



Duplin New Grower Tobacco Allotments Continue Touchy Subject; Rumors Fly

BY PAUL BARWICK

The new grower tobacco allotment in Duplin County continues to be a touchy situation. Rumors continue to spread about dissatisfaction with the operation of the Duplin County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation.

Since the investigation by the State ASC and Federal Department of Agriculture began, more and more rumors have been heard. Among them are the fact that "hidden fields of tobacco have been discovered in the County. It is reported to the Duplin Times that a field of 20 acres has been reported as "hidden" and some of lesser acreage.

It is reported from the Duplin County ASC office that "hidden" tobacco fields have been found. However, in connection with this official, say that this is a common practice and that several acres were sold for farms and the high prices paid.

In the Duplin County Register of Deeds office deeds are recorded for these sales of farms.

A check of the deeds show that in one instance \$15,000 was paid for a 15-acre farm. It was brought out at the Review Board hearing that no money was paid down on this farm and that the first payment was due April 1, 1955 in the amount of \$7,500.

According to James Byrd, of Warsaw township, in whose name the deed is recorded, he was to pay the first payment "this year sometime." He said nothing has been said about the note being past due. He has not

paid any interest on the transaction, according to his own testimony.

Byrd testified that he was to pay the remaining \$7,500 at the rate of \$500 per year until paid for. The rate of interest to be six per cent.

However, a check of the records indicates that he was to pay the last payment April 1, 1956, instead of \$500 per year as testified by Byrd.

In the deed of trust, Mitchell Britt is named along with W. A. Smith, from whom Byrd purchased the 15 acres.

At the hearing, Britt represented Byrd. In the purchasing of the land by Byrd, Britt represented Smith, the records show.

There are similar deeds on record in the cases where new grower allotments have been cancelled by the State ASC Committee.

There are several requirements which tobacco contracts on identical farms are known to be registered in different names for increased allotments. Also, tobacco allotments have been given minors. It is rumored.

It has been brought out that the people of Duplin County have a right to elect their County Committee, and right to change the County Committee. If they are dissatisfied with the work.

There are 13 township ASC conventions in Duplin. At the township conventions, a delegate is nom-

inated from each Township.

That delegate goes to the County Convention in Kenansville where the chairman and two other committeemen are elected to serve for the farmers of the County.

However, it appears at each annual convention, for several years, that the northern and southern townships of Duplin County cannot get along. At the convention, the northern six townships are out-voted by the southern townships by one vote. This has been true for several years, records indicate.

As to the extent of the investigation by State and Federal officials, it is not known to The Duplin Times. However, it is known that the Review Board, with State and Federal Officials sitting in on the hearing, will convene in Duplin County, at the Agriculture Building, in Kenansville, in the near future, to hear some report of the new grower tobacco allotment appeals.

Notice

Warsaw Observation Post will be alerted for Sky Train exercises Sunday, August 7, from 9 a. m. to 8 p. m.

Everyone is urged to drop by the post during the day and see the post in operation and to assist with the look-out.

Those persons who have the following days during the week please observe during the following hours:

Men: Tuesday 10-11, Wednesday 11-12, Thursday 12-1.

Women: Monday 1-2, Tuesday 2-3, Wednesday 3-4, Thursday 4-5, Friday 5-6 and Saturday 6-7.

Men: Friday 7-8, and Saturday 8-9.

From Our Readers

John F. Cochran
Magnolia, N. C., Box 125
July 25, 1955

Editor of the Duplin Times
Kenansville, N. C.

Dear Sir:

During the past few months Jehovah's Witnesses have been distributing a very heart searching message. It is contained in the enclosed booklet, Christendom or Christianity, which one is "The Light of the World?" More than 18,000,000 copies of this booklet and were distributed in more than twenty languages since April 3, 1955. It may be that you have received a copy and read it, but, in fact, we feel this message is so important that you should know what it says.

We are living in very critical times, and feeling the urgency of the times. I thought it would interest you to know just what Jehovah's witnesses think about Christendom. I hope you enjoy this and if you have a comment on it please write me.

