



Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin



EDITORIAL

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

This week-end is Labor Day holidays. Monday is Labor Day and most places of business will be closed. It is predicted that 400 people will be killed. Take it easy and save a life. Best thing is to stay home.

The Duplin Board of Commissioners will not meet Monday but will hold their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, September 7th.—J.R.G.

HE DIED ON THE COURT HOUSE SQUARE

Monday — I just had a visitor. A man was dead. He was black, but he could have been white. He died on the steps of the court house in Kenansville. The reasons, I am told, is that he was here in court regarding a case in which \$25 had been stolen from him. Did this \$25 take his life? Maybe his time had come but why this stealing cost his life. What is the answer?—J.R.G.

LEAF ACREAGE CUT ASKED FOR

BY J. R. GRADY

Jonathan Daniels has done a favor to the tobacco farmers in North Carolina. He has called on Benson to cut allotments. He showed the "guts" to ask for it. Sometimes it's hard to buck a Federal official but when the time comes the "press" must speak. Here is the story as appeared in the N & O and we compliment Jonathan: "The News and Observer yesterday called on Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson to announce immediately that he will take steps designed to reduce flue-cured tobacco allotments for next year by more than 12 per cent.

Jonathan Daniels, editor of The News and Observer, sent a telegram to Benson asking him to make such an announcement.

"In view of declining tobacco prices on auction markets and fact Flue-Cured Stabilization Corporation is forced to take upwards of 50 per cent of offerings in many cases, it appears a larger cut than 12 per cent of grower quotas is needed for next year," Daniels wired. "Increased tobacco stocks on hand by domestic companies and Stabilization are having a depressing effect on auction markets. Much dissatisfaction among farmers.

"Announcement on your part that action will be taken to further reduce quotas in 1956 would undoubtedly have great effect on market this year.

"Representative Cooley has said he will introduce necessary legislation if you request it. "Would appreciate immediate statement of your views in this matter and whether you will seek such legislation," Daniels concluded.

From Greensboro, R. Flake Shaw, executive vice president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, commented that "it looks like the Secretary will have to take a new look at the tobacco situation unless conditions improve."

"We must get the quota brought into line with the disappearance of tobacco," he added.

Shaw said, however that "we still have some time yet."

He said the Farm Bureau is "getting all kinds of calls and letters" from farmers about the situation. "We're fully aware of the facts and are keeping in close touch with conditions," he said.

Shaw said a meeting of flue-cured leaders from all states would be held in Raleigh in the near future to discuss factors affecting the tobacco program. He said the session probably would not be held "until additional markets open and the situation firms up."

"We need a better export market program for tobacco—one that is more adaptable to current conditions," the Farm Bureau official said. "Competition from the rest of the world is getting stronger every year, and we need to take full advantage of everything we've got."

IT'S FUNNY

Life is a funny game. You never give anything. You only donate your thoughts.—J.R.G.

SEGREGATION IN OUR SCHOOLS

BY J. R. GRADY

Duplin County is proud of the attitude of our Negro race in the segregation issue. Duplin has taken a leading start in providing better schools for our Negroes. We have outstripped most any county of our aspect in North Carolina. We like our Negroes. But we do not believe in integration at present and we do not believe our Negroes want it either. We want, and we believe they want to see them build up their race, just as the whites have done, and to do that they must do it themselves, with our cooperation. The Governor has called for a voluntary cooperation and we believe the Negroes and Whites of Duplin will cooperate. The County has given to the Negroes in recent years a better school system and plants than they have given to the whites, and the reason for this is that the officials felt that the Negroes were entitled to it. We are for the delinquent race but it will take time to get it worked out. You cannot force an issue but through friendly understanding you can work out an issue if you will be patient. Time has its effect.

James Malpass Suicide Victim Coroner Rules

James Frank "Jim" Malpass, 48, of near Mount Olive was found dead in his car near Mount Olive early Sunday morning. Coroner Garland Kennedy of Wallace ruled suicide after viewing the death scene.

Death was attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning. A hose had been run from the car's exhaust pipe into a side window of the machine. The car was sitting on the street when the body was found by Allen King and Alton Malpass, the latter a brother. He left no suicide note.

His car was heard in the neighborhood about 6:30. He was found dead at 8 and time of death was fixed at about an hour earlier.

