

## EDITORIAL

### WHY INSURE?

By J. R. Grady

Why insure? It costs plenty of money and it is hard money to pay out, especially crop and fire insurance. When you think of these two types of insurance and know you will get no returns unless you have a loss, it seems money is hard.

Well, when you take out life insurance you feel you have a little investment because you have a cash loan value. The truth is that unless you die, your life insurance isn't worth too much. Your life insurance guarantees your future mortality, but it does not guarantee your eternal future. Maybe we feel that by so insuring in this mortal world, God will protect us in the immortal world. We don't believe this is true. Our true insurance is with God.

But our financial insurance is with many. When you plant a crop you know it's mortality rate is for one year. When you insure your family you know the mortality rate runs indefinitely. When you insure your crop it means that your credit is stronger. The surest way to guarantee credit, honor and stability is to insure. Take advantage of the Federal Crop Insurance plan or insure with a private company. Yes, the bills are hard to pay but so are our taxes and all other bills. Protect yourself with mortal insurance with man and immortal insurance with God, that insurance is not too hard to pay. So, why insure?

## All Duplin County Cub Scouts Attend Wilmington Railroad Yards Saturday

All Duplin County Cub Scouts participated in the "Railroad" event for Tuscarora Council last Saturday.

The six Cub Packs to make the trip by railroad to Wilmington were Calypso, Kenansville, Warsaw, B. F. Grady, Rose Hill, and Wallace. The Cub Den Mothers and other interested parents made the trip by Atlantic Coast Line.

A picnic lunch was packed and everyone ate on the train before arriving at the Wilmington rail yards.

After arriving, each Pack was assigned a Boy Scout or Explorer Scout from a Wilmington Troop. He served as a guide throughout the tour.

A railroad employee was stationed at the various type cars in the yard to explain their use. Some of the cars toured were pullmen, club cars, passenger cars, baggage cars, dining cars and cabooses.

At the Wilmington water front the boys saw a fire boat in operation.

In the afternoon several Scouting Demonstrations were given including: first aid, field kitchen operation, snake biting treatment, sleeping equipment and tools used in Scout camping.

## Girl Scout Activities

Mrs. Eleanor Morse of Jacksonville, N. C., spent last Tuesday afternoon here holding a Workshop for the adult leaders of the Intermediate Troop of Kenansville Girl Scouts in Mrs. Curries Class Room.

On Wednesday afternoon at the regular meeting of the local Girl Scout Troop, held here again in Mrs. Curries room at school, some of the songs and games learned on Tuesday by the leaders were practiced with the girls.

## Ginning Report

Census report shows that 3563 bales of cotton were ginned in Duplin County, N. C., from the crop of 1954 prior to 1-16-55 as compared with 4123 bales ginned for the crop of 1953.

## Home Accidents Cause Of Death Is Looming A Serious Health Problem

(Editor's Note: The following story is released by the North Carolina State Board of Health through Joe Costin and Bill Byrd, Duplin County Sanitarians, in regard to accidents in homes.—Paul Barwick.)

Home accidents as a cause of death, disability, and economic loss today represent a serious health problem calling for planned and organized preventive action.

Home accidents kill North Carolinians at the rate of two per day and it has been estimated that for each accidental death, 150 persons sustain injuries which disable for at least 24 hours. Four of the injured are permanently disabled.

In 1953, almost 700 accidental deaths occurred in North Carolina's homes and farms. This number is more than the combined deaths from diphtheria, typhoid, polio, meningitis, whooping cough and strangles.

About 19 per cent of blind persons in this state were blinded by accidents and the Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Public Instruction states that approximately 25 per cent of their clients seek rehabilitation due to disabilities caused by accidents. Unfortunately, the number of deaths from home and farm accidents has remained fairly constant for the past 20 years.

The underlying causes of home accidents can usually be traced to environmental hazards in the home or unsafe actions by the occupants of the homes, or by a combination of both. To be effective preventive measures, therefore, must encompass the control or elimination of both types of causes.

Health department responsibility in this field has been recognized by the American Public Health Association, the Public Health Service, the Extension of State and Territorial Health Officers, the National Organization of Public Health Nursing and the National Safety Council.

