



Thorough Investigation Of Duplin ASC Underway

EDITORIAL

BY PAUL BARWICK

In recent weeks, a great deal has been said and written about the Duplin County ASC. It has not been a pleasant task, trying to get to the bottom of the troubled waters, but we hope that it has been of service to the entire ASC program, locally, State wide and Nationally.

As a result of recent hearings, a thorough investigation has begun to determine the cause of the touchiness in Duplin County's ASC office and to right any irregularities which may be present.

But, for this investigation to be a success, farmers and interested persons must give out with information they have on the wrongs which they believe to be going on to date.

Farmers should realize that it is their duty to report a neighbor whom they know has a "hidden field" of tobacco. It is their duty to report to the County and State ASC when they know a person has lied in making application for a new growers allotment.

Investigators say that when a person applies for a new-growers tobacco allotment, he must answer 10 questions. On the basis of these questions and answers, new grower tobacco allotments are given. It has been said that the 10 question give a person all 10 opportunities to lie. Then, it falls on the shoulders of those who know to report irregularities when such a person receives a new allotment.

No one should be so ignorant as to say that they do not know they are overplanted or have a hidden field of tobacco. The same is true when applying for new-grower allotments. The qualifications are very specific and to the point. There is no cause for error, on the part of the applicant or the County ASC committee which passes on the application first.

Now that a thorough investigation has been started in Duplin County, farmers should come forward and give the investigators' names, dates and places. If they are interested in seeing that a good farm program is conducted, they will do just this.

No one need worry about being exposed as an informant. If you do not wish to come in person to the Duplin ASC office, in Kenansville, and report what you know — to be fact, then write your information on a piece of paper, send it to the office, without signing it.

This information is needed. You, as a farmer, should be interested enough in the program to do your part to correct the situation which has brought on this investigation.

In addition to this, there is a real need for farmers to understand the entire ASC program. We often learn just enough to get by and are not interested enough in the program to go to the trouble of finding out everything.

You can get information from the local ASC office. If you were denied information locally when seeking it in the past few years, you could have written the State ASC office and requested the materials and you would have been supplied with them.

Let's face the fact that what it really boils down to is that we have not taken the interest in the agriculture program that we should have.

How many farmers and interested parties can truthfully say that they have tried to help the program by learning all they could about it?

We do not want to happen again what is happening now. If we allow corruptness to enter the ASC program, we will soon be without one. Then, where will we be?

It's high time that we stop talking and do something about getting the right persons to operate the ASC program locally. We have this opportunity once each year when the selection of the ASC County Committee comes up.

We have in Duplin about 8,000 farmers eligible to vote in ASC elections, but lately only about 3,000 have voted. This is not interest in a program. If you did not vote, you do not have the right to criticize.

Let's have a clean start. Give the investigators what information you have about irregularities and then go about learning all you can about the program. Then, vote and put into office those officials whom you think will serve in the interest of better farming without corruptness.

LET THE FEW BE DAMNED

BY J. R. GRADY

When my representative is told that we are losing an advertising account because of our editorials and stories, when we are fighting for the interests of this county in a cause we believe is right; a cause that is for the best interest of the people in general; then we are willing to sacrifice that account. We believe that the interest of the whole is better than the interest of a privileged few. It will cost me money, no doubt, but the interest of the Duplin Times is for service to the people of Duplin County. "One for All and all for one". Take it or leave it.

The Duplin Times is going to fight for what it thinks is right, whether the public likes it or not. Let the few be damned. "Straight from the shoulder, right from the heart of Duplin."



BREAKS GROUND FOR EDUCATION PLANT—With the pastor the Rev. U. A. McManus, Jr., extreme left in the foreground, and members of the congregation looking on, five members of the Bear Marsh Baptist church shovel dirt in breaking ground for the church's new education plant Sunday morning. Principals in the ground-breaking ceremony were, left to right: Mrs. Dorothy Nicholson, president of the Woman's Missionary Union; Mrs. Hazel Pipkin, training Union director; Elbert Davis, Sunday school superintendent; Leslie Southerland, finance secretary, and David Brock, chairman of the building committee.—Staff Photo by Vaden Brock.

