

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Duplin Times



Don't Be Duplin's
13th Fatality
Drive Safely

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KENANSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1952

SUBSCRIPTION RATE: \$1.50 per year in Duplin and adjoining counties; \$4.00 outside this area in N. C.; \$5.00 outside N. C.

PRICE TEN CENTS

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The 1952 North Carolina Farm
Census Summary (by counties) just
released by the State-Federal Crop
Reporting Service in Raleigh
shows that there was a total of
394,771 acres in Duplin County
farms during 1951 and that 11,482
acres of this land was classified
as idle.

The idle land was defined as
open, cleared, ungrazed land from
which no crops were saved—including
land on which crops failed. This land, according to farm
leaders, might do wonders toward
better farming and increased farm
income if put to the proper use.

The remainder of Duplin County's
farm land usages was distributed
as follows: harvested cropland,
132,698 acres; improved pasture,
4,968 acres; all other pasture
(except woodland pasture),
6,000 acres; and other land (woods,
marsh, cutover, homesites, etc.),
264,924 acres.

The Summary noted that of 21,
263,078 acres of farm land in
North Carolina, there were 6,161,
504 acres of harvested cropland,
1,183,059 acres of idle cropland,
505,547 acres of improved pasture,

1,211,954 acres of other pasture,
and 11,915,614 acres of other land
including woods, waste, cutover
and homesites.

All of the figures in the Sum-
mary for this County are based
on the 1952 farm census taken
in townships last January under
direction of Duplin County Com-
missioners.

Orders for School Sweaters Are Now Being Taken

Anyone interested in placing or-
ders for the Velva-Sheen school
sweaters and T-shirts or head
scarves are asked to contact Mrs.
Graham Phillips or Mrs. Belton
Minshew at the earliest convenience.
This project is being sponsored
by the PTA.

Funeral Services W. J. Smith Held At Home Sun.

Walter Jones Smith, 81, Smith
Township farmer, was killed in-
stantly at 5 p. m. Friday, Dec.
19th at the intersection of High-
ways 11 and 71 at the F. Grady
School in Duplin County.

He was driving an automobile
with Bill Smith as his passenger.
His car suddenly cut in front of a
State highway truck, driven by
Ashley Jones of B. F. Grady
School, who was accompanied by
N. B. Grady of Kenansville.

Jones and Grady were uninjur-
ed. Bill Smith suffered head injur-
ies.

Surviving W. J. Smith are his
widow and the following children:
Jasper, postmaster at Pink Hill;
Sig of Kinston, Horace of Wilson,
Mrs. R. A. Grady of Wilson, Mrs.
Floyd May of Pink Hill, Mrs. Wal-
do Simmons of Goldsboro, Mrs.
Andrew Patterson of Kenansville,
Mrs. B. M. Carr, Mrs. Jessie South-
erland and Mrs. Walter M. River-
bank of Wallace.

Funeral services were held from
the home at 3 p. m. Sunday con-
ducted by his pastor, Rev. N. P.
Farrar, Presbyterian minister of
Pink Hill assisted by Rev. D. C.

Country Produces 2nd Largest Crop Flue-Cured Tobacco In Its History

Washington, Dec. 25.—The sec-
ond largest crop of flue-cured
tobacco in history is expected to
be marked up this year in latest
forecast of the Department of
Agriculture. The predicted total of
1,900,000,000 pounds will be second
only to last year's 1,452,000,000
pounds, the all-time record, the ex-
perts estimated. The overall U. S.
leaf production is being predicted
as 2,207,000,000, about five per
cent off from last year.

Mrs. John Wells

Mrs. John Wells of Wallace died
in a Wilmington hospital Monday
morning after several weeks of
illness. She is survived by her
husband and two daughters, Mrs.
Sam Troy and Mrs. Lloyd Allen
of Wilmington. Funeral arrange-
ments had not been made at press
time. She was a sister-in-law of
Clerk of Court R. V. Wells here.

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a goal of 54,000 acres of sweet pota-
toes and 49,000 acres of white
potatoes towards national produc-
tion goals in 1953.

