

Duplin Hospital To Receive Patients Friday

Wilkerson Says Staff, Building Ready For Opening

The Duplin General Hospital will open and begin receiving patients Friday, according to Jim Wilkerson, hospital administrator.

At first, only the third floor of the hospital will be used for patients, Wilkerson informs that as the need for more beds increases, and all the finer points of operation on the second floor are ironed out, the second floor will begin operation.

Friday, eight general duty nurses, three supervisors and five nurses aids will be at the hospital. Dr. John A. Parrott, chief surgeon, will also be available. Mrs. Esther Wilson, anesthetist, is on duty.

Wilkerson points out that only patients who are referred to the hospital through their family physician or the chief surgeon will be admitted to the hospital.

Doctors throughout Duplin County will compose the medical staff. As arranged, each doctor will be on call two nights each month. While on call, he will reside at the hospital to handle all night emergencies.

The kitchen is already in operation and is prepared to serve any number of patients. "The hospital is in good shape," Wilkerson said. "We are proud of the work that has been done in getting it ready for the patients."

Duplin County Health Department is already in use. Dr. John F. Powers, County Health Officer, and his staff occupied the new and modern health center the week prior to the dedication.

Observations and Comments

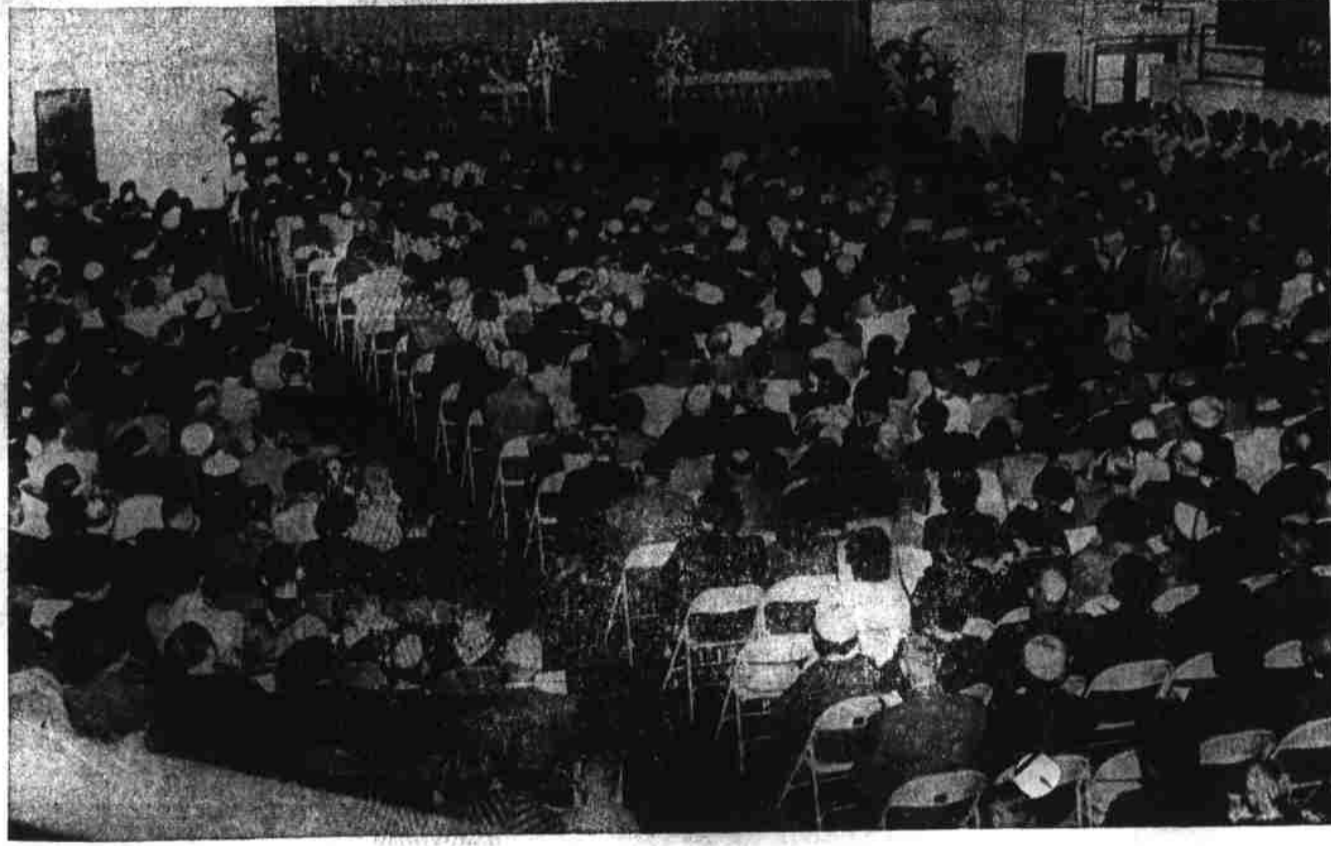
By Bob Grady

In any big undertaking you are bound to overlook someone or something very important, and The Duplin Times is no exception. There were hundreds of people directly connected with the construction of the hospital or who were enthusiastic supporters whom we would have liked to have written up, but one of prime importance was the chairman of the Board of trustees, Lee DeWitt Carr.

CP&L Sells New Stock To Finance Expansion

