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NEW AG ADDITION—Open House at the Duplin County Agriculture Building will be March 31. At that time, visitors will have an opportunity to see the new addition and improvements made in the old part of the building that was constructed in 1936. Here a rear view of the structure is shown with the new addition the most pronounced. (Duplin Times Photo.)

Plans Are Being Made To Use Polio Vaccine On Duplin County Children

Detailed plans now are being worked out for the possible administration of polio vaccine to 3,000 Duplin County children who will be eligible to receive it if it is licensed, Dr. John F. Powers, County Health Officer, declared today. As was announced February 1, 1955 by state health officials, all first and second grade pupils in public, private and parochial schools in the state and (if applies) all children who were part of the test groups in the 1954 vaccine field trial but did not receive vaccine at that time, are included in the planned program, he explained. It also will be available to others through physicians at the same time. But parents were warned by Dr. Powers not to jump to conclusions that the current planning indicated the vaccine already had been proved effective. The vaccine which will be furnished by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is the same vaccine that was given to 440,000 children last spring, he said. "We do not know yet whether it really prevents paralytic polio. Until April, when we will learn the results of a evaluation study now being conducted at the University of Michigan, we cannot know if the vaccine is effective. "But we cannot wait until then for planning for the protection of as many of our children as possible. Vaccinating large numbers of children is a big and important job, entailing many procedural tasks that can't be performed overnight. "If the license is granted in April, we must be ready to start vaccinating at once, so that, if possible, an finish before our schools close and the polio season starts. We want to give the vaccine early so

O. P. Johnson Elected Veeper Of State NCEA

O. P. Johnson, Superintendent of Duplin County Schools has been elected vice-president of the North Carolina Educational Association for the 1955-56 fiscal year. Johnson won in the state-wide election out of a field of four outstanding North Carolina educators. He will be officially installed in Asheville, March 26, at the annual NCEA meeting. Other than Johnson, others in the running for the position were Dr. Leo Jenkins, Dean of Instruction at East Carolina College; L. A. Bruton, superintendent of Whiteville Schools; and Dr. Sam Holton, associated with the University of North Carolina Education Department. Johnson came to Duplin County in 1935 as Superintendent of County Schools. Since that time, he has turned the schools of the county from "undeveloped schools to a good and modern school system." He has been instrumental in getting the Kellogg Foundation to support Duplin County to conduct studies on children, schools and the organization of the school system. During the past few years, the people of Duplin, through Johnson's education program, has seen where their children can and could obtain a better education through school consolidation. At present, a consolidated school is being constructed between Faison and Calypso and one is soon to be built between Rose Hill and Wallace. The Negro school system has had many improvements, including consolidation to assure better instruction. Johnson is the son of Mary P. Carr Johnson and O. P. Johnson, Sr. His mother was a native of Duplin County, being reared near Charity Cross Roads. His father moved to Duplin when he was a young boy and lived in Rockhill Township near Rose Hill. His mother was a school teacher and it was this that moved the Johnson family to Burgaw. Here his father operated a saw mill. There were nine children in the Johnson family, eight of which are still living. Three of them are actively engaged in school work at

O. P. JOHNSON

Kenansville Host To Operators Of The Home

Operators of boarding homes for the aged from fourteen counties, both white and colored, will meet in Kenansville on March 24th. This meeting is to be conducted by representatives from the North Carolina Department of Public Welfare and is to help operators to improve their services. It is an all day meeting beginning at ten o'clock in the Kenansville High School Auditorium. Anyone interested in the boarding home program is invited to attend. Thelma D. Taylor, Superintendent, Department of Public Welfare

Phil Kretsch Will Be In Mayor Race In Kenansville

Phil Kretsch, cashier of Waccamaw Bank, in Kenansville, will be a candidate for mayor in the coming town elections. At the same time, present Mayor J. R. "Bob" Grady reveals that he will not be a candidate for the mayorship of Kenansville this year. The town election will be held May 3. All persons desiring to run for a public office are to register with H. D. McKay within the next two weeks. Kenansville's governing body is composed of a mayor and five aldermen.

