North Carolina and at Asheville in the city auditorium. The Chapel Hill festival was held in Kenan Stadium last month and the Asheville Festival will be held next month, August 7, 8, and 9th. A number from Duplin are expected to attend and some of Chocolate's dancers will participate.

Mr. Lunsford visited Duplin County several weeks ago and discussed the matter with a number of interested citizens, following which the Duplin County Parent Teacher Association decided to sponsor the festival. Hugh Wells, principal of S. F. Grady school was named chairman of the festival. Mrs. Faison Smith of Albemarle, secretary and Bob Grady, publicity and general utility man. Dates for the local festival have been set for Friday and Saturday, September 12 and 13th. Supt. of schools O. P. Johnson informed us yesterday that the remaining balcony seats in the east end of the auditorium will be completed in time for the festival.

The local festival will feature folk music artists from the Piedmont and western part of the state. Mr. Lunsford will bring along some of the outstanding fiddlers, pickers, fiddlers and singers of the mountains of Carolina. Soon after the Asheville festival is over Mr. Lunsford will come to Duplin and begin scouring around for home county talent in Duplin and other places in Eastern North Carolina. He will be the chief boss of the show that is the program, and anyone wishing to be in the festival will have to contact Mr. Lunsford. His present address is B. L. Lunsford, Turkey Creek, Leicester, N. C. or you may notify Hugh Wells or Mrs. Faison Smith, Kenansville, N. C. or J. E. Grady in Kenansville.

Above we said we heard about the festival from Durham this week. Last night we were informed that some musicians from Durham had already heard of it from Mr. Lunsford. They are planning to come down and participate.

Judging from experiences of Mr. Lunsford the festival stands to put Kenansville and Duplin County in the limelight again. The Duplin story told the world about Duplin and this festival will center attention from the Eastern Carolinas and in time will spread statewide as have the Chapel Hill and Asheville festivals. Mr. Lunsford is not entering it down here on an experimental basis he says he means business and that once he starts the festival is here to stay and will rapidly become an Eastern Carolina institution. It promises to attract thousands to Duplin for the two nights. The auditorium will be equipped to seat upwards towards 4000 people each night. Admission will be much lower than admission for the Duplin Story. Musicians will flock all over Kenansville, and Duplin County will hear music like it never heard before.

Other features of the festival will be announced as they go along. The eyes of Eastern Carolinians will soon all be focused on Kenansville and Duplin County, expecting another phenomenal success such as was the "Miracle in the Corn Field."

Drivers School For School Bus Drivers Be Held School Garage Next Week

Behind the wheel driver training for prospective school bus drivers in Duplin County will be held for three days next week at the Duplin County garage as announced by W. L. Fountain, Field Representative, of the Department of Motor Vehicles. The first two days will be for white prospectives and the 3rd for Colored prospectives. Schedule follows: For white eligibles, Monday July 21st, 9 o'clock a. m.; Tuesday July 22nd, 9 o'clock a. m. For colored eligibles, Wednesday, July 23rd, 9 o'clock a. m. Training to begin promptly on time.

It is requested by Mr. Fountain that eligible persons, that have reached driving age, be present on one of the above dates, so as to prepare themselves for the coming school year. And for all prospectives to please be on time. Mr. Fountain requests also that subscribers to this paper notify any student or person that might be eligible.

Duplin Will Get 20.4 Miles More Roads Under Scott Road Bond Program Letting

Raleigh — The State Highway Commission Tuesday called for bids on 272.78 miles of highway improvements. Bids will be opened July 29, and will be reviewed by the Commission at its next meeting July 31.

From John Waters to Wayne County line; From Beutaneus north to Faison-Seven Springs Road; From Mt. Olive-Summerlin Road to Edgar-Nunn Crossing; From US 117 via Vegetable Experimental Station west to junction with county road and drive to school; From Calypso-Beutaneus Road via Reeves Store to Wayne County line; From junction of Calypso-Beutaneus Road from Browning Cross road to Wayne County line; and from Warsaw northeast to Bowden Road.

Warsaw To Vote On \$185,000 Bond Issue

The citizens of the town of Warsaw will vote on a \$185,000 bond issue for sewerage and water supply improvements. The bond issue is for \$185,000 and is to be used to finance an improved water supply system, new fire hydrants and more adequate sewage plant.



