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# EDITORIAL

## OUR ASC, AND WHAT ARE THE CONTENTIONS BY J. R. GRADY

There are people in this county who are trying to force an issue; force an idea that is selfish. They could be right but we believe they are wrong. They have their rights and we are willing to let them have their rights, but when they threaten the press then we believe we have a right to speak up.

This morning we had a telephone call from a friend saying that a certain person was in town and remarked he was going to attempt to have the publication rights of The Duplin Times suspended. We cannot vouch for the truth of this statement but we do know we were told that. We don't believe he has such power but we believe that is, and when, a former public official makes such a statement it indicates that something is wrong in his field. When you stop the press you stop freedom. No individual has the power to stop the press, even though it steps on his toes, as long as the truth is told.

## AN INDUSTRY IN KENANSVILLE?

There is a movement on foot in Kenansville to secure an industry for the town. A meeting was held yesterday. A representative was at this meeting, who has influence. He represents a company who has wide influence. Mr. C. E. Quinn was named chairman of a committee to work on this. We believe we have fairly good chances of securing a factory that may employ up to 300 people if everyone will roll up their sleeves when the time comes. The Duplin Times will keep you informed. Keep it in mind. It cannot be done over night but we believe it can be done in time if we keep plugging.—J.R.G.

## Several Receive Long Sentences in Last Term Of Superior Court in Duplin

There were several sentences of long terms passed out last week in the Criminal Term of Superior Court. Earl Bruce Fennel, Negro, charged with murder of Frank Simmons, pled nolo-contendere to the charge through counsel Vance B. Gavin. The plea was accepted by the State and he was sentenced to not less than 12 years nor more than 14 years in the State Penitentiary. Jeff D. Alphin was sentenced to from three to five years on the roads for assault with a deadly weapon on a female, inflicting serious bodily injury, but not resulting in death. William Johnson Miller, Negro, age 19, pled guilty to the murder of his brother, in the first degree. He was given a life term in the State Penitentiary. Charlie Falson, alias Big Bud Falson, was found guilty of breaking and entering a house. He was given a sentence of eight months on the roads. Harry Hill, charged with breaking, entering and assault with a deadly weapon and rape, pled guilty to assault on a female. He was given a sentence of eight months on the roads.

## Girls, If You Have Beauty, Now Enter Contest

The directors of the TV station WNCN "Miss Super Power" contest, which will begin October 1st, announce that they have voted a change in the age requirement for entrants in the contest. It was previously announced that girls have to have reached their eighteenth birthday by October 1st. This has been changed to their seventeenth birthday by October 1st. In addition to the all expense cruise to Bermuda aboard the liner "Stockholm" for Miss Super Power and her chaperone, she will receive a complete wardrobe and a set of beautiful luggage. It was announced. Girls may enter by writing a letter and enclosing two 8 by 10 full length photographs, addressed to Miss Super Power, WNCN, Greenville, N. C.

## Baptist Church Sponsors Supper

Carry your turkey plate home if you prefer. The Kenansville Baptist Church sponsors a turkey supper on Friday evening, September 9, at 5 p.m. in the School Luncheon room. As you were told last week this supper is sponsored by the members of the Kenansville Baptist church and Sunday School. Tickets are \$1.00 per plate for adults and 50c for children under 12. Tickets are on sale by the members and at the Kenansville Drug Store.

## Sorting Tobacco Under Proper Light Should Be Easier—Bring More Money

BY WALTER C. JOHNSON, Jr. Assistant Lenoir Agent. The various shades of colors, uniformity, injury, waste, and other factors considered in sorting tobacco into like groups, qualities, and colors can only be judged under light of proper intensity and color. Studies show about 80 per cent of the price variation on the market is based on the buyer's judgment of color. Natural daylight, largely from north windows, skylight, and open doors, has been used by farmers in past years to grade tobacco. However, it is well known that daylight changes during the day and from day to day throughout the year. These changes involve intensity and color. Clouds and haze further complicates this condition. Tobacco sorted under light of various intensity and color results in poorly sorted tobacco, lower returns to the farmer and mixed tobacco in the hands of manufacturers. If we expect to maintain our foreign market, we should sort our crop as well if not better than our foreign competitors. All electric lamps are not satisfactory for sorting tobacco. Studies and observations show that, of the lights examined to date, a combination of one 40 watt "deluxe cool white" fluorescent tube and one 30 watt "daylight" fluorescent tube most nearly produce the light suitable for sorting tobacco. Other lights produce many ranges of colors and therefore are not suitable. Any farmer can install the fixture necessary for his needs. The most popular size of fluorescent fixture used in sorting tobacco is 4 foot long and uses the two tubes mentioned above. Such a fixture will light an area of about 4 by 5 feet.

