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EDITORIAL

Boy Scouting Is No Joke!

The apathy towards Boy Scouting in Duplin County is becoming alarming. We are wondering what our elders are thinking about. We read daily almost, and surely weekly, where youth some places have gone astray. Yes, we say, "it can't happen to my boy" — but let's not kid ourselves, it can. Have we forgotten the marijuana incidents in Duplin not too long ago.

I don't believe anyone questions the great work of Boy Scouting and records show the Boy Scouts do not indulge in these things nor do they get into many other kinds of trouble.

Folks it's time for Duplin people to wake up to their responsibilities to the youth of today and the men of tomorrow. It becomes disheartening when men volunteer their time and services to carry on a program and the people do not back them. Not only the general public, but committee members seem to find excuses not to attend meetings.

It's a bad situation — it's alarming and we may be sorry tomorrow. It's time Duplin should wake up to the real value of Boy Scouting. Scouting is not play, it's serious work with the welfare of our youth at stake. What are we going to do about it? It's up to you.

— J. R. Grady

Our Hats Off To The Men Who Dealt With Hazel

Hurricane Hazel has wrought havoc in Duplin and all Southeastern Carolina. It is no longer news, in a sense, but because of Hazel there isn't much news left this week.

Property has been destroyed, property has been damaged, one life in Duplin has been lost (and we send condolence to the family of Bill Taylor in Warsaw). People have been scared and in general the nerves of nearly everyone in Duplin have been on edge. Thousands of beautiful trees in the county have been destroyed and many lovely groves no longer stand. Some trees fell on houses but most homes were fortunate. It seems the winds were with our homes. There hardly is a tobacco barn in the county that hasn't been damaged if not destroyed. A few buildings have collapsed, including two tobacco warehouses and one large wholesale house. Roads have been blocked, power lines and telephone lines down; radios and television sets have been cut off and many homes for a couple of days or more had no heat, light nor means of cooking, but with it all Duplin can be thankful.

Suppose it had come a few weeks earlier when all tobacco barns were at high heat, or even a little earlier when all the good tobacco was standing in the field? Suppose Duplin had been on the ocean front as was Wrightsville, Carolina, Topsail, Morehead and other coastal towns? Yes, we are to be thankful.

In musing, I cannot overlook the heroic men of the Carolina Power and Light, the Tri-County and Four-County REA, The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, who at the outset of Hazel braved the dangers to keep service going and to restore it as soon as possible. Especially the Power Company men who pulled the switches as power lines fell, who faced the wind and rain, the elements in all their fury, to see that no one was killed from fallen live wires. They then worked day and night, 24 and 48 hours in a stretch without sleep to give us back our service. It was the men on the line, the employees, not the officials who braved these dangers and our hats are off to them.

The destruction was so severe that hundreds of homes still do not have power and telephones and naturally each home thinks there is no reason why it shouldn't have service when others do. But let's remember these men are only human and are going like wildfire even now to get complete restoration of service. Duplin is lucky that no one was killed from falling electric wires and that we had no fires as a result of electric lines. So those of us who have not received complete service, power and telephone, let's try and be patient and not criticize too much, for after all, it could have been worse and these fellows who climb the poles and handle hot wires are doing everything possible.

And — let's not forget our highway patrolmen and town officers who literally threw caution to the wind — or shall I say Hazel — who braved the best and the worst of it patrolling the streets and highways on the lookout for wrecks and possibly injured people and directing traffic to safety. They held the watch and did their duty like infantrymen on the front line. The State highway men who went to work when the first tree blocked a road or street and even in the worst of it were sawing, pulling and dragging limbs and tree trunks from the highways so that must traffic could pass. As soon as Hazel passed they swarmed like bees in lightning speed all over the county to clear highways temporarily to let traffic by and for days, maybe weeks to come, the highwaymen, men in the ranks, will be clearing our highways and bringing them back to normalcy.

Also in every town with a fire department the firemen donned their coats and hats and patrolled the towns on the lookout for fires, aiding in clearing streets, carrying elderly people to safe places and in general looking out for everyone.

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Briefs

MARTIN LUTHER

This is not intended as an advertisement but a suggestion to everyone who has not seen the picture "Martin Luther" be sure and see it. In our opinion it is a great picture and those who do not see it are missing something real in life. It is history, real history of protestantism in this world. It tells how the protestant church came into being and is reported to be authentic. If you are not particularly interested in religion or history it is first class entertainment. It will show at Capital Theatre here through Saturday night.

