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PRICE TEN CENTS

Teacher List - Duplin County For 1954-55

All Duplin Schools are now open and operating on regular schedule. The following teacher lists have been supplied the Times:

The largest school in the county opened August 22nd with 1038 pupils enrolled. W. Ray Humphrey is principal with the following teachers:

- 1st Grade - Mrs. Ethel P. Capps, Mrs. Frances D. Jenkins, Mrs. Vera H. Bostic. 2nd Grade - Mrs. Lou Bell Williams, Mrs. Christine Kennedy, Mrs. Mamie Boggs. 3rd Grade - Mrs. Hazel Cox, Mrs. Sarah Heath, Mrs. Eleanor Norris. 4th Grade - Mrs. Macy Thomas, Mrs. Hazel Scott, Mrs. Frances Mercer. 5th Grade - Mrs. Hazel Miller, Mrs. Phoebe Pate, Mrs. Eleanor McCoy. 6th Grade - Mrs. Louise Brown, Mrs. Hazel Williams, Mrs. Lillian Grady. 7th Grade - Mrs. Lillian Grady, Mr. Carl P. Pate, Mrs. Ann Craft. 8th Grade - Mrs. Blanche Hill, Mr. Eldridge Thigpen, Mr. Fountain Taylor, Jr. 9th Grade - Mr. Ramon L. Davis, Science, Mrs. Anna B. Guy, Math - English, Mr. Allen Dale Bucklen, Physical Ed. 10th Grade - Mrs. Mary S. Mercer, Math - English, Mr. Malcolm McWhorter, Science. 11th Grade - Mr. F. V. Spencer, History, Mrs. Leland Grady, English - French. 12th Grade - Mrs. Kathryn Barbee, English, Mr. William D. Thigpen, Math - History, Home Economics, Mrs. Iris Aldridge, Commercial, William G. Jones.

Palson High School R. A. Gray, Principal, Mrs. Mac M. Casteen, Home Ec., Mrs. J. F. Oliver, Lang., Mr. Eldon F. Thornton, 8th, Mrs. M. C. Bowder, 7th, Mrs. Edwin McCollman, 6th, Mrs. Ruby Blount, 5th, Mrs. Mary F. Ray, 4th, Mrs. Margaret Davis, 3rd, Miss Beulah Martin, 2nd, Mrs. Sarah Turner, 1st, Mrs. Cloverd Montgomery, Primary Combination, Mrs. Elizabeth Clifton, Special Ed.

Calypso School Elementary - Annie M. Raper, 1st, Hulda Strickland, 1st, Everette Cox, 2nd, Pauline Flythe, 3rd, Francis Strickland, 4th, Hilda Sutton, 5th, Inez Davis, 6th, Geneva Byrd, 7th, Louise Cole, 8th. High School - Mrs. Lloyd Hontz, Marguerite Taylor, Commercial, Lorette Martin, H. E. Grubbs, Principle, W. H. Hurdle, agriculture, Nancy Long, Music.

Chinquapin Elementary - Miss Lou Jackson, 1. Mrs. Elizabeth James, 1. Mrs. Dorothy Mills, 1. Mrs. Berta Mae Barden, 2. Mrs. Matilda Pruitt, 2. Mrs. Lydia Reece, 2. Mrs. Eugenia Dail, 3. Miss Pauline Wooten, 3. Miss Mary Q. Brown, 3 & 4. Mrs. Leota Brinson, 4. Mrs. Ida Mae Sanderson, 4. Mrs. Hazel Brinson, 5. Mrs. Blanche Wood, 5. Mrs. Patricia Byrd, 5 & 6. Mrs. Louise Landen, 6. Miss Effie Pickett, 6. Miss Margaret Jackson, 7. Miss Eloise Turner, 7. Mr. Norman Aycock, 8. Mr. George F. Landen, 8. High School - Mrs. Mary Sanderson, 9th Home Room, Science, Mr. J. E. Gregory, 9th Home Room, History & Coach, Mr. William L. Register, 10th Home Room, Math, Mrs. Polly B. Thomas, 10th Home Room, Commercial, Mrs. Vane A. Albertson, 11th Home Room, English, Mr. Wilbur Williams, 12th Home Room, French & English, Miss Peggy Anne Cox, Home Economics, Mr. W. P. Hubbard, Agriculture, R. L. Pruitt, Principal.

