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Editorial

IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

(In Goldsboro News-Argus)

Here is a great step for educational progress in Duplin County. Citizens of Faison and citizens of Calypso have joined in petitioning the Duplin County Board of Education to build one high school to serve both towns. The proposed large modern school would be located about half way between the two towns, and they are only about three miles apart now.

There should have been only one high school for the two towns since the days of good roads and automobiles.

Right now the time is ripe. With the school bond program shaping up, something must be done to correct conditions in the two schools. In Faison the great problem is overcrowding. In the Faison high school two classes are held in the basement of the gymnasium. The commercial department is located in a hall. There is no science laboratory. In Calypso, the size of the high school class rooms is inadequate.

At present Faison has only three high school teachers, and one of the three doubles as principal. Each member of the faculty is forced to teach more than one subject. Calypso high school has eight teachers. If the two schools were consolidated, it is expected that the new school would have an enrollment entitling it to 8 or 10 teachers. The quality of the instruction would be improved. No teacher would have to teach more than one subject. There would be adequate facilities for library and laboratory.

Citizens of the two towns came up on a shocking fact. The percentage of students leaving the two schools before high school graduation is alarming. The percentage of "drop outs" in all North Carolina high schools is entirely too large, but in Faison and Calypso the percentage is above the state average. Seeking the answer to this problem, the citizens of the two towns decided that drop outs in part were explained by the inadequate school facilities. The children were not receiving adequate instruction, because of inadequate facilities.

The only way to correct that condition is to provide one school where there have been two. The Duplin County Board of Education has pledged its best consideration to the request from the two towns.

We are delighted to see the local communities taking the lead in the matter. They are actuated by the only consideration which should concern any school; what is the best for our children? How can we best equip through the school our children for living?

Usually the first step toward any school consolidation originates from some executive. Many counties have had survey teams come in and make a careful study with recommendations of how to serve the children. Generally where consolidation is recommended, there is a hot, long and bitter fight. It is understandable that a community wants to keep its school. The matter of community pride is involved. In the case of Calypso and Faison, we take it that each town would retain its elementary school. Neither town would be left without its own school. But the people are being most wise in their thinking about a high school. Place one high school to serve the two towns and you will bring about a raising of the general level of instructions. That will reflect itself in every phase of life of each community.

The report from Duplin brings to mind the fact that Wayne has too many high schools, the good of our high school age children considered. We could with benefit to the children and to school efficiency consolidate some of them. The time will come when we will do this. That will be a great day for Wayne when it does come.

Purpose Of The Farm Census

The purpose of the Farm Census is to obtain reliable information on land use, crop acreages and seasonal livestock numbers. Information of this type is needed currently in order to plan and carry out the most practical agricultural programs for North Carolina.

Changes in the production of crops brought about by the National Emergency must be based on current and reliable information in order to use our farm resources efficiently and to protect the welfare of our farmers. Farmers, individually or collectively, cannot wisely plan for the future without using and studying all available facts pertaining to agriculture in the same way as efficient business men analyze their operations.

All farmers are urged to be prepared to give Farm Census Reports (on 1953 crops) when listing 1954 county taxes during January, 1954, and must be done during January, 1954, to avoid penalty of 1953 tax being levied.

and Mrs. Lester H. Matthews, Rose Hill, is a commander with Battery A of the division's 4th Field Artillery Battalion. He entered the Army last October and arrived overseas in June. (U.S. Army Photo)



BACK HOME — Sam Byrd, left, and his wife, Pat, are in Mount Olive for the Christmas season. They are visiting relatives. The Byrds have just returned to the United States from England. They were there for 11 months. They will return to New York City after the holidays. (News-Argus Photo by Paul Barwick.)

Sam Byrd Returns To U. S. To Work On New Production

by Paul Barwick
MOUNT OLIVE—Sam Byrd, actor, playwright, and author, is visiting relatives in Mount Olive with his wife, the former Pat Bolam, of England, during the Christmas season.

The Byrds returned to the United States November 2, from England where Byrd produced "Stalag 17" in the Princess Theatre in London and worked on his new book. He also visited Dublin, Ireland and purchased a play which is now in the preparation stage in New York City.

He and Pat were in England 11 months before returning to New York City to begin work on his new play. Byrd said the play (the name of which cannot yet be released) is from a book written by a well known Irish author. Preparations should be completed in the early part of 1954 and production started immediately, Byrd said.