Raleigh, Feb. 23 — Carolina Power and Light Company sold 505,000 shares of common stock at \$24.50 per share and 50,000 shares of \$4.20 preferred stock at \$99.50 per share, plus accrued dividends, here today.

Underwriters for the transaction were Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Beane and R. S. Dickson and Company, acting as co-managers of a syndicate which will market the securities.



DURING THE PROGRAM of the dedication of the new Duplin General Hospital in Kenan Memorial Auditorium here last Sunday. About 2,000 people attended the program in the auditorium. This picture shows a portion of the crowd and the speakers and distinguished guests on the stage. Dr. Greer, Master of Ceremonies, is seen standing at the speakers table. Photo by Shubert Williams

Nurses Say Thanks For TV

The nurses of the Duplin General Hospital asked us to say to Jimmy Strickland and the Farmers Hardware and Merchandise Company in Warsaw "we thank you for the fine TV set you gave to the nurses home. It will help us pass away many hours when we are not on duty."

Jury List For County And Superior Courts

Jurors — Duplin County Court Monday, March 7th, 1955: Elmon Brinson, Holmes Murphy, J. D. Blanchard, Elmore B. Dull, R. L. Veach, W. B. Remse, Dexter James Mercer Williams, Tom F. Hill, Thurman Mercer, Archie Henderson, Ben Maready, Jr., Bascom L. Blanchard, E. R. Brown, Rodolph Hargrove, Harold E. Jones, Stacy Jackson, Ira Ezzell, Jr.

Jurors — Duplin County — Superior Court — Civil — Monday, March 14, 1955: Roland Jarmon, Raeford Quinn, Ivey F. Houston, L. J. Peterson, Jeff D. Outlaw, D. R. Sykes, Ernest Jackson, James C. Outlaw, S. P. Dempsey, C. A. Cavanaugh, Chapman Rivenbark, Raymond Brown, David R. Rackley, Thad Jones, Robert Clifton Quinn, Alton E. Mobley, Oscar Brown, James Ray Thomas, F. D. Hall, Grover Rhoades, W. B. Keith, C. P. Rhodes, J. E. McNellis, David J. Herring, Shelton Batts, P. V. Southernland, Stedman Henderson, Herman Williams, James Herring, Solon James, Jr.

