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### EDITORIALS

#### WELCOME PRESBYTERIANS

By J. R. GRADY

We welcome the Wilmington Presbytery to Kenansville and Duplin County. It has been many years since it has met in Grove Church.

In this issue we are carrying a history of Grove when it celebrated its 200th anniversary in 1936. This history, written by A. T. Outlaw, has been accepted by the State Historical Commission and they have placed a marker in front of the church. It is believed, and practically assured, that Grove is the point of beginning of Presbyterianism in North Carolina. We would like to see this church become an historical shrine of Presbyterianism in the state. It is up to the officials of the church to make it.

Hugh McAiden Presbyterian Missionary from Pennsylvania, who migrated from that state in 1736 through Virginia and North Carolina, made his permanent home in this area near Rutledge cemetery in Kenansville. The state Historical Commission has set up a marker on that site. The first organization of a Presbyterian Church was made here in Kenansville. Rutledge cemetery, which predates the Revolution, is now owned by Grove Church. In my opinion, not necessarily founded, Grove is the beginning of the Wilmington Presbytery.

The history on another page will give you more than I can but Grove Church and the Town of Kenansville extends a hearty welcome to all of you, not just today, but every day.

Incidentally we are not just proud of our Presbyterians, but we are also proud of the fine work being done by the Baptists and Methodists in our town. The Methodists have launched a similar program. Religious interests in Kenansville and Duplin County are moving forward.

P.S. The Duplin Times has reprinted 500 copies of Grove Church history in case any one wants a copy.

#### OUR POLICY

I understand there are being made threats of a suit against the Duplin Times about its crusade to clear up the mess in the ASC and the Farm Bureau. Well, all we have to say if anyone wants to sue let them go to it. Our opinion is that when threats like this come out it is an indication of guilt. When a person is on the defensive he generally will attempt anything he thinks might vindicate himself. The Times wants to see things cleared up and shut up but we think we have the information to bear out our point and if anyone wants to go to court in a suit we are willing to match them and let the best man win. Our intentions are not to persecute or prosecute anyone but to support and help to save our farm program, which is vital to every person in Duplin County. "Straight from the shoulder—right from the heart of Duplin." —J.R.G.

#### OUR HOSPITAL

Any existence has to have been given birth. As a mother gives birth to a child she has to attend to that child if it is going to live. So—with the Duplin General Hospital. Unless the people of Duplin County give it support it cannot live.

I have been hearing and noticing in other papers the number of Duplinites going to other hospitals. If we did not have efficient doctors this would be understandable but Duplin has just as good doctors, and our hospital has just as good nurses as we will find in this area. The hospital is going fine. Why not all our home folks support our home hospital? After all we are paying for it. If collections were 100 per cent, which we do not expect, the hospital would be in tip top shape. It is in good shape, but it is hard to pay bills when you cannot collect, as we all know. But—if the patients going elsewhere would come here the average collections would keep it in the "black" each month. Think it over, folks. It's your hospital and your money is invested.

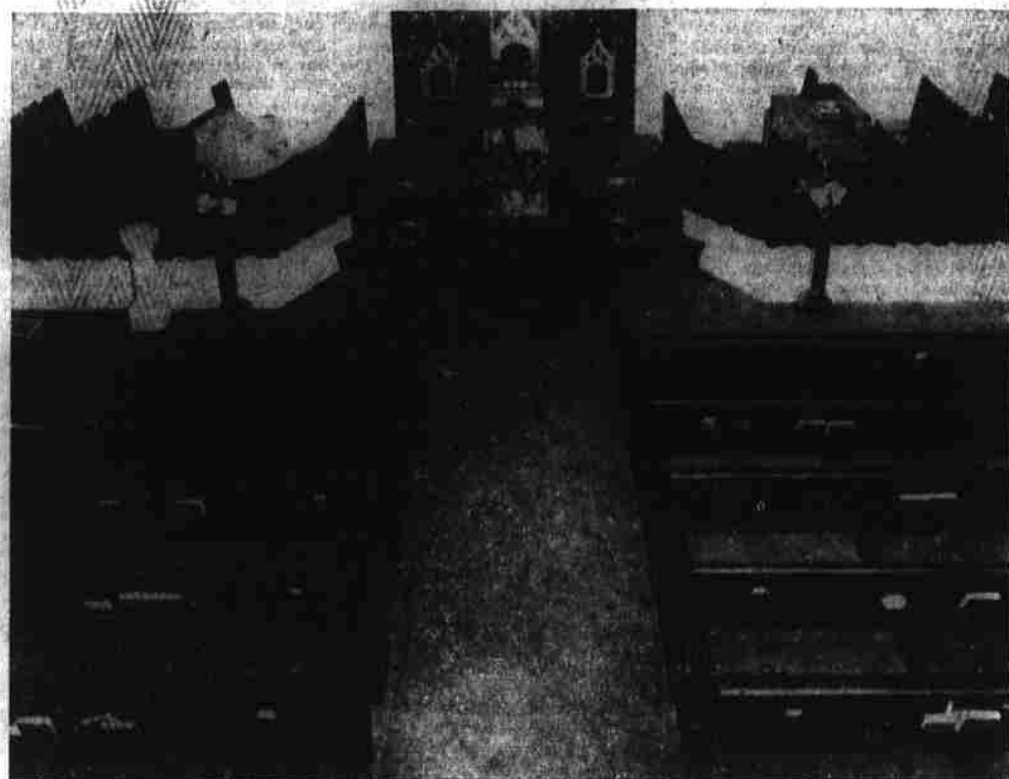
#### DUPLIN IS MOVING—WHICH WAY?