From the close relationship public health agencies enjoy with the individual and his home environment, it clearly follows that prevention of home accidents warrants the specific attention of State and local health departments. Important in this connection is the fact that public health personnel are trained in the fundamentals of disease prevention and can adapt these principles to accident prevention. Moreover, the control measures are readily adaptable to normal health department programs. The prevention of home accidents should be regarded as essentially a local health department activity. The State Health Department can offer consultation and assistance in

## Final Inspection Made Thursday Of The Duplin County General Hospital

With exception of a few minor "touch-ups", Duplin General Hospital has passed its final inspection. Faison W. McGowan, Duplin County auditor and secretary to the Hospital Board of Trustees, said the final inspection was concluded Thursday night.

Since the expense of construction was shared by the Federal and State government in conjunction with Duplin County, both had to approve the construction and equipment before dedication. Too, the Medical Care Commission of North

## T.B. Seal Sale Reported To Date

The returns from the Seal Sale of the Duplin County Tuberculosis Association, which closed on December 31, amounted to approximately \$1300 on the first day of February. Mrs. William Craven, executive secretary of the Association, announced that contributions are still coming in and that two industrial concerns in the County who usually make large contributions have not been heard from at the present time and their contributions are expected to boost the final tabulation.

During the month of December, a sale of TB bangles or pins was conducted in the Colored School of the County. Miss Annie Mae Kenion, School Supervisor and a member of the Executive Board of the Tuberculosis Association, was in charge of this project. Some seals, which were sold through the efforts of the colored schools. A total of \$287.38 was turned over to the Association by Miss Kenion as a result of this project.

The majority of the Seal Sale campaign was conducted in the usual manner through the mails. Any persons who have not sent in their money for seals which they used are urged to do so immediately. Those who have seals which they did not buy or use are urged to return them.

Mrs. Gordon Kornegay, Seal Sale Chairman, and Dr. Otto S. Matthews, President of the County Association, wish to express their appreciation to the citizens of Duplin County for their contributions and their purchase of seals which will enable the TB Association to continue their work in the prevention of Tuberculosis and in Educational Projects concerning this disease.

Mrs. Craven, Executive Secretary, wishes to thank all of those who aided in getting the Seals in the mail as volunteer workers.

## Kenan Family Contributes To Auditorium Fund

Three members of the Kenan family have made gifts to the Kenan Auditorium totaling \$4,000. It was revealed today by Superintendent of County Schools O. P. Johnson.

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## Outstanding Work By Hollingsworth

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches," that is what Alos Hollingsworth, better known as Bob, thinks.

Man of the year. That not only covers the good name but the good deeds as well, both in religious, civic and social life.

As president of the Jaycees of Kenansville, he has been an outstanding leader in every way possible. It was under his leadership and with the help of other Jaycees that an Orphanage of 500 children was given. Five dollars each carried on a Christmas spending expedition, also the children were carried on train trips with co-operation of the Southern Railway.

Help to promote the building of a \$70,000 youth tennis center at First Park. Big for national Junior Tennis Tournament to be held in San Antonio in August of this year. The first to ever be held in Texas. Promoted better scouting, cleaner living, participating in all national drives such as Red Cross, Polio, Heart, Cancer, and others, cooperating with ministers in local churches in promoting "Go to Church Month", "World Day of Prayer", cleaning up vice and crime of all nature in the city and so many, sponsored San Antonio First "Do It Your Way" home show, also the various Miss Texas, Miss of Cotton and contests of that nature.

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## Dairy Food Meet Conducted Here For Adult Leaders

A Dairy Food Demonstration was held in the Agriculture Building in Kenansville this week for the purpose of training adult leaders to train 4-H girls in the communities throughout the county to give Dairy Food Demonstrations.

The meeting and school was under the direction of Miss Mae Hager, assistant Home Agent.

The leaders who attended the school will have charge of the March program in Kenansville. Twenty persons attended.

## Duplin Health Officials Attend Area Meeting

Six members of the Duplin County Health Department attended a meeting of the Southeastern Health Workers Conference held last Thursday, in Jacksonville.

Those attending were: Dr. John Powers, health officer; Joe Costin and Bill Byrd, sanitarians; Mrs. Rosemond Brock, Miss Mary Lee Sykes and Mrs. Ruby Kornegay.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various phases of health department work.

Dr. James F. Donnelly, spoke on "Premature and Postpartum Care". John Andrews spoke on "Bulk Milk Dispenser Problems and Procedures". Glenn O. Southerland spoke on "Electrical Sanitation in Relation to Civil Defense".

