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Duplin Moves Forward On Three Fronts

Duplin Election Judges, Registrars

The following Registrars and Judges of Elections were appointed on April 10.

WARSAW: S. W. Marriner, Registrar, Warsaw, N. C.; George D. Bennett, Judge, Warsaw, N. C.; Pat Phillips, Clerk, Warsaw, N. C.; Miss Sallie Bowden, Clerk, Warsaw, N. C.

FAISON: David J. Oates, Registrar, Faison, N. C.; C. D. McCullen, Judge, Faison, N. C.; Paul H. Clifton, Judge, Faison, N. C.; (R); Mrs. Nellie Whelsh, Clerk, Faison, N. C.

CALYPSO: Mrs. Bertie Sloan, Registrar, Calypso, N. C.; Mrs. Bennie C. Sellas, Judge, Calypso, N. C.; Mordecai Bennett, Jr., Clerk, Mount Olive, N. C., Rf. 2.

WOLFESCRAPE: Mrs. George Kornegay, Registrar, Mt. Olive, N. C.; RFD; J. E. Grady, Judge, Mount Olive, N. C., RFD; Morris King, Judge, Mt. Olive, N. C., RFD (R); Elbert Davis, Clerk, Mt. Olive, N. C., RFD.

GLISSON: George D. Waters, Registrar, Mt. Olive, N. C., RFD; Fred Outlaw, Judge, Mt. Olive, N. C., RFD; W. E. Waller, Judge, Mt. Olive, N. C., RFD (R); H. S. Tyndall, Clerk, Mt. Olive, N. C., RFD.

ALBERTSON: Hess Davis, Registrar, Albertson, N. C.; Paul Grady, Judge, Seven Springs, N. C., RFD; John D. Grady, Judge, Albertson, N. C. (R); Thurman Stroud, Clerk, Albertson, N. C.

SMITH: Raymond D. Smith, Registrar, Pink Hill, N. C., RFD; Grover Rhodes, Judge, Pink Hill, N. C., RFD; Paul Williams, Clerk, Pink Hill, N. C., RFD.

CABIN: Walter Rhodes, Registrar, RFD, Beulaville, N. C.; George Rhodes, Judge, RFD, Beulaville, N. C.; Calvin Mercer, Clerk, RFD, Beulaville, N. C.

HALLSVILLE: Andrew H. Miller, Registrar, RFD, Kenansville, N. C.; J. I. Sumner, Jr., RFD, Beulaville, N. C.; Judge: Neal Smith, Clerk, RFD, Beulaville, N. C.; Leonard Medy, Clerk, RFD, Beulaville, N. C.

ULAVILLE: Joseph Jones, Registrar, RFD, Beulaville, N. C.; Fitzgerald Bostic, Judge, Beulaville, N. C.; Earl Thigpen, Clerk, RFD, Beulaville, N. C.; John George Kennedy, Clerk, Beulaville, N. C.

CEDAR FORK: Mrs. Beatrice Brinson, Registrar, RFD, Beulaville, N. C.; Arthur Wood, Judge, RFD, Beulaville, N. C.; Carl Sloan, Clerk, RFD, Beulaville, N. C.

CYPRESS CREEK: R. H. Maready, Registrar, RFD, Chinquapin, N. C.; Ralph Lanier, Judge, RFD, Chinquapin, N. C.

CHINQUAPIN: G. E. Pickett, Registrar, Chinquapin, N. C.; Edgar English, Judge, RFD, Wallace, N. C.; Johnnie Quinn, Clerk, Chinquapin, N. C.

LOCKLIN: Claude E. Cavenagh, Registrar, RFD, Wallace, N. C.; W. A. Hanchey, Judge, RFD, Wallace, N. C.; O. A. Cavenagh, Judge, RFD, Wallace, N. C. (R).

CHARITY: Jerry W. Teachey, Registrar, Rt. 2, Rose Hill, N. C.; H. H. Carter, Judge, Rose Hill, N. C.; C. Rivenbark, Judge, Rose Hill, N. C. (R).

