

This Week With SAM BYRD

Brighten the Corner

Well, now it's Tired Mail Box Week. The Postmaster General has announced Mail Box Improvement Week from May 17 - 24. This will be the sixteenth annual campaign to tidy up the official mail receptacles and bring beauty to our highways and better service to rural route patrons.

Mail delivery to farm houses and rural patrons was started more than half a century ago. Driving from LaGrange to Kinston and from Kinston to Kenansville Wednesday morning it looked as if some of the patrons are still using their original boxes.

During the earlier years there were no specified requirements about the size, material or location of the roadside boxes. Any old box would do. Sometimes kitchenware was mounted on a shaky pole. Most common ailments of mail boxes today are lack of door, approach to the box obstructed and not properly graded, position of the box too high or too low, not waterproof, post not firmly planted and not level, poorly secured to post and joints with some color other than white or aluminum. Names should be painted in 1-inch black letters.

The Post Office Department is the most important agency in keeping the people of the nation informed. The rural delivery is a post office on wheels and many times these services are taken for granted. The carriers are trying to serve patrons as promptly as possible with as few mistakes as possible.

Errors are sometimes caused by patron's name being omitted on the mail box, especially when a substitute serves the route while the regular carrier is on vacation or sick leave. The substitute is not always acquainted with the route as well as the regular carrier.

E. J. Simpson Assistant County Agent Kenansville, N. C.

Frederick Willets, Sr. of Wilmington Announces Building & Loan For Duplin

Wallace, May 8- Personnel. In the Wallace office manager, Duplin County Advisory Board and attorneys, who will staff the new Cooperative Savings and Loan Association organization here and help guide its policies was announced this week by Mr. Frederick Willets, Sr., of Wilmington, president of the institution.

William Fay Caudell, an East Carolinian with a wide local acquaintance, has been named to manage the Cooperative Savings and Loan Association office in Wallace now nearing completion on Main street. He will be assisted by Mrs. Estelle Fussell of Rose Hill who will transfer to Wallace from the Cooperative Savings and Loan Association in Jacksonville, Willets said.

With completion of the building promised within the next three weeks, Willets said the firm would begin doing business about June 1. The new office will hold open house during the entire first week of June. Formal announcement of the opening date will be made within the next ten days.

Three prominent Wallace businessmen have been appointed to serve on the Cooperative Savings and Loan Advisory Board for the Wallace and Duplin County area. They will assist in implementing the Association's policies and acquainting this area with the constructive program of the new financial institution, its president said.

The three include Roy Carter of D. J. Carter & Sons; Norwood Vann, president of Wallace Motor & Implement Co.; and Harry Kramer, president, Kramer's Department Store.

Winifred T. Wells and David N. Henderson of the Wallace law firm of Wells and Henderson have been retained as counsel for the Association and will handle the legal aspects of the home loans the Association expects to handle in this area.

aning aspects of its program, he said, exceeds first expectations. He predicted Wallace and the region it serves will establish an impressive record in North Carolina savings and loan field within a very short time.

Until the Cooperative office opens here, Mr. Caudell will divide his time between the Association's Wilmington office, making contacts and renewing acquaintances in this section of the State. The expressed hope that persons interested in any aspect of the new savings and loan enterprise would contact him by mail either through the Wallace Post Office, or in Wilmington prior to the opening of the Wallace office.

Mr. Willets said the decision to open the Cooperative Savings and Loan office in Wallace was made in response to both popular demand and the increasing need for such an institution in this locality. He added that reaction among business and professional men here has been highly encouraging.

Local Girls Play In Annual Audition In Wilmington

On May 4, in the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Mrs. H. C. Selby's pupils, Miss Betty Ingram and Miss Barbara Mitchell played in the annual Audition of the National Guide of Piano Teachers.

Mr. Bert Sears of Milwaukee, Wisconsin was the judge. Mr. and Mrs. Selby accompanied the girls to Wilmington.