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The issue originated with the Warsaw Jaycees who requested the town board to float the issue if at all feasible. The board and the Jaycees have worked together to make the issue possible which should be of inestimable benefit to the town and the people of Warsaw.

The proposed system could take care of 255 new water customers and 292 sewer customers. Under the provisions of the bond issue 30 fire hydrants will be added to the present fire main system. Future builders within town will enjoy a cheaper premium rate due to increased fire protection.

Health conditions in Warsaw will be improved by making city water and sewer available to all those now using pumps and privies. Increased revenue will be sufficient to cover the principal and interest on bonds as they mature so that no additional taxes will be required.

The Warsaw Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Warsaw town board are to be commended for this progressive step.

ARC Home Service Director Gets Word Pfc. James Farrior

Mrs. Norwood Boney, Director of Home Service for the American Red Cross, has received a letter from the Field Director in Tokyo about wounds received by Pfc. James Farrior. He received shrapnel wounds in the left shoulder, right leg and arm. His leg below the knee was amputated but his general condition is improving. He also had a piece of shrapnel removed from his left eye. It is anticipated that he will be returned to the States as soon as his amputation heals.

"We like Ike" seemed to be the big theme of the Republican convention last week in Chicago when General Dwight D. Eisenhower was nominated by the Republicans to be their standard bearer in the November general elections. The Democrats will meet in Chicago next week to name their candidate who will oppose the General.

Sister Of Former Principal Hangs Herself At Home

Mrs. Dorothy Taylor Price of Kinston died of strangulation after hanging herself at home about 3 p. m. Sunday. She was reported to have been brooding over ill health. Her husband, Walter D. Price, a supervisor at the Barrus Construction Company, found her. She died en route to the hospital in an ambulance.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday from the Riverside Christian Church in Craven County of which she was a member. Surviving are her husband; two children, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor of Grifton; three brothers, Dr. C. W. Taylor of Raleigh; Woodrow Taylor of Creedmoor, and Fred Taylor of Grifton; two sisters, Mrs. E. D. Moore of Ayden and Miss Agnes Taylor of States, Wisconsin. Woodrow Taylor was principal of the Kenansville schools for several years.

Flue-Cured Tobacco Referendum Saturday; List Of Voting Places



MRS. GORDON KORNEGAY

Mrs. Gordon Kornegay who has resigned as secretary of the T. B. Association. She will be replaced by Mrs. William Craven of Warsaw.

Sheriff's Office Solves Mystery

A radio message to the Duplin County Sheriff's office from the Chief of Police in Whiteville was instrumental in solving a mystery of a missing man and his money this week end. The message said that a Haywood Sykes of Duplin had been picked up in Whiteville on a hit and run charge. Later on Saturday night two Negro men came to Deputy D. H. McKay's house asking help in locating their brother, Fannie Carroll who had been missing since Friday morning. The men told the Deputy that he had had a large sum of money with him, more than \$300.00 from selling hogs the day before. They also said that some one had seen Fannie with Haywood Sykes. Knowing that Sykes was locked up in the Whiteville jail, Deputy McKay called the Chief of Police who said that Sykes had by one hundred dollars bills and some other money on him when he was locked up. At that point a girl came to the office and said that Fannie had returned home. The brothers agreed to bring him to the Sheriff's office on Sunday if his money was missing. On Tuesday afternoon, Fannie Carroll came to the Sheriff's office and told him that he was barning tobacco when Haywood Sykes came by and urged him to have a drink. He said that he had not had a drink in six or seven years and as soon as he took his first drink he went out to lie down in his car. When he came to hours later he was in his car alone between Elizabeth town and Wilmington with his money gone. The sheriff's office called Whiteville and had Sykes held. Sheriff Miller and Chief Deputy Norwood Boone brought him back on a warrant charging him with larceny and receiving information and belief. He was lodged in the Kenansville jail. Wednesday he made a confession, waiving a hearing and will be tried in the County Court on August 4.