Mr. Malpass had been in ill health for some time. Dr. Crumpler of Mount Olive told Kennedy that Malpass had been to see him two or three times on Saturday night. He suffered from arthritis, gout and cancer.

Kennedy ruled that no inquest would be necessary.

Malpass was a tenant on the farm of C. C. Price and lived in "Mount Olive. Death took place in the back yard of the abandoned tenant house on Price's place.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mabel Holloman of Mount Olive; two daughters, Sybil and Sophia of the home; his mother, Mrs. Alice Malpass of near Mount Olive; four brothers, George of Goldsboro, Alex of Kinston, Alton and Maxton of near Mount Olive; four sisters, Mrs. Roy Mazingo of Goldsboro, and Mrs. Fred Bradshaw, Mrs. Ceba Jackson and Mrs. Andrew Holloman, all of Mount Olive.

Funeral services were to be held from the home Monday with the Rev. R. C. Joyner, pastor of Salem Advent Christian Church, of which he was a member, officiating, assisted by the Rev. George L. Love of Mount Olive. Burial was in Wayne Memorial Park on Highway 117. Malpass was a merchant and oil dealer until his health failed. For the past two years he had been farming.

Dr. Bradley To Speak To Baptists In Warsaw

On Tuesday night, September 6 at 7:30 in the Warsaw Baptist church, Dr. Earl Bradley, Secretary of Promotion of the North Carolina Baptist Convention will speak to the leaders of the forty churches of the Eastern Baptist Association. He will speak on the Cooperative and Advance Program of the Convention. It is important that all leaders be present.

Many North Carolina Farmers Will Find More Money From GI Training

Many of North Carolina's 3,000 veterans taking Korean GI Bill farm training will find more money in the GI pay envelope they will receive in November under a new law signed this month by the President, according to Walter J. Sochacki, Officer in Charge of the Goldsboro VA Office.

Sochacki said the increased allowance checks will cover training taken in October, the month the new law goes into effect.

Veterans need not write to the Veterans Administration for their increases, they will be made automatically, Sochacki said. The new act, Public Law 280, provides that Korean GI farm trainees will receive the full rate of GI allowances for their first year of training. After that, the allowances will be reduced every four months. Previously, farm trainees received the full rate only for the first four months, after which the amount was reduced at four-month intervals.

Top rates for GI farm trainees are \$43 a month with no dependents, \$110 with one dependent, and \$130 with more than one dependent.

Veteran farmers who will receive increases in the checks they get in November are those whose monthly training pay already had been reduced, under the old system.

Sochacki further said that veterans getting the full rate of GI allowance at the time the law goes into effect, as well as those who start their GI training in the future, also will benefit from the new law, in the months ahead, because they will receive the top allowance rate for their first year in training, rather than for merely their first four months.

After the first year, the monthly amount will drop at four-month intervals, as they progress in their training.

At the end of June, nearly 35,000 Korean veterans were enrolled nationwide in VA's institutional on farm training program. Only one Regional Office in the nation, Chicago, administers a large farm program for Korean GI's than the Winston-Salem office, according to Sochacki's announcement.



BURNING MONEY — No one would stick a match to a \$1,000 bill, but yet, when tobacco barns burn more than that is lost. Negligence is attributed as the main cause in most instances. Some of the fires can be prevented according to experiments over the years.—(Photo by Paul Barwick.)

Tobacco Barn Fires Numerous During Past Curing Season; Why Not Prevent?

BY PAUL BARWICK

Thousands of dollars have gone up in smoke this year as a result of tobacco barn fires. Each year numerous tobacco barn fires are reported throughout the flue-cured tobacco belt because of a bumper crop of The Golden Weed, it seems that there have been more than the usual number of tobacco barns lost to fire.

Along with barns have gone tobacco and burners, running the loss upward and upward. Down through the years, this has been one of the farmers' main problems during tobacco curing times. On farms which have small acreages, often the loss of one barn, the burners and tobacco in it, means the loss of all the profit. However, on larger farms, it only takes a cut out of what-would-be the net profit.

State College has recognized this problem for several years. A program designed to educate the farmer and tenant in regards to tobacco barn fires has been launched. It has been recommended that all burners be thoroughly checked after each curing before fire is put into them again. Often cleaning a burner means the difference between cured tobacco, smoked tobacco or a tobacco barn burned to the ground.