Sincerely yours,
John F. Cochran



Carpet Golf Courses is one of the attractions that Gold Park Lake has to offer, in the entertainment field. Other features make it one of the most desirable recreation parks in this area.

Six Women Shocked As Bolt Of Lightning Strikes Barn

Six women were shocked by lightning Friday morning as they were working tobacco in the Sumner's Crossroads community, as was a young boy.

The women were reported to have been working tobacco under the shed of a tobacco barn when lightning struck a post at the shed, knocking the women unconscious. The building did not catch fire.

Mrs. G. L. Sumnerlin, whose husband owned the barn, identified the women who were shocked as Mrs. Arthur Thigpen, Mrs. Cleve Thigpen, Mrs. Perry Brock, Mrs. Walter Jones, Miss Vera Mae Thigpen, and Macey Hill, a Negro woman.

The Hill woman was the most seriously hurt, Mrs. Sumnerlin said. The others were revived shortly after the bolt struck, but the Hill woman did not regain consciousness.

Mrs. Sumnerlin said the Hill woman was the one closest to the post when lightning struck about 7:30.

Navy Wants Reserves

The Navy Recruiting Station in Raleigh said today that requests for active duty are desired from Naval Reservists. Volunteers in over 80 ratings in various pay grades are needed to fill vacancies in fleet and shore duty billets. Tours of active duty may be for two, three, or four years. Volunteers will have their choice of fleet assignments, the Recruiting Station said. In addition, they may state a preference for the type command within the fleet of their choice—such choice to be given every consideration.

Also, the Recruiting Station stated, Reservists volunteering now for active duty may, if otherwise qualified, be guaranteed a trade school under the High School Graduate Training Program. This program provides for specialized training in one of more than 40 schools.

Interested Reservists may get more information from their local Naval Reserve Training Center or the nearest Navy Recruiting Station.

WE APOLOGIZE

The Times would like to apologize to the manager of the Motor Park Theatre, for the error in the theatre program. Bob's Talent Show should have read, Bob's \$100. Talent Show instead of Bob's \$1000. Talent Show.

Our proof readers are not perfect and at times errors are made. We like for folks to call our attention to errors because when they do, we know that they are reading the paper.

Martin Wants Info. On Carolina History; If You Know; Write

608 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, N. C.
29 July 1955

Hon. J. Robert Grady,
The Duplin Times,
Kenansville, N. C.

Dear Bob:

Knowing your interest in things historical I would appreciate your running a notice in your weekly newspaper, advising that I am engaged in writing a series of articles dealing with the Blockade of the North Carolina Coast during the closing year of the War for Southern Independence, 1864-65.

The first of these articles appears under the name of Daniel O'Flaherty in Bruce Catton's AMERICAN HERITAGE for August. I am doing the research for O'Flaherty on a small commission basis. My main object being to see that this historical area receives the proper recognition due.

There may be residents in Duplin and the other SENC counties where your newspapers circulate who are descendants of those of the blockade runners, or former soldiers of the Confederacy. If there are, and they have old diaries, letters or other data, such as ship logs and the like I'd like to include excerpts in one of the articles-articles which, naturally, all such material will be returned promptly and proper credit given for its use.

Cordially yours,
Julien D. Martin

PS—All communications should be addressed to my residence address, Jdm.

Duplin Men Get Lenoir Arrest

Frank Hall and Coy Herring, both Duplin County white men, are to be heard in Court in Kinston Monday for a crime against nature.

The two were picked up in Lenoir County.

Hall, a mute from Kenansville, is still in Kinston jail. Herring, from Gillson Township, is out on bond.

Teachey Citizens Put Up Money For School Site

Citizens of Teachey who are interested in the New School for the Wallace - Rose Hill area of Duplin County today deposited with the Board of Education the sum of \$3000 to be used to help pay for the site for the school. This is a fine and generous gesture on the part of those in and around Teachey who are still interested in seeing Teachey again become an educational center. It is recalled that at one time Teachey had the largest and best high school between Goldsboro and Wilmington. The new school will make Teachey approach this enviable position once more.