His production of "Stalag 17" was a hit in London. Before leaving the United States for England Byrd played a role in the play in New York on the Broadway Circuit. This was the summer of 1952. He did not have an actor's role in the production in London.

During the spring season of 1952, before going with the Subway Circuit, he acted the part of the villain in Jose Ferrer's play, "The Chase." For his performance, Byrd was selected for the "Best Villain of the Year on Broadway" award.

While in England, he and Pat lived at Letchworth, Hertfordshire, about 30 miles from London. At his home and in his spare time, Byrd worked on his new book. He is about half through writing it and hopes to complete it soon.

His other books are "Small Town South", published in 1952 by Houghton and Mifflin Company of New York and Boston; "Hurry Home To My Heart", published in 1952 by the same company; and "South Atlantic Shakedown", which was written in 1953 for the United States Navy. Because of strategic information in the book, it could not be published for public reading.

After the Christmas season, the Byrds will return to New York City to their apartment on 10th Street. They were last in Mount Olive in October, 1952. Byrd is a native of Mount Olive.

Methodist Churches Plan Crusade

The four churches, Kenansville, Magnolia, Wesley, and Unity, of the Duplin Circuit met on Monday night of this week to organize for an Attendance Crusade to be observed in every church from January 3rd until Easter. The Attendance Crusade, adopted by The North Carolina Methodist Conference, is to be observed in every Methodist Church in North Carolina.

The Attendance Crusade is designed to activate indifferent church members, to increase regular church attendance, to lift up the importance of preaching the gospel, to visit and invite non-church families to share in the services of the church, and to recapture the power of Christian Fellowship.

These aims are to be reached by an active program of publicity which will reach all inactive members and non-members, by personal visitation by teams of lay people to the inactive and non-church members, and by gospel preaching on the great subject "What We Believe." Plans have been made for an active program in every local church on the Duplin Circuit. It is hoped that attendance will be increased at least by 50% in every church.

Final check-up and set-up meetings have been scheduled by the pastor, Rev. James G. White, and are announced as follows: Kenansville, Monday night, January 4 at 6:00 p. m.; Magnolia, Tuesday night, January 5 at 8:00 p. m.; Unity, Wednesday night, January 6 at 8:00 p. m.; Wesley, Thursday night, January 7 at 7:30 p. m. All those on the various committees are urged to attend these meetings.

County Council Meet To Be Held January 5th.

The first Council Meeting in 1954 of Home Demonstration Clubs will be held in the Outlaw's Bridge Church building on Tuesday afternoon, January 5 at 2:30 o'clock.

Duplin County Teachers Meet

County Unit of The North Carolina Education Association was given on Thursday night, Dec. 17th, in the spacious cafeteria of the B. F. Grady School.

Elaborate Christmas decorations including arrangements of youpon and holly with candles; the reindeer and sleds bearing Santa; and the huge Christmas tree brilliantly lighted, all gave a festive air to the occasion.

Handpainted booklets with the program, menu, and carols were at each plate. A three course turkey dinner was served to around 250 guests.

Mr. H. M. Wells extended greetings from the local school. Mrs. J. W. Farris, Unit President, presented the special guests, which included: Mrs. O. P. Johnson, Mrs.

County Council Meet To Be Held January 5th.

Mrs. B. T. Williams, district chairman will be the guest speaker. All Council members are urged to attend. Outlaw's Bridge club will be hostess to the group.

Duplin County Teachers Meet

Lorelle Martin, as past president, and the three members of the County Board of Education, Mr. W. D. Herring of Rose Hill, Mr. W. F. Dail of Chinquapin, and Mr. Jerry O. Smith of Albertson.

Mr. O. P. Johnson introduced the guest speaker, Dr. W. Abrams of Raleigh, who edits the N. C. Journal of Education.

In behalf of the teachers of the county, Mrs. J. W. Farris presented "A Friend of the School" Award to Mr. W. D. Herring. This is the first such honorary title to be given in the county, the award going to one who, by his activities, has shown unusual interest in the schools.

Group singing of carols concluded the evening program.

Canteen Club Is Organized Here

A Canteen Club, a club that provides good, clean, and wholesome recreation for the young people of Duplin County, has been organized in Kenansville. The first meeting was held on Saturday night, December 5. At this meeting officers and committee chairmen were elected for the year. Richard Best was elected president, Marjorie Jones as vice-president, Barbara Mitchell as Secretary, and Johnnie Daughtry as Treasurer. Committee Chairmen elected were: Bettie Ingram, Publicity Chairman, Barbara Mitchell, Ways and Means Chairman, Marjorie Jones, Constitution and By Laws Committee, Jimmy Bowden, Recreation Chairman, and Emory Saddler, Canteen Chairman.