## Bathing Suits And Boots For ASC Personnel

If rain continues to fall and the walls in the Duplin Agriculture Building Annex continue to leak, ASC employees will have to wear, in addition to boots, bathing suits to work. Since last Thursday, employees in the ASC office have had to wear boots in order to keep their feet dry. The rains caused the wall between the main building and annex to give way—that is enough to permit water to come through. At its highest level, it was two inches. Mopping and water sweeping have been in use since the "flood" started. Mrs. Dora Betty Bell, ASC office manager, says that County Officials are seeing what can be done to correct the situation. Since the office was occupied, water has been seeping through the floor in Mrs. Bell's office.

## Leland Smith Is Cliffs Of Neuse New Park Ranger

Leland L. "Roy" Smith, 29, of Indian Springs, began work today as park ranger at the Cliffs of the Neuse State Park. Smith filled the position that was left vacant when Bruce Price became park superintendent. Smith was born at Bethel, but a few months after his birth the family moved to their present home in Indian Springs. Smith has never lived out of that area other than time spent in service and in college. Smith is a graduate of Seven Springs High School. He served with the Navy for two years. Following his tour of duty with the Navy, Smith entered East Carolina College. He is a graduate of the college where he majored in commerce and minored in social studies. After completing college Smith returned to work on the farm in the Indian Springs community. Smith married the former Miss Sibyl Davis of Alberton last year. They have one daughter Sharon Faye, three weeks old. Smith has moved his family to the home that was occupied by Russell Kornegay, former superintendent of the park. Smith is the son of Mrs. Pearl E. Smith.

## Arson Threat Jails Graham Lee Hall

Graham Lee Hall, colored, age 19, is in jail for a threat of arson. The pack house is on the property of Houston, which is located on route 1, Kenansville and houses the tobacco of both Houston and Tom Jeff Hall, father of Graham Lee Hall. Hall is on probation for the shooting of his father.

## Briefs

### THE SHUCK IS THICK

A few days ago "Pete" Quinn remarked about the old saying that when the shuck is thick on the corn it means a cold winter and farmers say the shuck is thick this year.

### CLOUDBURST

Thursday of last week Kenansville had what was reported an estimated 3 inch rainfall. Some old timers say it was the most water they have ever seen or heard of falling here. Reports from over the county say it was just about as heavy everywhere. The week before, Warsaw had a deluge, a cloudburst almost equal to this one. Water literally boiled up through the concrete floor in my basement and we had to dig a trench to run it off.

### A F & A M

There will be a special meeting of St. John's Lodge on September twenty-third. The annual picnic was held at Maxwell's Mill last Thursday.

### COOLER WEATHER, WE HOPE

According to the National Press cooler weather is on its way. Last week some sections of the East registered as low as 51 degrees. Labor day is over and that is a general sign that Fall will soon be here. Maybe the rain deluge is over and folks can settle down to normal living and begin planning next year's crops. Streams are flooding but if we can get some of them cleaned out the water will get off faster in the future.

### IT'S A BOY

On Friday morning of last week, at 4:30, Mrs. Alton Howard gave birth to a seven pound boy. The Duplin Times did not have an operator that day and we can't blame him. It was their first baby, Alton, Jr.

### HERESY?

Friday — What is a Heretic? What is Heresy? Is the right to express your opinion a heresy? Is the right to religion, even though it conflicts with your neighbor's opinion or interpretation of the Bible, considered Heresy? I am of the opinion that average laymen, and most preachers, are not qualified to interpret the Bible. He may be right or he may be wrong but if his interpretation is honest then should he be charged as being a Heretic? —J.R.G.

### MY HELP AT HOME

My cook, Annie, is a darn good cook. I wouldn't swap her for anyone, as cooking goes, even for my wife. But if she doesn't slow down she is going to sweep my floors away. She is so conscience of cleanliness that she works herself to death, sweeping up the cigarette ashes I throw on the floor. Almost every time I come into the house Annie is sweeping. This is sort of a personal statement but I can't help remembering that the nurse who raised me was named Annie. I called her "Aunt Annie." My two children, whom Annie virtually raised, call her "Nannie." She has been with us for about 15 years. We love Annie so let her keep sweeping and the house will still be clean. You know there is another old Darkie, Soonie Warren. Soonie keeps my yard up. He is old and slow but Soonie looks after it even when I am not conscious of the needs. He just keeps coming up and taking care of it. It relieves me of the responsibility. Soonie is an old timer and he can be depended upon. —J. R. Grady.

