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## Million Dollar Hail Damage In Northern Duplin

### EDITORIAL

#### DUPLIN DESTRUCTION BY HAIL

By J. R. Grady

The hail that struck Glisson, Faison and Albertson townships last Thursday put our folks out there in a bad way. Their crops were utterly destroyed. You can control nature. This morning Bob Grady called Congressman Barden's office in Washington and asked for some kind of aid to the farmers in this area. Mr. Barden's secretary, L. K. Alderman, said he would go to work on it right away. George Penny in Kenansville has already requested aid.

It's not so desperate that they cannot survive the damage, but they need temporary help. Mr. Barden, you know how, so get busy and get it done. We can always depend on you.

#### DALLAS HERRING and ARCHIE GRAHAM

By J. R. Grady

Duplin County is honored; Sampson County has lost a tip top man, and North Carolina is fortunate that Governor Hodges has named Dallas Herring of Rose Hill to the State Board of Education. Duplin has also gained in the fact that her native son is in a position to help, not only Duplin, but his state. We salute Governor Hodges in naming Mr. Herring.

The State has lost a trustworthy servant in the death of Mr. Archie Graham of Clinton. He has always been a friend of Education and a leading spirit in Sampson County and Southeastern Carolina.

#### WE WANT TO SUGGEST

A. P. (Addis) Cates of Faison served on the Duplin Board of Education for years. He served as chairman. Knowing Mr. Cates personally we know he is vitally interested in the schools of Duplin. He also served as chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and knows the county's financial problems as well as the school problems. We would like to suggest Mr. Cates as a successor to Mr. Herring on the Board of Education in Duplin.

#### HUGH JOHNSON OF ROSE HILL

We think the Duplin County Executive Committee did very good judgment in suggesting Hugh Johnson of Rose Hill as successor to Robert M. Carr, in Wall. (Continued On Back Page)

### Briefs

BY J. R. GRADY

**"MAGGIE and JIGGS"**  
Clatus Brock Editor of the Mt. Olive Tribune, last week published the following poem. I had forgotten that I had it in my scrap book, but his publishing it reminded me of my copy which I have had for years. George McManus who wrote the comic strip "Maggie and Jiggs" recently died. Here is the poem.

#### MAGGIE AND JIGGS AT THE GOLDEN GATE

St. Peter stood guard at the golden gate,  
With a solemn mien and an air sedate,  
When up to the top of the golden stair  
Maggie and Jiggs ascend there,  
Applied for admission, they came  
And stood before St. Peter, so great—  
In hopes, the city of peace to win  
And asked St. Peter to let them in.

Maggie was tall, and dark and thin,  
With a scraggly beardlet on her chin;  
Jiggs was short and thick and stout,  
And his stomach was built so it rounded out.  
His face was pleasant, and all the while  
He wore a kindly and genial smile.  
The choir in the distance the echoes woke,  
And Jiggs kept still while Maggie spoke.

"O, thou who guardest the gate,"  
said she,  
"We two, came hither beseeching thee  
To let us enter the Heavenly land,  
And play our harps with the Angel Band."  
Of me, St. Peter, there is no doubt,  
There's nothing from Heaven to bar me out;  
I've been to meeting three times a week  
And most always I'd rise to speak."

I've told the sinners about the day  
When they'd repent of their evil way.  
I've told my neighbors, I've told 'em all,  
'Bout Adam and Eve and the Primal Fall.  
I've shown them what they'd have to do  
If they'd pass in with the chosen  
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#### MARRIED 50 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Sykes of Kenansville, pictured above taken on their wedding day, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary July 2nd, 1955. Mrs. Sykes is the former Miss Anna Summerlin of Summerlin Cross Roads, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Watson Jernigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Sykes are the parents of the following children: Mrs. W. M. Eubanks, Jr., Scotts Hill; Mrs. W. A. Oden, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. John Willard, Grey, Ga.; Robert H. Sykes, Union City, Tenn.; Edward F. Sykes, Winston Salem; and Miss Mary Lee Sykes of the home.

#### More Duplin Scouts May Get A Trip To Northern Waters; New York

Word has recently been received from the United States Navy that Tuscorora Council, B. S. A. has been allocated twenty-five billets aboard the U. S. S. Denet APA-100 for a ten day cruise in Northern waters. The cruise will leave Norfolk on August 18th, and will visit the port of New York. It will return to Norfolk on August 25th.

