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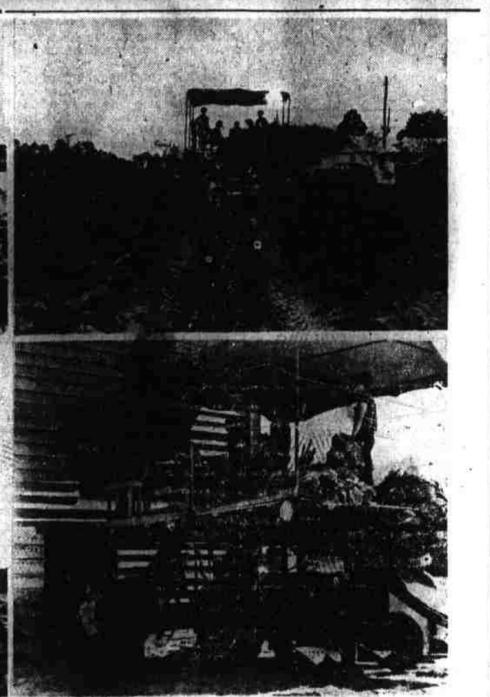
Plan To Attend East Carolina Folk Festival — Kenan Memorial Auditorium — Friday, Saturday, September 12 and 13.

Duplin Farmer Invents Tobacco Housing Machine; Will Be In Production Next Year

By J. H. GRADY
Duplin County farmer, Gilbert E. Alphin, Jr., of Summerlin's Cross Roads, near Kenansville, inventor of this summer and came out with at least a part of the tobacco farmer's dream. In this heavily planted tobacco section farm labor problems have been steadily on the increase for the past several years. Tobacco is one of the most expensive crops the farmer can produce and the overhead cost has shown a steady rise for some time. Mr. Alphin, being a tobacco planter, knowing the planter's problems from experience and being the county tax collector, knowing their financial struggles, decided about two years ago that it was time to do something about it. He set his head to the task, studying every angle of tobacco housing on his own farm, and this summer came up with a tobacco housing machine that has every potentiality of revolutionizing tobacco harvesting.



The above pictures of Gilbert Alphin's new invention, the Alphin Tobacco Harvester, were taken recently by Chas. Kraft, Mr. Olive Alphin in studying and planning the housing machine at work in the field. Standing to the right are Vernon Reynolds, Duplin Farm Agent, next to the machine, Wm. McPhail, Kenansville Agricultural



Teacher and Gilbert E. Alphin, Jr., inventor and maker. On the left will be seen John Gilbert Alphin, son of the inventor. Seated almost on ground level are four crossovers and in the center the canvas elevator being loaded with leaves as it takes them to the second platform. On the platform are loopers and handers. Behind the elevator is the tractor on which the harvester is mounted. Upper right you see the harvester as it moves between tobacco rows. You will note one row of tobacco is left out to make room for the tractor harvester. Lower left is a rear view showing hander and loopers at work and attached to the rear of the platform is a tobacco duster.

Mr. Alphin set about the task of building the housing machine in the late spring. He spent two weeks at work on it in an old farm building on his plantation. He worked at night as he had his regular job of tax collecting during the day time. He would arrive home from the county seat about six o'clock, get a bite to eat and go to his hide-away in all secrecy. There he would work until the wee hours of the morning. When circumstances would not allow him to work in the early part of the night he would arise about three o'clock in the morning and work until time for his job in Kenansville. Only two or three of his neighbors knew what he was doing. His wife helped look after the farm and attended the country store he operates while his family of girls would do the household chores and look after the cooking for Mrs. Alphin. His wife worked in close harmony with Mr. Alphin in studying and planning the machine. His young son, John Gilbert, a high school student, was enthusiastic over what his father was doing and as youngsters sometimes do, would pop up with a bright suggestion for his father from time to time.

Border Belt Opens With Average Of \$53.52; Offerings Not So Good

Raleigh — Opening day sales on eight North Carolina Border Belt tobacco markets Monday resulted in 3,044,691 pounds selling for an average of \$53.52 per hundred. The U. S. and N. C. Departments of Agriculture reported the figures. They compared with 4,328,487 pounds selling for an average of \$49.31 on last year's opening day.