Jurors Listed For Criminal Court To Be Aug. 29

The following list is the group of men selected for jurors for the August 29 term of Duplin County Criminal Court: T. K. Byrd, Wesley Williams, W. L. Bostic, Adrian Bennett, Otis C. Swinson, Albert Parrish, Roland Thomas, T. W. Byrd, Henry Bass, R. C. Knowles, J. Ruel Cavanaugh, Sam E. King, John George Nethercutt, W. T. Blanchard

Manley Ward Turner, Leon Batchelor, Ralph Jones, L. M. Barnette, Fitzhugh Johnson, W. L. Turner, H. D. Pickett, Surry W. Williams, Elmer Swinson, Ervin G. Sloan, Marvin Racklen, John Morris Horn, Morris J. Barwick, Ivey Roy Knowles, Thomas David Howell, Currie Brock, Worley Raynor, George Rhoads, Raeford E. Brown, Eldridge M. Thigpen, Rodolph Quinn, Marion J. Parker, Leo B. Kennedy, Lloyd Padrick, B. J. Rivenbark, Andrew J. Wilson and Albert Mobley.

County School Audit For Last Year Has Been Completed And Filed

Grady-Outlaw Reunion Sunday

The annual Grady-Outlaw Reunion will be held Sunday, August 28, at Outlaw's Bridge School. Senator Kerr Scot has been invited to deliver the principal address. Sunday School will be in the church at 10:00 a.m. and the Clin meeting will begin in the school house at 11:00 a.m. L. W. Outlaw, president will preside and Paul F. Grady and Judge Henry A. Grady will be on the program.

The audit report on county school funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1955, shows the following receipts: Current Expense Fund — Vocational Agriculture, \$34,818.67; Home Economics, \$20,942.40; Jeans Fund, \$100.00; Veterans Training Program, \$36,413.54; Fines and Forfeitures, \$48,712.82; Poll Tax, \$5,147.12; Ad Valorem Taxes, \$52,906.94; Intangible Tax, \$1,356.99; Rents, \$833.00; Donations — Lights, \$963.44; Veterans Training Program Deposits, \$35,247.00; Expense Kenan Memorial Auditorium, \$163.64; Insurance, \$15,419.99; Miscellaneous Revenue, \$44.56; Sale of Junk, \$114.36. Total, \$252,654.47.

Capital Outlay Fund Receipts: Ad Valorem Taxes, \$165,864.15; Intangible Tax, \$4,367.82; Donations: Kenan Memorial Auditorium, \$4,000.00; Total, \$175,049.47; Sales and Rentals of Textbooks, \$14,865.93; Grand Total, \$189,915.40. Debt Service School Fund: Ad Valorem Taxes, \$15,023.06; Intangible Tax, \$339.25; Accrued Interest — Refunding Bonds, \$70.40; Premium — Refunding Bonds, \$42.50; Total, \$15,475.15; Grand Total — All Funds, \$458,075.02. Disbursements: Current Expense School Fund — General Control:

TELEGRAM

WLA002 Long Govt Pd-Bu Washington DC Aug 1955 18 pms—Bob Grady—Duplin Times Kenansville, N. Car. All information in local ASC offices other than information obtained from farmers to whom acreage allotments have been made is open for public inspection. Have discussed the Duplin County situation with Horace Godfrey, administrative officer, of state ASC committee and with officials of the department of agriculture. A thorough investigation of the Duplin county ASC office will be made. If you are denied the right to inspect records please advise Mrs. Mabel C. Downey chief clerk House Agriculture Committee, who is now in my office in Nashville. Thanks for your interest in the success of the farm program which is vital to the welfare of our people. Harold D. Cooley MC

TOBACCO

I just had a talk with George Bennett of Warsaw. Not that George is a master mind, but he represents the thoughts of the average tobacco farmer in Duplin. The average tobacco farmer in Duplin represents the average thought, not only in Duplin but in North Carolina and the entire tobacco southland. If we do not clear up this tobacco situation we are all going to suffer. There is no reason why it cannot be done. It can be if we, the people want it to be done. If the tobacco control is not controlled in the interest of everyone, then there is no control. Take it or leave it. We know that our farmers have reasonable judgment; excepting the few selfish groups.—By J. R. Grady

PROPAGANDA

Why racial scraps? The Jews are human and they are our friends. Why attack them? Today, Monday, I received from California a pamphlet, in all color, attacking the Jewish race. It said, in steamer headlines, "Jews in Control of 'Little FEPC.'" Well so may they might be. Maybe they can do a better job than the Gentiles can. God made both the Jew and the Gentile. Does it behoove us Gentiles to condemn the Jews when we can look and see what a hell of a mess we have made of things. Such propaganda as this breeds Communism and dictatorship. By just such propaganda brought about Hitler. It's up to we little folks in the U.S.A. to bring a stop to this stuff.—J. R. Grady

Junior Dairy Cattle Show Is Set Sept. 16

The Southeastern District Junior Dairy Cattle Show is set for Wilmington, Legion Stadium, on September 16. Ed Simpson, assistant county farm agent, said the Duplin delegation will leave on September 15 for the show. On the night of September 15, a banquet will be held for the participants, sponsored by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. The show will begin early on the morning of September 16. Entrants will be competing for awards in Fitting and Showmanship. In 1954, Terry Corning, of Duplin, was presented a permanent Showmanship Trophy for winning the division for three straight years, 1951, 1952, and 1953. "We hope to bring back many ribbons and awards," Simpson said.

