

Grady Senior Is Outstanding Future Farmer In Duplin County

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Gerald Simmons, Future Farmer of the Week, is one of the outstanding young farmers in Duplin County. He is a senior at E. G. Grady school. After graduation in May, he plans to enter North Carolina State College in Raleigh and study agriculture or electrical engineering.

In the four years he has taken vocational agriculture, Gerald has been consistent in his high quality of crops and livestock in his supervised farm program.

As a freshman, he carried three acres of corn, hay and two beef cows. The corn, N. C. 27 hybrid, yielded 82 bushels per acre on three acres. He kept the grain and fed it to hogs the following year.

Oats and lespedeza were planted for hay. The three acres yielded 14,000 pounds and was used to feed livestock.

Two White Face Herefords were sold on local markets at 35 cents per pound. Net profit on the project was \$110.34.

His second year of supervised farming was as successful as the first. Again he carried two White Face beef calves. One calf brought 21 cents per pound and the other 20 and one-half cents per pound. Net profit was \$217.10.

A grade gilt was added to his program. The sow farrowed twice, once giving birth to nine pigs and again eight pigs. After they were topped out and sold, they brought Gerald a net profit of \$190.17. Corn raised the previous year was used to top the hogs.

He also carried five acres of corn, N. C. 27 hybrid. Yield per

acre was 83 bushels. He kept this to feed the following year. Again he raised four acres of hay. Yield was 14,500 pounds.

In 1953 he carried two White Face beef calves again. They were sold on the open market for a net profit of \$175.00. The reason for the drastic cut in net profit was the sharp decline in market prices for cattle. He received 12 cents per pound for the calves. Too, the price of feed was up over previous years.

On the other hand 19 feeder pigs sold for 35 cents per pound. Net profit was \$194.82.

Six acres of N. C. 27 hybrid were planted last summer. The effects of drought were accurately measured in that the same amount of fertilizer and seeds were used on the crop and in 1951 when the average yield per acre was 92 bushels. The 1953 yield was 81 bushels per acre.

Four acres of oats and lespedeza yielded 15,000 pounds.

In shop work he has also been active. In four years he has made a hog feeder, saw benches, saw-sharpening vice, lawn chair sets, kiddie brooder, cedar chest and is currently building a cedar-bedroom suit.

At his home a home shop has been constructed because of the shop, he has learned a great deal about repairing machinery and building equipment for farm use.

At this he has built six cedar chests, refinished a bed made a drop-leaf table, book case, born gates and a home-made weather.

Gerald sold the six home-made cedar chests.

When in the tenth grade, he won the North Carolina Shop Contest at

HOME SHOP — Gerald Simmons, Future Farmer of the Week, fits a lid to a cedar chest which he is building in his home shop. He builds equipment in the shop to be used on the farm. (News-Argus Farm Photo)

the State FFA convention in Raleigh.

In 1952-53 he was elected secretary of the E. G. Grady FFA Chapter. This year he is president of the Duplin County FFA Federation.

He has also been active in chapter and county contests. He served on the Tool Identification team two years, the Parliamentary Procedure team two years and Livestock Judging Team three years.

Gerald Simmons likes to farm and after graduation from college, he plans to return to the farm and continue his agricultural career. The News-Argus is proud to honor him as Future Farmer of the Week.

Duplin's Negro Farm Families To Have Series Study Meetings

The Negro Extension office of Duplin County is beginning a series of community meetings starting the first of February. The purpose of these meetings is to see that each farm family has the proper knowledge, skills and attitudes to take advantage of the rapidly growing capacities of our land. We are aware of the great losses suffered by the farmers and homemakers due to pests, insects, plant diseases and the steady shrinkage of the value of the dollar. For this and many other reasons these advantages cannot be accomplished except through organized efforts. "What can one man do about rat control when his neighbor is ignorant of the fact?" Think it over, come out and watch your community grow. We are asking every Negro farmer and homemaker to attend these meetings in your respective community.

The schedule of these meetings are: Little Creek Community, Little Creek School - February 1, 1954 at 2:30 p.m.

Chinquapin and Muddy Creek communities - Chinquapin Elementary school, February 3, 1954 at 2:30 p.m.

Rose Hill, Byrd Chapel, Island Creek, Teachey Town Communities to be held at Rose Hill Elementary school, February 4 at 2:30 p.m.

Branch community, Branch Junior High School, February 5, at 2:30 p.m.

Faison and Calypso communities will meet at the Faison Elementary School at 2:30 p.m., February 8.

Warsaw, Carlton communities will meet at Douglas High School, Warsaw, February 9 at 2:30 p.m.