Kenansville Elementary - Mrs. Louise W. Mitchell, Mrs. Coral Burch, Mrs. Katherine Wallace, Mrs. Florence Currie, Mrs. Virginia G. Penney, Mrs. Juanita B. Kretsch, Mrs. Nannie P. Brinson, Mrs. Edna E. Brinson, Mr. Lauren H. Sharpe, Mrs. Sallie C.

Ingram, Mrs. Mattie W. Sadler. High School - Mrs. Carolyn G. Outlaw, Home Economics, Mrs. Faye Q. Williams, Business Education & English, Mrs. Martha G. Brinson, Science and Math, Mrs. Pearl C. McGowan, English and French, Mr. Willard H. Helton, Social Studies and Coach, Mr. Paul Blizard, Agriculture, Mr. Z. W. Frazelle, Math and Principal.

Warsaw Elementary - First - Miss Maggie Bowden, Miss Nora Blackmore, Mrs. Magdalene Stancil; Second - Mrs. Lena Carlton, Miss Nell Bowden; Third - Miss Lenora Womack, Mrs. Martha Buck; Fourth - Mrs. Rose Hollingsworth, Mrs. Betty Helton; Fifth - Mrs. Alice Holland, Mrs. Joanne Best; Sixth - Mrs. Edna McLamb, Mrs. Mary Lee Jones; Seventh - Mrs. Madeline Smith; Eighth & Eighth - Mrs. Estelle Peirce; Eighth - Mrs. Mary Farris; Piano - Mrs. Nell Middleton. High School - French and English - Miss Mary Lou Wilkins; English - Continued On Back

NOTICE

The Rev. Otis Ridge, Charge Lay Leader of the Duplin Charge and also a local preacher in the Methodist Church will be the guest speaker at the Kenansville Methodist church this Sunday morning, September 5th, at the 11:00 worship service. Mr. Ridge will occupy the pulpit, while the pastor, Rev. J. G. White, is on vacation. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Help Us

During the past two months the Kenansville Fire Department has been kept busy answering fire calls of various kinds. These men are doing as good a job as might be expected of them for the kinds of fires to which they have been called. They have been most unselfish in response and activity and have spent considerable time and effort for community service. Firefighting at its best and simplest is a hazardous occupation - no one sees it more clearly than do those who have gone through the process. The laws of the state and common sense require all bystanders to stay out of the way of firemen and equipment.

On last Sunday night, as on several previous occasions, the people were most uncooperative in this matter and added a greater hazard to the fire service. The blocking of a road by more than a score of vehicles not belonging to firemen prevented firemen from driving to the scene of the fire and also prevented the withdrawal of fire apparatus from the scene of the fire for nearly a half hour. During all that time equipment and personnel were tied up so that they could not have responded to any other call that might have been received. Also, if a fireman had been injured he could not have been taken to a doctor or hospital in that time. The Fire Department does not wish to seem to be stepping out of bounds, but in this matter it is law that the officials of a fire department can indict any person or persons who get in the way, who fail to yield right-of-way to sirens or red lights, and who block drives or roads thereby preventing freedom of movement of fire apparatus. It is a violation of law for an outsider to follow a fire truck in response to a fire.

We trust that in the future we shall not have this trouble. However, if anyone should cause any of the above to happen, consider yourself under arrest. The officers of the Fire Department are authorized and will present bill or ticket of indictment. Please cooperate that these measures shall not be necessary.

Help us to help you save your life and property.

Johnny Williams Hurt In Wreck

A Chevrolet truck owned and operated by Mr. D. W. Smith of Pink Hill and a Pontiac car driven by Raymond Turner, Jr., of Albertson collided in front of the Smith home about 10:00 p. m. Saturday. Returning from a fishing trip to the coast, Mr. Smith was turning into the driveway at his home when the accident occurred. Johnny Williams of Pink Hill, Route 2, an occupant of the Turner car was the only one who was seriously injured, but both car and truck were complete wrecks.