Jurors — Duplin County — Superior Court — Civil — Monday, March 21, 1955: Roland Davis, Ruffin Simpson, Herman Benson, J. Howard Cottle, Faison H. Byrd, William R. Sholar, William Ray Smith, Herman Bishop, Joel B. Whaley, H. C. James, James W. Bonham, E. E. Jones, W. W. Smith, Edd F. Grady, W. C. English, Herman Z. Wells, Horace Wallace, White, 12th, 9:00 am; Faison, Col., 22nd, 1:00 pm; Kenansville, White, 28th, 9:00 am; Warsaw, Col., 29th, 9:00 am; Warsaw, Col., April 5, 9:00 am.

Wallace And Rockfish Township Get Quarantine For Rabies For 30 Days

Dogs in Wallace and Rockfish Township have been placed under a strict 30-day quarantine. Dr. John F. Powers, Duplin Co. Health Officer, ordered the quarantine when it was definitely learned that a stray dog killed in Wallace over the week end had rabies.

James Henry Carlton Being Held In Jail On \$5,000 Bond; Alleged Arson

James Henry Carlton, Negro, is in Duplin County jail today under \$5,000 bond for allegedly setting fire to a house Saturday night while six persons were asleep in it. According to D. H. McKay, Justice of Peace who held the preliminary hearing in Kenansville, Carlton had an argument with his brother, Jeremiah Carlton at his home before James Henry could shoot it.

Hold Annual Blue And Gold Banquet

The fourth Annual Blue and Gold Cub Scout Banquet of the B. F. Grady Cub Pack was held last week end, at the Outlaw's Bridge Church recreation room. The Rev. Vinton Bowring, pastor of the Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church, served as master-of-ceremonies.

Pre-School Clinic Dates Announced

Starting to school for the first time means a great deal to a child. Make his efforts to study easy and a pleasure rather than a hard-ship. Often times they may be suffering from causes and defects that are not noticeable except to a physician therefore, they should have a physical examination by a physician. Meetings for the physical examination of children who will enter school for the first time will be held at the following schools as scheduled during the month of March.

Coffee Hour Is Held At Nurses Home Wednesday

A Coffee Hour reception was held in the Nurses' Home of Duplin General Hospital last night to give people of Kenansville and Duplin Co., a chance to meet personally the hospital staff.

taxpayer Assis' ice

An employee of the Internal Revenue Service has been assigned to assist taxpayers in the preparation of their 1954 Federal Income Tax returns at the Warsaw Town Hall on Tuesday, March 8, 1955. Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Beulaville Boys And Grady Girls Win County Basket Ball Tournament

In a see-saw thriller, B. F. Grady nosed out the Calypso girls, 72-70, in the finals of the Duplin basketball tournament, played in Kenansville Friday night. In the boys' contest, the B. F. Grady team had a chance to win, but lost 63-62 to Beulaville when a player failed to make two foul shots in the last two seconds of the game. At the end of the regulation game the score was tied, 59-59.

Calypso and Grady were never separated by more than a few points throughout the closely-contested affair, and the lead changed hands many times before the Grady girls finally went out in front to stay.

Grady had taken a one-point, 21-20, first quarter lead, but Calypso rallied in the second period to lead 36-34 at the half. In the third stanza, Grady moved out in front by cropping in 24 points during the period, but Calypso came back in the final quarter to outscore the winners, but an attempt to surge ahead died when the final gun sounded.

Peggy Turner with 32 and Rachel Davis with 27, led the Calypso attack, while H. Smith with 29 and Herring with 19 were top scorers for the winners. Calypso's Peggy Williamson made 11 points, while Houston of Grady accounted for 12. Guards for Calypso were Glenn Price, Marjorie Pridgen, and Mary Rose Davis. They played the entire game without relief, Grady starting guards were Miller, Smith and

Dunn. Relieving the starters were Hill, Garner, Howell and Waller. The boys' contest also was a see-saw affair. Grady was out in front 16-13 at the end of the first quarter, trailing 33-26 at the half, and 45-41 at the end of the third period. At the end of the final period Grady tied up the game, to force the contest into overtime. In the brief overtime period Beulaville scored four points while B. F. Grady made only three.