"... and, lo, the star, which they saw
in the east, went before them, till it came
and stood over where the child was."

J. P.'s Local Court Report

The following list of Justice of
the Peace cases heard here were
reported:

William Brinaan was arrested by
Deputy Sheriff N. D. Boone and
charged with operating a vehicle in
a careless and reckless manner,
without driver's license. Cited to
county court.

William Marthas Alias Shim
Mathis arrested by deputy sheriff
N. D. Boone, for having in his
possession 9 1/3 pint of whiskey,
while being publicly drunk. Cited to
county court.

Bealey Sanderson was arrested by
deputy sheriff N. D. Boone, for being
accomplice with Shim Mathis. Cited to
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Louis Edward Coombs arrested by
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Warsaw PTA Holds Meeting

The Warsaw P. T. A. met Tues-
day night December 16th at 7:30
with Mrs. Graham Phillips presid-
ing. The grammar grades were in charge of the pro-
gram directed by Mrs. Edna Mc-
Lamb. Minutes were read by the
secretary Mrs. Belton Minshew.
Mrs. H. R. Hopp was the treasurer.
The Sesame Club held its De-
cember meeting Wednesday after-
noon in the Community Building.
Mrs. A. A. Banadyga presided.
Hostesses for the afternoon were
Mrs. L. J. Howe, Mrs. A. H. With-
ington, Mrs. Marshall Williams,
and Miss Elizabeth Hicks. Mrs.
T. C. Crowe presided over the
White Christmas'. Each member
brought gifts wrapped in white for
the needy families. Mrs. R. A. Will-
iams was the speaker for the
meeting.

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Times Out Early

The Times comes to you early this week. We are publishing on Monday in order to give our employees the balance of the week off for Christmas.

It is expected that beginning next week we will operate again with a full force, including a new full time linotype operator and your Times will reach you on time as usual and carry the usual county news coverage.

As of November 25, approximately 44.5 million pounds of frozen ready-to-cook turkeys from the 1952 crop have been purchased to provide an outlet for surplus turkeys in the State. The price will be 35 cents per pound.

Deputies Oscar Houston, N. D.

Boone, T. R. Revel, Gurman

Fowler and Sheriff Ralph Miller

brought up a 75 gallon oil burning

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Pink Hill Is Proud Of Its Fire Fighting Truck And Department

Pink Hill, Dec. 18—L. J. Carter
of Pink Hill is probably giving
thanks today to an action-minded
group of Pink Hill citizens for their
ability to understand the need for
a modern fire truck in the town
and with spunk enough to take
steps in getting one for the com-
munity.

At 10:30 am fire blazed up quite
unexpectedly at the Carter dwell-
ing recently. The town's fire bell
rang loud and clear in a matter of
seconds the new \$12,000 truck was
roaring through the streets and
headed for the scene.

Carter owns the house, but the
occupants are Ralph Pittman and
family. The blaze was extinguished
in a matter of minutes. A valuable
home was saved with only a small
loss of \$100 damage to the build-
ing. It could have been another
major disaster in Pink Hill, which
has had more than its share of
fires in the past.

The 500-gallon capacity truck
with a high and low pump was de-
livered at Pink Hill on November
14. It was built by the Oren Roa-
noke Corporation of Oren, Va.

A gift of \$5,000 to help buy the
truck was promised Pink Hill
citizens by the Lenoir County Com-
missioners, but County Attorney
Thomas J. White was unable to
find a statute in his law books
that allowed the county to give the
money to Pink Hill.

Now, it is going to take a Legis-
lative act before Pink Hill will get
the money (White is he county's
new representative). But the town
has the truck and is proud of it.

Having a fire truck meant the
town must have a fire department.
The fastest fire fighting organiza-
tion in a long time was quickly
organized. The old City Hall was
turned into a fire house. Fresh
blocks of white painted cement
sprang up over-night. The truck
found a new home.