It has also been suggested that stretching ordinary chicken wire just under the tobacco and over the burners will eliminate tobacco fires. This prevents tobacco leaves and broken sticks of tobacco from falling directly on burners, preventing fire.

In Eastern North Carolina, large and small town fire departments are equipped to answer calls to rural fires. This has saved many a tobacco barn this year. There is no hope of saving a tobacco barn once it is afire, but the firemen usually arrive in time to prevent a nearby barn from catching fire.

It has also been suggested that by not constructing a tobacco barn near another tobacco barn will cut down on the tobacco barn mortality. Now is the time to begin planning and thinking about preventing tobacco barn fires next year. \$1,500 to \$2,000 lossage is not to be taken lightly.

B. F. Grady HD Club Has Annual Homecoming

The B. F. Grady Home Demonstration Club held its annual family picnic with an "Old Fashioned Chicken Fry" Saturday afternoon August 27th.

It was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ivey Smith with "John Ivey" frying the chicken his own special way. Sandwiches, potato salad, cake and iced tea were enjoyed also.

Thirty-five people attended.

Announce Births From Duplin Co. General Hospital

Several births have been recorded recently at the Duplin General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lowe, of Warsaw, announce the birth of a son, August 31. Mrs. Lowe is the former Doris Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carlton, of Warsaw, announce the birth of a daughter, August 30. Mrs. Carlton is the former Versell Lamb.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Parker of Wallace, announce the birth of a son, August 27. Mrs. Parker is the former Susan Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Miller of Beulaville, announce the birth of a son, August 25. Mrs. Miller is the former Esther Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Hooks, of Rose Hill, Route 2, announce the birth of a daughter, August 26. Mrs. Hooks is the former Lillie Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. James McDuffie, Jr., of Warsaw, announce the birth of a daughter, August 25. Mrs. McDuffie is the former Dorothy Boykin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette H. Frederick, of Kenansville, announce the birth of a son, August 22. Mrs. Frederick is the former Mary Agnes Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Hand, of Bowden, announce the birth of a daughter, August 22. Mrs. Hand is the former Escher London.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Middleton, of Warsaw, announce the birth of a daughter, August 19. Mrs. Middleton is the former Jolynn Bowden.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Kenan, of Kenansville, announce the birth of a daughter, August 19. Mrs. Kenan is the former Thelma Southernland.

Turkey Supper Is Sponsored By Kenansville Church

The Kenansville Baptist Church members have planned a supper to be served on Friday night, September 9 at the Kenansville School lunch room. The fellowship enjoyed last year was so heart warming the members felt they must do it again.

Supper will be served from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets will be on sale by members of the church and at Kenansville Drug Co. The charges will be \$1.00 adult and 50c for children under twelve.

Raleigh Scholar Being Held For Hit-And-Run

Raleigh Scholar, 48, of Beulaville was being held without bond today pending an inquest Thursday into the circumstances surrounding the death of Edna Aslene Davis, Negro, 20, Beulaville.

Coroner Garland Kennedy investigated and said the following story had been given him by witnesses:

The Davis woman had been on the west side of N. C. 11 in south Beulaville about four blocks from the N. C. 24 junction and had crossed to the east side.

She was standing about a foot or more on the shoulder of the paved road when an auto driven by Scholar approached at a rapid rate of speed. His vehicle hit her and sideswiped the truck, knocking her about 90 feet from where she stood.

Scholar proceeded to his home about ten blocks away without stopping and went to bed. Witnesses recognized his car and Highway Patrol officers arrested him at his home a few minutes later as tension mounted in south Beulaville. He allegedly was alone and intoxicated when arrested. They took him to the Kenansville jail after Sheriff Ralph Miller was notified.

In which he was arrested, "we can take care of any situation that may arise," Scholar, who numbered among his friends several of the witnesses, was blamed for "just not stopping."

Scholar said, when arrested, that "he thought he hit something but he didn't know what."

An attorney was seeking to make bond for him today.

Two Duplin Negroes Jailed After Hitting Young Boy And Dumping Him For Dead

Two drunk Negroes are in jail awaiting Superior Court trial, possibly this week, after committing one of the most inhuman crimes heard of in these parts in a long time.

