

## New-Grower Tobacco Allotments Are Investigated

### Duplin Farmers Approve Tobacco Quotas By Big Margin Saturday

Duplin County farmers overwhelmingly approved of continuation of flue-cured tobacco quotas for three more years and the Tobacco Associates organization. According to Mrs. Dora Betty Bell, ASC office manager, 7,306 farmers voted in the referendum Saturday in Duplin County. There are approximately 7,000 eligible voters in Duplin.

On the question of tobacco quotas, 3,147 voted in favor of the continuation for three years, 76 voted for one-year quotas and 112 voted against quotas.

Voting in the various townships was as follows: Albertson, 303, for, five against; Cypress Creek, 300, for, 24 against; Faison, 99, for, five against; Faison, 210 to 6; Island Creek, 307 to 14; Kenansville, 318 to 2; Magnolia, 180 to 7; Limestone, 536 to 11; Rockfish, 129 to 10; Rose Hill, 95 to 17; Smith, 348 to 5; Warsaw, 175 to 1; and Wolkscrape, 187 to 7.

This is a percentage of 96.5 in favor of tobacco quotas and 3.5 against it.

Tobacco Associates were 3,203 farmers while 119 voted against the program.

Voting by townships was (first figure being those voting for and second figure those voting against): Albertson, 303 to 10; Cypress Creek, 300 to 22; Faison, 102 to 4; Glisson, 216 to 3; Island Creek, 313 to 8; Kenansville, 321 to 4; Magnolia, 186 to 4; Limestone, 534 to 17; Rockfish, 136 to 10; Rose Hill, 105 to 17; Smith, 344 to 5; Warsaw, 180 to 4; Wolkscrape, 174 to 2.

### Briefs

BY BOB GRADY

### Oldest Member Church Dies

The oldest member of Alum Springs Baptist Church passes. H. Preston Chestnut, 84, of the Outlaw's Bridge community died Sunday in Duplin General Hospital at Kenansville after an illness of nine days. Surviving are one son, Daniel Chestnut of Route 2, Mt. Olive; two daughters, Mrs. Charlie Vernon of Route 1, Seven Springs, and Mrs. Albert Jones of Route 1, Mt. Olive; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Rooty Branch Free Will Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Monday. The Rev. Paul Barwick officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery. He was a member of Alum Springs Missionary Baptist Church.

A few days ago I received the fourth edition of "Incidents By The Way" from Wm. R. Kenan, Jr., published in 1955. His prologue was: The size of wage or salary. Or prominence on earth is not the true criterion. Of what a man is worth it matters not how large or small. His pocketbook may be But what he only tries to do For his community.

He adds: Mr. Kenan adds in the forepage: "The educational program should be devoted to the whole student not only the training of the intellect, but evolution of the spirit and the rounding of personality. I shall always feel that whatever success I have attained I owe in large measure to those indelible impressions created in my college days through my association with Faculty and Students."

### Post Office Giving Extra Service

In conformity to postal practices the Kenansville Post Office has been closed each Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. However, due to the increased labor of the farmer at this season of the year and the abundance of packages for farm labor, postmaster A. C. Holland has authorized the temporary relief service which will allow the local post office to remain open until 4 o'clock each Saturday beginning July 23 and ending September 3rd, inclusive. After this date, the office will resume normal operation.

This is a local service for the busy farmer at this time. Persons wishing delivery of packages are urged to call for them before 4 p.m. on Saturday. After the hour of 4 p.m. the postal employees will be busy dispatching mail for the day.

### I. F. Witherington Dies In Chapel Hill

Mount Olive, July 27 — Isham Faison Witherington, 64, secretary of the Mount Olive Pickling Company, died Tuesday night at 9:30 o'clock at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

He had been a patient at the hospital since July 20. Death was attributed to complications following an operation.

Witherington was the son of the late Benjamin B. Witherington and Mrs. Annie Hicks Witherington of Faison. He was an alumnus of the University of North Carolina and a veteran of World War I.

He had been secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Mount Olive Pickling Company since its organization in 1924 and had seen it grow from a small business designed to salvage a surplus crop into a large concern.

He was an elder in the Mount Olive Presbyterian Church and had served for a number of years as superintendent of the Sunday school. He was also a member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

Funeral services were held at the graveside in Maplewood Cemetery Thursday at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. B. E. Dotson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his wife, the former Ruby Neal Thompson of Orlando, Fla., one son, Dr. Dexter Witherington, Mt. Olive; one daughter, Mrs. Elliot Hester, High Point; one brother, Robert S. Witherington, Kinston; and one sister, Mrs. J. B. Stroud, Jr., Faison.

