

Duplin County Music Festival Will Be Here April 16-19

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Kenan Auditorium
Tuesday, April 14



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PRICE TEN CENTS

Lefty Frizzell Coming Here Tuesday Night

Duplin Schools To Go On Exhibit Here Next Week

On Thursday night, April 16, at the Kenan Memorial Auditorium the 12 white schools of Duplin County will participate in the third annual Duplin County Music Festival. This is a free performance and friends and patrons of the schools of the county are cordially invited to attend.

The doors of the auditorium will be open at 7 o'clock and the performance begins at 8. The program consists of music from high school bands, elementary and high school choruses, folk dances, and rhythm and flatophone bands.

The arts, handicrafts and all other classroom exhibits will be on display on Saturday and Sunday (April 18 and 19). See our next issue for details concerning this.

Local Students Receive \$15.00

Members of the local Junior class have received a total of \$15 from out of state newspaper men and \$10 from a county newspaper on their "On To Washington Fund." Two weeks ago the Times gave an account of their plight being sent out over a national newspaper service and northern editors began to respond. This was an account of their willingness to sacrifice their trip to Washington in order to repair a car wrecked by one of their members while on duty for the class. Last reports are that they have repaired the car and will get their trip also. The following letter was received recently by the class:

To: The Seniors of Kenansville High School.
SUBJECT: The "On To Washington Fund"

Dear Seniors:
Through the widely distributed news service "Washington Detail" we have been told a story about fixing the teacher's car instead of going to Washington D. C. for a visit. Bob Taylor, of this news service has made an appeal in your behalf to the editors of newspapers throughout the country - therefore we are putting our "two cents" into the pot. We feel sure ours will be one of many - and that you will go on your trip!

We've been distressed by the increasing tide of crime etc. by the youth in the United States - and your unwillingness to have our hearts and helped to restore some faith in the "Fourth of America". Your parents, your school, your town and especially your teachers, should be terribly proud of you - because we certainly are.

alma freas, manager, editor "class of 48"

alvin hornstein, city editor "class of 48"

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD JOURNEY.

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And Now Returning To California

Dr. G. V. Gooding was given a \$500 fine and costs and the good wishes of Judge "Buck" Harris in court here Tuesday when he pleaded guilty, through his attorneys, Norwood Bailey and J. Faison Thomson, to forcible trespass in the matter of endorsed checks and irregular records. The prosecution put on one witness, Faison McGowan, who testified as to the checks. The defense put on about 12 of the county's outstanding citizens who testified to Dr. Gooding's good character and reputation up to the time of the incidents. There was no cross examination by either side. Following the character witnesses Faison Thomson made a brief talk to the judge, recalling Dr. Gooding's services to Duplin County, his

service as a Major in the Army, stationed at Okinawa for the past two years. Judge Harris stated that he has known Dr. Gooding for several years and that the time element and manner in which the alleged charges took place certainly did not indicate stealing. He told Dr. Gooding: "I do not want to hurt you," concluding by giving him a fine of \$500 and costs. All charges were consolidated into one case.

Mr. Thomson said Dr. Gooding was now stationed at Ft. Stoneman, Calif., and would soon return and expected to be transferred back to the South Pacific. It is reported that Mrs. Gooding and some of his children will return with him to California for a few weeks.

Pink Hill Service Said Be Impressive
The Pink Hill Methodist Church presented a very beautiful and impressive sunrise service Sunday morning with 14 voices in the choir.

Those singing were: Miss Frances Howard, Miss Betty Turner, Miss Wynne Ruffin, Miss Lou Ann Davis, Mrs. Sam Davis, Mrs. Floyd May, Miss Betty Smith, Mrs. James Miles, Mr. Kenneth Maxwell, Mr. Edgar Maxwell, Mr. Lynwood Turner, Mrs. L. E. Turner, Miss Rachel King and Mrs. D. W. Ruffin.

The Easter message was presented by the pastor. The choir was directed by Mrs. D. W. Ruffin with Miss Ann Ruffin at the piano.