The feature speaker was Dr. Robert J. Walker, head of the Rocky Mountain Health Department.

Counties represented at the conference were: Duplin, Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Greene, Harnett, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Robeson, Sampson and Wayne.

## Sanitarians Are Showing Film, Discussing Health

Joe Costin, chief Duplin County sanitarian, and Bill Byrd, assistant sanitarian, are visiting schools and other interested groups throughout the county discussing food handling practices and showing films on various health problems.

The last demonstration was at Chiquapien high school where they discussed the problems with Mrs. Peggy Cannady's home economics class.

Costin pointed out that other groups interested in having them discuss health problems with them and showing film should contact them at the health department in Kenansville.

## Wallace Leads In Town Growth

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Warsaw has five full pages; Rose Hill has three and a quarter; and Beulaville has one and a quarter. Beulaville has the county's newest telephone exchange.

Faison and Kenansville remained steady at one and three-fourth pages for each community's area.

## Lost Dog—Reward

Dr. Willis's children have lost their dog. The dog is almost white with a black streak all down his back, tall curls over back, one black spot on left shoulder and a black bull-dog face.

Anybody seeing or bringing this dog to Dr. Willis will receive reward.

## Crop Insurance Brings Security Of Income And Peace Of Mind

By H. Kellom James of Wilson, District Supervisor FCHC (A Native Son of Duplin County)

A man who had lost many times on the Stock Exchange and was frequently referred to as a gambler once remarked: "Me, a Gambler? Compared to a farmer my chances are excellent. He bets against the biggest odds on Earth. He bets not only his money, but hours of back-breaking toil, against drought and flood, hail and wind, insects and plant diseases. He bets against all the tricks Mother Nature can pull; and if she doesn't pull any, he finds he has bet against himself, because he is stuck with a bumper crop worth practically nothing on a glutted market."

There is still a lot of truth in that statement; but fortunately, there is a Government sponsored ALL-Risk Crop Insurance program which is being gradually extended to the more important cash crops and farmers across the nation.

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation is an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is a non-profit organization created by an Act of Congress and is operated as a service to farm people. It supplements, without conflict, insurance available through private enterprise. Crop insurance is a stabilizing factor in the nation's economy because it protects more than the crop investment. It strengthens credit by providing security for operating funds it needs. And, while it does not guarantee a profit, it protects the profits made and saved from other years. For example, the nation's farmers participating in this program in 1954 collected approximately twenty-eight million dollars for crop insurance in North Carolina. Farmers had losses under their contracts of nearly three quarters of a million dollars last year. In 1953 four counties in North Carolina collected more than one million dollars for losses caused by drought and disease, while losses in the state amounted to about two million.

TOBACCO IS KING

In this state, tobacco is king of the cash crops and Federal Crop Insurance is now available in twenty-six of the tobacco producing counties. For program purposes, the state is divided into three districts. Counties in the Eastern District with a crop insurance program are Beaufort, Columbus, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Nash, Pitt, Wake and Wilson. Other counties will be added as expansion limitations and appropriations will permit.

The Corporation's liability in the above named counties was nearly twenty million dollars for 1954. Hurricane Edna swept this section in July or August instead of October most of all that liability would have been paid to those insured. For those uninsured, the situation would have been a sad one. Credit agencies and other business, as well as the farmer, might well reason the effects of such a catastrophe and use this program advantageously.

Despite mechanization and other improved methods which have vastly increased efficiency in crop production, the farmer must still reckon with nature in trying to produce a crop. The wrong kind of weather, insects, and plant disease still take their toll on many farms each year.

Eastern North Carolina, as a whole, has been fortunate in crop production for a period of years; however, we should remember that we are not immune to the destructive forces of nature. The law of average will catch up with us sooner or later. So, let's not learn the hard way. Experience is a good teacher, but it is often an expensive one to learn. Tobacco growers in the middle and old belt who were not insured when drought and disease were widespread in 1953 are a good example. They didn't think it could happen to them, either; but it did and participation increased ten per cent in some of those counties the following year. It took a bad loss for some of them to realize that the best time to peg the barn door is before the horse gets out.

COST AND COVERAGE

The cost of a Federal Crop Insurance policy is small—usually around 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 per cent of the coverage established for the county. It protects the investment in a crop of tobacco from the time it is set in the field until it is weighed at the warehouse. It covers all natural unavoidable hazards including fire and hurricane while the tobacco is in the curing barn and pack house.

