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This Week

Editorial

By J. R. GRADY
Your Times comes to you this week a little more like it's old self. As we explained last week we are doing a little overhauling in the machinery department and the staff department. We have the press going in the top shape now but the Linotype is still a little sluggish. It is hoped that an another week badly needed parts that have been ordered will be here and the mechanical department will be going in ship shape form. Incidentally the job press is going at legs and we are not so encumbered with job printing. You merchants check over your supplies and place orders now while we are not rushed. You will save a few dollars right now.

The Staff has undergone some changes in recent weeks. Mrs. Sara Scherer, our most efficient Warsaw reporter has moved to Fayetteville and Mrs. Mattie Lee Minshew has replaced her. Mrs. Minshew is writing the Warsaw news, accepting subscriptions and advertising for the Times now. Give her a ring. Mrs. Maude Smith of Magnolia, who has been with the Times for about 16 months, has returned to her home to be with her children. Mrs. Smith will continue to represent the Times in Magnolia as an extra, writing news, soliciting ads and job printing and taking subscriptions.

To Let Duplin Hospital Contracts Here Tomorrow

Oak Ridge Quartet Jan. 19

Tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock bids will be opened and contracts let for the first unit of Duplin's million dollar health program. The 50 bed, 3/4 million dollar hospital contracts will be let by the building committee of the hospital, composed of J. O. Stokes, Chairman, J. R. Grady, vice-chairman, Emmett Kelly Lee Brown and Harry Kramer and approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The bids will be opened at two o'clock by the Committee and following their awarding of the contracts, work should be under way in a very short time, probably about the latter part of the month.

Presbyterian Men In Meeting Here

Ministers and Laymen from Presbyterian Churches in the Wilmington Presbytery, stretching from Mt. Olive to Wilmington and Elberton to Morehead City met here Tuesday night for a dinner meeting and to discuss and launch a Challenge Fund Campaign in the Wilmington Presbytery. Fred Little of Wilmington presided and talks were made by Leslie Honey and Humphrey Marsh, III of Wilmington. Rev. L. A. Taylor, executive secretary of the Presbytery also talked to the group.

V. A. Stencil is Transferred

V. A. Stencil has been transferred to the Durham Life Insurance office. He began to work there on Monday January 5. He is staff manager with five years working under him. Mr. Stencil has been connected with this company in Warsaw for seven years. He and his family plan to move to Kenansville, N. C.



The Oak Ridge Quartet will pay their third visit to Duplin on Monday night, January 19th when they appear again in Kenan Memorial Auditorium under the sponsorship of Kenansville and Warsaw Lions Clubs. This time Wally Fowler brings with him the LeFevre Trio. This outstanding vocal and instrumental group has broken all attendance records at church and at special concerts all over the country. Their regular radio program, originating in Atlanta, Ga., and featured on many radio stations, has endeared them to the hearts of countless thousands of loyal and devoted listeners.

Umstead Presents Broad Program Legislature Today



WILLIAM B. UMSTEAD

Place Orders Early For Baling Wire Fencing & Nails

Supplies of baling wire, nails, and fencing materials may fall short of demand during 1953 unless sufficient orders are placed now to boom lagging mill output. The Duplin County Production and Marketing Administration Committee cautioned farmers today.

First Child

The first child born in 1953 in Parrott's Hospital in Kinston was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Howard of Pink Hill. The newborn arrived at 3:30 a. m. on January 1st.

North Carolina's New Governor

RALEIGH, Jan. 8.—William B. Umstead of Durham, the new Governor of North Carolina, presented a broad and comprehensive program for the consideration of the General Assembly and the people of North Carolina in his inaugural address here today.

March Of Dimes Drive In Duplin County Will Start Next Week

Grady Mercer, Director of the Polio Drive of Duplin County, announces that the March of Dimes Campaign to raise the \$12,000.00 quota will get underway next week with a complete Countywide organization. He appealed to all the people of the County to do their part so the Drive will go over the top in record fashion.