Little Action In Sheriff Office

Duplin Sheriff's Department destroyed a whiskey still Wednesday about one and one-half miles west of Pink Hill behind Seth Hill's saw mill, according to Sheriff Ralph Miller. It was a steam rig with 3,600 gallons of mash. It had a 50 gallon steel drum. No arrests were made, but seven cases of jars and two bags of meal were taken. On the raid were Sheriff Miller, Deputies Shivar, Boone, Revelle and Constable Snider Dempsey, of Wallace. Saturday night, Kedar Faison, Negro, was arrested for possessing one-quart of whiskey for the purpose of resale. The arrest took place in Wolfscreep Township.

Local Schools Raised \$375,922.85 Last Fiscal Year, Which Was \$25,816.61 More Than Previous Year

Local Schools in the county raised \$375,922.85 from all sources for local school activities last fiscal year as per audit that has recently been filed. The amount of funds raised in each local school was as follows: White schools: Kenansville, \$24,867.56; Warsaw, \$24,354.16; Faison, \$11,501.68; Calypso, \$15,359.92; B. F. Grady, \$47,035.74; Beaulville, \$30,314.47; Potters Hill, \$4,378.85; Chinquapin, \$28,856.06; Wallace, \$48,812.71; Rose Hill, \$13,198.45; Magnolia, \$7,320.65; Outlaw's Bridge, \$425.04; N. C. E. A., \$1,164.94; Accident Insurance Premiums, \$18,230.24; Total \$284,241.18. Negro Schools: Kenansville, \$13,879.97; Warsaw, \$16,343.27; Faison, \$5,642.68; Calypso, \$2,190.45; Branch, \$2,329.10; Chinquapin, \$7,360.72; Wallace, \$5,483.30; Rose Hill, \$7,547.85; Magnolia, \$3,507.06; Little Creek, \$714.92; Teachey, \$2,081.18; Charity, \$12,660.47; Total \$101,811.97. Disbursements of local funds in each school were as follows: White Schools: Kenansville, \$23,100.81; Warsaw, \$24,170.73; Faison, \$12,301.59; Calypso, \$15,806.85; B. F. Grady, \$48,978.93; Beaulville, \$30,330.54; Potters Hill, \$4,382.23; Chinquapin, \$28,946.65; Wallace, \$48,990.97; Rose Hill, \$13,534.33; Magnolia, \$7,593.33; Outlaw's Bridge, \$462.71; N. C. E. A., \$1,118.02; Accident Insurance Premiums, \$18,230.24; Total \$284,241.18. (Continued on Back)

County ASC Committee Is Suspended; Farmers Are Urged To Cooperate

BY PAUL BARWICK
Duplin County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation is undergoing a thorough investigation. One of the first steps taken was the suspending of the entire County ASC committee, composed of Harvey Arnold, chairman, Coy Hall and J. C. Blanchard. W. G. Dwen, with the Compliance Division of the United States Department of Agriculture, is heading the investigation. O. C. Burton is the North Carolina ASC office representative. Dwen said today that the only information he can release is that an investigation is underway and that the County Committee has been suspended. Information received is "strictly confidential." "I cannot give anyone outside the officials of ASC and U. S. Department of Agriculture," Dwen said. "Information concerning the who, what, why, when or how of the investigation." He emphasizes that names of "informants" and those people who are being investigated are also held with strictest confidence. It is brought out that farmers in Duplin County who know of any irregularities in the ASC program should report it to the investigators in Kenansville. "Any information we receive from anyone, if they can give us facts, dates, names and places," Dwen said, "will be appreciated." Such information as overplanting, new-grower allotment irregularities and dissatisfaction with the ASC program is desired. "This is the farmers' program," Dwen said, "and the whole program is only as strong as its weakest link. We want each farmer to know that when he knows of irregularities and does not report them, he is hurting himself. When a farmer willfully does wrong, again he is hurting the overall program. When an official does wrong, he is hurting the ASC program." When asked how long the investigation would last, Dwen remarked "We will be here for quite a while. How long, I cannot say." He intimated that the investigation would continue until the entire Duplin ASC office is in the clear. In seeking the names of the new-grower allotments approved or disapproved in the hearings held recently in Duplin, Burton said, "I would not deem it advisable to release the names and results of the initial hearings." New-grower tobacco allotment hearings were the spark which started this complete investigation. He said that by releasing the names, the entire investigation might be jeopardized. Burton points out that the cooperation of all farmers is needed, if the investigation is to be a success. If anyone has a complaint to register, now is the time to do so, the officials have advised.