High scorers for Grady were Harper with 20, Goodson with 13, Stafford with 11, and Smith with nine.

Relocation of a section of high-voltage power lines will necessitate a power interruption Tuesday afternoon, March 8, 1955, in eastern Duplin County, according to J. C. Maultsby, Local Manager of Carolina Power and Light Company. Power will be off between 1:30 and 2:30 p. m. Tuesday afternoon, March 8, 1955. The area to be affected includes the business section of the Town of Kenansville beginning at Jones' Cafe, Hallsville, Beulaville, Chinquapin and to Oliver Sloan's residence, east of Lyman Crossroads. Maultsby explained that a Tuesday afternoon was chosen as the time a power interruption is least likely to cause customers inconvenience. Crews will take advantage of the outage, Maultsby added, to perform maintenance work that would be dangerous with lines energized.

An Estimated 6,000 Persons Attend Dedication Duplin General Hospital

An estimated 6,000 persons attended the dedication and open house of the Duplin County General Hospital, Health Department and Nurses' Home, Sunday. Ceremonies started at 2 p. m. in Kenan Auditorium with Dr. I. G. Greer acting as Master of Ceremonies. Dr. Zaek Owens, president of the North Carolina Medical Society, was principal speaker. He reviewed the medical profession mile - stones bringing out what has been done to combat epidemics, discovery of medicines and care of patients. In his welcome address, David N. Henderson, Solicitor of Duplin Co., emphasized to those attending that "this is your own hospital and we want you to use it." Dr. Greer brought out that the

philosophy associated with hospitals has changed. "It is no longer a place to go to die," he said. "It is a place where children, when born, can have a better chance to live and older ones can have a place to go to be cured of ills." Greetings were brought from North Carolina's leading medical authorities and associations. Among those present were: Ben M. Drake, State Board of Health; S. B. Forbes, North Carolina Hospital Association; Mrs. Ada Poole, North Carolina Nurses Association; Carl Rowland, Duke Endowment. The Medical Staff of the Duplin General Hospital was introduced by Jim Wilkerson, hospital administrator. He also introduced to the people the hospital staff, Board of County Commissioners, Board of Trustees, Building Committee and

staff of the Duplin County Health Department. Leslie Boney, Sr., architect of the buildings, presented the buildings to the committee and they were accepted by J. R. "Bob" Grady in behalf of J. O. Stokes, who was the Building Committee. The license for operating the hospital were presented by Dr. John A. Ferrell, executive secretary, of the North Carolina Care Commission. Probably the most stirring part of the program was presented by Faison W. McGowan who presented a historical sketch of the hospital. McGowan served as secretary to the Board of Trustees and was secretary to the Building Committee.



LOOP AND TOURNAY WINNERS — Members of the Beulaville High school boys' basketball team happily after winning both the Duplin Conference championship and tournament. The team won the tournament by defeating B. F. Grady, 63-62, in the finals Friday night. Members of the team are: left to right, front row: Bobby Lanier, Jimmy Creech, Lynn Jackson, Malcolm Thigpen, Roger Craft, and Bruce Lanier. Second row: Billy Bostic, John Westera, Benny Thigpen, and Harold Summerlin, and Coach Humphrey. Photo by Vaden Brock of the Mt. Olive Tribune.



CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS — The B. F. Grady girls' basketball team finished first in the Duplin basketball standings and to prove it was no accident won the conference tournament, defeating Calypso, 72-70, in the finals Friday night. In the above photo, members of the championship team are shown with their trophy. They are, left to right, front row: Julia Miller, Rose Herring, Carol Dana, Helen Smith, and Ann Houston. Second row: Betty Quinn, Marilyn Stroud, Evelyn Hill, Helen Waller, Edwina Smith, Peggy Garner. Third row: Elaine Howell, Connie Wells, Shelby Smith, Carolyn Hines, Carole Jones, and Peggy Smith. Photo by Vaden Brock of the Mt. Olive Tribune.