

Hospital Contract Let Work Start Feb. 1st.

Contracts were let here Friday afternoon by the building committee of the Duplin General Hospital for construction of the new hospital. Bids were approved by the State Medical Care Commission and have been forwarded to Washington for Federal approval which is expected in a few days. Actual construction work is expected to get underway about February 1st. The bids were much lower than anticipated resulting in the committee being able to secure several choice alternates they were afraid might have to be left off. It is estimated the contract was something near \$80,000 under the expectations.

The board of trustees and board of county commissioners were present for the letting. The opening of the bids, discussion and final approval took about four hours.

Net bids and contractors were: General contract, Jones Brothers & Company, Wilson, for \$457,841. Heating contract, Clyde H. Wattle, Albemarle, for \$42,417.00. Plumbing contract, Z. A. Norris, P. & H. Co. Wilson, for \$34,950.00.

Wilmington Port Expecting New Cargo Vessels

WILMINGTON, Jan. 13 — Four cargo vessels are expected to arrive at the port of Wilmington within the next few weeks, plus the usual busy movement of tankers.

Due Friday from Antwerp, Belgium, is the American freighter Southwind with a cargo of burlap and potash. Also scheduled for Friday is the Pan Va, a tanker coming coastwise from Texas City with petroleum products.

Due Jan. 22 is the African Crescent, an American freighter coming from Walvis Bay, South Africa, with a cargo of fish meal.

A ship bringing refined sugar from Cuba is expected late this month.

Early in February a vessel with calcium ammonium nitrate is expected from Europe.

Mule Killed

A mule belonging to Paul Lee of Albemarle was instantly killed on Highway No. 11 about a mile out of Pink Hill on the Winston road, early Wednesday morning. A truck loaded with men, scrubbing for a power company, struck the animal which had strayed from his home.

Appealing Little Victim

Appealing little Sharon Gaskill whose beautiful eyes show the interest she has in learning to write is making a gallant effort to overcome the difficulty of holding a pencil while her arm is in traction. Sharon, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Gaskill of Sealeville in Cartaret county, is recovering from polio at the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital in Greensboro where she has been a patient since last August. Your dimes and dollars in the current March of Dimes drive for fund to combat infantile paralysis will help her on the road to recovery.

Jurors Listed General County Court Feb. 2

The following jurors have been drawn to serve in General County Court convening here Monday, February 2nd:

John Edward Albertson, H. E. Horns, W. T. Hanchey, Odell Wood, W. R. Jennette, Cleve Chestnut, R. R. Mercer, L. B. Quinn, C. F. Holland, S. A. Blizard, Emmett Rogers, Duff Kornegay, Sam Her-

Farmers Planning Series Meetings During Month

By V. H. REYNOLDS, County Agent

An important series of farm meetings are scheduled during January, one at each High School in Duplin County. At these meetings the Agricultural Outlook for 1953, Disease Resistant Varieties of Tobacco, Soil Fertility, Insect Control, Livestock and Feed Problems will be discussed by the County Agent.

With the cost of living and farm expenses rising it is important that Duplin County farmers find a source of income in addition to

Electric contract, Mill & Marine Elec. Company, Gastonia, for \$447,638.00.

Elevator contract, Southern Elevator Company, Greensboro, for \$15,439.00. This contract is held up pending the company meeting specifications.

Air conditioning contract, Ross & Wiltner, Charlotte, for \$14,248.00. Total all construction contracts, \$612,653.00.

Group 11 and 111 equipment, \$69,000.00.

Architect fees (6%), \$36,759.18. Contingencies, \$17,245.82. Grand total, \$735,656.00.

Of the total figures, Duplin County and the Town of Kenansville will pay \$41,656.00. (The Town of Kenansville is to pay for the water supply and furnish water to the hospital. This will total around \$5,000). The State and Federal governments will pay \$694,000.00.

On Friday night following the letting of the contracts the building committee met in joint session with the board of commissioners and were instructed by them to

THE OAK RIDGE QUARTETTE, popular gospel singers who have been heard all over North Carolina and the South on radio and who select certain communities to appear in person. They have made two trips to Kenansville and like the local set-up so well and the attendance they are coming back again next Monday night and will be at Kenan Memorial Auditorium. Advance tickets are on sale at Warsaw Drug Store, Kenansville Drug Store, Service Motor Company in Kenansville and Western Auto Store in Wallace. Advance tickets are \$1.00 and tickets at the door are \$1.25. The quartette is being sponsored by the Warsaw and Kenansville Lions Club.