Let me suggest that you put this protection in your plans for 1955 and every year. In this way, you can be sure of an income equal to your investment and peace of mind while you wait for profit.

FHA banquets. Over \$500.00 were awarded to participants in these contests by merchants and business men of Duplin County. Mr. H. Thomas of the four counties.

Membership Co-op gave detail reports on electric consumption during 1954.

## William Joe Parker, Jr., First Duplin County Fatality In '55; Had 2 Children

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A companion in the car is in a fractured spine—sustained in the wreck.

The first accident occurred south of Pin Hook between that community and the Pender County line. A 1954 Ford of the order of 4, Henderson, about 40, of Route 4, Wallace, was traveling south when it was struck from the rear by a 1954 Ford sedan operated by Parker. There was no damage to Henderson's car in this wreck but about \$75 damage to the front end of Parker's tude.

They parked Parker's car in Henderson's yard and were coming to Wallace to seek a patrolman and report the accident with Parker driving.

The overturning occurred on N. C. 41 six and one-half miles east of Wallace between Norwood Cavenaugh's Store and Hanchey's Store. Parker had rounded a curve going west and ran off on the right shoulder for 32 feet. He then cut across to the left shoulder 165 feet then back to the right where he apparently jerked the wheel violently back. The car sailed through the air 18 feet before overturning for a distance of 121 feet. Patrolman J. S. Briley, investigating officer for both mishaps, said that six complete turns were made, the car coming to rest on its top.

Parker was married and had two children. Funeral arrangements are incomplete. He had been an employee of Carter Fabrics for the past two weeks.

Briley said that no charges were placed as the deceased apparently was driving. He was indicted by the same officer last year on a charge of speeding.

Coroner Garland Kennedy ruled that Parker's death was accidental and that no inquest would be necessary.

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Snyder was carried to Sampson Memorial Hospital where it was found that he had two compound fractures of the right leg above and below knee, fractures of the ribs on right side and a head injury.

Cause of accident according to Patrolman Wray was possible intoxication and high speed.

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The dinner will be held Saturday at 7:30 at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh.

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## Rural Progress

By R. E. Wilkins, Negro Farm Agent

The North Carolina Rural Progress Campaign in Duplin County has ended its third year as a finalist in the state contest.

This has been brought about through the combined leadership of agricultural agencies, public school personnel, religious groups and inter-racial cooperation.

This multi pronged approach to the problems of the farm, home and community has brought together in a united effort a dynamic leadership that has seen people of the county attain higher standards of living. Duplin had an increase in per capita income of \$46 during 1954. Hundreds of studies were made during the year to substantiate the progress before the state evaluating committee. Reports on Desirable Adjustments in Agriculture was given by R. E. Wilkins, Negro Farm Agent; Homemaking and Family Living, Mrs. F. W. Corbett, Home Agent; Opportunities for Rural Youth, Mr. C. M. McCall, Principal of Faison Elementary School; Cooperation of all agencies and groups and individuals, Mr. W. F. Johnson, Principal of Rose Hill Elementary School, and Community Improvement by Principal J. E. Belton of Douglas High School in Warsaw. W. E. Foster Vocational Agricultural teacher of Warsaw presided. Miss Shuford of Warsaw and Mrs. Edith G. Wilson, Vocational Home Economic teachers of Warsaw and Charity had assembled supporting evidence on the home-making and family living committee.

J. E. Swayze, vocational agricultural teacher at Kenansville, Mr. M. Pullen, vocational agricultural teacher of Charity and W. E. Foster assisted in assembling material pertaining to agriculture. A twenty one page booklet on "Duplin County Accepts the Challenge" was presented to the state committee which was composed of Dr. W. E. Reed, Dean of Agriculture at A. and T. College as chairman, R. E. Jones, State Agent for the North Carolina Extension Service, A. W. Solomon, Field Representative of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, and Ellis Corbett, head of Publicity Department at A. and T. College.

Miss A. M. Kenion listed achievements in the schools during the past year. Youth activities included contests, conferences, speaking contests, contest in tobacco, cattle, tractor, maintenance, cotton, poultry, wine, sweet potatoes, health and safety, soil judging, corn, leadership, records and garden, FFA and

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