The belt's 11 South Carolina markets, which have been operating since July 28th, sold 2,157,530 pounds Monday averaging \$56.03 per hundred. Better quality leaf and somewhat higher average prices prevailed at opening sales on the North Carolina markets. According to the U. S. and N. C. Departments of Agriculture, average prices on several of the markets ranged between \$49 and \$54 per hundred pounds, compared to last year's opening average of \$49.31. Monday's North Carolina market prices, as well as those on the 11 South Carolina markets held to about the same levels as last Friday's South Carolina prices. The department's report said that leaf and cutters held firm, lugs strengthened and low and fair primings and nondescript weakened. Bulk of Monday's leaf on the North Carolina markets sold for prices ranging between \$40 and \$50 during early sales. Practical top price was \$70, with some baskets going as high as \$71. The following prices by grades were reported by the agencies on both North Carolina and South Carolina markets: Cutters: Fair lemon \$70 low lemon \$68; lugs: fine lemon \$70, good lemon \$70, fair lemon \$66, fair orange \$56, low lemon \$48, low orange \$49; primings: good lemon \$64, fair lemon \$56, fair orange \$58, low orange \$33; nondescript.

Superior Court Here August 25th. Charlie Nicholson Case On Docket

Superior Court will convene here on Monday August 25th with Judge John W. Burney of Wilmington presiding. A two week term will be held. As far as the Times is able to learn the case against Charlie Nicholson, former Deputy Sheriff, will be tried. Jurors called for the term of court are as follows: First week: Alton Dall, J. J. Brown, William B. Price, Jno. A. Stallings, Adrian S. Bostic, Luby Tadlock, C. H. Wells, Jno. T. Wells, S. C. Jones, A. J. Outlaw, Fennell Brown, Jasper Houston, J. Cameron Stroud, Perry L. Grady, S. C. Ellis, Adrian Dall, Ralph Merritt, Herman H. Quinn, V. H. Brewer, C. H. Caudell, M. L. Outlaw, Jr., L. H. Bradshaw, Jr., James A. Savage, C. D. Aycock, J. R. Taylor, Geo. W. Sumner, D. E. Evans, E. N. Baker, W. M. Ezels, L. K. Alderman, Walter Rhodes, John Benson, Paul Johnson, Stephen Ray Murphy, Ira C. Harper, E. F. Grady, C. E. Whitfield, Adell Cavenaugh, Percy Albro Maready. Second week: J. Howard Cottle, T. S. Brock, Roland James, Jno. A. Harrell, Armentius J. Carr, C. C. Stephens, Jesse Brock, Arthur Apple, M. G. Smith, Eddie Rhodes, Will Whaley, Ganton Holland, William H. Register, P. D. Fussell, C. L. Brown, Troy Williams, L. R. James, Norman Smith, Lewis Ray West, J. W. Harrison, Major Lewis Price, H. H. Quinn, R. B. Edwards, Jr., D. L. Cole, J. K. Blanchard, Matt Blackburn, Owen Whaley, Russell Whitfield, Wells Thomas, Cyrus Batchelor.

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27 Scouts And Two Leaders To Represent Tuscarora Council At 37th Anniversary Order Of Arrow At Miami, Ohio University

Nearly 1,500 Boy Scouts and Explorers, all honor campers from 35 states will attend the 37th anniversary meeting of the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio from Aug. 29 to 31. Tuscarora Council will be represented at this meeting by 27 Scouts and two adult leaders. The leaders will be E. G. Fyatt of Dudley, who is the local Order of the Arrow Advisor, and Mr. Willie Thompson, Scoutmaster of Troop 67, Goldsboro. The local contingent will travel by chartered bus, leaving Goldsboro on August 29. General Lewis B. Hensley, National Director of Selective Service, will address the convales on Friday afternoon, Aug. 29. The Order of the Arrow has 43,000 members in 425 Local Boy Scout Councils. Its members are selected by fellow campers as those who best exemplify the Scout Promise and live in their daily lives. The delegates at the three-day convalescence of fellowship, inspiration and learning will represent about 200 Local Boy Scout Councils. The meeting features colorful Indian ceremonies. There will be outdoor activities and small group sessions. A high fellowship campfire and barbecue are scheduled for Saturday evening, Aug. 30. Addressing the opening session Friday afternoon will be H. Lloyd Nelson of Burlington, N. J., Chairman of the National Order of the Arrow Committee; James R. Montgomery of Knoxville, Tenn., National Conference Chief and Jack Hoel, Chief of the host lodge at Hamilton, Ohio. J. Richard Wilson of New York is National Secretary. Other speakers include Robert L. Billington, Regional Scout Executive of Region 4, comprising Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia; Wes H. Klusmann, National Director of Camping and Activities of the Boy Scouts of America and E. Urner Goodman, who founded the Order in 1915 at Treasure Island, the Philadelphia Boy Scout Camp on the Delaware River. Mr. Goodman was formerly National Director of Programs of the Boy Scouts of America. Distinguished Service Awards will be presented and Indian dances will be demonstrated at the closing session, Sunday morning, August 31. Full information and application form may be obtained at the post office in this city, or from the Unit