### From Our Readers

TOPPING TOBACCO

The Carroll Plaza Hotel

230 Market Street, Paterson 1, N.J.

Dear Editor:

Can't help but notice your article about topping tobacco. I often wonder about that too. I know my Dad always topped his tobacco early. One good thing about it is the later you break the tops out the less suckers you have to break out.

I am enclosing a money order. Please keep the Times coming my way. I feel like I am a laggard from home and get pretty homesick sometimes, and reading the paper from home sure helps a lot you know.

Thank you good luck, and God bless you.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Rebecca E. Fredericks

### Nathane Gas Is Introduced Here By Johnson Cotton Co.

"Nathane"—a new name in the liquefied petroleum gas industry of the Carolinas, went on sale this week in Duplin County and throughout 43 other counties of North and South Carolina. It was introduced by L. B. Fussell, manager of Johnson Cotton Company in Wallace, "Nathane" is the registered trademark name of a propane gas all-purpose fuel which is being distributed exclusively by the state for this demanding service.

The first tank is packaged in a new bulk plant recently erected in Dunn. At the present time it is put up in 20 pound and 100 pound cylinders for both residential and commercial use.

Johnson Cotton Company started in the gas business in 1947, with their first installation being made on July 12 of that year in the home of the late Mrs. A. A. Wallace in Erwin, N. C. This installation is now being used by her daughter, Mrs. Elwood Johnson, who is also using the gas range installed for her mother.

First began the list of users has grown to a figure well over 5,000. In this area the use of L.P. gas as a convenient and dependable fuel has kept pace with the industry in the United States as a whole and, with the exception of the electronics field (TV, etc.) it is America's fastest growing industry. In addition to its economy, cleanliness and great speed, the safety record of gas leads the entire fuel industry.

The new bulk plant assures customers of the Johnson Cotton Company stores of ample supplies of fuel under the most demanding conditions. The plant is now delivering as many as 300 filled cylinders in ten hours, and its unloading pumps can empty a railroad tank car in five hours. The 30,000 gallon bulk tank has a storage capacity of about two and one-half railway tank cars. The plant yard has sufficient size to accommodate many additional storage tanks as the demand for Nathane grows. Shipments of this premium quality fuel are received regularly from one of the country's newest and most modern refineries.

Propane gas is a by-product of the manufacture of gasoline, and in its purification process the refinery removes those carbons which are not consumed readily at the normal cooking temperature, that domestic and commercial propane gas burns completely without leaving smoky residues on cooking utensils.

The distribution of Nathane gas in the Duplin-Sampson area is under the management of G. T. Matkins, manager of the appliance department of Johnson Cotton Company. Local service and installation are in charge of Morris Harrell. The new bulk plant in Dunn is under the supervision of Marvin Godwin. Jack Crawford is plant manager, Billy Hobbs is plant operator, and Jesse Strickland is in charge of distribution to the stores.

"Nathane," the name, is very appropriately based on the first name of Nathan M. Johnson, founder of the group of stores. In this connection W. G. Smith, Secretary - Treasurer of the concern, states: "It is with great pride that we introduce a product of a service of the quality of 'Nathane,' and we take additional pride in the significance of the name. Each member of our organization in the Carolinas pledges himself to see that every 'Nathane' gas customer is given the finest service, the greatest value and the most complete satisfaction that the name implies."

Mr. Fussell says: "We are happy to have our own supply source for our gas. We know that we will have ample gas for all our customers, and that this gas will really be a premium grade product which we can sell at regular gas prices. The assurance of an abundance of this uniform, high quality fuel will mean a great deal to our hundreds of customers to whom Nathane is now being delivered."



THIS IS TOBY, hoping to take your mind off the rising mercury with a hearty "thank you" to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Fund campaign of The Children's Home Society last December. The Society, only state-wide, voluntarily-supported adoption agency in the state, helped 478 children from all parts of North Carolina last year. With headquarters in Greensboro the agency has given its services for 53 years free-of-charge to mothers needing to make adoptive plans for their children and to couples wanting to adopt a child.

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### Duplin 4-H Girl Attends Music Workshop At Catawba College; Tells Of Experience

BY SHELBY SIEFFIELD

The week I spent at the Catawba Music Education Workshop in Salisbury was a wonderful experience for me.

The week began with registration Sunday afternoon, followed by a tea in the Administration Building. On Sunday evening we attended inspiring vespers services held on the lawn of Mt. Vernon, home of Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent. After vespers we enjoyed a social hour.

Each morning, Monday through Thursday, began with flag raising at 7:15. Classes in Vocal Techniques, and Music and Recreation were conducted throughout the day. At night we attended special programs.