DUPLIN DESIGNATED

Duplin County has been designated among the National Emergency counties of Southeastern Carolina by the Federal Government. This means that farmers, who suffered loss from the hurricane may secure federal loans. It has been reported.

A PRAYER

A six year old girl in Kenansville this week knelt down to say her prayer. Attempting to impress her mother with an original prayer she prayed thusly: Dear Lord forgive me for my sins today, and forgive for my sins tomorrow for I know I am going to sin 'cause I can't hear you when you tell me not to.

A LIGHT 'ARD KNOTS

A six year old boy in the local school a few days ago went to buy a drum stick ice cream cone. Not knowing exactly what to ask for said: Gimme one of dem 'light'ard knots.

NATIONAL GUARD

The Warsaw National Guard was called out Monday for patrol duty at Long Beach to protect persons and property looting.

PROGRAM CARRIED

The Nickels for Know How election was carried overwhelmingly in Duplin as well as state-wide in the voting last week.

ROBERT LONG PROMOTED

Robert S. Long, a member of the Photo Lab Staff, was promoted to M-Sgt. recently. M-Sgt. Long was the only one in the 96th ABG to gain the coveted sixth stripe. He is stationed at Ft. Lincoln, Nebraska. He is the nephew of Mrs. G. V. Gooding of Kenansville and is married to the former Elsie Page of Pink Hill. M-Sgt. and Mrs. Long and their two children are living at Ft. Lincoln, Nebraska.

FIRST FROST

The first frost of the season was reported in Duplin this week. Some was reported Monday morning and a rather heavy frost reported on Tuesday.

FOUND ANY 2 x 4s

A. R. Bland of Kenansville reports that last week he was driving from Bowden to Kenansville with 5 pieces of 2 x 4s for the local Presbyterian church. Near Fullerton's Garage the 2 x 4s, 16 feet long fell off the trailer and he was unable to load them alone. He pushed them to the side of the road and came to town for help. When he returned, they were gone. Whoever got them are reminded that they were church property and if they can keep them (Continued On Back Page) with a clear conscience they are well.



E. C. THOMPSON, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thompson, of Warsaw has recently been promoted from Private to Corporal at Riverside Military Academy where he is a student. He is a post-graduate student at the school. Thompson is making an outstanding player on the football team scoring two touchdowns in the Blue Ridge - Riverside game Friday night. He also scored two touchdowns in a recent game. Thompson plays right half back.



HOW HAZEL TREATED MILFORD QUINN. Above you see the remains of Quinn Wholesale Company in Warsaw. Hurricane Hazel literally destroyed most of the building, exposing thousands of dollars worth of merchandise to the weather. It is reported Mr. Quinn's total loss, including building, one huge van truck, merchandise and damage to another truck, ran over \$200,000. He says he plans to tear down the remainder of the building and build new from scratch. —Photo by Bob Grady.



EMERGENCY POWER GENERATOR of the Duplin General Hospital which provided water for the Town of Kenansville during hurricane Hazel. Last Friday about noon the water supply here began running low due to lack of current. About mid-afternoon Kenansville spigots were dry. The local fire department, together with local mechanics went to the hospital and unclogged the emergency generator of the Duplin General Hospital, shown above, set it up and started it running. By 7:30 Kenansville had ample water, thanks to the generator and fire department. This proved a good test as to what will happen to the hospital in case of lights or water failure. The hospital will be able to supply its own. —Photo by Bob Grady.

A Round-Up Of Hazel And Her Fury Last Friday About Duplin County

Kenansville — A midweek roundup of hurricane damage through Duplin County shows that the Duplin farmer has been the tragic loser. Practically 100 percent of tobacco barns in the county were damaged, damage extending from complete loss to lost foundations. Pack houses have been strewn across rural roads and fields.

Winds estimated at 80 miles per hour first swept through Kenansville, the county seat Friday, knocking out all power. Town water was off at noon. With the first blow all local streets were blocked by fallen trees. Electric power went off at 7 a. m.

The Oliver Stokes home was damaged by a falling tree; the roof of the Service Motor Co. was ripped away; plate glass windows through the town were blown out, shattering glass from the C. E. Quinn Co. cutting Mr. C. E. Quinn, former state representative.