After running into the rear of a newspaper carrier boy on a scooter they picked him up, carried him over eight miles, dumped his apparently lifeless body in the yard of an old burnt house on a country road after taking his money and left him.

Deputy Norwood Boone accidentally happened to run across the car before the body was even found. He gives the following account of the affair:

About 7:30 o'clock Leon Rawls, 16-year-old son of Marvin Rawls of Willard, News and Observer paper carrier was returning from Rose Hill on his motor scooter. About 200 yards north of Teachey he was struck from behind by a 1940 or 1941 Plymouth operated by Haywood Sykes, Negro of near Chatham. Sykes had a passenger in the car, identified as Johnny Moore.

The latter alleges he was picked up by Sykes hitchhiking in Magnolia. He lives four miles northwest of Magnolia. Both were intoxicated.

The white boy was knocked off on the highway's shoulder when struck. Moore said they picked him up, pulled the motor scooter

from the center line over to the shoulder and left.

He alleges that he requested Sykes to take the boy to a doctor or hospital. When he refused he said he offered to pay for the expenses if he would. Instead, Sykes drove up the Hubert Boney road and on up N. C. 11 to Register where they turned off on an unmarked county road. They stopped at an old burnt house 8.1 miles from the accident when the boy lapsed into unconsciousness and he was left for dead in the yard of the abandoned house.

Wallace Police Chief Earl Whitaker contacted Norwood Boone about 9 o'clock and told him there was an accident reported at Teachey but that people had checked with all the doctors and hospitals around to see how the boy was getting along and could find no doctor or hospital that had treated anyone.

Boone and Wallace Policeman Floyd Murray drove up to Chatham and on up N. C. 11 toward Kenansville. A witness to the tragedy had said the Negroes drove off he thought to take the injured man to a hospital in a 40 or 41 model Plymouth.

The officers found no trace of the car and turned around and were coming back down N. C. 11 when they spotted the car, the imprint of the scooter was on the grill and wet blood on the rear seat. It now contained Sykes and four other Negroes. He steadfastly denied any knowledge for about fifteen minutes. Finally he broke down and confessed and led them to where the boy lay in the yard.

Boone picked up the boy from the hot Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, radioed ahead on his police radio to Kenansville where preparations were made for the youth's arrival at the hospital. He drove the eight miles in slightly less than five minutes, reaching speeds of 110.

Sykes was jailed and Moore eventually picked up and jailed also. They may be tried at the term of Superior Court commencing this week but will probably be held for trial at the next session in October. A whole host of charges have been placed, including kidnapping, highway robbery, drunken driving, careless and reckless driving and hit and run, as well as others. Some are felony offenses but none are capital offenses. Deputy Boone said that he has secured a previous conviction for Sykes on highway robbery charges.

Rawls charged upon arrival at Duplin General Hospital was reportedly serious but not critical. He was removed to Duke University Hospital about midnight Saturday night where he is reported to be still in serious condition. Another five minutes without medical attention may have caused his death, it is thought, due to the extensive head injuries he sustained and the hot pre-noon sun.

Masonic District Meet To Be Held At Kenansville

The forty seventh Masonic District Meeting will be held at St. Johns Lodge No. 13, Kenansville, on Thursday, September 8, 1955.

The afternoon session will begin at 3:00 o'clock. Supper will be served by the host lodge at 6:45. The lodge will open at 8:00 p.m. at which time the Grand Master of Masons in N.C., Most Worshipful Charles H. Pugh of Gastonia, N. C., will deliver the evening address.

The District Deputy Grand Master, Quincy J. Sutton, Sr., urges the officers of all the lodges in Duplin County to attend the afternoon session.

All master Masons are cordially invited to attend both afternoon and night sessions.

Notice

An important meeting of the Warsaw Ground Observer Corps has been called for Monday night, September 5, at the Warsaw High School, 7:30 p.m. It has been announced by Bill Boyette, Chief Observer.

All ground observers and other interested persons are invited to be present at which time reporting procedures will be explained and identification cards presented. This will be a prelude to a three-day watch beginning Tuesday morning and everyone is especially urged to take part in this undertaking.