Monday night we saw a demonstration on "Opera Film Forum," which followed a very interesting talk on opera by Norman Cordon, Head of the Institute of Opera at the University of North Carolina.

Tuesday night we attended a session of special recreation training, where we enjoyed folk games.

Wednesday night we sang in the First Baptist Church at their regular prayer service. We sang "Heavenly Light," an anthem we learned in the general session conducted each day by Dr. Arnold Hoffman, Director of Music in North Carolina Public Schools.

Thursday afternoon we gave a thirty minute concert over a local radio station in Salisbury. Thursday night we gave a public concert, singing the songs we had learned during the week. The 4-H members sang "America the Beautiful" with a descant.

I could never tell everything I learned nor all we did at the workshop. But I can truly say I enjoyed every minute I was there. Dr. Hoffman and his staff of fine workers were wonderful. I want to thank everyone who helped to make it possible for me to attend the Music Workshop at Catawba College.

### From Congressman Graham Barden

Mr. J. R. Grady, Editor  
DUPLIN TIMES  
Kenansville, North Carolina

Dear Bob:

This morning I received a letter from Colonel Hill concerning the North East Cape Fear River project. You will note from the enclosed copy that rather than submit an unfavorable report, the matter was called back for further study in August 1950, but due to the fact that the Korean War curtailed their money on navigation and flood control reports, they haven't been able to give the matter further consideration.

It appears from the Colonel's letter that he plans to complete the study just as soon as funds become available and in all probability in connection with this, they will hold public hearings. Of course, when they get to the point of a hearing, that's where you folks come in. I'll depend on all of you to convince the Corps a favorable report is justified at the public hearings.

We can't move further on the matter until we're able to get a good report. With personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,  
Graham A. Barden

21 July 1955  
Honorable Graham A. Barden  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barden: (Continued On Back)

### Ordination To Be Held This Sunday

Mr. Stradford Thomas Snively, minister - elect of the Grove and Hallsville Presbyterian Churches, will be ordained and installed this Sunday morning at the Grove Church. The service will begin at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. Snively, who hails from Oconee County, Georgia, is a graduate of the State Teachers College at East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. He comes to Kenansville from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia where he received his diploma in May.

Wilmington Presbytery examined Mr. Snively on July 25, 1955 and has appointed a Commission of Presbytery to ordain and install him. The ministers on the Commission will be the Rev. James Miller, formerly the minister here in Kenansville, The Rev. Leslie Tucker of Chadbourne and The Rev. N. P. Furr of Pink Hill. The elders assigned to the Commission are Mr. R. V. Wells of the Grove Church and Mr. Andrew Miller of the Hallsville Church. Rev. Miller will deliver the message of the morning. This Saturday night from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. an informal reception will be held at the manse in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Snively, the parents of the new minister. Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pittenger, aunt and uncle to Mr. Snively, and Mr. George Fenn, a family friend of the Snivelys, are expected to be present. Members and friends of the two churches are cordially invited to attend.

After the Sunday services, a dinner will be served on the lawn of the manse for the members of the two churches.

### ASC Officials Conduct Hearing At Ag Building

BY PAUL BARWICK

Twenty-six new-grower tobacco allotments in Duplin County have been under investigation and spot-checking for the past month. It has been revealed.

Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation officials from Raleigh and Washington, D. C. have been sitting in on the Board of Review this week at the Agriculture Building in Kenansville.

Of the 26 new grower allotments, 21 were cancelled after investigation by State ASC officials, John W. Jump and Don Moody.

The Review Board is composed of O. L. West, A. R. Bullard and E. Johnson, all Sampson County. They were appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson to review the 12 applications, out of the 21 cancelled, which asked for a review of their new-grower allotment cancellation order.

E. F. McKeown, who is a member of the General Council of the United States Department of Agriculture, is also on the questioning board along with J. L. Nicholson and J. M. Henley of the North Carolina ASC.

New-grower allotments which

were cancelled by the State Office are: Corbett Hall, operator, on Robert F. Williamson's farm near Kenansville; Vernon Thomas, Beaulville, route 2; M. W. Lanier, operator, on Nelson Carlton's farm near Warsaw; Walter Newkirk, operator, on Billy B. Fussell's farm, near Rose Hill; Wayne Davis, operator, on Sam H. Jones' farm near Warsaw.

James D. Bowen, operator, on Elmore Lewis Sandlin's farm, near Beaulville; James Roberts, operator, on Sally Gray Roberts' farm, Faison, route 3; Joe Outlaw, Kenansville, route 1; Charlie Mitchell, operator, on W. J. Middleton's farm, near Kenansville; O. R. Blizard, Kenansville, Route 1.