The local fire department, Highway Patrolman C. C. Hester and many volunteers began work of clearing debris before the first blow had abated. Trees blocked highway 24 in front of the old Kenansville home. Within 45 minutes the workmen had cleared the highway for traffic. At 1 p. m., in the midst of the second blow, another tree fell in the same place, but was immediately removed.

The new county hospital, nearing completion, suffered only one plate glass window and frame blown out. The firemen and volunteers created an emergency generator stored at the hospital for future use and provided emergency water supply until the regular supply could be restored at 7:30 p. m. The county seat was without water supply for only three and one-half hours.

At Warsaw, the death of Bill Taylor, Sr. saddened the community. Mr. Taylor was crushed fatally

when the Hussey Tobacco Warehouse at Wallace collapsed. All persons had been cleared out of the warehouse in anticipation of the cave-in, but Mr. Taylor was injured when he returned inside the building in an attempt to remove his automobile.

Damage in buildings and merchandise has been estimated at \$200,000 at Warsaw. The Quinn Wholesale Co. building was virtually demolished. The football stadium is a complete loss.

A Negro home was literally jacked up when the roof of a falling tree at the side of the house pried it off its foundations. Wallace was the hardest hit of the Duplin towns. Hussey Warehouse No. 1 and Blanchard and Farmington Warehouses were leveled. Estimate of damage at Wallace has been placed at \$250,000. The Masonic Lodge building, majority of the homes and business establishments were damaged by trees, wind, flying glass and debris.

At Faison, the buildings of the Faison Auction Market were leveled. Roof of the Cates Pickle Plant was partially blown away. At Pink Hill winds tore away the roofs of the C & M Cash Store and (Continued On Back Page)

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Friends of Mrs. Louise C. Bullock of Mt. Olive will be glad to know that she has returned from N. C. Sanatorium at McCain where she has been receiving treatment for suspected tuberculosis since June. Mrs. Bullock will be remembered in Kenansville as medical director of the State Blind Commission and her work with the Duplin, Health Department in holding many successful eye clinics here.

White lies often have to be whitewashed to prevent them from turning black.



MISS JOANNE FLOWERS, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Norman H. Flowers of Warsaw has been elected Southeastern District President of the N. C. Federation of Music Clubs.

Homecoming At New Hope

Quite a number of members, former members, and visitors attended Homecoming held at New Hope Church Sunday, October 10. Rev. Paul Mull was in charge of morning services and Ralph Carlton conducted the program for the evening.

Give the man who offers you something for nothing a wide berth.

Things are bound to come to the man who advertises while he waits.

Pity the fellow who is long on dollars and short on common sense.



FLORENCE ROCHELLE

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Miss Florence Rochelle, will sing the soprano role of Gretel in Grass Roots Opera's forthcoming production of Hansel and Gretel which will be given at Wallace High School Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 27th, at 1:15, at Kenansville High School Auditorium on Wednesday night, Oct. 27th, at 8:00 and at B. F. Grady School, Thursday afternoon at 1:15, Oct. 28. Miss Rochelle's experience has been varied, having studied and sung in "Mogartum" productions in Salzburg, with Josef Witt in Vienna and with Otto Ehrhardt in New York City. In Salzburg she sang the roles of Despinia in Così Fan Tutte (Grass Roots Opera's School For Lovers), Susanna in The Marriage Of Figaro and Zerlina in Don Giovanni. She has had network television experience and has performed concerts in and around New York.

The coming performances of Hansel and Gretel will be sponsored by Duplin County Unit of N. C. E. A. and will be sung in English. It was announced by Mrs. C. H. Pope, president. Tickets may be obtained at all schools and the Duplin County Board of Education's office.

Matinee tickets 50c for both children and adults. Night: Children 60c and adults \$1.00

Ready money is seldom ready when one needs to borrow some.

Kenansville Is Scene Of Third District Rally; Congressman Barden Praised

By RUTH P. GRADY

Yesterday, Kenansville was the scene of much activity when about 250 Democrats of the Third Congressional District gathered to rally to the support of the democrats for the upcoming primary on November 2. F. W. McGowan, Duplin County Chairman, called the meeting to order and Vance B. Gavin, county attorney expressed a welcome to the crowd, after which John D. Larkins, State Chairman of the Democratic committee, took over and carried the meeting to full speed.