WALLACE: Miss Eva Benton, Registrar, Wallace, N. C.; D. D. Blanchard, Judge, Wallace, N. C.; W. E. Fussell, Judge, Wallace, N. C. (R); Robert T. Murray, Jr., Clerk, Wallace, N. C.; A. G. Smith, Clerk, Wallace, N. C.

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ROSE HILL: Mrs. Eldon E. Brown, Registrar, Rose Hill, N. C.; Mrs. W. I. Rouse, Judge, Rose Hill, N. C.; S. V. Wilkins, Judge, Rose Hill, N. C. (R); Mrs. O. D. Fussell, Clerk, Rose Hill, N. C.; Ward Farrior, Clerk, Rose Hill, N. C.

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William E. Craft, Chairman Duplin County Board of Education

Kenansville, Warsaw, Magnolia High Petition Board For Consolidation

The climax of a three-year citizens' movement in Duplin County was reached this week when local school committees in Warsaw, Kenansville and Magnolia presented the county Board of Education with unanimous petitions for the consolidation of their high schools at a point between the three towns.

Earlier in the year the people of Faison and Calypso requested consolidation and recently Wallace and Rose Hill followed with unanimous petitions for consolidation of their high schools. Under the plans, which in each case were originated by citizens groups and developed in a democratic manner without any element of force from school authorities seven small high schools will be combined into three conveniently located institutions with pupil enrollments that will permit a much broader curriculum and a complete educational program.

Duplin County citizens became actively interested in schools three years ago when the Board of Education, under a program sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation and the University of North Carolina, invited them to form a county-wide citizens' committee for school improvement which was composed of representative men and women from each of the ten school districts of the county.

Responding with enthusiasm to the invitation, they immediately began a study of school conditions throughout the county, visiting every school building and taking pictures which were later made into slide films and shown to every civic organization in the county. This proved an eye-opening experience, according to a committee spokesman, since the people generally were unfamiliar with the condition. They then conducted a survey of students who had quit school to find out their reasons for dropping out. They sent questionnaires to high school graduates who ended their formal education there and to those attending colleges and other institutions of higher learning. They asked the 365 teachers in the county system to say frankly where they thought schools could be improved.

By the time all of the answers began coming in the citizens committee soon became convinced that the biggest barrier to school progress was the limited size of the

New Business Opens In Beulaville Saturday Morning

Beulaville, the town that is always growing in Duplin, announces the opening of its newest business Saturday. Smith's Self Service grocery, market and service station will open at 9 a.m. with refreshments.

A handsome white stucco building has been constructed on the north side of highway 24 at the intersection of the Lyman road. It is one of the most attractive business houses in this section. In addition to the self-service market and grocery they will feature City Service gas and oils, distributed by Clay McCullen of the Mac Oil Company in Warsaw. The Service Station will render first class service that is expected to be found in any modern service station. Mr. McCullen says he is particularly proud of this establishment and is glad that he can serve it with Cities Service products.

Mr. Ransom Smith, proprietor, is well known in the Beulaville section. He is the son of Mrs. Nora Smith of Beulaville, a native son. He is married to the former Ethel Batts of Beulaville and they have two children, Miss Janice and Ray Carol. Ransom has been engaged in business in Beulaville for the past 6 1/2 years. He is a member of the Town Board and active in civic affairs.

Capital Theatre Opens Saturday

Capital Theatre in Kenansville will reopen Saturday under new management. L. A. Ellis and J. G. Yarborough of Wilmington are taking over the operations. They announce that show hours will be as follows: Saturday, 3 to 11 p.m., Sun. 2 to 4 & 8; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 7:30 to 9:30. The schedule for Saturday and next week's shows will be found on the Theatre page.

Announcement

Class night for the Warsaw Senior Class will be held in the High School Auditorium there on Thursday night, May 6th at 8:15. The public is invited.

WHY I WANT TO GO TO THE SENATE

In an article in this issue Mr. Poe tells about "Duplin Moving Forward." I want to go to the Senate because I want to help Duplin go forward. I want to have a hand in legislation that will not only help Duplin but will help all Southeastern Carolina. If I go I will represent Duplin, Sampson, Pender and New Hanover. These four counties have a common problem and a common hope and this hope is for a better tomorrow for all the farmers and working people in this area. If we can help Duplin we will at the same time help all of Southeastern Carolina.

