

# Duplin Times

Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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

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## E. Carolina Folk Festival Fri. And Sat.

### Minstrel Of The Appalachians



Bascom Lamar Lunsford

By Helen Caldwell Cushman  
Most mountain people are shy, they dislike performing before strangers. But Bascom Lunsford was no stranger. Those communities into which he went on his quest soon recognized him as one of their own kind. He was no outsider. He could play his fiddle and pick his banjo with the best of them. He knew ballads they had heard or vaguely remembered their grandparents singing. So they swapped tunes, they swapped verses of the same song. The champion performers agreed to come to his first great folk festival at Asheville—they came from Soco Gap and the Blue Ridge. They came from places with such melodious names as Teshala and Ellawasse. Fiddlers and string bands, and clog dancers, teams of square dancers with champion callers, teams like that of our own team from Cherokee in Duplin County directed by that marvelous person, Susie Smith, and called by a real tobacco auctioneer—and danced by him too. Many callers are a part of their teams, they actually lead the complicated sets—sets that vary from County to County, and section to section. Even if several teams were to dance the same set, it would be different. Tradition has added its own flavor, its particular interpretation through generations—an improvement here, a shift of tempo there, a fortunate improvisation by some leader with more zest than usual, some caller with imagination. The test is that it all be natural and spontaneous. Continued on Back Page (Sec. 2)

By J. R. GRADY  
Tomorrow is the Big Day. East Carolina's First Annual Folk Festival will open tomorrow afternoon for a two day run. The big show will be in Kenan Memorial Auditorium Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 7.30. Supt. Johnson has completed installation of seats in the East end balcony of the auditorium and over 500 more people can now be seated there heretofore. Plans call for a thousand chairs to be placed in the floor and with light seating more than 3000 people will be able to comfortably see the performance. In addition there should be standing room for a hundred or so more.  
From reports reaching Kenansville an overflow crowd is expected for both nights. Reports from outside the county indicate that the Festival is probably better known away from Duplin than in Duplin. Chartered busses are coming from long distances. One bus bringing 40 people will come from Durham and 32 of the forty will participate. They are coming Saturday night.  
Mr. Lunsford has scoured the woods from Chapel Hill and Durham to the Atlantic Coast and from Wilson County to Brunswick County. He reports that between 4 and 5 hundred participants will display their art on the stage of Kenan Memorial Auditorium here Friday and Saturday nights.  
We asked him to list some of the outstanding performers who will appear and he began with Duplin's own Floyd Smith, Albertson who took state championship and cup at the State Fair last year for Fiddling. Vieing with him for honors will be George Pegram from Irredell County, who took the state championship at the State Fair for Banjo Picking along with Smith. Buncombe County and Turkey Creek, home of Prof. Lunsford, will send the Han'ou Mountain Dance team under the direction of Earl McElreath. This program was one of the main features at the Asheville Folk Festival. Albemarle in Stanley County will send a dance team under the leadership of Mrs. Ned H. Cooper and Dr. Ivester. Mrs. Jackie Hale of Kinston will bring two groups, one on Friday and one on Saturday. Mrs. Ruby Lovingsood, famous ballad singer of the mountains, in Buncombe County, will be here along with her husband, Bascom Lamar Lunsford, Jr. Paul Jones, famous banjo picker from Winston Salem, will be here to try and outdo George Pegram. There will be a group of youngsters from Little Washington, down in Beaufort County under the direction of Mrs. June Martin.  
From Duplin, in addition to Floyd Smith will be the Chocolate dancers from Albertson, the Ward square dance group from Rose Hill, ukulele players from Chingnapin and others. The Mountain family of singers from Seven Springs will be on the stage. Pender County will send several as will Onslow and Sampson counties. From Sampson (Continued on Back Sec. 1)

## Farm Bureau Drive On

LeRoy Simmons, President of the Duplin County Farm Bureau, this week announces the annual membership drive which gets under way September 15th and continues through October 15th. Differing from past drives will be the fact that the Home Demonstration Club Women will take an active part. At a meeting last week of officers and directors HDC members were present and helped work out the plans. Lloyd Weeks of Raleigh spoke to the meeting and encouraged the farmers of Duplin to buckle down and lead the way in new members this year. Last year was Duplin's banner year with 1409 members. In the tobacco referendum a few weeks ago Duplin led the state in percentage vote when 6,085 votes were cast. There are an estimated 8,000 farm families in Duplin County and they should be potential. Some counties in the state have over 90 per cent of its farm families members of the Bureau.