HELEN CALDWELL CUSHMAN
The most important day in the lives of Duplin County farmers this year comes this Saturday—the day of the flue-cured tobacco marketing referendum. It is in every sense a vote for survival. It will affect not only all growers, tenant farmers and sharecroppers—all of whom are eligible to vote—but the day is of paramount importance to every merchant, banker, lawyer, worker, teacher, housewife and official of Duplin County. Should the quota fail to pass, or should it be discontinued because of the poor vote showing a lack of interest in the matter, it would spell disaster for people all over the South, and particularly in Duplin.

81 per cent of the income of our county comes from tobacco. The price of that commodity concerns every man, woman and child. Let no farmer delude himself that his vote does not matter, that others will vote, and besides he had planned to barn tobacco that day. If too many of our people feel like that the danger of ruin will mount and soon that farmer who did not take the time to vote on this all-important day will find himself without a farm, a car, a house—All the gains that the program has brought the people of the South could and very possibly would be wiped out overnight, and the resulting depression would wipe out hundreds of business men as well as tobacco growers themselves.

When the bill comes up in Congress the opponents of the bill—and there are many—could make out a strong case against tobacco controls by showing the small percentage of growers who were interested enough to get out and vote. Several pieces of legislation vital to tobacco farmers have passed by such small majorities that it shows a trend away from support prices—one bill passed by only one vote. Unless there is an overwhelming majority of the growers next Saturday, even the men who represent the South will not have sufficient ammunition to muster to win. If, however, we can show that at least 95 per cent of the growers DID vote, realized their interests, then they can show the program, show how much they want and need the program.

The voters will vote on two questions in the referendum of July 19: 1. Continuance of flue-cured marketing quotas for three years (1953, 1954, 1955), or for only one year (1953). 2. Continuance of their support on Tobacco Associates, Inc., an organization of growers, bankers, merchants and citizens formed in 1947 to develop and expand the export market for tobacco.

NO government price supports will be available on the 1953 crop unless marketing quotas are approved, and it must pass by two-thirds majority of the growers who vote to ensure passage. The voters must show interest and confidence in the program by a tremendous turnout on this day—in reality an election day. The farmers will elect to continue their prosperity and the prosperity of most of the people in the flue-cured area if they get out and vote, or they will bring sure disaster on themselves, and their neighbors by not electing to take trouble enough to go to the polls. It is strictly up to the farmers.

WHO is eligible to vote? Every person who has an interest in the 1952 crop of flue-cured tobacco, owner, tenant, share-cropper, is eligible to vote on Saturday.

WHERE can you vote? The following is a list of voting places in Duplin County, the township first and then the place of voting:

- Albertson Holts Store
- Cypress Creek Jay Meardey's Store
- Faison Faison Town Hall
- Glisson Melvin Powell's Store
- Island Creek D. B. Teachey's Store
- Kenansville Agriculture Building
- Limestone Ransom Mercer's Store
- Rockfish Rockfish Community Building
- Rose Hill Rose Hill Town Hall
- Smith Freely Smith Store
- Warsaw Warsaw Town Hall
- Wolfcreek G. E. Alphin's Store

And vote—be sure to vote—it is truly a vote for survival. I wish every farmer in Duplin County had been present at the planning meeting on Friday in the Courthouse in Kenansville scheduled by the Duplin County PMA committee. The chairman, J. W. Warren, presided, and introduced BILL Hooks of the State PMA. He addressed the large and interested gathering on the urgency of the vote, and discussed Tobacco Associates, Inc., and how successful they had been in finding new markets for tobacco. Even in the face of being all of China, and a financial year was enjoyed.

T. B. Association Elects Officers

The Duplin County T. B. Association elected some new officers at the meeting held in the Health Department on Thursday night in Kenansville. Dr. H. W. Colwell, the chairman, presided at the meeting. Mrs. Gordon Kornegay whose resignation as secretary was received with regret introduced her successor, Mrs. William Craven of Warsaw. Mrs. Kornegay will devote more time to the X-ray clinic which was established by the association and the health department. Miss Lillian Wilson, State Field Secretary of the T. B. Association addressed the group. The new officers, not yet a complete slate, were Dr. H. W. Colwell, President; Lewis Outlaw, Seal Sale Chairman; Mrs. William Craven, secretary; Garland King, treasurer. After the meeting adjourned, refreshments were served by Mrs. Gordon Kornegay and Miss Mary Lee Sykes. Present at the meeting were M. B. Holt, Miss Mary Lee Sykes, Mrs. Norwood Boney and Mrs. L. B. Brummitt.