#### A Personal Note From The Editor

Before the next publication, we will have observed The Declaration of Independence, July 4. Usually after the July 4, long week end, we read of many, many deaths on our highways in addition to shootings and drownings. We hope that such tragedies will not occur in our community this year. But we must be on our guard. There are times when accidents happen when there is nothing we can or could have done to prevent. In most cases, a little more carelessness on our part would be cause of a life being saved. In most instances, the life we save is our own. During the coming July 4, week end we hope that you will be conscious of what you are doing. Give a little more thought to safety, for yourself and others.

#### Administrators Is Visiting Hospital

Ashley Gale, who is hospital administrator intern at Rex Hospital, in Raleigh, is spending three days in Kenansville at the Duplin General Hospital. He is observing the operation of a small hospital under the direction of Jim Wilkerson, Duplin Hospital Administrator.

#### Grand Opening At Brewer Drug Co. Friday and Saturday

Brewer Drug Co. in Pink Hill will hold their grand opening in the new location at the old W. H. Jones Hardware store. The event will also mark their fifth anniversary of business in Pink Hill.

The new location has been remodeled and air conditioned for the comfort of customers. Two registered pharmacists, Mrs. Martha Hood Brewer and Mrs. Charles Gillespie will be available at all times to fill your prescription needs. Registration for prizes will be held Friday and Saturday, with a drawing each night. The prizes are a Schatz 400 Jay clock, three speed record player, steel chair with plastic upholstered back and seat, Deluxe Duoflex Kodak flash set, Knapp Monarch electric pop corn popper, ice chest refrigerator, electric blanket, over night suit case, two lamps two bill folds, two barbe-cue dinners (compliments of Salty Hill).

There will also be a box for children six years and under, to put their names, for nice prizes which are a record player, mallet music clarion, giant honey bear, doll and tool chest. Thursday night a preview of the grand opening and open house will be held at the store. Guests will be the Pink Hill Business Mens Club, their wives, doctors and guests from Kinston.

#### Dr. Bolin Comments On Polio Vaccine

Dr. Paul Bolin of Beaufort called the Duplin Times this morning (Thursday), with this information. His opinion is that press reports on the Polio Vaccine are not correct. He will give us an accurate story in two to three weeks, after contacting the Health Department and all the doctors in Duplin County. Watch for this report in the future.

#### Two Births Are Recorded At The Duplin Hospital

Two new babies were born at the Duplin General Hospital during the past week. A baby son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Marion Henderson, Route 3, Rose Hill, Wednesday. A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Smith, Route 1, Wallace, Monday.

#### Farmers Recovering From Damages Done By Hail

Farmers in the Scott's Store and Albertson sections of Duplin County are cleaning up after a severe hail storm last week and making plans to produce as much of a tobacco crop as possible. Vernon Reynolds, Duplin County Farm Agent, said today that about 300 acres of tobacco in the area was 100 per cent damaged. It is estimated that the loss in the area is about one-half million dollars.

#### Mosley Davis Heads Davis Clan; Isler Davis, Secretary

About 100 descendants of Mary Campbell Carr and John Samuel Davis held a family reunion recently at Davis' Mill, Seven Springs. Dr. Rachel Davis of Kinston, president presided.

The following officers were elected: Mr. S. Mosley Davis of Mount Olive, President; Mrs. Sallie McLean of Mount Olive; Mr. Fred Davis of Newport News, Va., and Mr. Ike Whitfield of Kinston, vice-presidents; Mr. John Davis of Kinston, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. John Clayton of Jacksonville and Mrs. J. Faison Thomson of Goldsboro, historians; Mrs. Jim Williams of Seven Springs and Mr. B. Wake Bizell of Grifton, geneologists; and Mrs. Hugh F. Jackson of Goldsboro, reporter.

The executive committee is composed of the president, vice-presidents and secretary-treasurer as ex-officio members. Active members are Messrs. H. I. Davis of Seven Springs, Clyde C. Flowers of Mt. Olive, Bruce Davis of Kinston and Ervan Davis of Grifton.

Members of the program committee are mesdames Sallie McLean, E. E. Franks of Comfort, and John Clayton. The next reunion will be held at 5 p. m. on Father's Day, 1956, at Davis' Mill.