We have a bright future in this area. With the development of the port at Wilmington; with the coming of Carter Fabrics Division of J. P. Stevens Company to Wallace; with the coming of Top Mode Manufacturing Company in Warsaw; with the Atlantic Coffin and Casket Company in Rose Hill that visioned into the future for Duplin years ago and who are now moving from caskets to picture frames; with the Cates Pickle Plant in Faison who staked their future and belief in Duplin years ago; with the Calypso Veneer Company who believe in Duplin; these, our biggest, together with the smaller industries are building a greater Duplin. But this is not enough.

Kenansville, our County Seat, has the advantage of that fact plus the new hospital that now hopes to open in October, needs a weekly payroll; Beulaville, Chinquapin, Pink Hill (It really is a Duplin town), Magnolia, Teachey, need some payrolls. Magnolia has a small basket factory, Bowden has the Lloyd Lumber Co. to help but they all need more. I don't see why Albertson should not have a factory; yes Lyman, Hallsville and Potters Hill, Scott's Store, Summerlin's Teachey, and other communities. This may all sound like a pipe dream. Well, if so let it be. History proves that great accomplishments come from pipe dreams. I am hoping to live to see the day when industry and agriculture will balance in Duplin. We have a long heritage, deep rooted, and I believe we folks who are products of that heritage have the ability to build a greater Duplin for our children tomorrow. I want to go to the Senate because I hope it might put me in a position to help my county in building a greater tomorrow. I want your support.

H. D. Club Week To Be Observed In Duplin May 2 - 8

The broad program of Home Demonstration work relating directly to home and community life has made a great contribution to our State. It deals with such important subjects as child training, more efficient home-making, proper family nutrition, wise use of the family income, sewing instruction, the best selection and use of fabrics, and better housing.

Through Home Demonstration work the Extension Service encourages families to understand and face the broad problems of agriculture and their relation to world economy. It acquaints young families with the educational opportunities provided by the Extension Service and encourages families to use their influence to strengthen and enrich the communities in which they live. Home Demonstration work has emphasized that families, through organized study, planning and action can make a lasting contribution to home and community improvement.

I commend the Home Demonstration Club women and heartily endorse their program. I am pleased to have this opportunity to call attention to the importance of the Ninth National Home Demonstration Week, which I hope will be observed widely and successfully throughout North Carolina.

Duplin School Men Appointed

Four Duplin County school people have been appointed on state committees of the North Carolina Education Association for 1954-55. They are: D. B. Teachey, Rose Hill, insurance committee; W. R. Teachey, Rose Hill, federal relations committee; Z. W. Frazelle, Kenansville, editorial board.

Register of Deeds Urges Get Birth Certificates Early

Parents of children entering school next fall for the first time are urged to obtain certified copies of birth certificates early to avoid a last minute rush as birth certificates will be required of all children entering the first grade of our public schools next fall. The Register of Deeds Office is now prepared to issue these birth certificates free. There will be almost 1300 of these certificates to be issued, and if parents can begin now to visit the Register of Deeds Office to obtain certificates, it will be a great help to the Register's Office to be able to prepare these gradually and will avoid possible delays for the parents. Quite frequently Duplin County residents whose children have been born in hospitals outside the county find that their children's birth certificates are filed in the County where the hospital is located and it is necessary to obtain such certificates from either the Register of Deeds of that county or from the State Board of Health. Last year the Duplin County Register of Deeds Office filed 41 applications for delayed birth certificates for children entering the first grade. These were for children born in

Local Minister Appointed District Supervisor For CROP In Three Counties

Rev. J. G. White, Pastor of the Duplin Circuit Methodist Church, has been appointed District Supervisor for the Christian Rural Overseas program for the Duplin-Pender-Sampson area. This program, better known as CROP is designed to solicit food commodities, grain, and clothing for displaced, starved, homeless persons in the overseas area.

Rev. White will direct three county districts in soliciting all of the above named commodities. He will attend a coaching conference in Durham, May 3-4 to which plans for the coming year will be made. County Chairmen and their co-workers will be selected within the next few weeks and soliciting will be early this fall.