Duplin C. R. O. P. Officers Announced

The Reverend Herman Trueblood, District Head of CROP for twelve counties, has announced that the Duplin organization is well underway. The officers chosen for this program for people of the millions of hungry people all over the world are headed by M. B. Holt, owner of Holt's Store in Albemarle and Ellis Vestal of Kenansville as co-chairman. Mrs. David Williams of Rosehill is Secretary and the Waccamaw Bank of Kenansville will act as treasurer. Publicity will be in charge of Mrs. Caldwell of the Duplin Times Staff in Kenansville. The Commodities Chairman is James Strickland of Warsaw. A preliminary meeting will be called in the near future.

Also acting as vice-presidents in charge of the various churches are the following ministers: The Rev. L. C. Prater of Outlaw's Bridge; The Rev. Lauren Sharpe of Kenansville; The Rev. Frank Goodman of Beaulieu; The Rev. L. C. Crosson of Warsaw; The Rev. Elliott Steward of Teachey, Rev. Alton Quinn of Limestone.

Rose Hill Negro Arrested In Pickle Factory Break

Chief Deputy Norwood Boone and Bertis Fussell, Chief of Police of Rose Hill, arrested Tommy Murphy, Negro, on the street in Rose Hill Sunday for breaking into the pickle factory on Saturday night. Deputy Boone said the man was drunk and resisted the arrest when he was apprehended. He is charged with breaking, entering, larceny and receiving. He is alleged to have stolen some checks made out to other employees of the pickle company as well as some cakes. He told the sheriff that he had broken into the factory to get the small checks to eat. He will be tried in superior court in August.

County Schools To Open August 20

The schools of Duplin County will open on August 20 for the 1952-53 school year. Superintendent C. P. Johnson announced this week. By opening on this date, the schools can close two school days for Thanksgiving, five school days for Christmas, one school day for Easter, and one day for the District Teacher's Meeting in November, and close for the school year on May 11.

Fish Fry To Be Wednesday July 23

The Magnolia Lion's Club is sponsoring a fish fry to be held at Carlton's Fish Pond, located near Carlton's Crossing, between Magnolia and Warsaw, on Wednesday night, July 23. Come and enjoy a meal, all you can eat for \$1.00.

Duplin Co. Medical Society Meets

The Duplin County Medical Society met Thursday, July 10, in the Health Department. Officers, Dr. J. D. Robinson, President; president, Dr. Robinson, President; Dr. C. F. Hawes, vice-president; Dr. E. F. Ewers, Secretary-Treasurer. The group voted unanimously to elect Dr. John Powers of the Health Department a member. At the conclusion of the meeting, refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed.

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The need for blood is urgent. Friday is the day to give yours to save the life of a boy wounded in fighting for you. Goldsboro Women's club at 2 p. m. Give that boy my love!

Former Warsaw Marine Dies In Tailor Hospital

Sgt. James McQueen, USMC, former member of the 1st Marine Division, died at the Tailor Hospital Tuesday night. He had been stationed in Honolulu, Virginia.

First Polio Case Reported In County

The first case of polio in this county has been reported. James J. Cavens, 11, son of Mrs. F. M. Cavens, of Route 4, Wallace, is believed to have contracted the disease while on a vacation in the East.

Top Mode Manufacturing Company Opens Operations In Warsaw

Machinery began arriving last night and workmen were busy setting it up for operation this morning as 25 women reported for work at the Top Mode Manufacturing Company in Warsaw. The new industry, recently secured through the efforts of Aubrey L. Cavens, A. J. Jenkins and the Warsaw Industrial Corporation, is the second textile mill to select Duplin County in the past two years. Top Mode is not as large as the J. P. Stevens Company in Wallace, but is rated as one of the strongest small textile factories in the East.

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say that if labor conditions are satisfactory, which they expect them to be, they will move two more of their plants to Duplin. Mr. Harry Epstein, co-owner and manager of the mills, came to Warsaw last night and this morning expressed satisfaction with the reputation of his plant and organization in the town. He is optimistic about the future of the business and anticipates an expanded growth in Warsaw and Duplin County. He says that if conditions warrant he may move his family to Warsaw and become a permanent resident of the town.