#### Harvey Hill Is Being Held For Alleged Rape

Harvey Hill, 39, Negro, is being held without bond today in Kenansville jail for the alleged rape of Hattie Jones, Negro, Sunday morning. Sheriff Ralph Miller said Hill was ordered held without bond after a hearing Tuesday.

#### Coroner's Jury Orders Fennell Held For Court

A coroner's jury ordered Earl Bruce Fennell, Negro, of near Wallace, held for the next term of Criminal Superior Court in the pistol killing of Frank Simmons, Jr., June 13. Garland Kennedy, Duplin County Coroner, set the bond for Fennell at \$2,000.

Simmons was shot in a scuffle over some whiskey, it is alleged, west of Wallace, in Rockfish Township. Sheriff's officials in form that investigation shows that after a fight, Simmons left the scene and went for his pistol. He allegedly returned to the scene of the fight and shot Fennell under the arm. A bullet also struck Fennell's mother. Officials say that Fennell took the pistol from Simmons after which the shot was fired that killed Simmons. The next term of Superior Court is scheduled for August 29.

## Hail Does Destruction In Duplin

(Goldsboro News-Argus)  
Attempts are being made to secure federal aid for farmers in Duplin County who lost their crops during the rain, hail and wind storm Thursday afternoon.

Duplin Soil Conservation Supervisor, said that the hard hit sections of the county would be eligible for federal aid if the area is declared a disaster area. Arthur Benton of the Farmers Home Administration office reported that he accepted applications for emergency loans. Mrs. N. B. Benefield, executive secretary of the Duplin County Red Cross said she does not think any assistance can be obtained from the Red Cross since most of the damage was to crops.

Vernon Reynolds, Duplin County Agent, could not be contacted this morning for a report on the damage. He was in the stricken area all day yesterday and was reported to be back working with the farmers again today. Crops in the area of Albertson and Scott were hardest hit by the storm which struck the area about 2 p. m. Thursday. The hail, rain and wind left crops in ruins in an area about 14 miles long and three tobacco crop which was about ready to harvest is a total loss. Cotton, corn and truck crops were also mangled by the hail and wind.

## Rose Hill Music Clubs Present Young Artist

BY MRS. LATHAM WILSON  
The Junior and Senior Federated Music Clubs of Rose Hill will present Charles Clement Fussell, 17 year old musical prodigy of Winston-Salem, in a piano recital in the Rose Hill Community House at 8:30 p. m. Tuesday, July 5th. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fussell of Winston-Salem, Charles began studying piano when he was seven years old. He is a special member of the N. C. Federation of Music Clubs and has received a Superior award through the years. He not only is a pianist, but is also an accomplished player of the cello, parlor, bass viol and organ.

He has been active in composition also and has had several of his own compositions for orchestra, performed by the Reynolds High School orchestra and the Winston-Salem Symphony Orchestra. Charles is a pupil of Clement Sandresky, dean of the school of music of Salem College. He spends his summers at Transylvania Methodist Camp and while there studies under Loren Withers of the Duke University Music Faculty. Before high school he studied with Mrs. Herman Halpern of Winston-Salem. He is pianist for his church and for some time has played regularly with the Winston Symphony and Transylvania Symphony Orchestras. This past year he is also a member of the Charlotte Symphony where he plays under the direction of James Christian Prohl. For the past few years Charles (Continued On Back)



BEANS—Tom Herring examines his bean crop. In the foreground the beans were about knee high compared to those in the background that were about waist high. Only stubbles are left to show after the storm hit his farm near Scott. Herring also had a lot of tops washed away.



CORN—Herfan Bishop found it difficult to walk through the twisted and shredded mass of corn on his place near Albertson this morning. Most of the corn crop, as well as gardens and other crops are feared a total loss as a result of the storm. Bishop said every item on his farm could be listed as a total loss after the storm subsided in that area.—(Cutlines and Photos by Carl Bottoms, of News-Argus.)

TOBACCO—Coy Hill of near Scott examines the remains of his 12 acres of shoulder high tobacco. The hail storm yesterday afternoon destroyed his crops. Other farmers can be seen in the background comparing the damages of Hill's crop with that of their own. The two-hour hail storm destroyed all crops in a five-by-three-mile area from Scott to Albertson.