Every other profession or trade is organized, Mr. Simmons said and if the farmer is to get his just share of the nation's wealth he too must be well organized. Ten years ago 28 per cent of the people in the United States lived on farms, today only 14.9 per cent live on farms. Unless they get together they may be crushed by the others. With proper organization they can demand and will get what is justly theirs for the farmer feeds the world.

Township chairmen their last year membership an 1952 quota is as follows: (first figure quota and second figure last year) Limestone, Joe Williams, 350—232; Albertson, R. A. Smith, 165—172; Gilson, Taft Herring, 110—115; Smith, Freely Smith, 165—104; Island Creek, Island Tenney, 165—33; Kenansville, Arthur Whitfield, 161—151; Cypress Creek, M. L. Lanier, 120—98; Wolfscrape, Ed Grady, 121—137; Faison, H. B. Korneagy, 140—150; Rock Fish, Heddie Mason, 148—148; Warsaw, Lee Korsegy, 110—148; Magolia, W. L. Ropic, 61—58; Rose Hill, S. O. Johnson, 58—9.

A number of cash prizes are being offered in the drive, particularly to the Home Demonstration Clubs for getting the most members. To the clubs: 1st prize, \$100; second prize \$50 and third and fourth prize each \$25. To the individual securing the most members the following amounts will be paid on their trip expenses to the national convention in Chicago: 1st, \$100; 2nd \$50 and third and fourth each \$25.

### Local Lions Hear Governor Scout Executive

The Kenansville Lions Club heard two very good speakers at its regular bi-monthly meeting last night. Bill Hewitt, Scout executive of Tuscarora Council talked Scouting to the group. The Local Lions this year are sponsoring the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in Kenansville. Following Mr. Hewitt's address Lions District Governor Paul Lyman of Raleigh told of experiences in Mexico City in June when he attended Lions International convention in that city. This was Lion Lyman's first visit to the local club and he made a very fine impression. The club recommended that the Kenansville Town Board place appropriate parking signs around Dr. Willis' office here. Committees to work with the East Carolina Folk Festival here Friday and Saturday nights were appointed.



Not Guilty

CHARLIE NICHOLSON

### Epp Taylor Found Dead; Ike Sanderson Held

Ike Sanderson of Faison is being held on a charge of possession of non tax paid whiskey in connection with the death of a 50 year old white man of a heart attack near Faison.

Epp Taylor, about 50, died as a result of an attack brought on by continuous drinking, according to Sheriff Ralph Miller, who was called to investigate. The sheriff summoned Coroner Gurman Powell to conduct an inquest. Powell being absent from the county, Clerk of Court R. V. Wells appointed Magistrate C. B. Sitterton to act as coroner and investigate.

Sitterton, when contacted, said that he went to Sanderson's place and found Taylor dead. He said that about 50 empty half gallon jars were found on the premises which he and the sheriff described as "highly unsanitary." Taylor's body was removed to a Mount Olive funeral home pending burial arrangements. He has no known relatives, although a deputy from the sheriff's office was sent to the Summerlin's Crossroads community to investigate a rumor that a brother of the dead man was thought to be living there.

Sanderson was charged with possession of non tax paid whiskey after a quantity of the commodity was found on his premises.

### Warsaw Foot Ball Player Injured In Practice

Jerry Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis of Warsaw, was injured yesterday afternoon in football practice on the Warsaw High School football field. Young Davis suffered a kick or blow in the head and was knocked unconscious. He remained in an unconscious state for some length of time. He was rushed to the Clinton hospital where it was first feared his injuries were serious. Mrs. Sara Jolley, Times correspondent of Warsaw reported called the hospital about ten o'clock this morning and he was reported to be getting along nicely and was expected to recover.