Warsaw Farmers Day Sept. 12

The annual Farmer's Day in Warsaw, sponsored by the Rotary Club, will be held September 12, this is the sixth annual farmer's celebration. E. C. Thompson will be master of Ceremonies. Written invitations only. Dean Colvard will be the principal speaker.

Be Ye Kind To Dumb Animals

Being kind to dumb animals is a might fine way for any one to be but it can cause a "stink" at times. Such was the case with Dr. C. F. Hawes of Rose Hill. We will begin by saying that Dr. Hawes has all kinds of consideration for animals and reptiles as well as humans. One day recently he was riding along the highway when he spotted a turtle creeping along. Being a humanitarian Dr. Hawes picked up the turtle and put him in the car, with the intention of providing the reptile with a home. Being a very busy man, the turtle was forgotten until a few days later when a bad odor was detected in the car by Mrs. Faircloth. The car was taken to Faircloth's garage where the seats were removed, and upon the removal of part of the upholstery in the back of the car there was the turtle "dead, as a door nail." It just goes to prove that creatures as slow as turtles can make a quick get away.

Refusal To Sell Watermelons Ends In Fight

Leo Middleton of Kenansville and Mayo Pickett, both colored, of Chinquapin, were jailed early Wednesday morning for assault with a deadly weapon on J. A. Alphin, white which took place late Tuesday evening. Middleton and Pickett went to the Alphin home, which is located about three miles northwest of Kenansville, on Tuesday evening to buy some watermelons. Upon their request for the melons, Alphin told them he did not want to go to the field for them. Middleton insisted and began using profane language while in the presence of Alphin's wife. Alphin asked them to leave and after their refusal, Alphin struck at Middleton and Middleton began cutting Alphin with a pocket knife, inflicting injuries to Alphin's arm which required medical attention.

During the fracas Pickett left the car, they were riding in and became involved in a fight with Robert Alphin, J. A.'s brother. Middleton left the scene but Pickett remained in the car in Alphin's yard, until Wednesday morning when he was arrested by deputies W. O. Houston and Shiver. Middleton was arrested at his home. Both men were lodged in jail but were released under bond. Middleton is out under a \$1000 bond and Pickett was released under \$500 bond.

Bessie Mae Tan Gets 15 Years

Methodist Men Duplin Charge Get Charter At Charter Night Banquet



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The Methodist Men of the Duplin charge received their charter from the General Board of Lay Activities at their charter night banquet held in Kenansville, August 9th. The club, organized last May, observed the occasion by inviting their wives to the banquet. There were approximately 37 present. Meal was served by the W. S. C. S. of the local Kenansville Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. J. G. White, presented the charter to the president, Charles H. Holland, Jr., in the absence of the district lay leader. The Methodist Men's organization is a national organization of Laymen in the Methodist church who have organized themselves to promote the general program of the church. The objectives of Methodist men are: To seek daily Christ's (Continued On Back)

13-Year-Old Youth Shot In Argument

Sheriff Miller's department reported a shooting near the Charity crossroads section Sunday at 4 p. m. Negro youth, Verzona Chastney, 13, was shot in the stomach by Roland Dixon, a 12-year-old Negro boy after an argument. Chastney died before he reached the hospital. Chastney, son of Butler Chastney, and Leo Spicer is reported to have chased Dixon to his home where Dixon grabbed a shotgun with no stock and fired away. The coroner reported that the case will be turned over to Juvenile Court.

Fire Destroys Booth Wallace Drive-In

FIRE DESTROYS Saturday night, August 28, fire completely destroyed the projection booth at the Wallace Drive-In Theatre. E. C. Sanderson, owner and operator of the Drive-In announces that plans are underway for the immediate restoration and he hopes that the theatre will soon reopen. The loss included three prints of the special feature "River of No Return" which was scheduled to show Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The loss was not covered by insurance. Watch this paper for notice of the reopening.