Cooperation of business firms, theatres, schools, and the public generally will be sought as the Drive in the past. Every effort to put the Drive over will be made in this fight against poliomyelitis by reaching our quota. We are playing an important part in the fight against this dreaded disease, since the money raised through this campaign is spent for scientific research and care for the afflicted patients. The quota for Duplin County as well as other Counties, has been raised due to the rising cost of hospitalizing the afflicted patient. The only let up in sight from this financial responsibility for the people will be after the disease of Polio is conquered and then we will have

the tens of thousands of polio victims assisted on the way to recovery by immediate March of Dimes help.

Negro Held For First Degree Murder "Damn You, I Don't Think You Are Dead, So I'll Hit You Again", and He Did!

At a coroner's hearing here last week Wm. Murphy, colored, was ordered held in jail without privilege of bond on a charge of first degree murder and assault with intent to kill. Murphy is charged with the cold blooded axe slaying of Otto Matthews, another negro, at the home of Tommie Powell in the Charity community during a Christmas party on December 25. He also is charged with attempting to kill another person. According to officers Murphy admitted the killing. It was reported that he

"Peanut" Scott Admits Rose Hill Earthquake Scare With T. N. T.

By MRS. CLEO FIELDS
Gordon (Peanut) Scott, 30 years old, service station operator admitted Monday that he set off the mysterious blast which rocked Rose Hill and vicinity on Thursday night. Scott told Mayor H. E. Latham and law enforcement officers that he set off three-quarters of a pound of TNT fired with a fuse and cap about 7:45 PM on January 1.

Kenansville Industrial Corporation Organized Here; To Promote Industry; C. E. Quinn Named Pres.; Other Officers

The Kenansville Industrial Corporation was organized under the newly secured charter here Wednesday night when a representative number of business men gathered here to launch a campaign to secure some industry for Kenansville and to investigate possibilities of a housing project. The Corporation was sponsored by the local Lions Club. J. R. Grady presided over the meeting.

1953 Tobacco Crop Is Cut 8 Per Cent

The Department of Agriculture has reportedly added 60 million pounds of tobacco to the 1953-54 quota. The additional 60 million pounds to the marketing quota is to make up for the amount by which the 1952 crop fell below estimates made in figuring the quota last July.

Faison Scene Duplin's 1st 1953 Highway Fatality

Duplin's first highway fatality in 1953 occurred Tuesday when Jos Hudson, 55, employee of O-t-o's taxi place in Mt. Olive, was killed sometime between 7 a. m. and 8 a. m. on Highway 117 in the Faison city limits.

Deputies Get Two Stills

Duplin Deputies captured two stills Tuesday night two miles south of Warsaw near the old Rickers farm. One was a sub type and one a drum type, with a 60 gallon capacity. 4 barrels of beer were destroyed. Officers Houston, Boone and Revella made the raid.

Red Cross First Aid Courses

A standard Red Cross First Aid Class was recently completed in the Kenansville Colored school at which time the following have received certificates: Elberta Brunson, Lila Cox, Pearlina Faison, Wilhelmina Faison, Ella Hall, Katie M. James, Hannah Konan, Mary Ella Merritt, Laura W. Middleton, Mary Belle Middleton, Isabelle Moore and Lillie M. Southland. The instructor was Mrs. N. B. Boney.

Calypso Man, In Crazy Condition, Wrecks Home and Shoots at Neighbor

Last Saturday night about 7 o'clock officers were called to the home of Fred Pate, young white man who lives 1 mile east of Calypso. They found Pate in a crazed condition, he having practically wrecked his home knocking out windows, destroying furniture, etc. It is reported he shot at a man by name of Malpass. He was arrested and given hearing before C. P. Ellis, Justice of the Peace of Faison.

Dixie 18 Corn Has Highest Yield

By V. H. REYNOLDS
County Agent
Corn variety tests were conducted on 8 farms in Duplin County in 1952. The highest yield and best quality corn was made by Dixie 18, a yellow hybrid. Dixie 18 had stronger stalk and better weevil resistance than any other variety tested.

Deputy Houston Thwarts Attempted Jail Break Here Wednesday Night

By MARGARET TUCKER
Wednesday night about 9:30 Deputy Sheriff W. C. Houston went to jail to check prisoners. He was not armed. A prisoner called to him and said there were two men prisoners in the back of the cell so he went over and unlocked the cell to take an extra man out.

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