Rev. Ardell F. McClung Is Appointed To Organize Church In North Clinton

Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia. He is married to the former Ruth Ann Ferguson of Danville, Virginia. Mrs. McClung has a B. S. degree in Business Administration from Mary Washington Division of the University of Virginia at Fredericksburg, Virginia. There is one child, Ann, three years old. The North Clinton church is sponsored by Clinton Methodist Church, of which Dr. D. E. Earnhardt is pastor. E. C. Sipe is chairman of the sponsoring church's official board. The committee on the new church consists of Harmon Register, chairman, Mrs. Isiah Vann, and L. G. Crumpler. Clinton Church will purchase a building site for the new church and help with facilities for temporary meeting quarters. The new North Clinton church is to be built on the site of the old church in the next five years, and is to be completed within a year. At a recent meeting of district superintendents and church extension leaders at Goldsboro plans were announced for the new churches in Eastern North Carolina in five years with 85 of these reported as needed immediately. The North Carolina Conference has a "\$10" Club plan by which to help construct buildings for newly organized churches. The Rev. Mr. McClung is a native of West Virginia. He received the B. A. Degree from West Virginia Institute of Technology, Montgomery, West Virginia and Master of Theology degrees from Southern Baptist



ARDELL F. McCLUNG

Up For Past Week Cliffs Attendance

With the coming of spring, attendance at the Cliffs of the Neuse increased considerably during the past week. According to Park Ranger Bruce Price, total attendance for the week was 2,482. The largest attendance in one day was Sunday, March 13, when 2,075 persons visited the Park. Organized groups visiting the Park were: Junior Class, B. F. Grady high school; Employees of Rose's Department Store, Kinston; Grantham Basketball Club, Goldsboro, Route 1; Ninth Grade Seven Springs School; Senior Class, B. F. Grady School; Cub Scout Pack, Kinston; Air Explorer Squadron, Goldsboro; Stallings Air Base Officers and Guests, Kinston; and Young Adult Class, Trenton Missionary Baptist Church.

Resolved

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of Duplin General Hospital, Inc., that the sincere thanks and appreciation of the Board of Trustees be extended to Mr. J. M. Strickland and Mrs. F. J. Strickland of Warsaw, for the donation of a nice television set installed in the Nurses' Home. Be it further resolved by the Board of Trustees that the sincere thanks and appreciation of the Board be extended to the citizens of Wallace who donated the azaleas and other plants for the front of the Hospital and to Mr. Charles W. Jr., for planning these shrubs. Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the press.

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of Duplin General Hospital, Inc., that the sincere thanks and appreciation of said Board be expressed to the committees and individuals who planned and assisted with the get-together and coffee hour for the Hospital Staff held at the Nurses' Home on March 2. Be it further resolved that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the press.

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Art Exhibits Are Now On Display At Eagle Warehouse

All schools in Lenoir County, county and city, have booths at the County Art Exhibits, now on display in the Eagle Warehouse, in Kenansville. The exhibits will remain on display for inspection by the public through Saturday afternoon. The warehouse is located one block east of Queen Street. All white and Negro schools have displays. Too, a display can be seen of the work being done at Caswell Training School. There is no admission charge.

Revival Services

Revival services to be held at Johnson's Baptist Church March 14 to March 25, with Rev. Johnny Tiller of Morganton, N. C., preaching. Services begin at 8 o'clock each night. The public is invited to attend.

18 Admissions To Co. Hospital

Eighteen persons were admitted to Duplin General Hospital during the past week. Admissions: Ralph Cox, Richlands; William Sanders, Kinston; Mrs. Iris Kennedy Powell, Kenansville; Gertrude Farrow Judge, Chinquapin; Erline Hobbs, Teachey; Roland Outlaw, Mount Olive; Fred Patrick, Wallace; Mrs. Doris Stroud Usher, Rose Hill; Williams Holmes, Faison; Larry Smith, Kenansville; David Bynor, Kinston; William Casper, Swansboro; Iscolene McLamb, Bowden; Mrs. Mildred Perry Jones, Kenansville; William Green, Warsaw; Mrs. Sadie Cooper, Warsaw; Leslie Barnett, Kenansville; and Mrs. Annie Lee Strand, Albertson. Discharges: William Sanders, Mrs. Iris Kennedy Powell, Gertrude Farrow Judge, and baby girl; Erline Hobbs, and baby boy; Roland Outlaw, William Holmes, Iscolene McLamb, and baby boy; and William Green.