Harper Reunion Saturday, Deep Run

The annual Harper reunion will be held Saturday, September 4, 1954, at the Deep Run School, Deep Run, N. C. All the descendants of Warren Harper, Simpson Harper, Jesse Harper, Blackledge Harper, Wendell Harper, Frank Harper, Bright Harper, Bob Harper, Tom Harper, Blaney Harper, Cornelius Harper, Zack Harper, or their relatives are cordially invited to bring a picnic basket and attend this fourth annual reunion. The morning program, which will begin at 10:00 a. m., will include a talent program by members of the clan. A special treat to be enjoyed is the "4-Hers," a male quartet which has appeared on several radio and TV programs. Members of the quartet are Wendell Harper, Everett Harper, William "Sonny" Harper, and Clarence Humphrey. Also included will be a reading by Frank (Continued On Back)

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State College of Agriculture and Engineering of the University of North Carolina School of Agriculture Department of Information Office of the Editor August 28, 1954. Mr. J. Robert Grady, Editor The Duplin Times Kenansville, N. C. Dear Mr. Grady: Just a note to express to you my congratulations on the editorial content and the general make-up and appearance of your special tobacco edition issued Thursday, August 12. You certainly have done a good job and I not only congratulate you on the excellent material included in the issue, but also on the fine advertising support given you by your local business organizations. We are always happy in this office to cooperate with you in the presentation of pertinent farm information to your readers, and we appreciate the wonderful support you have always given us. Sincerely, F. H. Jeter, Editor

NOTICE

Honorable Judge Clawson Williams has declared that court will not convene on September 6, 1954, due to the Labor Day holiday. All cases calendared for Monday will be tried on Tuesday, September 7, at the Kenansville Court House.

Briefs

Mrs. Dixon Guthrie has resigned her place as town clerk. Dr. John Powers, popular public health officer, is vacationing this week. Annual check-up for midwives was held on Friday of last week. Fifteen were present for information and check up. Dr. B. M. Drake, assistant director of local health division and Dr. Grogan of the State Board of Health, Raleigh, lectured the midwives on care and child birth. Miss Jo Anna Longacres, nutritionist also lectured to the midwives. Beginning at 12:30 Dr. Willis conducts a clinic for babies on every fourth Thursday. Last Thursday there were thirteen mothers and nine babies examined.

Judge Williams Presiding Criminal Court Term

Bessie Mae Tann, received a verdict of murder in the second degree and was sentenced to not less than 15 and not more than 20 years in State Prison by Judge Clawson L. Williams in a Superior Court term this week. Bessie Mae pleaded nolo contendere to the murder charge brought against her in the death of her common law husband, Matthew James Cobb. Bertis Fussell, charged with mistreatment of a prisoner, the court ordered the case be not prosed. The Solicitor announced in open court that he had investigated the evidence and had also tried the case of the State versus Robert Merritt, the prisoner alleged to have been mistreated and that upon the information gathered, he felt that the action should be dismissed. Cecil Basden, plead guilty to breaking, entering and larceny, was sentenced to not less than 4 and not more than 6 years in State Prison. Basden also plead guilty to carrying a concealed weapon, another charge, and was sentenced to 12 months on the roads, the sentence imposed to begin at the expiration of the breaking, entering and larceny. The sentence in this case to be suspended on condition that he violate no laws, state or federal and on further condition that the defendant is not to possess or own of the condition of the suspension a pistol at any time, or on violation that he would have to serve the sentence in this case. George Henry Simmons, received a sentence of not less than 2 and not more than 3 years in State Prison on a forgery charge. On a separate charge to assault with a deadly weapon, Simmons plead guilty to the charge and was sentenced to two years on the roads. Sentence to run concurrent with sentence imposed on the forgery count. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs by J. D. Alphin for forcible trespass. Tom Everett was sentenced to at least three years and not more than 6 years in State Prison for larceny. Tom Everett charged and was sentenced to 6 months on the roads, larceny. Everett plead guilty to same charge and was sentenced on condition that he pay the court cost, pay a one dollar bill and pay \$15 per month for benefit of child. Florence Worrell charged with prostitution and had conduct, the court directed a verdict of not guilty. Edgar Tyler, plead guilty to possession of whiskey for the purpose of sale, was given 18 months on the roads. Sentence suspended upon the payment of \$200 fine and costs. Ada Mae Everett received a sentence of 12 months in jail for larceny from a person. The sentence was suspended on payment of cost and defendant placed on probation. Leroy Lanier, plead guilty to store breaking and larceny, reciv-