Henry Stallings, operator, on Catherine Stallings' farm, Beaulville, route 1; Lester McDuffie, operator, on Donald Ray Best's farm, Warsaw; Wallace Miller, operator, on Arthur Brown's farm, Pink Hill, route 2; Durwood Hall, operator, on Peggy Joe Rhodes' farm, Pink Hill, route 2; Elmer G. Sholar, Wallace, route 4; James Carroll Sholar, Wallace, route 4; James McDuffie, operator, on Harold M. Best's farm, near Faison; William Chestnut, operator, on Cecil C. Hill's farm, Mt. Olive, route 2; James Byrd, Warsaw, route 1; and Adrian G. Williams, Chinquapin.

Tobacco allotments which were approved by the State ASC office are: Simpson Dail, Magnolia; Milo W. Harper, Deep Run, Route 1; H. M. Rhodes, near Kenansville; Kenneth Nethercutt, Beaulville, route 2; and Chester Rouse, Rose Hill, route 3.

Mrs. Dora Betty Bell, Duplin ASC office manager, informs that the list of those new-grower allotment cancellations appealed to the Review Board cannot be given to the press. She was advised on this matter by a member of the State ASC office. "The hearings are public, however," she has been brought out by ASC Official Jump that this investigation was brought about by changes in applications since the allotments were applied for and irregularities discovered in applications which were not apparent to the local ASC committee.

In the late afternoon Wednesday, Mitchell Britt, Warsaw attorney, and Don Moody, ASC Official, and E. F. McKeown, U. S. Department of Agriculture representative, got into a "heated" discussion while Mitchell was representing James Byrd, of Warsaw, route 1.

Of a sudden at the end of the hearing, Mitchell stated, "You come down here and assume that we in Duplin County are a bunch of crooks."

McKeown replied to Mitchell that, "We come down here in good faith to review these new-grower allotments. We do not assume anyone is a crook. I don't know where anything is so touchy. All I can say is that it must be because of something wrong that is being done."

Byrd then interrupted that, according to a fellow Hill in Warsaw township, an ASC official from the State office was credited with saying, "We are going to take all the new grower allotments away in Warsaw Township."

This was unreservedly denied by all of the officials who have been working in Duplin County during the present check of new-grower allotment.

Nicholson, ASC official, informed Mitchell, and the group present, that all of the new-grower allotments in North Carolina, flue-cured and burley, are being spot-checked.

He informed that Duplin is not being checked and other counties allowed to run at will, and have the new-grower allotments approved without a State spot-check.

In connection with tobacco, numerous farmers in Duplin County have expressed dissatisfaction with the measuring this year. Complaints are being made to the effect that sufficient deposit was made in ample time for re-check on measuring of tobacco allotment but the final measuring has been delayed.

In some instances, farmers have reported that they have been forced to burn tobacco without the final measurement being made.

It has also been brought to the attention of The Duplin Times that lateness in measuring has prevented some farmers from receiving the tobacco card in time to sell tobacco on the Georgia tobacco market.

More hearings are planned for Duplin new-grower allotments in the near future.

### Record Volume Of Tobacco Moves On The Georgia - Florida Market

A record volume of tobacco moved on the Georgia-Florida flue-cured markets opening week of the 1955 season. The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports average prices by grades lower than during the first week last year. Most offerings consisted of primings and lugs with little change in general quality.

Gross sales on July 21 and 22 amounted to 22,740,694 pounds and averaged \$48.35 per hundred. The average dropped \$3.49 from the first two days last year. Volume increased nearly 8 1/2 million pounds. Individual market averages for the two days were from \$44.05 to \$53.17 compared with \$43.38 to \$57.27 last year.

Declines in grade averages were mostly \$3.00 to \$9.00 per hundred. Extensive losses in lowest quality lugs, primings and nondescript lugs ranged to \$14.75. Medium quality lugs and primings which moved in a large quantity were down generally \$3.00 to \$8.00. Auction bid averages on leaf, cutters and better lugs were only slightly higher or \$1.00 and \$2.00 lower than their support levels. Averages on other grades ranged from \$5.00 to \$14.00 above their respective loan rates.

Growers delivered around 30 percent of their offerings to the Flue-cured Stabilization Corporation for Government loan opening day. This was one of the highest takes since the support program on an individual grade basis was started in this belt in 1947. Last year receipts for the first two days represented 54 percent of sales.

A larger percentage of the marketings was made up of low and fair primings. However, the proportion of low and fair cutters increased. The shift was principally from low to good lugs.