The survey is completed for the Katie Page site and all that remains to be done is to settle a few details and then pay for the property. This should require very little time.

We would like to thank the people of Teachey for their interest and their fine co-operation in this important project.

What Is Being Done To Cotton Affects Dollar

(Editor's Note: Each week Bill Whitley reports from the office of Senator W. Kerr Scott on Washington happenings. Today's report is of direct interest to cotton producers in this section. — Paul Barwick.)

By Bill Whitley

Those who watch the movements of the U. S. Department of Agriculture have been intrigued for the past 10 days about the cotton situation.

Word leaked down from Secretary Ezra Benson's office last week that plans are in the works to dump all the government's surplus cotton stocks on the market as a means of reducing the staggering warehouse loads.

Under the law, the Secretary is charged with watching the world markets and putting surpluses up for sale from time to time.

For several months, members of the Senate Agriculture Committee have tried to needle Benson into putting cotton and other surplus goods on the market on a gradual basis, but Benson has been most reluctant.

As a result of his reluctance, many countries that need cotton have held off, knowing that the United States would have to turn loose its surpluses sooner or later.

Consequently, when word came that Benson was ready to put the entire cotton surplus stocks on the market at world prices, New York cotton prices bobbed.

If the entire supply is put on the market, it will mean that many foreign countries will be able to buy their cotton at much cheaper prices than American manufacturers pay for it. With these cheap prices, they will be able to make such cheaper fabrics.

The end result could be twofold: American textile markets, both at home and abroad, could be seriously threatened with cheap goods. At the same time, American farmers will be forced to see the domestic market go through a slump that could result in much lower cotton prices to the farmer.

All in all, everybody would have better off—farmers and textile industry alike, if Secretary Benson had seen fit to put cotton on the world market as markets opened up and there was demand for it.

Opening Tobacco Market News Report of South Carolina - Border North Carolina

The eleven South Carolina flue-cured tobacco markets began sales for the 1955 season Thursday, July 28. According to the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture average prices by grades were lower than opening day last year when all Type 13 markets opened on the same date. Quality of offerings was much better. The North Carolina markets will not hold initial sales until Wednesday, August 3. In 1954 all markets in this type opened August 2.

Declines in average prices ranged from \$1.00 to \$8.50 per hundred. The greater losses were for fair lugs, good and fair primings and non-scrip. The partial top price for individual baskets was \$88.00 per hundred. Estimated general averages on morning sales from several markets were from \$52.00 to \$56.00 per hundred.

Increased proportions of cutters, good primings and leaf improved

Duplin 4-H Youth Tells Of Experiences As Delegate To State 4-H Week Meeting

BY FREDIE REVELLE

On July 28, 1955, at 8:30 a. m. the Duplin County delegation left Kenansville to attend the 30th Annual 4-H Club week.

The delegation consisted of Jane Wilkins, Mary Ann Wilkins, Barbara Heir, Douglas Turner of Rose Hill, N. C. and Freddie Revelle of Warsaw, N. C.

We arrived at N. C. State College Campus in Raleigh about 10:30 a. m. We registered at the William, Neil, Reynolds Coliseum and prepared for a busy week.

In the free time we had Monday afternoon we went to play basketball in the Thompson Gym. The week officially began at 7:15 Monday evening with G. K. Davis, State 4-H President presiding. At 8:30 a. m. Tuesday reveille was held to mark the beginning of a busy day which included a special interest group: "It's nice to know" by Mrs. Corinne Grimsley, Extension Specialist in Family Relations. "There's music in the air" by N. C. Lindsey. "Drive with care Everywhere" by E. W. Jones, State Highway Patrol, Recreation Leadership by Mrs. Anne Livingston, National Recreation Expert.

We were divided in four groups: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health, so each group saw one special interest program each day until everyone had seen all four programs.