Wilmington To Be Home Port For Tar Heel Mariner

WILMINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Wilmington will be the home port of the Tar Heel Mariner, a new 10 million dollar freighter belonging to the class of the largest and fastest cargo ships in the world.

A certificate of registry for the super-freight, designed to operate free of convey in wartime, was filed today in the customs office here.

Wally Fowler who will bring his sensational Oak Ridge Quartet to Kenansville next Monday night. From reports coming in it is beginning to look like a packed house again.

CPA Opens Office In Faison

Walter C. Mangum, Jr. of Faison announces the opening of offices in the Taylor building there. Mr. Mangum is a certified public accountant, specializing in all matters related to federal and state taxations.

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Calypso School, Thursday, January 22.

- Faison School, Friday, January 23.
 - Chinquapin School, Monday, January 26.
 - B. F. Grady School, Tuesday, January 27.
 - Beulaville School, Wednesday, January 28.
 - Kenansville (Agricultural Building), Thursday, January 29.
 - Warsaw School, Friday, January 30.
 - Wallace School, Wednesday, January 31.
- All meetings will be held at 7:30 P.M.

Mercer Announces Radio Program, Community Chairman in Duplin Drive

Grady Mercer, Director of Duplin County Polio Drive, announced that the Drive is progressing satisfactorily. We have secured 15 minutes of Radio Time over station W. R. R. Z., of Clinton, on Sunday afternoon from 3:15 to 3:30, he said at which time some interesting and important facts concerning the polio outlook will be given and it is requested that all of the citizens of Duplin county listen to this program. The time was contributed free to the Polio Drive of Duplin County.

Mr. Mercer announces the following chairmen of their respective communities, Mrs. Ida Miller, Hillsville and Millertown, Mrs. Bob Sloan, Chiquapin, Mrs. Pannie Rhodes, Cabin and Johnnie Jones, Potters Hill.

Mr. Mercer received the following letter that was written to E. C. Sanderson, Treasurer of the Duplin County Chapter.

Wallace, N. C. Dec. 22nd, 1952

Mr. Earle Sanderson
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

We received copy of your letter to Dr. Wilson regarding treatment for Sammie. We want to take this opportunity for expressing our sincere thanks for all that has been done for her by the Polio Foundation through you. If it had not been for the help of this Foundation it would have been impossible for her to receive the necessary treatment and hospitalization. We are hoping that when Sammie returns from the hospital in January she will not need further treatments, but, of course, only time will tell.

Again thanking you for the many courtesies extended to us.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams

Tuscarora Vice Presidents Are Entertained; Discuss 1953 Plans

The incoming President of Tuscarora Council, Mr. A. T. Griffin, Jr., of Goldsboro, entertained the Council Vice Presidents and the four District Chairmen of the Council at his cottage "Riverwood" on Thursday, January 8th. Present at the meeting were: Mr. Roy Carter, Wallace, Mr. W. F. Shuford, Clinton, Mr. Sam Stalling, Smithfield, Mr. Walker Stevens, Warsaw, Mr. W. J. Blanchard, Salem, Mr. Glenn Grier, Jr., Smithfield, and Mr. C. Loren Derr, Goldsboro.

The purpose of the meeting was to plan methods of coordinating the work of the Council for the year 1953. Among other items of business transacted was the setting up of certain goals for Council achievement during the year. These aims are as follows: to expand the program of Scouting; to provide adequate leadership at all levels; to promote an active program for all phases of

the work; to adequately finance this program and to conciliate the gains which have been made in recent years. It has decided that the Executive Board meetings for the year would be held on the following dates: Tuesday, March 17th, Wednesday, June 17th, Thursday, September 17th and the annual meeting of the Council to be held on December 4th. The matter of appointment of Chairman for the six operating committees of the Council and for three special committees was discussed and appointments will be officially made within a very short time. All the officials present at this meeting were enthusiastic about the Scouting prospects for Tuscarora Council during the year 1953, and they earnestly solicit the interest and participation of parents and public-spirited citizens throughout the Council.

39 Churches in Eastern Baptist Group Plan School For Deacons in Warsaw

The 39 churches comprising the Eastern Baptist Association will sponsor a school for Deacons, January 26 and 27th, with Dr. E. L. Spivey of Charlotte as the speaker.