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Surviving are his wife, Daniel Chestnutt, Mount Olive, route 2; two daughters, Mrs. Charlie Vernon Seven Springs, Route 1, and Mrs. Albert Jones, Mount Olive, Route 1; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Paul Barwick officiated. Burial was in the Rooty Branch Free Will Baptist Church cemetery. Chestnutt was a member of Alum Springs Missionary Baptist Church.

## EDITORIAL

### WHY NOT COOPERATION?

There seems to be a division in thought between the farmers of Northern and Southern Duplin County. And it seems the old PMA and present ASC is the center of the controversy.

Just why the farmers from the northern end of the county and the southern end can't get together, I don't know why. We all have a common cause. Selfish interests on the part of one farmer causes a loss to the community and no gain to him. We have a common problem and that is making a living for our families. To try and gain more than your neighbor gains, gains no one anything. As the old saying goes we want to "Outlive the Jones." We all know this doesn't gain us anything. In the old days when neighbor helped neighbor "put in tobacco" and saved the cash that is involved today we all go along better. Duplin is no larger than it was yesterday. Why can't the farmers and the ASC organization from all sections of the county get together and work out a working organization? It can be done, if we'll just make up our minds to do it.

## Moss Hill Telephone Exchange Is Expanding; Albertson New Section

Moss Hill telephone exchange capacity is to be increased by approximately 100 per cent within the next year.

W. E. Thornton, Manager of the Kinston office of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co., informs that equipment is ordered and a few exchange buildings have been built for the expansion program.

Albertson, also known as Holt's Store, is to be served off the exchange.

Thornton informs that already a petition with 99 names has reached his desk asking for telephone service off the Moss Hill exchange.

At present, there are between 108 and 110 phones at Moss Hill. Communities served now include Sandy Bottom, Moss Hill, Seven Springs, to Frank Phillips' home on highway 55 west of Seven Springs, Liden, Hardy's Bridge (east), toward Run about three miles and in the W. H. Howell and Emmett's sections.

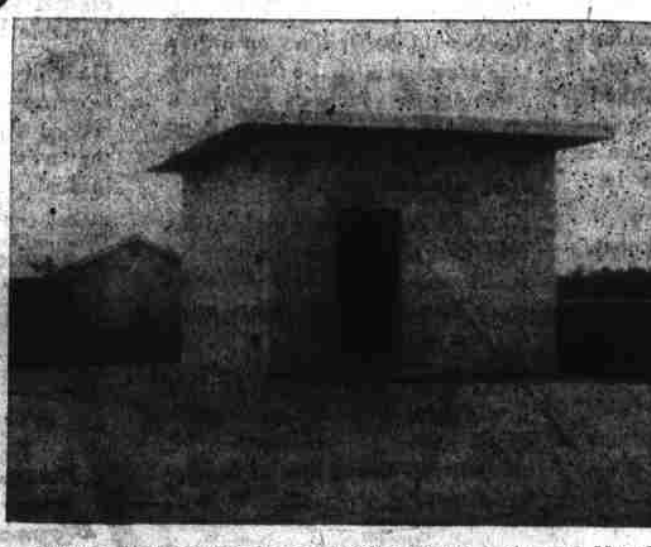
The Moss Hill exchange was put into operation in April, 1953. Moss Hill's Ruritan Club took the securing of phones for the rural community as its main project.

At the time, Lister Davis was president of the Club.

Davis points out that through the Club, the eight-way were secured, eight- or six-wire and three phones per mile signed up.

"The Club worked for over two years to get the telephones," Davis said. "We are mighty proud of what the Ruritan did for the community."

The construction of a larger exchange marks the community as one of progress. The new concrete block building was constructed by D. J. Rouse and Son Contractors. There has been no definite action.



NEW BUILDING—The largest building shown is the new Moss Hill telephone exchange. It will go into operation sometime within the next year. The small building in the background is the present and original exchange. The Moss Hill exchange is being increased in capacity. Albertson is to be served. —(Gazette Photo.)

Thornton informs, but the D. M. Price section on highway 111, southwest of Seven Springs, also is to receive service off the Moss Hill exchange.

"There must first be some interest by the people in the community," he informs. "The three main requirements of cleaning and securing rights-of-way and those who want phones, are left up to the people entirely."

Not only has Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. expanded in the

Moss Hill section, but throughout its area.

Thornton says that during the past year, the Company has averaged installing 80 new phones per month. This is an increase per month. He pointed out that the Kinston area had an increase last month of 108 telephones. This means we had to handle something like 300 or 350 installation or taking out of phones during the month, he said.