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PRICE TEN CENTS

Congressman Cooley Checking Duplin A S C Office Functions Investigated

Duplin County Schools Will Open Tuesday; Teachers Vacancies Filled

Duplin County schools will open their doors Tuesday morning around 9 o'clock for the 1955-56 academic year. O. F. Johnson, County Superintendent of Public Schools, says there are no teacher vacancies. Until the tobacco is graded and cotton harvest starts, schools will operate on a schedule from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Superintendent Johnson said the County school system is operating on a six-hour schedule. When the change is made to a full-day schedule, school will begin at 8:30 a.m. and dismiss at 3:15 p.m. There are a total of 378 teachers in Duplin County. Actually, Johnson said, the County school system gained five teachers over last year. The 1954-55 school year saw 218

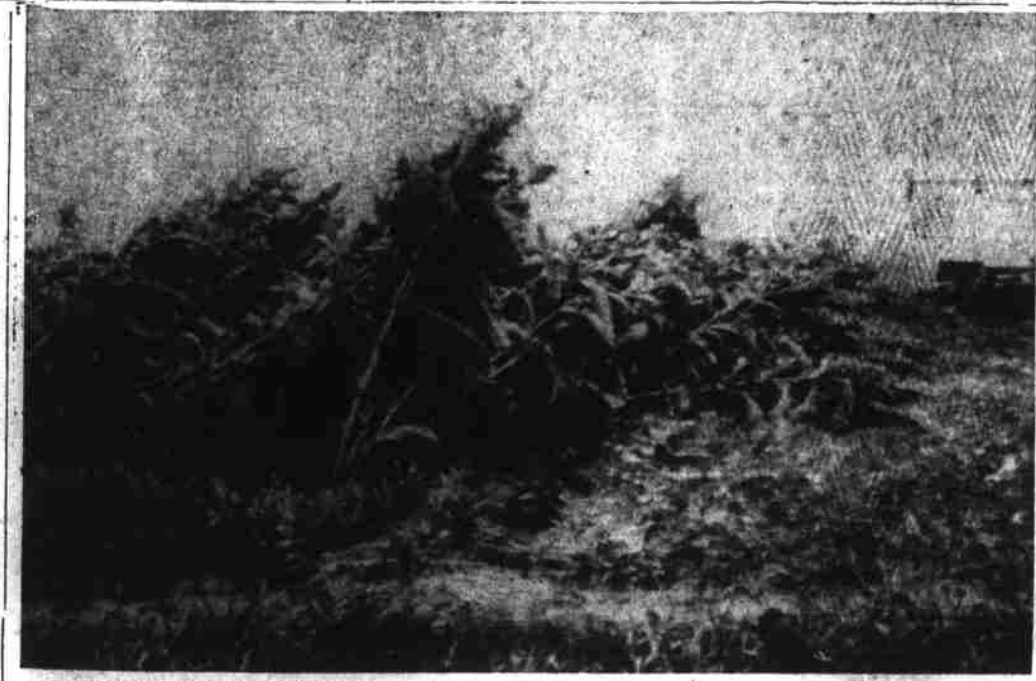
white, 134 Negro and 21 vocational teachers, including agriculture and home economics, in Duplin Schools. To gain an additional state-allocated teacher, there must be an average daily attendance increase of 30 pupils. This means for an additional teacher in the high school, there must be an average increase in daily attendance of 30. The same is true for the elementary. Parents are urged to see that their children be at school for the opening. A short day schedule will be followed in order that children can return home to help with the work in the afternoon. Parents are also reminded that children beginning school this year must have a birth certificate from the Register of Deeds office.

Walker Stevens Attends Eighth World Jamboree

Walker Stevens, Jr., Explorer Scout from the Warsaw Scout Troop was chosen as one of the representatives from Region Six to the Eighth World Jamboree held at Niagara-On-The-Lake in Canada, August 18th through the 28th. Region Six met on Sunday, August 14th for a three day training period at Pullen Park in Raleigh. The camp site in Canada is on the edge of the town of Niagara-On-The-Lake, and covers approximately a mile square of rolling park land, a historic site where General Brock camped during the War of 1812. Forty Countries will be represented; Canada's having 3500 and the U. S. having 1500 scouts represented. Each representative was selected on the basis of representing the finest Scouting in his local Council and Region.