Vacation Bible School Next Week

The Kenansville Community Bible School will be held on Monday through Friday of Next Week, May 17 - 21. This school which is conducted by and for the Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian Church of Kenansville will be held this year at the Grove Presbyterian Church. The hours each day will be 9:00 to 11:30 A.M., and all children of Kenansville and the surrounding community who are three through fourteen years of age are urged and invited to come. The director will be Rev. J. T. Hayter, and a fine staff of teachers and helpers will be present to direct the children in this most important activity of the church's summer program.

Mrs. Bertha Stalling Is Active Home Demonstration Member

May 16th Is 4-H Church Sunday In Duplin And Over The Nation

4-H Church Sunday, to be observed May 23rd, is an inspiration to over 2,000,000 4-H boys and girls. On this day, Churches of all denominations regardless of race or color will pay tribute to members of 4-H clubs.

The objective of 4-H work, "To help rural youth understand, appreciate, and make use of the fine things in their own homes and environments," is closely connected to Church programs.

The club's motto "To Make The Best Better" is the ambition of every true 4-H member.

A compact summary of what the 4-H club stands for is stated in the Club Pledge:

"I pledge my Head to clearer thinking; my Heart to greater loyalty; my Hands to longer service and my Health to better living for my club, my community, and my country."

Following is listed the main objectives in observance of National 4-H Sunday.

1. To enable 4-H members to think together about home, community, and world events in spiritual terms by means of some especially chosen theme for the year.

2. To recognize and emphasize the spiritual values and character-building qualities of 4-H club work.

3. To encourage 4-H members to identify themselves with those institutions that stand for the high ideals of a community, such as the Church, the school, and other social organizations that lead to the full, all-round development of those who participate.

4. To develop in 4-H members a better understanding of the relationship that people of the soil have with God.

5. To develop a deeper appreciation of the manifold values of rural life.

6. To provide 4-H members a service that develops the Heart H.

7. To acquaint 4-H members with other character-building agencies.

8. To give 4-H members an opportunity to cooperate with other community groups.

9. To help 4-H members to demonstrate their loyalty and to realize their own responsibilities to the church of their choice.

10. To enable 4-H members to associate church activities with their everyday living.

11 Marriage Licenses Issued

The following marriage licenses were issued in the Register of Deeds office during the month of April, 1954:

White Roy Bland Barwick, Jr., Mt. Olive and Laura Chadwick West, Warsaw; LeRoy J. Roberts, Arlington, Va., and Ellen Faye Wood, Wallace; William Preston Teachey, Jacksonville, and Peggy Jean Kenan, Wallace; Robert Lowell Miller, Beulaville, and Elsie Ruth Hall, Beulaville; Carroll Holloman, Calypso, and Doris Jackson, Faison; Lois Lee Simpson, Chinquapin, and Peggy Ann Williams, Beulaville; Ramon Emmett Parker, Chapel Hill and Allene Taylor Wadsworth; Robert F. Sloan, Chinquapin, and Jane Faye Batts, Chinquapin.

Colored Willie Davis Henry, Rt. 2, Rose Hill and Lula Vernon, Wilmington; Monroe Bryant, Jr., Rt. 2, Wallace, and Evelyn Grace Farrior, Rt. 2, Wallace; John Collie Kennon, Rt. 2, Pink Hill, and Geraldine Branch, Rt. 2, Pink Hill.

Senator Hoey

Senator Clyde R. Hoey died at his desk in the Senate building in Washington Wednesday afternoon from what his physician said was a stroke.

The Senator from North Carolina was 76 years old. Senator Hoey was a native of Shelby, and was Governor of his state from 1937 to 1941. In 1945 he was elected to the U. S. Senate, and re-elected in 1950.