ed States Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Applications must be on file in the office of the Commission at Washington 25, D. C., not later than the closing date specified at the head of the examination announcement. In order to be eligible for the examination, an applicant must be a citizen of, or owe allegiance to, the United States; we must have actual residence within the territory of the post office for which the examination is held, or within the city or town where such office is situated, for at least 1 year immediately preceding the date fixed for the close of receipt of applications; must be in good physical condition; and must be within the prescribed age limits. The competition is open to both men and women. Under the terms of an Act of Congress, approved June 25, 1938, the Civil Service Commission will certify the names of the highest three qualified eligibles to the Postmaster General who shall then submit the name of the one selected to the President for nomination. Confirmation by the Senate is the final action. Applicants will be required to assemble in an examination room for written tests, and will also be rated on their education, business or professional experience, general qualifications and suitability. The Civil Service Commission will make an impartial inquiry among representative patrons of the office, both men and women, concerning the experience, ability, and character of each applicant, and the evidence thus secured will be considered in determining the ratings to be assigned to the eligibles. The Commission is not restricted in its selection of religious, or fraternal affiliations of any applicant. Full information and application form may be obtained at the post office in this city, or from the Unit

Thieves Steal Safe Containing Money 41 Bottles Of Liquor, From ABC Store

Roy Carter To Head Duplin Fund Raising Campaign For Tuscarora Scouts

By Paul Barwick
Roy Carter, Wallace, has been appointed chairman of Duplin County's fund raising campaign for Tuscarora Boy Scout Council which will be conducted from September 1-15. Edgar Pollock has been appointed chairman of Warsaw's drive. H. B. Korney is chairman of Calypso's campaign with Robert Holt supervising Albertson's drive. Chairmen for Faison, Rose Hill, Kenansville and Magnolia will be named at a later date. These men will be assisted by prominent men in each community who will contact citizens who wish to make a financial contribution towards meeting the 1952-53 Tuscarora budget. The operating budget for Tuscarora Council has been set at \$30,007.40 for the fiscal year 1952-53 according to B. E. Bryan, Financial Chairman of the Council. The campaign is being conducted to meet the budget adopted by the Executive Board of Tuscarora. At a meeting Tuesday night in Calypso, last minute plans for the campaign and organizational set-up for the Council were discussed. According to Scout Executive Bruce Boyer and Mr. Bryan, Paul Barwick, of Mount Olive and Goldsboro News-Argus, has been appointed publicity chairman of Tuscarora Council and will be assisted by J. C. Newbould, Goldsboro, during the campaign.

Local ABC officers and Lenoir County ABC Board Supervisor Percy Bryan Monday were tracking bold bandits who apparently walked away with the Pink Hill ABC Store safe, containing about \$3,195 in cash, and 41 bottles of assorted liquor early Sunday morning. Bryan estimated the time of the take at between midnight and dawn Sunday. He theorized that whoever rifled the store, located in the heart of Pink Hill, went down the main street of the town. It appeared, he said, as if the safe was rolled three blocks to the stop light nearby and then was given some other means of conveyance. At the stop light was found a push truck which probably was used to roll the safe, he said. He estimated the weight of the safe at between 500 and 600 lbs. The loss was discovered Sunday morning by ABC Store Clerk Rom Alphin who had come in to do some work, Bryan reported. Whoever went into the store through the padlock off the front door and prized the other lock, it was stated.

Rev. Stephen Smith And His Children Are Coming To Duplin Next Sunday At Snow Hill Church In The Morning

Long Distance was calling the Duplin Times office this week. When we answered a very familiar voice on the other end wanted to know how everybody in Duplin was getting along. The voice was that of Rev. Stephen Smith of Middlesex, formerly of Beaulieuville, and now Superintendent of the Middlesex Free Will Baptist Orphanage. Stephen says no matter how far he may get from Duplin his heart will always be here. He is paying a visit to Duplin Sunday, August 10th. He will bring along a group of children from the orphanage and will take part in programs at two Free Will Baptist Churches in the county. At eleven in the morning they will be at the Snow Hill church and at 8 o'clock that evening they will be at Bethlehem church in the Fountaintown section. Mr. Smith will also take part in the program. He says he wishes as many of his friends who can will attend one of these two services. Also on Sunday evening another group of youngsters from the orphanage will give a concert at the Sarecta Free Will Baptist Church. They will be accompanied by their leader, Miss Bonnie Farmer, a sister to Moses Farmer who lived in Kenansville for several years and is a native of the Indian Springs section of Wayne County.