Alleged Rape By Richard Savage On Sunday Night

Richard Savage, 35-year-old Negro, is being held in Duplin County jail, without bond, for the alleged rape of Jane Davis, 15-year-old Negro girl from the Chinquapin section. The alleged incident occurred Sunday night around 8 p.m., according to investigating officer, Deputy O. A. Houston. Young Davis told officers that she was walking home from a "juke joint", about two miles from Chinquapin, when Savage stopped and asked her if she wanted to ride. She told officers that she did not. After Savage insisted, she consented. When they arrived at the lane turning off to her house it is reported that Savage speeded up. He drove about four miles further down the road where the raping allegedly took place. He returned her to "near her home" and put her out. Savage was picked up about 3 a.m. Monday morning, according to Sheriff's Department. The crime was reported by Young Davis' father.



BLOWN TOBACCO—Tobacco in fields when Hurricane Connie came through was blown considerably. It is said that as much as one cropping of tobacco was lost. This picture was taken at Institute during the height of the storm as it was felt in this area. Corn was damaged as well as cotton. (Photo By Paul Barwick.)

No Racial-Integration In Duplin Schools When They Open Next Tuesday, Aug. 23

There will be no racial integration in the schools of Duplin County when they open next Tuesday, August 23rd, under the policy established by the Board of Education. Following the advice of Governor Hodges, the Attorney General and the Special Advisory Committee on Education, the Board authorized members of the School Improvement Committee to study the problem of integration. The committee is to report on the question of integration. The schools will be operated this year as in the past. The School Improvement Committee, which is representative of school districts in the county, has been in existence for four years. It was first organized by the University of North Carolina and the Clogg Foundation in a program of school improvement in the county. Since this committee has spent four years in studying the question of integration, the Board that its members would be able to render valuable assistance in meeting the problems raised by the Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954. Superintendent O. F. Johnson, in commenting on the plans for this year, pointed out that the county has spent a large amount of money in recent years in building consolidated schools for the Negro children of the county. The most recent is the school at Kenansville, which is by far the most modern in the county. Charley school and Douglass school at Warsaw are the other two Negro high schools and they are also modern in every respect. Among the new elementary Negro schools are Faison, which has recently been enlarged to provide for the Calypso Negro children, and Branch, which is in the north-

eastern section of the county. They are also of modern design. When the Supreme Court ruling was handed down the board of education had under consideration plans for completing its equalization program. These plans include provision for the Negro children at Chinquapin, Rose Hill, and Wallace elementary schools and renovation of Negro elementary buildings at Teachey and Magnolia. When this program is finished facilities provided the Negro children of Duplin county will be far superior to that offered white children at this time. The opinion has been expressed that a "voluntary" program should meet with acceptance in Duplin more readily than in some other school districts because of the existence of modern facilities which the board has been providing at a rapid pace since the war. The future of that program probably rests with the facilities. Majority opinion thus far expressed by them indicates a desire to see the program completed.

Hurricane Connie Does Area Crop Damage; School As Shelter In Future Hurricanes

Water, Lights Stayed On; Fire Department Alert

Hurricane Connie did not hit the inland of North Carolina with as much force and destruction as did Hurricane Hazel of October 15, 1954. Another Hurricane, the fourth tropical storm of the season, however, is on its way toward North Carolina. Most of the damage in this section was the actual loss of crops. It has been estimated that the total loss in North Carolina to crops is three million dollars. Agriculture officials continue to advise, however, that this is only an estimate and the possibility exists that the actual loss may be more. More damage was done to tobacco than was first believed. Leaves were broken from the stalk and deposited on the ground. In some instances, water covered the leaf for several hours, making it almost impossible to save. A large percentage of tobacco was lost because farmers were unable to get into the fields to crop the "golden weed" and has been lost because it is now too ripe for curing. In addition to this, some stalks of tobacco were broken and are now beyond saving. There is still a high possibility that some of the cured tobacco in packhouses was damaged and it has not come to light yet. Agriculture officials advise farmers to make a close check on their stored tobacco to make sure the high winds did not blow rain through the cracks of the packhouses. Corn damage is said to be far worse than is estimated. A lot of the corn was blown to the ground. Some of ears were broken from the stalk and cannot be saved. If another storm passes through this section with high winds such as a Hurricane carries, the corn crop will be the hardest hit. Cotton was damaged a little. Some bolls were blown from the bush. However, the damage was not as extensive as it would have been had most of the bolls been opened, or just opening.