Jurors For Duplin Term Of Civil Court September 5

The following is a list of jurors for the Duplin County term of Civil Court, beginning September 5, 1955. Carl Miller, Clifton Stroud, C. D. Fussell, E. L. Register, Noah Dail, Perry Smith, Alton Sanderson, George C. Kennedy, H. R. Harper, L. M. Sanderson, Jr., Colon F. Thomas, N. B. Best, Thurman Haywood Batchelor, Rodolph Sanderson, R. C. Cavanaugh, A. R. Teachey, Frankie Bell, David H. Wells, James S. Wells, Alvin Smith, A. L. Batts, Hampton Baker, W. J. Mercer, Joseph A. Sutton.

Kenansville Baptist Plan Homecoming For September 18

The members of the Kenansville Baptist Church are planning a home coming for their Sunday September 18, 1955. Further plans will be announced next week.

All former members and friends are urged to begin to make their plans to attend.

Beulaville Tax Rate Is Reduced

At a recent meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Beulaville, it was decided that with the extending of the city limits and bringing in new taxable property the tax rate would be reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.25 on the hundred-dollar valuation. The discount and penalty system will be the same this year as it has been for the past two years.

Allen Draughon Associated With Warsaw Agency

ALLEN DRAUGHON, JR. is now connected with the Aubrey Cavanaugh Agency, General Insurance, Warsaw, N. C. firm.

He was born in Warsaw and attended Warsaw High School. Afterwards, he graduated from Presbyterian College in the Spring of 1949 after a year at Wake Forest College and two years in the U. S. Navy.

He was Coach and Teacher in the Warsaw Public School for four years, from 1949 to 1953. Draughon left Warsaw in 1953 to accept a position as head football and baseball coach at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Va. In two years at Hargrave his teams have been most successful and the next few years will see many of the boys from Hargrave at the larger colleges in the Southeast.

Draughon and his wife, the former Mary Baldwin, and two children, Mary B. and Stephen Allen, now reside at the Draughon home on Pine Street in Warsaw.

Allen expresses his sincere happiness at the opportunity to return to Warsaw to live and work. He welcomes the chance to again serve the people of Warsaw and Duplin County. He would like to take this time to ask the people of this county to please call on him anytime that he might be of any assistance to any of them in any way.

Rev. Caviness Is Christian School Director, Warsaw

The Rev. W. D. Caviness of Wallace, will be Director of the Christian Workers School to be held in the Warsaw Methodist Church the first week in October. This school is for all Methodist Sunday School Workers. Courses will be offered in Children's Work, Youth Work and Adult Work. A Class on Methodist Beliefs will also be held. A very able faculty has been secured. The charges that will be represented in this school are: Duplin, Rev. Graham Nickens; Pink Hill, Rev. Robert Regan; Faison, Rev. Harold B. Minor; Warsaw, Rev. Ivey T. Poole; Rose Hill, Rev. C. E. Vale; Wallace, Rev. W. D. Caviness.



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Duplin Citizens Called Upon To Contribute Money To The Red Cross

Duplin County Chapter of the American Red Cross has called on us to provide \$500 for relief in a disaster area in the New England States.

Mrs. N. B. Boney, executive secretary of the Duplin Chapter, says only \$20 has been received to date. "We hope every civic minded citizen in Duplin County will contribute to this worthy cause," she said.

In a telegram to Mr. Harry Kramer, chairman of the County Chapter, E. Roland Harriman said, "Needs continue to grow in the disaster affected areas. Estimated number of families looking to the Red Cross for assistance exceeds 10,000 and continues to mount. This requires funds in excess of \$5,000,000. Your chapter has been assigned a rock bottom quota of \$500 and expect you will make every effort to have it substantially oversubscribed."

Contest Winner

John M. Edwards of Kenansville won the Sealy Postscripted Mattress Contest and received a Sealy Postscripted mattress given by Holt-Simmons Co.

Wreck Injures Cherry Point Marine

Pfc. Raymond Badger, a Marine from Cherry Point, suffered both bones of his left leg broken as the result of the overturning of the car in which he was riding. The name of the driver is unknown.

Badger was brought to Duplin General Hospital, by the Kenansville Ambulance, and was given first aid by Dr. R. F. Willis. He was immediately transferred to the base hospital at Cherry Point.

The nature and details of the wreck have not been learned but it is thought that the wreck was caused by excessive speed.