Duplin Tobacco Show and Sale Scheduled For Hussey's Warehouse In September

The Annual Duplin Tobacco Show and Sale is scheduled for September 19-20, at Hussey's Tobacco Warehouse, in Wallace. Ed Simpson, assistant county farm agent, said today that 20 4-H Club, Future Farmers of America and New Farmers of America are entered in the competition for prizes. The Show and Sale, sponsored by the Wallace Tobacco Board of Trade, is to encourage the youth of today to improve in their methods of producing tobacco, as well as marketing. The tobacco will be brought to the warehouse on September 19 for the grading and scoring. Prizes will be awarded on September 20. It will be sold at 1 p.m. on the 20th. Simpson says some of the entrants have produced record crops. Charles Grady, of Kenansville, produced over 1,100 sticks of tobacco on 9 acres. Elwood Lanier, of Chinquapin, cured 1,650 sticks of tobacco off 1 acre, and over 90 sticks were lost due to Hurricanes Connie and Diane. Bill Hussey, Sr., states that he is looking forward to having one of the best Tobacco Shows and Sales in North Carolina. Prizes are \$100 bond, for first; \$75 bond, second; \$50 bond, third; \$25 bond, for fourth and fifth places.

Second Salk Shot To Be Given In Duplin

The second round of polio shots for school children in Duplin County will get under way Sept. 6. Dr. John Powers, Duplin Health Officer, announced today. Dr. Powers said the schedule set to run for 10 days. The day for getting the Salk polio vaccine will be Sept. 16. Dr. Powers said any person who is eligible for the vaccine can get the shots at the Health department before this time if desired. The first schools scheduled to get polio vaccine are Rose Hill, white school at 9:30 a.m. and Rose Hill Negro school at 10 a.m., Sept. 6. September 7 at 8:30 a.m. and the clinic will be held at the Magnolia white school. On the same day at 10 a.m. the clinic will be held at the Magnolia Negro school. September 8 at 8:30 a.m. the clinic will be at Kenansville white school and at 10 a.m. at Little Creek Negro school. September 9 at 8:30 a.m. the clinic will be held at Wallace white school and at 10 a.m. at Little Creek Negro school. September 12 the clinic will be held at 8:30 a.m. at Beaulville white school and at 10 a.m. at Potters Hill white school. September 13 the clinic will be held at the Negro schools of Wallace and Teachey. The clinic will be at Wallace at 8:30 and at Teachey at 10 a.m. September 14 at 8:30 the clinic will be at Chinquapin white school and at 10 a.m. at the Chinquapin Negro school. September 15 at 9 a.m. the clinic will be held at Branch Negro school. September 16 at 8:30 a.m. the clinic will be at the Warsaw Negro school.

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Judging Contest

The first Dairy Cow Judging Contest for Negro 4-H boys and girls was held at State College near Raleigh last Friday. Some 22 counties entered boys in the contest. W. H. Miller of Ft. 1 Warsaw was State winner in the Ayrshire breed of cattle, Jerseys, Holstein and Guernsey were also judged. Other members of the team representing Duplin County were J. S. Williams, Leroy Hodges, and Johnnie Hodges. Each team was required to judge both cows and heifers of the major breed at the college also give oral and written reasons.

Sturgeon Is New Head-Of Duplin FHA

GEORGE W. STURGEON
BY CALVIN PORTER
George W. Sturgeon, former agriculture teacher at Williamston, assumed his duties as county supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration in Duplin County on August 16. Marston C. Holland, area supervisor, announced this week. Sturgeon replaces Arthur M. Benton, who is now area supervisor with headquarters in Clinton. The Farmer's Home Administration is the division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture which helps farmers who cannot secure credit from banks or other agencies to finance their various farming operations. Sturgeon has taught vocational agriculture for a number of years in both Kentucky and North Carolina. He has also served as soil conservationist for two years and as farm manager of a 588-acre orphanage farm in Kentucky for seven years. He has moved to Kenansville. The other members of the Duplin county Farmer's Home Administration staff are: Robert L. Merlan, assistant county supervisor; Mrs. Grace R. McNeill, county office clerk, and three county committees: David Lane of route 2, Mount Olive, Ed Herring of Calypso, and Rhoads Young of Rose Hill. The county committee must approve all applications before a loan can be made.