Prices Said To Be Higher On Border Belt After First Full Week Operation

During the first full week this season that all South Carolina and Border North Carolina flue-cured tobacco markets have operated, average prices for most grades were higher. Quality of offerings was not as good report the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture. Volume of sales was fairly heavy although some markets did not hold sales Friday due to weather conditions. Gross sales for the week totaled 32,284,319 pounds averaging \$55.57 per hundred. The average was up 28c from the week before. Season sales were pushed to 74,755,300 pounds at an average of \$55.57. For the comparable period last year 48,174,054 lbs. were sold for an average of \$51.64. Increases in average prices by grades ranged from 75c to \$6.00 per hundred. Most were \$1.00 and \$2.00. The greater gains were chiefly for green grades in all groups. Increased proportions of low and fair leaf lowered the general quality. The percentage of leaf was nearly double that of the previous week. Less lugs and primings were offered. Bulk of offerings was low to good leaf, low and fair primings, fair and good lugs and low and fair cutters. The take of the Stabilization Corporation under the Government loan program was around 30 per cent of gross sales. This was about 10 per cent under deliveries of last year. Season receipts were approximately 38 per cent. Gross sales and averages by states for the week ending August 12, 1955 and for the season were as follows:

Husband Charged With Murder In Wife's Death

Mrs. Minnie Edwards, 43-year-old white woman, was allegedly killed by her husband, Stacy Edward, 37, about 10 a.m. Sunday morning near Beaulville. The shooting allegedly occurred at Bessie Pennys' store. It is reported that Minnie was sitting on a small barrel in the store when her husband walked into the store with a single barrel 12 gauge shotgun. He fired at her and hit her in the hips first. He allegedly reloaded his gun and shot her a second time. She died instantly. Highway Patrolmen Briley and Bryan assisted Duplin Sheriff's Department in the arrest of Edwards. He is charged with murder. The inquest was held Tuesday night. Hazel Summerlin, of the Cedar Fork Community is being held in jail as an accessory to the fact of murder of Mrs. Edwards. She is also being held as a public nuisance in the community. She was also arrested by Patrolmen Briley and Bryan and Sheriff's officers.

Cliffs Attendance

Attendance for Cliffs of the Neuse State Park during the past week was 2,743, according to Bruce Price, Park Superintendent. The largest attendance, 1,876, was Sunday, August 14, 1955. Organized groups visiting the park during the week were: Home Demonstration Club, Route 2, Mt. Olive; Mrs. Leon Jones Family Reunion, Route 2, Spring Hill; Haskin Chapel Christian Church Sunday School, Route 5, Kingston.

Croom Family Reunion Sunday

The Croom family will hold their annual reunion third Sunday, August 21, 1955, at the old Sandy Bottom Baptist Church located about nine miles southwest of Kingston, on Highway No. 55, beginning at 11 o'clock a.m. with a picnic on the church grounds following the program. All those having the name "Croom" or those descended from a "Croom" living anywhere in the United States are invited to attend. The Croom family trace their kin to Daniel Croom, whose will was recorded in Virginia in 1735, who had three sons who migrated into North Carolina in the early eighteenth century. Some unconfirmed reports have been received that a few swine producers are feeding the cadmium compounds at low level continuously. It should be pointed out in this connection that it has been shown that continued ingestion of very small doses of experimental rat colonies has produced marked symptoms of disease, including stunted growth