FIRST BABY TO BE BORN - Gertrude Farrow Judge is shown holding her baby girl, which was the first baby to be born at the Duplin County General Hospital. Many nice gifts presented the first baby included a complete baby layette from Kramer's Department Store, 1 dozen diapers from Collins Department Store, 1 bottle warmer from Kenansville Drug Store, a bottle layette from Minor Drug Co., 1 case of baby vitamins and 1 bottle of Phisohex from Winthrop Stearns Co. The James Judges are from the Chinquapin section.—(Duplin Times Photo.)

Duplin County Hospital Incorporated; McGowen Elected Head Of Committee

Duplin County General Hospital was officially incorporated at a meeting of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee Tuesday night, in Kenansville. Faison W. McGowen, secretary to the Board of Trustees and County Auditor, was elected chairman of the Executive Committee in its first formal session since the completion of the hospital. J. O. "Jim" Wilkerson, hospital administrator, was elected secretary of the Executive Committee. Other members of the committee are Lee Brown, chairman of the Board of Trustees; J. O. Stokes, E. E. Kelly, and Bob Grady. McGowen, Wilkerson and Brown are ex-officio members of the Executive Committee. It was reported that since the hospital has been open for patients, it has operated at 70 per cent of capacity for the number of beds available. "Jim Wilkerson reports this is average for new hospitals. In reviewing the hospital situation, it was revealed that "everything is doing fine and satisfactory." To date, 38 patients have been admitted to the hospital. "All patients are well pleased with the hospital and its services and conveniences," Wilkerson said. "The overall picture is very good." The hospital is proving to be widely acclaimed. Of the 38 patients that have been admitted to the hospital, they have come from Duplin, Greene, Jones, Pitt, Onslow, New Hanover, Craven and Lenoir Counties.

Monday Night Scoutmasters Of Duplin Will Gather In Kenansville

On Monday night, March 21, 1955 the Scoutmasters of Duplin County will gather in Kenansville at the Scout Hut for their March round-table meeting. The guest for the evening will be Mr. Charles S. Griffin, assistant National Director of Rural Scouting in America. Mr. Griffin has had a wide experience with rural organizations of many kinds dealing with the youth. We are sure that he will be able to help us with many of our problems in Duplin County.

Trip To Florida

A three-day trip to Miami, Florida, in May, 1955, is offered as a recruiting campaign prize to each twenty enlisted men of the North Carolina Army National Guard who are credited with the highest number of new enlistees during the period: 1 January 1955-31 March 1955. Winners of these recruiting campaign prizes will be flown to Miami, Florida by North Carolina Army National Guard C-47 Aircraft. It is contemplated that the departure will be on a Friday morning, arriving in Miami in time for lunch, and departure from Miami after lunch on Sunday. Requirements to enter contest are: To be a member of the Guards and enlist at least 5 new members. Even though you are not now a Member by joining the guards you become eligible to enter the contest. In addition to winning the expense paid trip, each winner will receive \$25.00 expense money from the State, Btry B 150th Bn (Gun 90MM) NCGM, Beulaville, North Carolina is also giving a prize of \$15.00 to the champion recruiter of the above Unit.



Charles S. Griffin

276 Pints Tax-Paid Whiskey Is Sold By Duplin County From 'Chicken Raid'

The 276 pints of tax-paid whiskey that was confiscated from a Scott's Poultry Truck last July has been sold to Central Warehouse Co., Inc. in Raleigh. Sheriff Ralph Miller said today that the money from the sale, which has not yet been determined, will probably go into the Duplin County School Fund. The whiskey haul came last July 27, when a panned truck, belonging to Scott's Poultry Company, of Goldsboro, was stopped about one mile north of Kenansville on highway 11. A search by Constable W. F. Williamson uncovered the whiskey in chicken crates. Ira Blount, 33, Negro, from Goldsboro, was arrested and tried in the September term of Superior Court. He was given six years work on the roads. Sheriff Miller said today that at the time of the arrests, the sheriff's department and all Duplin County law enforcement officers had been on the look out for the truck for several months.