Already the various committees are at work and will soon have complete plans made for the year. The Constitution and By Laws Committee is working on a Constitution and By Laws for the club. The Ways and Means Committee is working on means and ways to raise money to buy recreation equipment for the club.

The Canteen Club meets every Saturday night at the Eastern Star Club House from the hours of 7 to 10. Activities include Folk Games, Quiet Games, and active games. Special parties are planned by the recreation chairman for once a month. A snack bar has been started and offers soft drinks and candy to those present. The Canteen Club is open to all young people of Duplin County and all are urged to attend.

WITH OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

BOWDEN THORNTON
KOREAN BASE SECTION
Bowden Thornton, whose wife lives on Rt. 3, Mt. Olive, was recently promoted to corporal while serving with the Korean Base Section.

The Base section controls most of the rear-area units which provides supplies, services, communications and transportation for other UN forces on the peninsula. Corporal Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Thornton, Rt. 2, Four Oaks, N. C., entered the Army in February, 1952.

MILTON J. BRADSHAW
WASHINGTON, D. C. (PHNOC)
The Bureau of Naval Personnel has announced that it is an advancement in rating for Milton J. Bradshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Bradshaw of Route 3, Rose Hill, N. C., to boatswain's mate third class, USN, while serving aboard the battleship USS Wisconsin.

The advancement came as a result of a world-wide competitive written test which consisted of questions testing military and professional skills. To be eligible for the written quiz, Naval personnel had to exhibit proficiency in the on-the-job phases of their ratings.

BURNICE CLIFTON
WASHINGTON, D. C. (PHNOC)
The Bureau of Naval Personnel has announced that it is an advancement in rating for John B. Clifton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burnice Clifton of Route 1, Faison, to machinist's mate class, USN, while serving aboard the destroyer USS Bradford.

The advancement came as a result of a world-wide competitive written test which consisted of questions testing military and professional skills. To be eligible for the written quiz, Naval personnel had to exhibit proficiency in the on-the-job phases of their ratings.

Magnolia Scouts Hold Family Night

About forty adults were present for Family Night at the Magnolia High School Cafeteria, Sat. Dec. 19, 1953. Meals were prepared by the parents. The program consisted of a Troop Court of Honor. The following boys received awards:

Deale Stanley, Ralph Culbreth, Jimmy Chestnut, Ellis Tucker, Jackie Potter.

Agnes Award: Graham Johnson, Billy Johnson, Earl Brooks, Edward Dyer, Jimmy Stanley.

Three 25 Centar was awarded to the president of the Young Men's Christian Association, Mr. J. W. Farris.

Holidays Busy For Patrolmen Sheriff's Dept. Reports No Trouble

Sheriff Ralph Miller reports that the Christmas holidays were the quietest that he has seen, with a minimum of lock ups caused by drinking. However the Patrolmen were busy investigating wrecks.

One person died from burns sustained in a wreck which occurred Saturday morning, eight miles from Wallace on highway 41. The victim was James Owens, colored, age 11 years. Mariello Owens, a brother, was the driver of a 1951 Dodge pickup truck in which the victim was a passenger. From the report of Patrolman E. C. Wray, who investigated, Owens was trying to go around a curve at a high rate of speed and lost control of the vehicle. The truck skidded 460 feet causing it to catch fire. The child was taken from the burning truck and rushed to Pender hospital but died shortly after being admitted. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$800.

At the intersection of 117A and 117 Christmas morning about 4:30, Johnny Baggett was thrown from his car, a 1950 Chevrolet when he tried to round a curve at a high rate of speed. Damage was estimated at about \$600.

Baggett was charged with careless and reckless driving. Wednesday night Isaac Thomas Grady's car, a 1949 Ford, overturned from a tire blowout south of Scott's Store on the county road. No one was injured. No charges were made against Grady.

Sunday morning a 1950 Chrysler driven by George Pollock ran into a 1939 Ford driven by Franklin Sanders. The wreck occurred three miles from Warsaw on highway 117. Damage to the Chrysler car was estimated at \$400; damage to the Ford was about \$150.

Purvis Weeks, of route 4 Mt. Olive, was the cause of a minor wreck when he passed another vehicle on a hill. Damage was less than \$25.

There are reports of other accidents that occurred during the holiday season but we have been unable to obtain the information.