### Staff Changes At P.M.A. Office

The P.M.A. office has two new members on its staff. They are Mrs. Ruth Q. Quinn and Mrs. Donie H. Outlaw both of Albertson. They

### Pink Hill To Get New Fire Truck; Services Of Truck Will Be Available To Farmers

On Tuesday, September 2, a Pink Hill delegation, headed by Lynwood C. Turner appeared before the Lenoir County board of Commissioners in regular session at the Courthouse in Kinston, asking help from the county to purchase a fire truck for Pink Hill. The group agreed to furnish \$5000 toward the purchase of same, and it was ruled that if legal, the town would be allotted an additional \$5,000 for the county on the purchase of the truck. However, county attorney Thomas J. White later informed the commissioners that this plan does not conform to either of two methods by which fire protection can be afforded in rural districts. Although this plan did not go through, a member of the Pink Hill board of Aldermen has informed our reporter that the town is going ahead, and has already placed an order for a truck to be paid for by the town of Pink Hill. Although delivery cannot be made immediately, it is expected within a period of 90 days. The Pink Hill group has made it clear from the beginning that it is available to neighboring communities of Pink Hill whether in Lenoir, Jones or Duplin Counties, was their desire for the truck. Since the town is purchasing the truck on its own, residents of these areas feel sure that this protection will be afforded. Pink Hill and the surrounding communities have suffered fire damages amounting to thousands of dollars within the past few months.

### Cancer Drive Under Eisenberg Exceeds Goal; \$2,268 Collected In Duplin;

Harry M. Eisenberg, Wallace merchant who headed the 1952 cancer fund drive in Duplin County recently announced the successful completion of the drive for this year. Under Mr. Eisenberg's guidance the amount of money collected for cancer relief in this county this year not only exceeded but nearly tripled the quota set on the basis of the amount last year. Total money collected during the drive was \$2,268 dollars as compared with \$840 for last year.

Announcement  
The Warsaw P.T.A. will hold its first fall meeting on the night of the sixteenth at eight o'clock at the Grammar school.

### Nick Is Acquitted

Charis Nicholson, former Deputy Sheriff and bookkeeper to Sheriff-treasurer Ralph Jones, was acquitted by a 12 man jury in Superior Court here last week on charges of embezzling between 4 and 5 thousand dollars from the county. Last week the Times carried a detailed report of the case through Wednesday night proceedings and since no new developments took place on Thursday we will not attempt to cover that day or give a rehash of the week's proceedings. The jury was given the case Thursday night, but one of the jurors became stricken with the flu and they waited until Friday to render the verdict. There was no question as to the outcome in the minds of 95 per cent of the spectators who jammed the court room to overflowing. Judge Burgwyn made a brief charge to the jury on Thursday night and Friday morning warned the audience before the verdict was rendered that no demonstration would be permitted. When the jury announced the verdict, Judge Burgwyn thanked them for it and their services. He admonished the audience that personal feelings in the case should be forgotten and that the jury's verdict should be accepted by everyone as truth in the matter. He highly complimented County Auditor Faison McGowen for his impartial way of presenting the important evidence he had, calling special attention to the fact that Mr. McGowen tried and did play fair with both sides. He complimented the county for having him as County Auditor. He suggested that Duplin abolish its obsolete form of the sheriff serving as treasurer to which Clerk of Court R. V. Wells replied that a move towards that end was already in motion. Judge Burgwyn did not adjourn court, he just let the session draw to a close. As spectators arose to their feet clearly 75 per cent of them had tears in their eyes. Nicholson immediately rushed over to the jury box to thank the jurors and then to his lawyers. Solicitor Matt Lettler outside the court house said that he had a sworn duty to do in prosecuting "Nick" and he did his best. Defense Attorneys Norwood Boney and Judge Alston Boney were called over the verdict, both saying in effect it had to be because "Nick" was innocent. Thus ends the long drawn out story of Sheriff Ralph Jones and his Deputy Charlie Nicholson. Ralph has gone to his reward and Charlie is safe at home with his family and his job in Kenansville. Let it be hoped that the scandal and publicity that Duplin County has been subjected to during the past 12 to 18 months has come to a close and the years ahead may see Duplin and its citizens marching together forward to a greater and better Duplin County. May the Honorable Heritage left us by our forefathers, which is pictorially portrayed for us on the walls of our Court House, continue to be a part of us. The ideal that corruption and intolerance will not be permitted in Duplin; that we have a great county to be proud of and that we are obligated to pass that Noble Heritage on to our coming generations.

### Auto And Cow In Collision; Cow Dead; Auto Hurt

G. B. Miller, colored of near Kenansville is minus a good milk cow and the fender of his near Rose Hill is minus about \$500 worth of automobile as a result of a cow-car collision late Sunday afternoon on highway 11 near Kenansville. Officers reported the cow was supposed to have been tied to a fence in a nearby field but apparently got loose and wandered onto the highway. The cow was knocked about 140 feet down the road and killed instantly. The repairs to the car were estimated to cost about \$500.