Senator Hoey's administrative assistant Jack Spain was the first to find the senator dead. Shortly after 3 p.m., the news was announced in the Senate by Senator Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, who said: "It is with deep regret that I announce the passing a few minutes ago of our beloved colleague, the distinguished Clyde R. Hoey, Senator from North Carolina."

Duplinites Gets Featured In Fuquay Paper

The following write up appeared in a recent issue of the Fuquay Springs Independent:

One of Fuquay's most interesting teachers is Miss Dorotha Lee Rhodes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Rhodes of Beulaville.

Miss Rhodes attended Beulaville school until her senior year when the school burned and she was transferred to Clinton High School where she graduated in 1947. She attended Campbell Junior College for two year and received a degree in Associate in Arts and then transferred to East Carolina College and received her B.S. Degree in Grammar Grade Education in 1951.

Before coming to Fuquay Springs Miss Rhodes taught the sixth grade at Angier School for two years. She teaches the sixth grade here.

She is a Presbyterian. She has two brothers, Murphy, who is older and Tommy, who is younger.

Among Miss Rhodes' likes are teaching, Saturdays so she can sleep, eat, and wash her car, and children. She says that some day she hopes to have a large family. She is also a great lover of nature. Her dislikes are rainy days at school and loud voices.

Among Miss Rhodes' hobbies are collecting records. Her favorite pastimes are reading, sleeping, and listening to the radio. Her special interests are her music and her car.

She enjoys traveling. Some of the places of interest she has visited are Quebec, Canada, and Miami, Fla.

When I asked Miss Rhodes how she liked Fuquay she said "First, I like this section of the state and I like Fuquay Springs because it's just a nice place to live and I love the life in the teacherage!"

The house and surroundings of 244 homes in Duplin had a good and thorough cleaning as the result of the clean-up campaign tour held by the clubs during the month of April. The women were very proud of their homes and surroundings and they had every right to be, for the club women had worked very hard to get everything in ship-shape order for the clean-up tour.

The clubs have these tours because it creates good fellowship among the club members, it brings about cooperation among members of the families, it creates and develops better health habits.

In touring these homes, each year the agent can see and compare what progress a family has made in the home during the year. The agent noticed and was very well pleased that since Christmas eight homes have installed running water, 12 homes have purchased deep freezers, 18 storage cabinets have been built in kitchens, eight clothes closets have been built, lawns have been planted by 20 and 63 homes have been painted inside. Twenty-four new mail boxes were noted on the tour.

Mrs. Bertha Stalling of Chinquapin is a very active member of the home demonstration club in her community. There are very few meetings that she misses. On the tour of homes in Chinquapin, Mrs. Stalling's home was visited. While going through the home a clothes closet she had built herself. She said that after the demonstration given on clothes closets she was determined to have one. This closet does not have the finishing touch of a professional carpenter, but for an amateur, Mrs. Stalling did a marvelous job. After we left the bedroom, she took us into the kitchen and showed the group a small base cabinet she had made herself for her kitchen. The women of the club gave Mrs. Stalling quite an oration for work done by herself to improve her home.

Moore-Thomson-Hicks Families Will Gather In Annual Reunion May 23rd.

The 19th annual reunion of the Moore-Thompson-Hicks families and their family connections, the Faisons, Holmes, and other families, will be held at Ten Mile Church, near the village of Turkey, in Sampson County, on Sunday, May 23rd. The presiding officer of the clan will be Mrs. Edna Britt Crumpler, of Clinton. The program will begin at 11:30, and a picnic dinner will be spread at one o'clock. At two o'clock, a monument will be unveiled to the memory of the late Hon. Thomas Ivey Faison (1802-1865), planter, Clerk of the Court for 20 years, member of the Constitutional Conventions of 1835 and 1865, and a leader of secession. The exercises will begin at the church and a procession will proceed to his plantation, "Summer Hill," one mile distant, where the monument will be erected.

A Call For Clothing

"We are already planning ahead for next winter," Mrs. Taylor, Superintendent of the Department of Public Welfare, advised us, as she stopped to chat for a few moments.