Farmers Should Be Careful When They Begin Worm Treatment Of Swine Now

BY VERNON REYNOLDS
Duplin County Farm Agent

We have seen in recent months considerable interest shown in the use of cadmium compounds as worm treatments in swine. These compounds, like sodium fluoride, are effective ascaricides in swine, but it should be remembered that the directions for their use must be strictly followed; otherwise, bad results and even death losses can be expected. The cadmium compounds are ordinarily utilized in the feed for a three day period, then withdrawn and the regular feed placed before swine again. Some unconfirmed reports have been received that a few swine producers are feeding the cadmium compounds at low level continuously. It should be pointed out in this connection that it has been shown that continued ingestion of very small doses of experimental rat colonies has produced marked symptoms of disease, including stunted growth

Southern 500 Is Scheduled For Darlington, S. C.

The biggest Labor Day Week in history is in store for South Carolina residents of the Pee Dee area as the Sixth Annual Southern 500 mile stock car classic takes place at Darlington International Raceway. Celebrities, a service band, beauty queens and race drivers will jam the Darlington area for more than a solid week. On Wednesday, August 31, the all-important time trials will start with the prize being the advantageous pole position for the big race. Time trials will continue daily until Saturday evening when the third annual Police Ball will take over the racing strip. The feature is to be the choosing of Miss Southern 500 who will serve as Maid of the Race on Monday. On Sunday, September 4, the 65 piece Parris Island Marine Band will give a two hour concert on the Public Square in Darlington. This famous musical organization will return on Monday for participation in the pre-race ceremonies. Named as Honorary Referee for the \$35,000 race is the Hon. Strom Thurmond, U. S. Senator from South Carolina. Tuesday night, following the race, the first annual awards banquet will be held in which winning drivers will receive their cash and trophies. The public is invited to this celebration. Eleven more drivers signed entry blanks for the big race, bringing the field to 43 entrants of the expected 60 car field.

EDITORIAL

BY J. R. GRADY

It's a hell of a situation when Duplin County sets a pattern for North Carolina and maybe the nation. Congressman Harold Cooley just advised me that he is on his way to Washington and he would have an investigation made of the A S C in Duplin County. I am told that Duplin County could possibly destroy the whole tobacco situation in the United States. Why in the hell can't the people of Duplin understand the reason of this program, and why can't they cooperate in a gentlemanly manner? After all none of us succeed unless our neighbor succeeds. What is the purpose?

Eastern Tobacco Belt Opens Tuesday With Selling Time Set At Limit; Weed Quality And Quantity Said Good

The Eastern North Carolina Tobacco Belt will open Tuesday, August 23, for sale. All warehouses in the belt are prepared for the opening and are expecting a banner year in returns to sales. The Eastern Belt last year was singled out for the high tobacco prices paid farmers for the "Golden Weed" which means as much to the economical standard of North Carolina. The volume is expected to be much higher this year than last. This has been evidenced by early sales on other belts throughout the Atlantic Coastal regions. Unlike last year, farmers have an abundance of tobacco on hand with a good portion of it ready for marketing at the opening. Quality is said to be good this year also. During 1954, quantity and quality was down due to the drought which hit the tobacco belt in July and August.

A full-day of sales is scheduled each day during the week, working on a five-day week, and five and one-half hours per day of selling time. On some of the other belts this year, selling time has had to be reduced in order to allow tobacco men to catch up with the volume flowing through the markets. Farmers who will be carrying their weed to market are urged to transport it as carefully as possible in order for it to receive as little damage as possible. They should be unusually careful in tying canvases over the tobacco in such a manner that it will not blow free, and cause the tobacco to be out of order when it arrives at the warehouse floor. Agriculture officials from State College have advised farmers to be very careful in grading the tobacco this year. It may mean the difference between receiving a poor price and a good price.

Small Grain For Fall Planting Recommended

A list of the small grain varieties recommended by the North Carolina Experiment Station and Extension Service for planting in 1955, was released recently. Oat Varieties recommended for the Coastal Plain are: Arlington, Victorgrain 49-53, Fulgrain, Fulwood, and Woodgrain. Wheat Varieties recommended for the Coastal Plain are: Anderson, Atlas 80, Atlas 86, and Coker 47-27. Recommended Barley Varieties are Colonial 2 and Davie. The recommended seeding dates for oats are October 10, to 30 at a rate of 2 bushels per acre for grazing. Barley should be seeded October 10, to 30, at a rate of 2 bushels per acre. Oats are resistant to Root Knot Nematode and are therefore the best crop to use in a tobacco rotation. Eye, Wheat, and Barley are susceptible to Root Knot.