The two meetings will be held at the Warsaw Baptist Church at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Dr. Earl Spivey is Associate to the Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and has had considerable experience in these school all over the state. All the Deacons and Deaconesses of the churches are

urged to make plans to attend these meetings at which time their duties and opportunities will be discussed.

Dr. M. A. Huggins, Executive Secretary of the Baptist State Convention has stated from time to time that these schools for Deacons have meant so much to the progress of the Baptist Churches in N.C. and the Convention in its world-wide program. These meetings will be open to the public and everyone has a cordial invitation to attend.

Duplin 1953 Music Activities be Theme Of Study H. D. Music Leaders Jan. 22

By Pauline S. Johnson

The "Duplin 1953 Music Activities" will be the theme for study by Home Demonstration Club Music Leaders and Choral group on January 22. Two schools are being planned at which identical information will be presented: 9:30 A.M., in Bear March Baptist Church near Beautancus, and 2:30 P.M. in the home of Mrs. J. W. Blanchard near Rose Hill.

Any Home Demonstration member who is interested may attend, but leaders are particularly urged to do so. Attend the school which is nearest you, or which is more convenient.

Duplin Farm Bureau Calls Special Meeting for Monday Night at 7:30

North Carolina Farm Bureau headquarters announced last Friday that the organization will hold its 7th annual convention in Charlotte, February 1-4.

Headquarters for this year's convention will be the Hotel Charlotte and all indications point to a record-breaking attendance, the announcement stated.

Leroy Simmons, president of the Duplin County Farm Bureau has announced a special meeting to be held in the Agricultural building here Monday night at 7:30. The purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates to the State Convention and to hear Mrs. Walker Rhodes report on her trip to the National Convention. Other speakers are expected, audits, accounting, and a complete bookkeeping service including payroll preparation.

His office will be open daily from 2 to 9 p.m. A receptionist will be at the desk. His telephone number is 2086. Mr. Mangum will be personally available after 5 p.m.

Mr. Mangum came to Faison with the Chas. F. Cates Pickle Company in May 1951 as controller. Prior to that time he was with a Raleigh firm of certified public accountants. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, receiving a B.S. degree. He is a native of Wadesboro. He is married and has one child. He is a member of the American Institute of Accountants, N. C. Association of Certified Public Accountants, National Association of Cost Accountants and American Institute of Management. He was admitted in practice before the Treasury department.

Scott's Store H.D. Club Holds 1st Meet of Year

The first meeting of the New Year was held Jan. 7 in the home of our president, Mrs. Zolite Kornegay, with a grand attendance.

The meeting was called to order by the president and each project leader for the month gave their report after which Miss Melvin, our home agent gave an interesting and informative talk on "Doing Business at the Bank".

The hostess served chicken salad on lettuce with ritz crackers and drinks which was enjoyed very much by all present.

After the close of the meeting announcement was made that the ladies of the club were supposed to serve the Lion's Club the following night at Herring's Store which was unexpectedly to meet all the ladies. Hurriedly arrangements were made for the supper.

The ladies served the men on Thursday night Jan. 8 successfully.

The most effective co-educations The most effective co-educational institution is matrimony.

The person who speaks volumes usually ends up on the shelf.

Grass Roots Opera Plans Return Engagement Here



Featured in Grass Roots Opera coming to Kenan Memorial Auditorium here Monday February 9th will be NORINA in Don Pasquale, above.

A. L. Cavanaugh Delivers Radio Address on N.C.

C. & D. Department Commissioner Aubrey L. Cavanaugh of Warsaw made a stirring appeal to his listeners last Sunday over Radio Station WRRZ in Clinton for better planning and more coordinated promotion of North Carolina industry.

Mr. Cavanaugh recently attended a meeting of the Southern Association of State Planning and Development Agencies and came home with his mouth agape at the progress being made in some states and N. C.'s failure to adequately present her picture. The Times had hoped to carry Mr. Cavanaugh's address in full this week but due to lack of space at present time we had to delay it until next week. Watch next week's Times for his full address.

A man with a long face can't be very broadminded.

There is not a problem—as long as you don't have it.

The alarm clock gets you up—the rest is up to you.



ROBERT BIRD
Director of the Grass Roots Opera which will make its second appearance in Kenan Memorial Auditorium here February 9th.

Few men have been able to learn a business from the top down. Pitchers are not the only ones who have their ins and outs.