The church was beautifully decorated by Mrs. J. M. Jones and Mrs. W. H. Jones.

Many people of the community and from other communities were present.

Service is almost here, and the church is in a state of readiness.



MRS. E. N. MEEKINS

Duplin County school leaders were honored at the annual N. C. E. A. meeting in Asheville the latter part of last month when Mrs. E. N. Meekins was elected president of the N. C. E. A. Mrs. Meekins is the former Miss House of Charity. She attended school at the old Charity school.

Superintendent of Duplin schools O. P. Johnson was elected secretary of the division of superintendents.

Those from Duplin attending the meeting were: O. P. Johnson, R. L. Pruitt, E. D. Edgerton, Mesdames Mary Farrior, Bertha D. Lewis, Margaret Jones and Miss Frances Daniels.

Johnson Thanks Times Cooperation

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your splendid cooperation in helping us make the 20th annual Easter Seal campaign such a success.

It is indeed very gratifying to us when a newspaper as important as the Duplin Times responds to the needs of our crippled children. Because of your wide audience, we know that the Easter Seal news you published reached thousands of the citizens of Duplin County and helped greatly in influencing their generous contributions to our 1953 campaign.

In expressing our gratitude to you, we speak not only for the Duplin County Crippled Children Society but on behalf of crippled children whom you are helping to lead happy, useful lives.

Cordially yours,

Mr. O. P. Johnson

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Duke Speaker At Albertson Chapel

Dr. Kenneth R. Duke of Duke University will be guest speaker at the new Albertson Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Sunday, April 12, at 3 p. m. Duke is a very able and interesting speaker. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Church Women To Meet At Sharon

The annual meeting of the Eastern Association Women's Missionary Union will convene at Sharon Baptist Church, Thursday, April 9, at 10 a. m. The missionary speaker will be Miss Laura Austin and the field representative of the N. C. W. M. U. will be Miss Janet Wilson. An excellent program has been planned to be directed by Mrs. Raymond Hinchard, superintendent.



Pvt. Kennedy Now Stationed In Texas

Pvt. Norwood Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kennedy, was inducted into the U. S. Army March 3, 1953. He is now serving at Fort Bliss, Texas, for basic training period of eight weeks.

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Briefs

STRAWBERRIES
Carolina strawberry markets in Chadbourne and at Tabby City opened for auction sales Tuesday. Wallace will open April 15.

ILLEGAL
It might have been corn whiskey, anyway the three half-gallon jars Duplin deputies found Saturday in the car of John Henry Williams, Bowden Negro, was illegal stuff and the officers charged Williams with possession for the purpose of sale.

TO SET TOBACCO
The County Agent's office reports that no one has reported setting out tobacco yet, however Mrs. Edna Quinn of Pottery Hill said they expected to set out the early part of next week. A report from Deep Run, over in Lenoir, says Clarence Turner set out on Tuesday of this week.

BLUE MOLD LIGHT
County Agent Reynolds' office reports that Blue Mold is not coming as fast this year as last.

JOE MAXWELL WRITES
The Times received a letter from Joe Maxwell in Cincinnati this week. Joe is one of the upper white collar men with General Electric in that city. He sent along a check for a subscription and says: "During this coming fall I hope to get back again for about a week of hunting. If there is still anything to hunt in Eastern N. C." Yes, Joe, in spite of all the defense words DuPont, et cetera there is still some good hunting and fishing in Duplin and Eastern Carolina. Maxwell's Mill will be waiting for you with a big fish stew.

31 YEARS OLD
Mr. Joel Whaley of Kenansville celebrated his 31st birthday last Sunday, April 5 at his home. All of his children were present, together with 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A buffet dinner was served to approximately 50 people. Duplin wishes you many more happy returns, Mr. Whaley.

MAIL SERVICE
The Times received a letter this week from Congressman Graham A. Borden saying that should Sunday mail post office services be discontinued on A.C. trains 41 and 42 closed patch service would be provided by these trains and they

at the home near here.