New A&P Store To Open In Warsaw

Front Page — New A&P Store — The new and modern A&P store in Warsaw will open about the middle of August. Most of the shining new fixtures are in place the refrigerator is being moved, and staple stock is being moved into the store near the Warsaw theatre. Mr. Armstrong, the manager, says it will be one of the most up to date shopping centers in Duplin County. It is roomy and airy and it will be a pleasure to shop there. The store is so large that there may be employment for two additional clerks. One innovation will be the new display methods for vegetables and fruit. It will keep them fresh and cool at all times, no matter what the weather.

Sara Joiner, Times Columnist, Receives Boquet From News Editor Of N & O

Mrs. Sarah Joiner of Warsaw Duplin Times Warsaw correspondent and writer of the popular Times feature "Sarah Joiner's Column" was pleasantly surprised this week when she received a letter from Jim Whitfield, State News Editor of the News and Observer. Incidentally Jim is a member of the Duplin-Wayne - Lenoir Whitfield families and has a warm interest in what's going on in this section. His letter to Mrs. Joiner is as follows: July 29, 1952 Dear Mrs. Joiner: I read the columns thoroughly in the Times and enjoyed them immensely. Since my work is confined strictly to the activities of people — I've been in newspaper work since I wore knee pants — your columns are about the stuff that life is made of. Nothing is more interesting than people and situations in life that shape their destiny. And one point we all realize — a person's destiny is not the result of his thinking, but rather how he applies that thinking toward the betterment of mankind. Sincerely, Jim Whitfield State News Editor

Meets Thursday

Kenansville Lion's Club will meet Thursday night, August 14th instead of Wednesday night due to the district Masonic Meeting which will be held here on Wednesday evening.

Sheriff's Office Quiet Week-End

Duplin's Sheriff's office reported a rather quiet week end. News of little importance was forthcoming. Deputies Oscar Houston and Norwood Boone picked up a couple of Negro bootleggers in Rose Hill Saturday afternoon. Junius Wells was arrested with 9 one-half-gallons of moonshine liquor and Elijah Perry was caught with less than a pint. Both had reputations for bootlegging. They were given hearing and bound over to county court.

Pink Hill Barber Narrowly Escapes Death When Awakened On A Burning Cot

Carl Matthews, Pink Hill barber was awakened from his slumbers early Saturday morning to find his cot, on which he was sleeping, was on fire. Mr. Matthews, who has recently moved his family to Clinton and who comes back to Pink Hill certain days a week to work, was sleeping in his shop at the time. When the paper carrier came by they saw smoke coming from the shop, but quick work saved everything but certain parts of his bed.

Major C. H. Trueblood, Jr., Promoted Attending Top-Level School In Alabama

The promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and immediate assignment to the Air Command and Staff School of C. H. Trueblood, Jr., for the past year commander of the 77th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, at Madera, California, was announced recently by Colonel James W. Andrews, commanding officer of the 28th Air Division, Hamilton Air Force base, California. Colonel Trueblood has gone to Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama, where he will attend the top-level Command and Staff School course. Colonel Trueblood is a native of



The Minstrel of the Appalachians' Bascom Lunsford, left and one of his favorite banjo pickers, Geo. Fegram of Western North Carolina. Fegram is a find of Prof. Lunsford who will bring him along to show the way to other banjo pickers in East Carolina's First Folk Festival to be held in Kenan Memorial Auditorium here on Friday and Saturday nights, September 12 and 13.

Gilbert E. Alphin, Jr. His father Gilbert E. Alphin, Sr. is living in Mt. Olive at a ripe old age, well in his nineties. Gilbert takes after his father's inventive genius. The elder Alphin has a number of patents to his credit. See story on this page.

Duplin County Tax Collector, James A. Savage, who may be re-electing tobacco housing with his invention of the Alphin Tobacco Harvester. Mr. Alphin bills from Summerlin's Cross Roads a debt, he lives with his wife and operates a store.