"We started a clothing closet last fall and had wonderful success. We asked the Home Demonstration Clubs throughout the county to continue - and they did. They were generous. Nearly all of the clothing was clean, pressed, and in good repair. Since then other organizations have added from time to time."

"We in turn have been contributing whenever we had calls, but we have not yet been able to meet the demand. We need children's clothing most of all. Our greatest demand for clothing is in the winter."

Mrs. Taylor continued, "Often we find children out of school because they haven't suitable clothing. Now is the time of the year when people have already cleaned out their closets or are planning to do so. We are wondering if a supply of warm winter clothing is not lying unused in closets or trunks. Boys' pants, sweaters, jackets, underwear, and girls' dresses, sweaters, coats, in fact any kind of warm clothing in good repair would be welcomed."

Mrs. Taylor also suggested that sheets, blankets, quilts and furniture was desired. The Woman's Club in Rose Hill, through their "Help A Home" project has supplied some furniture. The clothing closet is not spacious enough for storage of furniture. The Rose Hill club donated the furniture, but stored it until arrangements were made for its delivery to the one who was to receive it. Mrs. Taylor suggested that any one who has clothing or anything else to contribute write or call the Department of Public Welfare.

by Mrs. Thelma D. Taylor, Supt. Dept. of Public Welfare

Fishing Season

Regulation 3-54, Section e, "Taking of Non game Fish by Special Devices," of Wildlife Resources Commission and Information on Laws Governing Fresh-Water Fishing, effective January 1 - December 31, 1954, is amended to extend the season for the use of gill nets, or skum nets and dip nets in District 2, and for the use of drag seines in Districts 2 and 3 only, to June 1, 1954, inclusive. It shall be unlawful to use these devices for taking shad and herring after the above dates without further action by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

County Convention

The County Democratic Convention will meet at the Court house in Kenansville, N. C., Saturday, May 15, 1954, at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., for the purpose of organizing, and of electing delegates to the State Convention which meets in Raleigh, N. C., at noon, on Thursday, May 20. You are cordially invited to attend.

Alum Springs WMS Met With Mrs. Kelly

The Alum Springs W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. Emmett Kelly on Thursday evening, May 6 at 8:00 P. M. with 6 members present. The Devotional was given by Mrs. Colon Garner. Mrs. Amy Garner was in charge of the program and led a very interesting discussion on our Baptist Schools in South America. Immediately following the program, Mrs. Kelly served a delicious sweet course.

22 Months Old Youth Is Drowned

Robert Morris Pridden, 22-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pridden of Beutancous was drowned about 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at the home of his parents when he fell into a cement vessel used for watering chickens.

According to the family, the child had been absent from the group of children with whom he was playing in the yard only a few minutes when his mother found him face down in the water which was several inches deep.

He was rushed to the office of a Mount Olive doctor where artificial respiration and other measures were applied over a period of 40 minutes without results.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday at 3 p.m. with the Rev. U. A. McManes, pastor of Bear Marsh Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving are the parents; two brothers, William Harper Pridden and Charles Douglas Pridden and six sisters, Marjorie, Norma, Nancy, Mary, Betty Sue and Brenda, all of the home.

Overplanting Tobacco Penalties Announced

Announcement was made from the ASC Office that a penalty of 50 percent of last year's average tobacco market price will be levied on all tobacco grown in excess of allotment this year.

Harvey Arnold, Chairman of the Duplin County ASC, said that it would amount to about 25 cents a pound. Last year the penalty was only 40 percent of the previous year's average price. The penalty would be prorated over the entire amount of tobacco marketed from farms on which allotments were exceeded but that it would amount to a penalty of about 25 cents a pound on tobacco grown on the excess acreage. In addition, to the penalty, farmers planting excess acreage are not permitted to participate in the Price Support Program.