Wallac Minister To Goldsboro

The Rev. Jettie L. Parker of Wallace has been appointed assistant pastor of Oak Street Pentecostal Holiness Church in Goldsboro. Mrs. Parker, who has been serving as pastor, will continue as regular pastor. Parker is a graduate of Holmes Bible College and has been accepted as a missionary to Africa.

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County Court will convene Monday, April 20th for trial of jury cases. The following jurors have been drawn:

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Only One Slate Candidates Offer For Town Of Kenansville Election

Unless there are some write-in votes candidates for town offices in the Town of Kenansville are scheduled to have smooth sailing on election day here Tuesday, May 5. Filing for office are: Mayor, J. R. Grady; Commissioners, Leo Jackson, W. M. Ingram, R. T. Brown, E. C. Tyndall and J. O. Stokes. Jackson and Brown are incumbents. Grady is now a member of

Citizenship School For HDC Leaders Held In Capital Theatre Here March 31

CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION was the theme chosen for a citizenship Leader's School for Duplin Home Demonstration women in a meeting on March 31 in the Capital Theatre, Kenansville. Mrs. C. C. Ivey, Sr., County Leader presided and explained the purpose of the meeting.

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Outlaw's Picture Presented Friday Court Canceled

Superior Court, scheduled for next week, has been cancelled, according to Solicitor Walter Britt. The next term of Superior Court in Duplin is scheduled for August.

County Court will convene on Monday, April 20.

The presentation of the portrait of Albert T. Outlaw to the county and to be hung in the court room, scheduled for next Monday, has been moved up to tomorrow, Friday. Judge Henry A. Grady will make the presentation just after court opens at 9:30. County Attorney Vance Gavin will accept the picture on behalf of the county.

Notice!

The Pasture Branch Home Demonstration Club will meet with Mrs. Roy Rodgers on Tuesday, April 14, at 2:30. All ladies of the community are invited.

Kenneth Wiggins Held Without Bond; Murder

Kenneth Wiggins, 25, former Mount Olive man, was ordered held without bond here last Friday night on a charge of murder in the fatal shooting of John Ben Parks in the wake of a family dispute Tuesday night, March 31.

C. B. Sitterson, sitting as a committing magistrate, found probable cause against Wiggins and ordered him held for grand jury action at the next term of Duplin County Superior Court.

A coroner's jury, headed by Gurney Powell in a crowded courtroom here, ruled that "John Ben Parks came to his death by a rifle in the hands of Kenneth Wiggins."

The body was taken to the Sampson County jail.

Fussell said that although he had warned Wiggins that what he said might be used against him, Wiggins declared, "I could have killed the whole damn crowd, but I lost my nerve."

The officer quoted Wiggins as saying that Wiggins had gone to the home of his brother near Mount Olive while the brother was in the field, secured his 22 automatic rifle, threw an overcoat over his shoulder, and concealed the weapon under his coat.

Wiggins was quoted by the deputy as saying that he hired a taxicab to Mount Olive to carry him to the Parks home. He told the driver not to stop in front of the Parks home and said the driver did not know the way.

Wiggins, according to Fussell, said John Ben Parks "curled me out and ordered me out." Outside, he said, a gun fired and Wiggins fell in a ditch, ducked his head, grabbed his rifle, and fired one time.

"The gun continued to fire, spraying shot around me," Fussell quoted Wiggins.

Mrs. Parks testified that she went to visit her daughter, Ina, in Philadelphia, three weeks ago. Ina, married to Kenneth Wiggins, was sick, and Kenneth would not permit her to visit.

"I suggested that my daughter come home with me," Mrs. Parks testified, and Kenneth threatened if she did.

Rummage Sale & Barbecue At Magnolia Sat.

The Magnolia Woman's Civic organization will sponsor a rummage sale and will have barbecue for sale at the old Gaylor store all day Saturday, April 11. Funds to be used for the Fire House building fund.

Many a hot tip on the races leaves a nasty burn.

Manley Sanderson

Pvt. Manley R. Sanderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Sanderson of Rose Hill, has completed his basic training at Camp Brookridge, Ky., and transferred to Fort Devens, Mass., A. S. A. T. C. for schooling assignment.

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