The CROP goal for this year in North Carolina is as follows: 25 carloads of foodstuffs; garden seeds to be solicited by children and youth; dried milk by producers; canned meat by independent packers; chicks by poultry and feed industries; offerings from interested groups; 10,000 pounds of clothing.

In assuming this responsibility, Rev. White asks the support of all individuals and civic and church organizations in helping with this important task. Further plans will be announced after the coaching conference in Durham next week.

Does life begin at 77 years?

Mrs. J. W. Waters active club member at the age of 77 years after having reared a family of eleven children and four grandchildren.

Mrs. J. W. Waters, better known to the community as "Miss Ada" is an outstanding woman of her age. She has lived 58 years of married life and has been the mother of thirteen children, eleven of which are now living and all married. Mrs. Waters with the help of her better half, Mr. John, has also mothered two of her grandchildren. Two of them are still with them. The youngest of her twenty-nine grandchildren will be entering school next year. She also has eleven great-grandchildren.

In the year of 1950 Mrs. Waters had her first opportunity to join a home demonstration club in her community. This club was organized in the home of Mrs. Edd Kornegay and known as "Scott's Store Club." Not one meeting has Mrs. Waters missed since the club was started, and often attends other clubs. Being questioned concerning the club, she said, "I just like the club and would not miss a meeting if I could help it. Since being a club member she has added a big sun porch on the east side of their house so as to get early morning sun. Two of Mrs. Waters daughters and one daughter-in-law are members of the same club. "Miss Ada" is active and often takes the part of her daughters if they are absent. She never misses district and county meetings if she can possibly get to them.

When the club is mentioned Mrs. Waters shows great concern and is very enthusiastic about the first meeting of the club in the new community building which is now under construction. "I don't want to miss it," she said. "Miss Ada" attends church and Sunday school regularly.

Some people who aim to please are pretty poor shots. World conditions are not apt to improve until people do.

Federal Crop Insurance Announces 1954 Closing Date

Applications for Federal Crop Insurance on 1954 Tobacco cannot be accepted after Monday, April 26th, for Duplin and all other Eastern Belt Counties with a Crop Insurance Program. This closing date was announced this week by H. Kellom James, General Agent for the Corporation in eleven counties of the Eastern District.

Farmers get mighty busy about this time of year, James stated, and frequently overlook the importance of program deadlines and requirements. Therefore, he urges all tobacco growers who plan to protect their investment in this year's tobacco crop through Federal Crop Insurance to file their application at once if they have not already done so. Experience is an excellent teacher but it is sometimes a hard teacher, James continued, and you cannot insure a house after it burns, and since Federal Crop Insurance covers All-Risk it must be applied for before the crop is set in the field or April 26th, whichever comes first.

Duplin County farm owners with tobacco allotments have been placed in one of three coverage groups for 1954, according to the tobacco production history on their farms. These coverage groups are \$300, \$335 and \$400 per acre with a premium rate of \$8.00 per acre for all three groups. In order to learn the coverage group in which he has been placed, it will be necessary for interested farmers to contact the county crop insurance office in Kenansville or see the Crop Insurance Agent in their community. One other important change in the program is that a landlord or operator may now insure his interest and the interest of

his sharecroppers or share tenants all in one policy. This plan reduces the number of signatures to that of the landlord or operator, thus eliminates the "red tape" and inconvenience of all interested parties having to make signed and separate reports. Each tenant's interest is identified on the one acreage report and remains a separate unit for loss adjustment purposes.

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, administered through the United States Department of Agriculture, insures the investment in the crop against the natural unavoidable causes of loss, such as drowning, drought, hail, wind, plant disease, insects, winterkill, and fire in curing barn and packhouse. In this way a tobacco farmer can be sure of meeting production costs any year.

The Federal law, under which the corporation operates, permits insurance in a limited number of counties with gradually expanding provisions. Policyholders in a county pay premiums considered sufficient to pay the losses in their county over a period of years. In other words, had crops in one county does not affect the cost of insurance in an adjoining county where good crops occur.

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