Stanford, Kennanville, Dobson Chapel, Smith Chapel & Big Zion communities will meet at the Kennanville High School February 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Wallace, Teachey, Irons Mine and Rock Fish communities will meet at the Teachey Elementary school February 11 at 2:30 p.m.

Magnolia community will meet at Magnolia school at 10:30 a.m. February 15 and Beaulville community will meet at the Beaulville Elementary school at 2:00 p.m. February 15.

The Negro Home Demonstration Clubs of Duplin County began a series of training meetings for the year 1954.

On Monday night, January 18, the County Council met, at which time a demonstration was given on "How To Conduct A Home Demonstration Meeting." This demonstration was for the benefit of the newly elected officers. The demonstration was very ably carried out by members of the county council. A question and answer period followed. Forty five members attended the meeting. Mrs.

Alberta Brunson, President of the County Council, presided.

Thursday morning, January 21, in the office of the Home Agent, the county-wide Program Planning Committee of the Home Demonstration Clubs met to make plans for all programs to be held by the clubs for the year 1954. This committee consists of all presidents, vice-presidents and secretaries of each club. Plans, dates and programs were planned for the following events: Extension Day, Popularity Contest, State Federation, Home Demonstration Week, Mothers Day Program, Husband and Wife High Achievement Day, District Federation and County-wide Picnic. If the plans are carried out as set up by this committee, the programs for this year will be very successful. Twenty eight women attended this meeting.

On Saturday, January 23 in the office of the home agent, the county-wide project leaders' training meeting was held. In this meeting objectives and goals for the year 1954 were set up.

Magnolia News

Intended For Last Week Baptist Church

Services 5th Sunday, Jan. 31st. Rev. J. D. Everett, pastor. Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 7:30; Sunday School, 10:00; B.T.U. 6:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

W.M.S. MEET

Friday evening, January 22nd, the W.M.S. met at the church from 6:30 to 8:30. Mrs. Paul Tucker gave the devotional.

Mrs. Alton Greenlaw of Warsaw, and State Community Chairman, guest speaker led in a challenging study on "Community Missions."

With inclement weather, the attendance was good, with 38 members present.

At 6:30 all enjoyed supper together. A chicken salad plate with pie and coffee was served.

Mrs. Greenlaw's mother-in-law, from Maine, was also a guest.

BIBLE EMPHASIS

This week, the church will engage in special Bible Emphasis, Tuesday through Friday evening, 7:30 through 9:30 at 7:30.

The pastor, Rev. J. D. Everett will teach "Studies in Psalms," by Kyle M. Yates.

CAROL CHOIR

The Carol Choir, Beginners and Primaries, will meet every Wednesday afternoon from 2:15 to 2:45 at the Baptist Church. Mrs. J. D. Everett, director.

The Carol Choir was organized & met for the first time last Wednesday, January 10.

TEACHERS AND OFFICERS

The Baptist church had 27 teachers and officers to attend the Baptist teaching clinic in Warsaw, 20 went three nights and will receive credit.

Methodist Church

PRAYER MEETING

Prayer meeting was held in the Magnolia Methodist church last Tuesday night, January 26, for the first time. Rev. J. G. White was in charge. These services will be held each Tuesday night from now until Easter at 7:30 p.m. At each service there will be a song period, a season of prayer, and a short meditation led by the pastor.

Immediately after prayer service there will be choir practice. The choir was organized just before Christmas and everyone interested is urged to attend.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

A brief, but important meeting of the church membership was held at the close of the worship service Sunday morning. This meeting concerned the building program of the Methodist Church. Plans are being made to build additional Sunday School rooms, an assembly room, a kitchen and bath rooms.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Jan Trapnell of Toms River, N. J. is spending some time at her home "Bull Bay Villa" on Double Trouble Blueberry farm.

Mrs. Anna Johnson, Miss Betty Jean Johnson, Mrs. A. Q. Smith and son Bobby Smith shopped in Wilmington last Saturday. Bobby kept an appointment with his doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Pope, J. P. Smith, and Mrs. N. T. Pickett attended the organizational meeting of the "Finer Carolina" program as guests of the Carolina Power and Light Co. in Warsaw, Thursday evening. Mrs. Pickett was elected as General Chairman for the town of Magnolia.

Mrs. Jerry Smith, Mrs. A. Q. Smith and A. Q. Jr. made a business trip to Goldsboro Thursday.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Taylor were Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Playfoot of Horseheads, N. Y. Mrs. Martin Dall of Chinquapin spent Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Turner.

Mrs. John R. Croom, Mrs. A. Q. Smith and children Bobby and A. Q. Jr. made a business trip to Goldsboro Tuesday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Grubbs in Calypso.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Grubbs visited Mr. and Mrs. John R. Croom recently.