There were also demonstrations given by the district winners which were very interesting.

Throughout the week, at night we saw "The State 4-H Drive Reveal," "The Health Pageant," and the "4-H Parade of Talent."

The week was officially over after 10:00 a. m. We all enjoyed a very inspiring week.

YDC HANDBOOK AND DIRECTORY FOR 1955.



Governor Luther H. Hodges is shown receiving the first copy of the Official Handbook and Directory of the Young Democrats Clubs of North Carolina from YDC State President John R. Jordan, Jr. (left) and YDC Director of Public Relations Samuel H. Johnson, both of Raleigh.

The Official Handbook and Directory of the Young Democrats Clubs of North Carolina for 1955 has been printed and is ready for immediate distribution. State YDC President John R. Jordan, Jr., announced that 800 copies of this publication will soon be in the hands of Democratic officials and party leaders, institutions, and county YDC organizations.

The Board of Editors for the handbook are John Haworth of High Point and Von Gilmore of Southern Pines. Assisted by President Jordan. Local Young Democratic Clubs sold advertisements to defray the cost of the publication.

An outstanding contribution to the handbook was made by R. M. Wright of Raleigh who wrote the page history of the YDC of North Carolina tracing activity back to 1888 which led to the formation of the present club in 1928. The history gives the activity at each State convention through 1954.

Other contents of the handbook include greetings from Governor Hodges, Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson and President Jordan; a message from John D. Larkins, Jr., and Mary L. Richardson representing the Senior Party, a directory of State and County YDC officials, and the State YDC Constitution, together with many suggestions for local club activity.

Only two previous handbooks have been published by the YDC. In 1939 President Gordon Gray published the first handbook and in 1948 President Clifton Blue published another. It has long been a YDC goal to publish an annual handbook and directory.

The 1955 publication is the first to rely upon advertising and through this means it is contemplated that copies will be published annually to provide an easily accessible reference to YDC history, organization and activity.

WITH OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

LARRY D. RIVENBARK

Jim H. Brinson, 18, son of Willy Brinson, Rt. No. 2, Box No. 61, Warsaw, and Larry D. Rivenbark, 16, of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Rivenbark, Teachey, are completing their Air Force basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force."

Their Lackland training is preparing them for entrance into Air Force technical training or for an Air Force duty assignment. The course includes a scientific evaluation of their aptitude and inclination for following a particular career field.

Lackland, situated near San Antonio, is the site of Air Force basic military training for men and women and home of the USAF Officer's Military School, of which the USAF Officer Candidate School, the USAF Pre-Flight School and Officers Pre-Flight Group are operating units.

PFC J. C. HOBBS

ETA JIMA, JAPAN—Pfc. J. C. Hobbs, 21, whose wife, Virginia, lives on Route 1, Faison, recently was graduated from the Army's Eta Jima Specialist School in Japan.

Private First Class Hobbs completed the school's cooks and bakers course.

He entered the Army in June 1954 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He arrived in Japan in November 1954.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Turney Hobbs, 112 Short st., Mt. Olive.

SGT. B. D. SAMUELS

ETA JIMA, Japan — Marine Sgt. Buren D. Samuels, whose wife, Ida Lee, lives on Route 2, Beulawille, recently was graduated from the Army's Eta Jima Specialist school in Japan.

Sergeant Samuels completed the school's cooks and bakers course.

Sergeant Samuels entered the Marine Corps in January 1952 and completed basic training at Fort Belvoir, S. C. He arrived in Japan in October 1954.

His mother, Mrs. Irene Samuels, lives at 1059 LaSalle Ct., South Bend, Ind.

Gospel Singers To Be Here Tuesday Night, August 9

The Kenansville Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Gospel Singing in the Kenansville High School Auditorium Tuesday night, Aug. 9.

Appearing in person will be the Blue Ridge Quartet of Spartanburg, S. C. and the Homeland Harmonizers of Atlanta, Ga.