Three companies of seven men
each have been set up to combat
fires in the community. George M.
Turner was selected as fire chief.
His assistants: J. V. Caudill, Cap-
tain of the Pink Hill fire depart-
ment is Jepsie Pickett Burnie Mal-
pass is first lieutenant and Levi
Everett is second lieutenant.

The drivers are Alton Taylor,
Mayor Chris Coombs, Herman
Stroud, Johnnie Westbrook, A. B.
Taylor and Wilbur Tyndall. Nozze-
men are J. F. Williamson, Clyde
Hardman, Aaron Murphy, Johnnie
Bill Jenkins, Hosenmen are Sam Da-
vis, W. Grahams Turner, Woodrow
Smith, Horace Lee, Adolph How-
ard, Jr., and Ethro Hill.

The organization of a fire depart-
ment meant the training of
each man as to his specific duty.
The Oren Company took care of
this training by sending a qual-
ified instructor South with the
Truck. His job was to give proper
instructions as to the correct usage
of the truck and its equipment.

In case of fire, citizens are ask-
ed to telephone 233-1100 or 233-6610
or 233-6611 only with the exception
of Sunday. If no one answers either of the telephones
callers are requested to go to the
residence of Chieff Turner located
behind the T. A. Turner and Com-
pany's main building, where the
fire alarm switch is located on
the North end of the porch.

The alarm-sounder then should
rush to the Fire Station and tell
the on-duty firemen the exact loca-
tion of the fire. If the alarm is
between the hours of 6 pm and 12
pm citizens are asked to telephone
the Motor Park Theater, No. 234-1
and report the fire.

The truck has already seen ser-
vice for community grass fires
on the occasion when citizens in
the town and in the nearby areas
are out test certain that everything
will be done to protect the live-
and property of the people.

Pictured above is Pink Hill's new
fire truck, a 500-gallon, two-pump
modern truck, recently purchased
in part by citizens of the town.
Fire Chief George Turner in pic-
tured inside the truck's cabin. Other
persons shown here are, left to right,
Levi Everett, Adolph Howard, [George Denmark, Jr., Photo]

200 Members of "Dixie Thousand Dollar An Acre Club" hear Jeter at Meet

Kinston, N. C.—Nearly 250 mem-
bers of the Dixie One-Thousand
Dollar an Acre Club met at
Southwood School yesterday
night to hear an address by Frank
Jeter, State College editor and
speaker.

In a brief talk E. V. Floyd, di-
rector of the Plant Food Institute,
pointed out that foreign nations
had American dollars but that high
tariffs are cutting down im-
ports. Consequently, he said, the
foreign nations are unable to buy
tobacco.

Jeter, interjecting humorous
stories throughout his talk, urged
farmers to go to the experts to
find out the latest methods of
doing things. No one can know
it all in this technical age, he
said and while the farm scientists
can discover why something should
be done, only the farmer himself
can put it to use.

In recent years, he said, the
State has come far by putting to
use new advances in farming, but
there are still many problems to
face and he challenged the farm-

Christmas Has Everything

Christmas has everything—hasn't it?
Christmas holds tightly many happy memories, is
loaded with joy and good cheer right now, and pierces
uncertainties of the future with the bright twinkle of
hope.

Christmas lifts you out of your ordinary self and
pushes you up into being a person far nicer than you
have thought you were.

Christmas opens up friendships more numerous,
more delightful and more heart-warming than you knew
you had.

Christmas appeals to all five of your senses. Is there
any sight lovelier than gaily wrapped gifts, multicolored
candles, shiny holly and decorations on a Christmas
tree? Isn't there contentment in the fragrant smell of fir
balsam in the living room and of spicy odors in the
kitchen? Wouldn't the days seem empty without hearing
again the universally-loved carols and the laughter
of happy children? Isn't self-control overstrained by the
taste of festive, tempting foods? And don't we respond
to the invigorating touch of the sweet air outdoors and
the welcome warmth of home and family within?

It looks like Christmas.

It smells like Christmas.

It sounds like Christmas.

It tastes like Christmas.

It feels like Christmas.

It must be Christmas.

Merry Christmas!