June Jurors Are Drawn

The following jurors have been drawn for the term of County Court commencing June 7th: Dewey Lanier, Ray B. McMillan, Harry Bratcher, Russell Paul Britt, G. W. Frederick, M. P. Teachey, A. D. Brown, J. A. Newkirk, George Kelly, Ben Swinson, Jr., J. E. Kennedy, I. C. Norris, Willard H. Edwards, Fred Costin, M. T. Boneham, Arnold Gordon Kennedy, Paul I. Williams, Jerry Rivenbank.

Page Appliances New Service Man

J. C. Page of Page Home Appliance of Warsaw announces that Walter Willets of Wilmington is now service man. He comes to Warsaw and community with over six years of Refrigerator, Air Condition and Appliance as service man. Mr. and Mrs. Willets have an apartment with Mrs. Ralph Jones on Hill St. Call Mr. Willets at 677 for services for Page Home Appliance.

Nick Edwards

Funeral services for Nick Edwards 68 of near Beulaville, who died Thursday morning in the Kinston hospital, were held at the home Saturday at 3 p.m. the Rev. Joe Whaley officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Eva Norris, one son, Ralph Edwards of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Norman Horne of Richlands and Miss Lois Edwards of the home; four grand children; one brother, Earl Edwards of Beulaville; and two half brothers Clarence Edwards of Swansboro and Oscar Edwards of Deep Run.

Republicans Meet

It was announced here this week that there will be a GOP fish supper at Gordon Merritt's pond near Beutancous Friday, May 21st at 6:30. Mrs. Christine Odom of Goldsboro, Republican candidate for Congress will speak. All Republicans and their families are cordially invited.



Shown are Scout Charles Truett Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Miller, and Scout W. J. Thomas, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thomas, Sr., both of Beulaville, who recently received the award of Eagle Scout. They are members of Boy Scout Troop 47, which is sponsored by the Hallsville Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. J. T. Hayter, Jr. serving as Scoutmaster.

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Beulaville Class Is Honored

The Senior Class of Beulaville High School was honored Wednesday afternoon, April 26, at 5 o'clock by Mrs. Flava Mercer, Mrs. Milton Cottle and Mrs. Frank Bostie at the Cliffs of Neuse, with a weiner roast. Soft drinks and assorted cookies were served.

Those attending were: Margaret Mercer, Carylon Brinson, James Robert Grady, Leta Warren Thomas, Gussida Whaley, Agnes Mercer, Frances Kennedy, A. B. Mercer, Joyce Cottle, Lorraine Thigpen, Donald Edwards, Evelyn Penny, Ramon Davis, Ursula Williams, A. F. Shaw, Golanda Cummings, Peggy Jo Rhodes, Arlene Batchelor, Wendell Coombs, Noah Cole, Janet Kennedy, Jimmy Cox, Ann Houston, Sidney Blizard, Stanley Bratcher, Vickie Rhodes, Lawrence Futrell, Earcel Bostie, Jackie Von Williams, Janice Bostie, Reynolds Batts, Marie Futrell, Linda Thigpen, Shirley Johnson, "Little" Wanda Mercer.

Abritton Heads Legion District 9

At the annual meeting of the Ninth District of the American Legion held at Albertson April 8, E. C. Abritton was elected Commander of the Ninth District. Mr. Abritton was Commander of Post 874 at Calypso. Mr. Abritton served in the U. S. Navy during World War I. He has been active in Legion work and civic organizations of the community. He is coach of the base ball team for Calypso and chairman of the Finer Carolina Contest for the town.

Calypso Volunteer Firemen met Monday night in the Legion Hut for their regular meeting. They voted to sell fire extinguishers for the benefit of the department, and for the safety of the town. Group committees were appointed as follows: B. C. Abritton, Sam Smalling, J. O. Parker and Herman Barwick. They were served a fried chicken supper by J. B. Strickland, W. H. Hurd, Paul Grice and Alton Pope.