The program will get underway promptly at 8 p. m. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

For an evening of good entertainment come on Tuesday night and join the Jaycees.

North Carolina Methodist Youth To Hold Its Fourth Annual Meet Soon

The N. C. Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship will hold its 4th Annual Conference Session at Duke University Aug. 15-19.

Some 450 men, school and college young people from eastern North Carolina will gather during the five-day program to plan the over-all program of the Fellowship and to elect and install officers.

On the final day more than 1000 youth delegates and their adult leaders will assemble for the 10th annual Conference Rally, which will include messages by Bishop Paul Neff Garber, of the Methodist Church's Richmond Area, and the Rev. A. Purnell Bailey, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Richmond, Va.

Rev. Bailey also will serve as principal speaker during the five-day meeting, which will include discussion groups, committee meetings, business sessions, a mission night, a United Nations night, a folk festival, recreational fellowship periods and worship services.

The Conference Youth and youth of the Durham area will be co-

Resolution For Presbyterian College Is Sent To State Executive Secretary

(Editor's Note: The following resolution has been forwarded to Dr. Harold J. Johnson, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Presbyterian Synod, Raleigh, N. C., by C. G. Nickens, pastor of Kenansville Church, in connection with the establishment of a Presbyterian College in North Carolina on a four year status.—Paul Barwick.)

Kenansville, N. C.
Box 67
July 23, 1955

Mr. Harold J. Johnson, Executive Secretary
North Carolina Presbyterian Synod
Raleigh, North Carolina
Dear Dr. Johnson:

Contests By VFW Post To Be Held

Members of the Willard Smith Post 9514 of the Veteran of Foreign Wars have on display, Sunday, Monday and Friday of this week, a new 1955 Cadillac car. Tickets are being sold at all points in the state for \$1.00 each and on September 18, at a council of administration meeting in High Point, a lucky number will be drawn and the holder of it will receive the car.

There will be two other prizes, the second a milk cooler and the third will be a freezer locker.

Magnolia 4-H

Magnolia 4-H Club held a Recreational Meeting recently. The Club was organized in 1954, according to Miss Mae Hager, County Assistant Home Agent.

Shelby Sheffield, delegate to the Catawba Workshop, assisted Miss Hager with the meeting.

She informs that if other such meetings are requested by local Clubs.

The County has 18 4-H Clubs with 625 girls enrolled and 475 boys enrolled.

Joseph Randolph Drew Is Duplin's First Polio Case For This Year

Duplin County's first polio case for 1955 has been reported.

Joseph Randolph Drew, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Drew, Jr., of near Rose Hill has been admitted to Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital in Greensboro, where treatment has begun.

Dr. John Powers, Duplin's health officer, said today that the family is under quarantine for seven days. This is to prevent any of the family from coming in contact with any other persons.

The child is reported today to be in satisfactory condition. Paralysis is in the right leg. The fever has broken, it is reported, and it is believed that the paralysis will not spread.

In connection with the first polio case for Duplin, Mrs. Christine Williams, Duplin March 1955, of Dimes Chairman for 1955-56, stated the county has just received a check from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in the amount of \$1,150 to pay bills incurred in the treatment of the County's polio victims.

The check was received by Earle C. Sandersen, outgoing treasurer. It has been turned over to Mrs. Rosemond Brock, incoming treasurer, for use in the County.

Mrs. Williams says the Drew child brings Duplin's total of polio victims to 48.

Since the establishment of the County Chapter in 1950, the National Foundation has returned to Duplin County much more than has been sent in.

Duplin has raised \$42,846.72 since 1950. Half of this \$21,423.36, has been kept in the county and the remainder sent to the National Foundation.

However, the Foundation has returned to the County, in addition to the recent check, \$41,068.64.

Mrs. Williams informs that Jack McCree, State Representative of the National Foundation, for Infantile Paralysis, is expected to arrive in a few days to aid in the preparation for request for additional funds from the National Foundation headquarters. The money will be used to help meet the expense of the patients already in the hands of the County March of Dimes committee.