## Homecoming At Kenansville Baptist Church

Kenansville Baptist Church is having its Annual Homecoming on Sunday, September 11. Sunday School will be at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., followed by the eleven o'clock service at which time Hon. Vance B. Gavin will bring the Homecoming Message. Our pastor, Rev. Lauren Sharpe, has been ill for some time, but is expected back for Homecoming, and will bring a short message. A delectable picnic dinner, "Duplin Style" will be served on the grounds immediately following the morning service. There will be no afternoon program. Community visiting will be the order of the day in the afternoon. Last year a large crowd attended Homecoming and a goal of \$500.00 was made for the new Sunday School plant that has recently been completed. It is expected that the new furniture for the Sunday School rooms will have arrived and that the new plant will be used for the first time on Homecoming Sunday. All former pastors, members, friends, and the public are cordially invited to this annual Homecoming Day. The Church is looking forward to its greatest day on September 11. Come and fellowship with us. The Kenansville Baptist Church was organized in 1836, and observed its Centennial in 1936. A number of outstanding ministers and laymen have worked in and gone out from the church.

## Elect Officers Chinquapin School

New officers elected to serve the Chinquapin FFA Chapter for the new school year are: President, Myron Brown; Vice-President, Jimmy Gurganus; Secretary, Rashie Lanier; Treasurer, Duland Sholar; Reporter, Harrison Lanier; Sentinel, Kenneth Brinkley and Advisor, Sanford H. Lee.

## Notice

The Orthopedic Clinic, conducted monthly by the Crippled Children's Section of the N. C. State Board of Health, will be held at James Walker Memorial Hospital, Thursday, September 8, from 8 a.m. to noon. Adult registration beginning at 10 a.m. The clinic serves New Hanover and adjoining counties.

## Board Education Title To Property For Teachey School

The County Board of Education has title to the school site at Teachey, 23 acres. Miss Katie Page made the deed last week. We are now having a topographical map made of this property and just as soon as it is completed we will instruct our architect to prepare the plans. It is our hope to be able to let a contract in October or November 1, and to occupy the new school in August 1956. We have 25 acres of very desirable land for this school, and we believe that the people involved will be proud of the new school plant when it is completed and they see what it will mean in additional opportunities for their children.

## Harry Phillips Begins Duties As Duplin County Tax Collector



NEW AND OLD TAX COLLECTORS—Harry Phillips, of Warsaw, has begun his duties as Duplin's New Tax Collector. He succeeds Gilbert Alphin, right, who served in the office for the past eight years.—(Photo By Paul Barwick.)

## Mrs. Johnson Resigns As Duplin Home Agent; Miss Mae Hager Is Appointed

Mrs. Pauline S. Johnson has tendered her resignation as Duplin County Home Agent. The resignation, which reached the Board of Commissioners Wednesday, is effective immediately. Miss Mae Hager, who has served as Duplin's Assistant Home Agent for the past two years, has been named Home Agent to succeed Mrs. Johnson. The appointment of Miss Hager was brought to Duplin County by the District Home Demonstration office. Mrs. Johnson resigned to take the position of Home Economics Instructor at Plainview High School, in Sampson County. Under her leadership, Home Demonstration activities in Duplin flourished. There were 24 Clubs in the County when she began her work in September, 1952. When she resigned, 40 work in the County with a total of 650 ladies enrolled. Mrs. Johnson, a native of Calypso, is the former Pauline Sloan. She married Norman L. Johnson. They have three children and now make their home in Johnston County.

## One Death From Shooting; Two Others Shot Since Last Saturday Night

Duplin Sheriff's Department has had a busy week. Saturday night Johnny Moore, of Magnoy, allegedly shot Sidney Chestnut in the stomach with a .22 calibre rifle. The accident occurred around 10 p.m. according to Sheriff's officials. Moore claims Chestnut was trying to drag him from his home. Mrs. Johnson was brought to Duplin Hospital and later transferred to the Sampson Memorial Hospital. His condition Wednesday was reported to be good. Ed Cole, white, of Rose Hill, reportedly shot his wife Saturday night. The accident was one of a freak nature. Cole told officers that he told his wife he was going to kill himself. He went out in the yard with his wife begging him not to kill himself. He decided to shoot over the house and hit Mrs. Cole in the arm, but the damage was not serious. "Cole told Sheriff Ralph Miller. The initial investigation was made by Curtis Fussell, deputy sheriff. Cole is out on bond. Johnny Lee Henry Murphy, Negro, of Rose Hill was allegedly shot in the head and killed with a pistol Tuesday night by Helen Elizabeth Murphy, sister-in-law. The incident occurred at Harrell's Store in Sampson County. The woman claims she picked up an automatic pistol from the dresser and it went off, hitting Murphy who was sitting on the edge of a bed. He was dead on arrival at the Duplin General Hospital. Investigation continues with Sampson County officers conducting.