Delegates from Carteret, Craven, Onslow, Pender, Sampson, Wayne, Jones, and Duplin counties were recognized. Only Pamlico County failed to send a representative.

Mary L. Richardson, vice-chairman of the state committee, gave a few remarks urging women to take a more active part in politics. Y. D. C. president, John R. Jordan, Jr. praised John Larkins for his help to the Y. D. C. Those on the Democratic caravan who were present were recognized: Secretary of State, Thad Eure; Lt. Gov. Luther Hodges; Edwin Gill, State Treasurer; Charles Gold, commissioner of Insurance; commissioner of Labor, Frank Crane; State Auditor, Henry Bridgers; Candidate U. S. Senate, W. Kerr Scout; U. S. Senator, Alton A. Lennon; Sam J. Ervin, Junior Senator of U. S.; and Woodrow Price and Kit Brewer, news reporters. All of the speakers praised Cong. Graham A. (Hap) Barden for his splendid work in Washington. Words were not pro-

lific enough to show the high esteem in which he was held by the state officials and all members present. Barden is one of the nation's outstanding congressmen.

Congressman Barden thanked the third District for the many favors they had shown him and pledged his continued support. Mr. Barden stated, "The past year has been the worst and the hardest year to serve. It is awfully difficult to cooperate with those with whom you are trying to cooperate when they do not know what they want to do. There is a state of confusion among the Republican leaders. Even though they claim to have cut expenses in some places they have expanded in others. This Congress should be in the hands of the Democratic party, the ones who have it now do not know how to run the Government."

Junior Senator Sam J. Ervin said "being a Republican in North Carolina is like working for your board and losing your appetite." This was Senator Ervin's first trip to Duplin County. His few words were both witty and at the same time full of praise for Cong. Barden and the state of North Carolina as a whole.

Congressman Barden introduced members of his staff: L. K. Alderman, secretary; Janet Boney, assistant secretary and Fred Hussey, clerk of the Board.

F. W. McGowan, secretary of the Duplin County Democratic committee, invited everyone to go to the Masonic Lodge building for a barbecue dinner.

W. E. Taylor of Warsaw Hurricane Victim Funeral Sunday

William Eborn Taylor, 64, merchant and tobaccoist of Warsaw, died Friday afternoon, October 15th in Sampson Memorial Hospital at Clinton of injuries sustained when the Hussey Tobacco Warehouse at Wallace was blown down during the high winds of Hurricane Hazel a short time earlier.

He was a Shiloh, a veteran of World War One, and an active member of the local Methodist Church. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Warsaw Methodist Church by the Rev. C. I. Hirsch, pastor, assisted by the Rev. R. L. Croson of Dur-

The Grass Roots Opera, well known throughout North Carolina comes to Duplin again this year for the fourth consecutive year playing Hansel and Gretel. It will show in Duplin next week, October 27 and 28. On Wednesday, October 27th it will matinee in the Wallace High School auditorium. The evening performance will be in the Kenansville High School auditorium. On Thursday, October 28th one afternoon performance at the B. F. Grady high school.

The opera Hansel and Gretel was first produced at Weimar, Germany on December 23, 1893 and in New York on October 8, 1895. Because of the freshness of the story and the lovely melodies it was welcomed by audiences everywhere. The story of Hansel and Gretel is founded on one of Grimm's Fairy Tales of the same name, but Humperdinck's sister, who wrote the story of the opera, changed several things in the original story. For instance, in Grimm's story, the Mother is mean and deliberately takes the children into the woods, intending to lose them. In the opera the Mother loves the children, who get lost themselves in the deep forest. Many of the melodies in Hansel and Gretel are familiar to everyone, having been heard from earliest childhood. Some of these are based on German folk tunes.

The organization sponsoring Grass Roots Opera in Kenansville on Oct. 27 announced today that the amusing American opera, The Telephone by Gian-Carlo Menotti will be given at the night performance only, in addition to Hansel and Gretel. This short work concerns the problem of a young man who wants to propose to his girl friend and is unable to pop the question because of the incessant ringing of the telephone. He must meet a train schedule and is forced to leave her apartment while she is in the midst of one of her lengthy conversations with a girl friend. The young man is required to adopt a rather novel procedure in order to get his query across to her.

Hansel and Gretel will be presented in a matinee performance before the school students. Tickets may be obtained at all schools and the Duplin County Board of Education Office.

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