Mrs. I. J. Sandlin Funeral Friday

Mrs. I. J. Sandlin, 78, died Thursday night of last week at her home in Beaulville. She was the former Laura Adeline Gresham. Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at the home at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Walter Goodman, pastor of the Beaulville Presbyterian Church, of which she was a member, assisted by the Rev. A. L. Brown of the Beaulville Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Gresham family cemetery. She is survived by six daughters, Mrs. W. G. Jones, Mrs. Bill Carroll and Mrs. A. E. Clark, all of Beaulville; Mrs. Alda Sharp and Bessie Sandlin of Jacksonville and Mrs. Howard Hout of Clayton; one son, I. J. Sandlin, Jr., of Beaulville; nine grandchildren; and three sisters, Mrs. G. W. Kennedy and Mrs. J. C. Whaley of Beaulville and Mrs. L. C. Turner of Pink Hill.

BY J. R. GRADY
Congressman Harold Cooley told The Duplin Times today that he was going to Washington City and would investigate the A. S. C. circumstances in this County. Congressman Graham suggested that Congressman Cooley name a committee to investigate at this time. The Duplin Times made this request of both Congressmen. The Times wants to see this situation cleared up, from Washington down home. There is some stink going on, we are not sure what it is but something should be cleared up.

Investigations Grow Out Of New Grower Allotments

BY PAUL BARWICK
Duplin County's Agriculture, Stabilization and Conservation office functions and workings are under investigation. Confirmation of a rumor, which started in Kenansville Monday morning, came today from A. F. Hassell, Chief of Administrative Division of the North Carolina ASC office. Hassell informed the Duplin Times that, "We are looking into the workings of the Duplin ASC office to determine if anything out of the ordinary or incorrect is being done." He further added, "We want to (Continued On Back)

Mrs. Turner Is New Bookkeeper At Duplin General

Mrs. Janie Turner, of Pink Hill, Route 2, has been employed as bookkeeper of the Duplin County General Hospital. She replaces Miss Grace Baker who resigned recently to begin teaching in September at Chicod, in Pitt County. Mrs. Turner began her duties at the hospital Monday. She has had previous bookkeeping experiences at the First Citizens Bank in Pink Hill, and at the Chevrolet Company in Pink Hill. For the past three years, she has been a housewife. She is married to Hugh C. Turner. They have two children, Mary Daniel and Hugh, Jr.

Hospital Report Shows Increase During Month

The monthly Duplin General Hospital report, released today by Hospital Administrator Jim Wilkerson, shows an increase in the hospital's service during the month of July. The average daily census took a sharp increase from 13 to 21.65 over the month of June. Figures also show that during July, there were 655 patient days; whereas, during June there were 414. In the out-patient department, an increase was also shown with 115 being seen in July and 108 during June. There was a total of 164 patients admitted as compared to 197 for June. Figures indicate that there were 25 major operations as compared to 15; and 51 minor operations in July with 42 during the month of June. Wilkerson said he is well pleased with the progress the hospital is making.

1955 Goldsboro Feed Calf Sale September 23

The 1955 Goldsboro Feeder Calf Sale will be held Friday, September 23. Duplin County farmers who have good beef type calves that they plan to sell at weaning time should consider the possibility of selling them in the Feeder Calf Sale. The demand for good calves should be strong because of the good corn crop and prospects for lower feed cost. Calves to be entered must weigh at least 300 pounds and must not be over 1 year old. Calves grading lower than medium cannot be entered. Steers and heifer calves can be sold. They must be debranded and vaccinated. A complete list of the sale rules can be obtained from the County Agent's office in Kenansville. Farmers interested in entering calves in the Goldsboro Sale should notify the County Agent's Office, by September 1, 1955.