Sweet Potato Meeting Magnolia January 20

By V. H. Reynolds, County Agent

A county wide sweet potato meeting will be held at Magnolia School on Tuesday January 20, at 7:30 P.M. to discuss production and marketing of potatoes. Mr. Henry M. Covington, Extension Horticultural Specialist from State College, will discuss potato production from seed selection to digging and curing Mr. George Absner, Marketing Specialist, will discuss marketing of sweet potatoes. There is a considerable amount of interest in establishing a potato auction market in Magnolia. The nearest markets now are Benson and Tabor City. A market in Duplin County would boost potato production and bring more income to the farmers.

All farmers interested in sweet potato production and marketing should attend this meeting.

gent, has been in the Army since 1944 and joined the 2d last April. He is the son of Mrs. Allene Van Meter, (father deceased) 14 Berrian st., Nashville, Tenn.

WITH OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Dallas Jones, Jr., U.S.N. who is on the ship U. S. Bon Homme Richard has returned to California after being in Korea since May. He arrived in California on Thursday, January 8th. Dallas, Jr. entered the Navy in October 1, 1950. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Jones of Magnolia.

PFC. ELDRIDGE B. KORNEGAY
With the 1st Cavalry Div in Japan—Army PFC Eldridge B. Kornegay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Kornegay, Route 2, Mount Olive, N.C., is returning to the United States under the Army's rotation program after four months in the Far East.

He served in the 1st Cavalry Division, which spent 17 months in the front lines of Korea before being assigned to security duty in Japan late in 1951.

World War II veterans will remember this same division landed at Lingayen Gulf on Luzon, Philippine Islands in early 1945 and raced south to help liberate Manila. American prisoners of war held at Santo Tomas University were freed by an advance column of the 1st Cavalry.

Taylor is a veteran of two months in Korea with Company A of the 8th Cavalry Regiment.

Before entering the Army in February 1951, he was engaged in farming.

PFC. ARTIS C. DAVIS

This Story mailed from Korea Dec. 21, 1952.

M-SGT. LOUIS LARSON, JR.
With the 2d Infantry Div. in Korea — M-Sgt. Louis Larson, Jr., whose wife, Betty, lives on Route 1, Wallace, N. C., recently spent five days in Japan on a rest and recuperation leave from the 2d Infantry Division in Korea.

The vacation was part of the Army's policy of giving periodic rests to soldiers in the combat zone. Luxurious "R and R" hotels are located throughout Japan to accommodate the veterans.

Davis, a jeep driver, joined the 2d last April and has been in the Army since October 1951.

Grass Roots Opera will appear in Kenansville on February 9 in two performances. DON PASQUALE, it was announced today by Mrs. Lorelle F. Martin, president of the Duplin County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association. This unique traveling organization formed in 1949 by A. J. Fletcher, Raleigh attorney, to give aspiring singers a chance to appear in operatic productions and at the same time give the public an opportunity to hear opera in English. Last year more than one thousand Duplin County music lovers enjoyed this company's performance of the opera "SCHOOL FOR LOVERS". As a result of the success of over one hundred performances in the past two seasons, the Company has gained international fame. Feature article having appeared in eight national publications and one book. The State Department announced its intention of reprinting an article which appeared in Etude last December in a publication which will be distributed to all foreign countries.

Last season Grass Roots Opera, which is administered by the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina, presented seventy-nine performances through out the Tar Heel state and Virginia. For the first time a plan was worked out with the public school whereby training in opera listening was integrated into the music appreciation courses. Approximately forty-eight thousand school children received this training, twenty-eight thousand of which saw for the first time an actual opera performance. The idea of opera in English, performed in a logical manner, was soundly approved by the students, and their elders, as evidenced by countless letters written by the children.

The fact that North Carolina is the only place in the nation where students of singing can sing from ten to twenty performances of several different operas in one season has attracted young vocalists from Tennessee, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut as well as North Carolina while this season Texas, Michigan, Virginia, New York, Arkansas and North Carolina are represented. The dozen singers from this state represent Murphy, Wilmington, Wake Forest, Elon College, High Point Greensboro and Raleigh.

The Duplin County Unit of the North Carolina Education association sponsored the local performances, hopes that the public will not miss the opportunity to see this entertaining well staged musical performed by singing actors of professional caliber.

The night performance will take place at seven o'clock in keeping with Grass Roots Opera's plan to give school children a chance to see staged operatic productions, a matinee will be given at 2:30 p.m. Both performances will take place in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium. The children of the schools will learn the story of the opera from classroom teaching material supplied the teachers by the opera company.

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