### Beulaville School Gets \$4,000 Foot Ball Field; To Be Well Lighted

The Beulaville football eleven and Duplin's largest school now boasts of a modern, well lighted football field to the tune of \$4,000. The new project is well under construction and is being sponsored by the Beulaville Lions Club, assisted by the Woodmen of the World and Masonic order there. Other civic clubs, including the Women's Club are joining in the program. 32 new 1500 watt lights are being put around the field. A Galvanum fence is being constructed and new seats are expected to be set up before the season is over. Season tickets are on sale for the games this year and the Lions Club has bought 100 per cent. Football season begins September 14th and the first game is on September 14th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Beulaville eleven.

### Family Life Training School For H.D.C. Women Be Here Next Wednesday A. M.

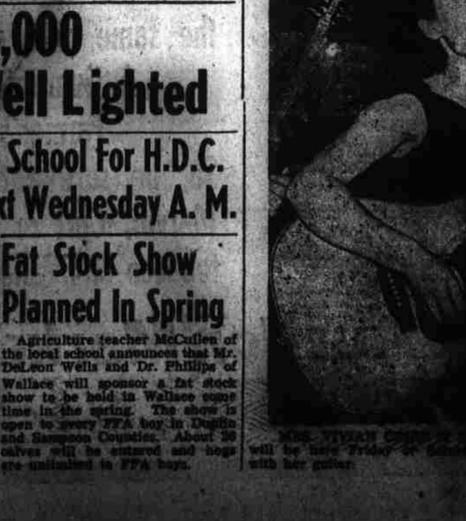
Mrs. Pauline S. Johnson, Home Demonstration Agent in Duplin announces a Family Life Training School for all Family Life Leaders to be held in the Sunday School building of Grace Presbyterian Church in Kenansville on Wednesday morning, September 17th at 10 a. m. Mrs. Corlene Grigsby, Extension Specialist will conduct the school. Family Life Leader will give the demonstrations during the week of November and every month is urged to attend this school and carry one person with them.

### Fat Stock Show Planned In Spring

Agriculture teacher McCullen of the local school announces that Mr. DeLeon Wells and Dr. Phillips of Wallace will sponsor a fat stock show to be held in Wallace some time in the spring. The show is open to every FFA boy in Duplin and Sampson Counties. About 100 calves will be entered and hope will be held in the FFA boys.

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### Ballad Singer From Lenoir County

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### 200 Cases On County Court Docket Here

Kenansville is quiet and relaxing this week even though an unusually heavy docket is being tried in County Court. Judge Phillips says that more than 200 cases are on the County Court docket and he and Solicitor Mercer hope to nearly clean them all up this week. The Times will give you a report on the court next week.

### Specialist Examines Diseased Tobacco

H. R. Garris, in charge of plant pathology extension at State College, examined 700 diseased tobacco plants at clinics held in 37 counties this summer. The clinics were conducted to enable farmers to obtain identification of undiagnosed diseases in their tobacco fields. Garris pointed out that black shank was still the leader among the diseases identified, but root knot caused by nematodes, had increased greatly. The pathologist observed that nematodes lessened the expected

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### Youth's Money Case Is Sent From Wayne To Duplin; To Be Heard Here Tomorrow

GOLDSBORO, Sept. 4.—Wayne Juvenile Judge Loren Derr said today that trial of 13 year old Robert Dail of Mount Olive, who recently went on a spending spree with some \$2,500 in tobacco money belonging to his uncle had been transferred to Duplin County. Then action followed a disclosure that the theft occurred just across the Wayne County line. The case is scheduled to be heard before Duplin Juvenile Judge R. V. Wells tomorrow. Derr said he had not been informed when he gave the case a preliminary hearing last Saturday, that the boy's uncle, Mathew Parker, lived in Duplin County. Derr reserved judgment after hearing testimony from the boy's uncle, Mathew Parker, who said he had not been informed when he gave the case a preliminary hearing last Saturday, that the boy's uncle, Mathew Parker, lived in Duplin County. Derr reserved judgment after hearing testimony from the boy's uncle, Mathew Parker, who said he had not been informed when he gave the case a preliminary hearing last Saturday, that the boy's uncle, Mathew Parker, lived in Duplin County.