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Wreck Toll Heavy In Duplin Last Week - No Deaths: Several Injuries

Patrolmen were busy over the weekend investigating wrecks over most of the county. Friday night David (Slick) Murphy, 29-year-old white man of Route 2, Rose Hill was traveling 1 mile east of Teachey at an excessive speed on curve and slippery road lost control of the 1952 Plymouth that he was driving and suffered a fractured left arm and lacerations. He was carried to Dr. C. F. Hawes office at Rose Hill for treatment and later removed to Veterans Hospital at Fayetteville. No charges were preferred. Damages to car were estimated at \$400. Saturday afternoon Raymond Lee Batts, 24-year-old colored man of Rose Hill stopped at the intersection of Lake Tut Road and Rose Hill Street when a vehicle driven by David Lloyd Brinson, 25-year-old colored man of Kenansville, traveling east stopped at stop sign at intersection, attempted to make a right turn with excessive speed, skidded into front of Batts as Brinson left the scene of the accident but surrendered Tuesday. He was charged with careless and reckless driving and no operators license. Damages estimated to each car was \$35. John Walford, Jr. of Newport driving a 1953 Plymouth Sunday afternoon on highway 41 west of Wallace at Colwell Smith's home lost control of his car skidded on wet pavement and turned over. Damage approximately \$350. No charges were preferred. About 7:45 Sunday night Miss Dorothy Casey, white, of Route 1, Dudley, was traveling north on a 1952 Chevrolet at intersection of highway 117 and Charity Crossroads when a car driven by Theodore Roosevelt Boney, colored, of Route 3, Rose Hill came to intersection 117 and stopped and as car driven by Miss Casey came into intersection the car driven by Boney pulled out into 117 in front of her. Miss Casey's car was damaged approximately \$500 with Boney's damages estimated at \$450. Miss Casey suffered injured right leg and bruised chest and head. Boney fled from scene of accident and was charged with hit and run, careless and reckless driving. He surrendered about midnight Sunday and was released on bond. About 11:45 Sunday night on highway 117 at the South stop light at Rose Hill a car driven by Graham Aubrey Pope, 20-year-old white man of Wallace, had stopped for the light when a car driven by Murray Tyndall, white of Corona, N. Y. came up to the rear and hit Pope's car. Tyndall was charged with failing to give right of way and released Monday.

Eastern Tobacco Market Weekly Report

WILSON - Average prices by grades for Eastern North Carolina flue-cured tobacco were generally steady to slightly lower during the second week of auctions. Volume of sales was extremely light most of the week but fairly heavy on Friday. Quality of offerings showed some improvement when compared with opening week reports the Federal-State Market News Service. Sales for the week ending Friday, August 27, totaled 25,414,408 pounds and averaged \$53.12 per hundred. The average was only 21 cents a pound above that of the first week. Volume increased around 13.8 million pounds. Season sales reached 36,633,509 pounds for an average of \$56.05. During the first ten days last year \$5,812,592 pounds had averaged \$53.85. Around half of the grade averages were lower. Losses generally amounted to \$7.00 and \$2.00 per hundred pounds. Several scattered grades showed similar gains. Most offerings were bringing from \$5.00 to \$10.00 above their Government loan rates. However, several better quality grades were even with or only slightly above their support. The percentage of leaf offerings showed a sharp increase. Primings and lugs decreased in proportion. The ration of nondescript offerings was smaller. Bulk of marketings consisted of low and fair leaf, low to good primings and fair and good lugs. Receipts from the Government loan to the Supplying Corporation for the week amounted to \$1,000,000. Stocks of flue-cured tobacco owned by dealers and manufacturers on July 1, 1954 totaled 1,915,122,000 pounds (farm-sales weight). This was an increase over the 1,851,927,000 pounds held a year earlier.

LABOR DAY For a Year of Work, a Day of Rest... Receiving the tribute of a grateful nation this Labor Day are the millions of America's workers in all phases of labor - indoor, outdoor, office or shop, above the ground, on the ground and under the ground. All combine to make America the world's greatest nation and a land of opportunity for all working men and women. In union with the entire country, we offer our "Thanks."