6-Months Auto Physical Damage Policies

Commissioner of Insurance Charles F. Gold Wednesday announced his decision authorizing insurance companies to write a six-months physical damage automobile policy at 50% of the annual rate. Heretofore, liability policies have been written on a similar basis, and the decision will make it possible for a six-months combination automobile policy to be written.

Commissioner Gold's decision is attached. In the Matter of an Appeal by the Dixie Fire and Casualty Insurance Company, Lumbermen Mutual Casualty Company, American Motorists Insurance Company, and American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company, from action taken of the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau Rejecting its Filing of a Six Months Automobile Physical Damage Policy.

The above captioned matter came before the Commissioner of Insurance on November 9, 1953, by way of letter dated November 9, 1953, signed by the Dixie Fire and Casualty Company and appealing a decision of the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau not to adopt its six-months physical damage policy.

A public hearing was called for 10:00 A.M. December 15, 1953, in the Commissioner's office. At the hearing, the Dixie Fire and Casualty Company, the Lumbermen Mutual Casualty Company, the American Motorists Insurance Company, the American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company, the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau, and other interested parties appeared and were heard on the merits of the six-months physical damage policy. Based on the evidence presented at the public hearing, it was shown that a six-months policy for bodily injury and property damage is available to any company desiring to write it. On this and other matters considered, it is the opinion of the Commissioner of Insurance that a six-months physical damage policy would promote uniformity and convenience in the writing of combination automobile policies, & that it is in the public interest to permit the writing of a six-months automobile physical damage policy. The six-months automobile physical damage policy for a specified period of six months as brought forward on appeal by letter of November 9, 1953, and to be written at 50% of the annual rate excluding fleets, dealers, garage keepers legal liability, and public automobiles is hereby approved effective January 1, 1954. Also, it is further ordered that any other company desiring to write the said six-months physical damage policy may do so by notifying its North Carolina agents and the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau. Charles F. Gold, Commissioner of Insurance.

Correction
Magnolia, N. C.
December 22, 1953
The Duplin Times
Kenansville, N. C.
Att. Mr. Bob Grady
Dear Sir:

In the December 18 issue of "The Duplin Times" under "Duplin County Basketball" read Faison Boys 48, Magnolia Boys 36. It should have read as follows: Faison Boys 42, Magnolia Boys 36.

I am scorer for the Magnolia Teams and the game was played at Magnolia, therefore, the Magnolia Score Book was official.

Thanking you to make this correction in the next issue of The Duplin Times.

Sincerely,
William E. Sanderson.

Warsaw Protests

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION OF CAROLINA TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

TO THE UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA:

The Town of Warsaw does hereby protest the long distance charge, rate or toll as now levied, or assessed, between the Town of Warsaw and the County Seat at Kenansville, North Carolina, and does further protest any increases in rates, or tolls, or charges to and between any other point in Duplin County.

This the 24th day of December, 1953.

G. S. Best, Mayor,
M. V. Orr, Commissioner
Sanford Packer, Commissioner
J. Ed Strickland, Commissioner
J. N. West, Jr., Commissioner
H. F. Lee, Commissioner

Attest: Annie T. Harmon,
Town Clerk.

Warsaw Justice Peace Report

The following cases were heard by a Warsaw Justice of the Peace with arrests made by Patrolmen E. C. Wray.

Eddie Hill charged with running through stop light and stop sign on 117. Found guilty paid \$5 fine and \$8 court cost.

Johnny Baggett charged with careless and reckless driving. Cited to County Court.

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E. J. (Bogue) Johnson Dies In Wallace

Wallace, Dec. 23—Eugene Joseph Johnson, 51, prominent Wallace businessman and member of the Wallace Board of Aldermen, died at his home Tuesday, Dec. 22.

A member of the firm of Barden Johnson, he was a Mason and Shriner and formerly served as postmaster here.

He was a brother of the late Robert Johnson of Raleigh.

Funeral services were held at the Wallace Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, Wednesday, at 3 p.m. The Rev. W. B. Hood officiated, assisted by the Rev. P. L. Clark of Burgaw and Dr. Eugene Poston of Wallace. Burial was in the Rockfish Cemetery with Masonic rites.

William Franklin Johnson of Wallace; his mother, Mrs. Joah Johnson of Burgaw; three sisters, Mrs. Frank P. Powers of Raleigh, Mrs. B. I. Walter of Monk's Corner, S. C. and Mrs. Mary Morris of Burgaw; one brother, Henry L. Johnson of Burgaw.

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