DAVID W. MAREADY

David William Maready of Chinquapin, 81, died in a Kinston hospital Monday night. He was a farmer and lifelong resident of Duplin County. Funeral services were held from the home Wednesday at 3 p.m. with the Rev. E. W. Daughtry officiating. Burial followed in the family cemetery near the home. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rhoda Lanier Maready; two daughters, Mrs. Archie Brown of Warsaw and Mrs. Jack Lanier of Chinquapin.

COUNTRY CHURCHES

No matter where I go today,
To visit homes and people,
I always pass along the way,
A country church and steeple.

They're almost always just the same,
White paint with windows pointed.
In perfect rows across the main,
Are seats for God's anointed.

In front, the steps and vestibule,
In back a modest pulpit.
It's certain that, at sometime, you'll
Have wished that you could fill it.

I've heard of beautiful churches tall,
And Moslem Mosques of the Orient,
The famous ancient Cathedrals all,
With lofty spires o'er them.

But when I compare those famous shrines,
To our small churches humble,
Their brilliance always fail to shine,
Their heights will always tumble.

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Our prayers and solicitations,
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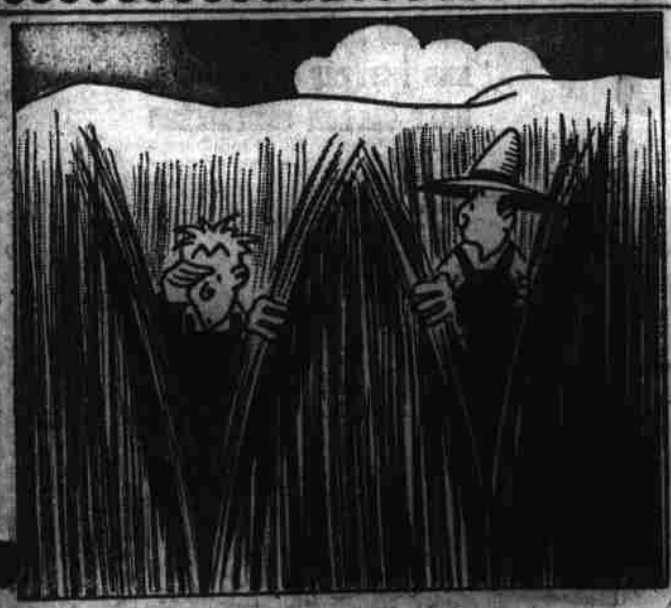
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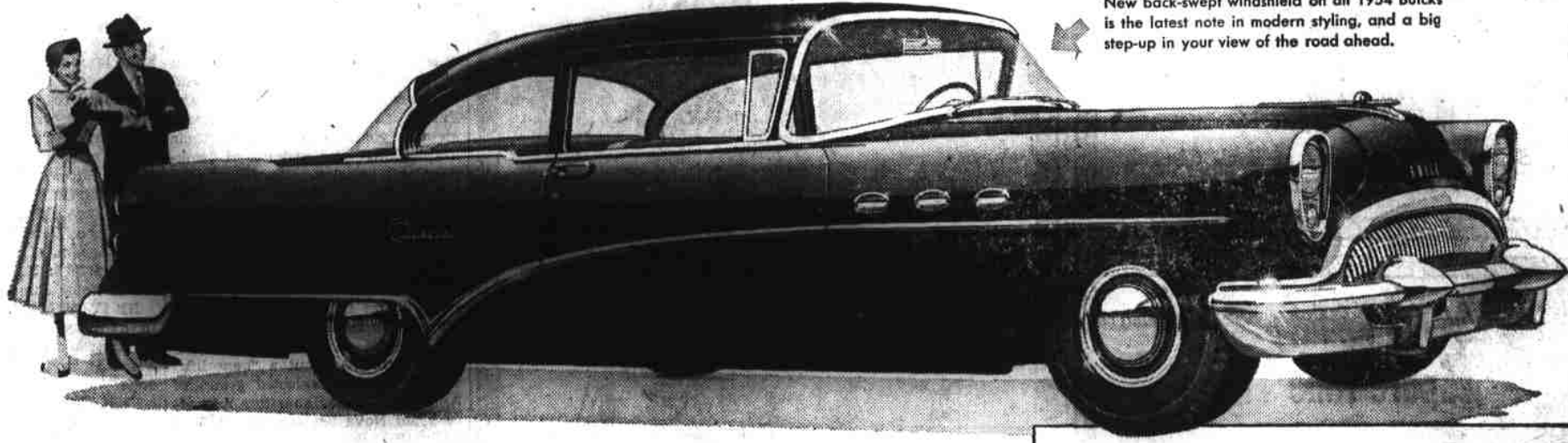
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