Duplin And District Counties Make '54 Soil Conservation Advancement

In the face of severe drought and the havoc of hurricane "Hazel" conservation farmers in the Southeastern Soil Conservation District came up with accomplishments in 1954, giving a new forward look for the ninth consecutive year. The SCS technicians and cooperating farmers in the counties of Wayne, Sampson, Duplin and Lenoir, making up the boundaries of the District, can justly be proud of their achievements in conserving, protecting and improving the agricultural lands of the area. Planning Three hundred and thirty four farmers owning 35,732 acres joined with the more than 2,000 conservation farmers who are cooperating with and receiving technical assistance from the District's technicians in planning and applying conservation measures to their lands. Complete basic soil and water conservation plans providing for the proper use and treatment of all land were made on 153 more farms in 1954, bringing the total to date of 1,807 farms, embracing some 212,000 acres with basic soil and water conservation plans. These basic conservation plans are continuing their forward move by 26 more farmers completing all needed conservation measures plan-

Spring Hours At Cliffs Of The Neuse Will Become Effective On March 20

Effective on Sunday, March 20, the Cliffs of the Neuse State Park will observe its Spring schedule, which will be in effect through June 4 when the Park will again extend its closing hour. Under the Spring schedule, the Park will open as usual at 8:00 a.m. but it will close at 8:30 p.m., which is two hours later than it has been closed for the past three months. The hours are being extended to take care of the increased demand by school and church groups as well as the general public. The new schedule does not, however, preclude any organized group ever, using the Park facilities up to 10:00 p. m., provided a representative of the group notifies Park personnel to this effect two days in advance. Those groups who are interested in using the outdoor camping facilities at the Park should also give advance notice of expected time of arrival, as Park permits are required for overnight camping. All mail relative to the use of Park facilities should be addressed to: Cliffs of the Neuse State Park, Route No. 2, Seven Springs, N. C.

'The Groom Said No' To Be Staged At Seven Springs

'The Groom Said No' will be staged by the Seven Springs high school Junior class Friday night (tomorrow) beginning at 8 p. m., in the school's auditorium. The three-act comedy directed by Gerald Waters. Members of the cast and the characters each will portray are as follows: Mrs. Cameron, played by Margaret Singleton; Mr. Cameron, J. W. Lane; Virginia Cameron, Adell Barton; Pattie Cameron, Pattie Price; Clara Curtis, Ann Mozingo; Willie Williams, Durwood Holmes; Steve Cameron, Sylvia Hardy; Mary Alice Smith, Edna Peersall; St. Shirley Anderson, Sheila Davis; Mrs. Sorenson, Jean Quinn; and Ed Smith, acted by L. H. House. All proceeds from the event will go into the Junior class treasury to finance various class projects.

Prenatal, Well Baby Clinics Are Being Held Here

Prenatal and well baby clinics are being held in the Duplin County Health Center, in Kenansville, twice each month. They are scheduled for second and fourth Thursdays from 12 to 3 p. m. The next clinic will be held March 23. The number of patients doubled in attendance at the first maternity clinic which was held February 24 at the new Health Center. Patients are urged to get under medical supervision as early as possible when pregnant. Dr. John F. Powers says that any pregnant woman is urged to attend the clinics, especially if that mother does not have a private doctor. Parents are also urged to bring their children to the clinic for necessary immunizations.

Meetings Set For Education

Kenansville PTA heard Joe Costin, Duplin Sanitarian, speak on "What Your Health Department Can Do For You." The exhibits will remain on display for inspection by the public through Saturday afternoon. The warehouse is located one block east of Queen Street. All white and Negro schools have displays. Too, a display can be seen of the work being done at Caswell Training School. There is no admission charge.