## Bertis Fussell Shot Self In Leg Accidentally

For 19 years Deputy Sheriff Bertis Fussell, of Rose Hill, has been packing a .38 calibre pistol and has never had to use it. Tuesday night he received a call to investigate a disturbance. As he picked up the pistol from off his desk, he dropped it, the hammer sticking in the floor, causing it to fire. The bullet hit Fussell in the calf of the leg, the bullet passing on through his leg and the ceiling. Thus, Fussell becomes the first victim of his pistol—an unintentional victim.

## Salk Vaccine

We have a limited supply of Salk Vaccine on hand at the Health Department, Kenansville. Children who have had their first dose are urged to come to us and get the second dose. In addition, children of other ages may come with parent and receive polio vaccine.

## Births Recorded At Hawes Clinic

The following births were recorded at the Hawes Clinic in Rose Hill during the week: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Thacken of Rose Hill a daughter, Sept. 1. Mr. and Mrs. William Murray of Teachey a son Sept. 3. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Bradshaw of Rose Hill a son Sept. 2. Mr. and Mrs. Glendale Stallings of Rose Hill a son Sept. 4. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnson of Rose Hill a daughter, Sept. 5.

## Farm Bureau Drive For Hospital Care

The Annual Farm Bureau Blue Cross Hospital Care Association, of Durham, is scheduled to begin its drive for membership this week. A luncheon was held at the Duplin General Hospital Wednesday to map plans for the drive. It is pointed out that only Farm Bureau members in Duplin County can take advantage of this Hospital Group Insurance Plan.

Harry Phillips assumed his duties on September 1, as Duplin County Tax Collector. He succeeds Gilbert Alphin who has served as Tax Collector for the past eight years. Phillips, a native of Kenansville, is now a resident of near Warsaw. For the past five years, he has been employed as a Traveling Salesman for the BC Chemical Company. He is a graduate of Warsaw High School and Kings Business College, in Raleigh. Phillips is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Johnson Baptist Church, near Warsaw. He served 22 months in the Merchant Marines during World War II. He is married to the former Betty Jean Wells, of Rose Hill. They have one son, Harry Phillips, Jr., four years.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abner Phillips of Kenansville. Mrs. Theresa Brooks, of Wallace, was employed by the Duplin County Board of Commissioners at the monthly meeting Wednesday, to be Assistant County Tax Collector. Mrs. Brooks has been employed by R. M. Carr, Wallace Gulf Oil Distributor; Tom Barden, Barden Motor Co., and more recently as bookkeeper at the Duplin General Hospital. At the time of her employment as Assistant Tax Collector, she was working in Wallace. She has been very active in community life and has served as Wallace's Woman's Club President and also District President of the Woman's Club. She is an active member of the Wallace Baptist Church. She is married to Charles V. Brooks, Jr. They have one son, Charles, III. Miss Velma Murphey, of Charley, has served as Assistant Tax Collector in Duplin County for 11 years before being replaced by Mrs. Brooks.

## Couple Jailed On Drunken Charge

A man and woman were jailed Wednesday night on a drunken charge by Sheriff Ralph Miller. The couple were picked up at Beaulieu. The woman identified herself, to Sheriff Miller as Lenander Cummings and later told a deputy that her name was Pat Watkins. The man, Macon M. Kennedy is classed as a deserter from the Army, having been AWOL since July 18. He will be returned to Fort Bragg upon arrival of authorities from the army.

## Dr. C. H. Pugh, Gastonia Physician, Who is Grand Master of North Carolina Masons will make four additional official visits to North Carolina Masonic districts during a week long swing through Eastern North Carolina, beginning Tuesday, September 6.

First of these will be on Tuesday, September 6, at Havelock in the New Bern District (No. 7) with the Cherry Point Lodge as the official host lodge. Dr. Pugh will visit Jacksonville, Onslow county, on Wednesday, September 7, and District 8 Masons will be in attendance at visitation sessions from lodges at Jacksonville, Swansboro, Morehead City and Camp Lejeune. Kenansville, seat of the 47th Masonic District, will be visited on Thursday, September 8, with Kenansville's St. John's No. 13 Lodge as official host, and Masons in attendance from Warsaw, Wallace and Rose Hill also.

Williamston is the seat of the 10th Masonic District and will be officially visited by the Grand Master on Friday, September 9. Masons will be in attendance from lodges at Williamston, Burgaw, Southport, Atkinson, Bolton, Whiteville, Chadburn and Taber City. Historic St. John's Lodge No. 1 of Williamston, North Carolina's oldest, will be official host for the District 10 meetings. Quarterly meetings will be held at Williamston Saturday of the Board of Guardians and Board of General Purposes of the North Carolina Grand Lodge.

Dr. Pugh will be accompanied by Mrs. Pugh on the Eastern North Carolina trip. They will be joined at Williamston Friday by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew S. Melvin of Gastonia, Mr. Melvin is Grand Steward of North Carolina's Grand Lodge. Dr. Pugh next Friday will have completed 19 official district visits.