Duplin County is really moving. In all directions. Church interest is picking up; industry is picking up and looking our way. Agriculture is on the increase.

But listen: a rough check of our county court shows approximately 2000 cases tried here in the past ten months. When our county court was first formed the average was one case a day, only one day a month. Now it takes a week or more to clear the cases.

Our highway State Patrol has increased from one in the county to I don't exactly know how many. When I came to Kenansville in 1935 the Clerk of Court only had two employees, now I don't know exactly how many but a half a dozen or more. In 1953 the court House was not crowded, now we are being pushed out, so to speak. The time is approaching when the court house must be enlarged, personnel increased. Yes, we are moving. From court records, we ask the question: Are we moving upward or downward? There are arguments on both sides.

#### WELCOME, PRESBYTERIANS, TO KENANSVILLE



NEW INTERIOR OF GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Look at it. This picture was made by Daniel Lanier of Lanier's Studio in Wallace under the supervision of Bob Grady. You folks who have seen this old church for the past 100 years—the building is 100 years old this year and the third building since organization of the church—won't recognize it. Thanks to the energy of the women of the church the renovation has been done, new pews installed and a new choir loft installed. On the left you will note the electric organ, donated by the Pickett family is covered. Blame that on Bob Grady. He forgot to uncover it for the picture. It is a Hammond Electric organ and Mrs. Louise Mitchell is our efficient organist. The other choir is for the young folks. The building has been painted inside, a new ceiling put up and a deep carpet covering the whole floor. The foundation has been rebuilt and the outside is now being painted. It is hoped that a spire may be put on the steeple, if someone will give us the money, and someone will.

The Sunday School building is being painted on the inside, and the outside of old Grove Church is being painted. Plans are being made for landscaping the grounds.

Last year the congregation renovated and painted the inside of the James Sprunt Manse. All told, up to date, it is estimated that in time and money \$10,000 have been spent.

Incidentally, we carried pictures and a story on the job the Baptists have done in Kenansville and in a few weeks we will tell you what the Methodists are going to do. With all this money being spent wouldn't it be ideal if our small town had one church with everyone working as they are now doing in three churches? We could have a budget that would go to town, but human nature just doesn't work that way.

We welcome the Wilmington Presbytery and its delegates here and wish they would meet more often with us. The whole town of Kenansville extends an open hand to you and we are sure safe in saying the other churches all over Duplin extend a shaking hand to all of you. Come again soon.—J.R.G.

### Briefs

#### YOUR CHILDREN

You know men like to sing, that is if the public is not listening. Music is a common denominator for all of us. I know I am not much of a singer but my youngest daughter, whom I call "Skallawag", only six years old, yes, seven today, thinks I can sing.

Last week I suggested to you men that you go out early in the morning and pluck a flower for your wife and members of your family. I want to make another suggestion to you men who have young children.

Every night when Margaret goes to bed I go in, cut off the light, and sing four or five old songs to her. I wind up with "Good Night Ladies" and generally she is asleep or about asleep. I hear nothing from her "I'll be home" I think it does me more good than it does her. Why not try it? It's a simple thing and no one hears it but the child, so you are safe.

#### LEROY SIMMONS

I think the farmers, and for that matter everyone, in Duplin County owe an undying debt of gratitude to Leroy Simmons for his efforts in the past few years and particularly now in behalf of the farmers and the Farm Bureau. Without such leadership as he has given there is no telling what may have happened to the farm program in our county. Without the farm program where would we be? Leroy the Duplin Times wants to openly thank you for your interest in the program and your fellow men.

### Scott's Store H. D. Club Meets

The monthly meeting of the Scott's Store Home Demonstration Club was held in the home of Mrs. Nora Outlaw with Mrs. Ervin Kornegay as co-hostess on Wednesday afternoon, October 5, 1955. The topic of the lecture and demonstration was "Landscaping" illustrated with pictures and slides by the home agent, Miss Mac Hager. It was followed by the project leaders reports.

Following a brief business discussion the new officers for the fiscal year of 1955-1956 were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Joyce Ellzard, Vice President, Mrs. Sonnie Dall; Secretary - Treasurer, Mrs. Gladys Kornegay.

A delightful social hour was had during which the hostesses served refreshments to all those present.

### Warsaw Man Shoots

Albertson P. M. Is Indicted

Thaddeus Kornegay, postmaster at Albertson has been charged with making false financial entries in his books and having kept postal money for his own use.

A bill of indictment against Kornegay was returned by a Federal grand jury Tuesday. He is charged with having taken \$112.72 of postal money on June 14 and using it for his own purposes.

Four other similar counts have also been lodged against Kornegay.

### Revival To Be Held

Wallace Methodist

There will be a revival held at the Wallace Methodist Church October 18 through 21. Services start each night at 7:30 p.m.

Lewis Dillman will be the song leader.

Following is a list of the program: Sunday night, Rev. C. T. Rogers, Monday night, Inspiration through Music. Tuesday night, Mr. A. C. Edwards, Wednesday night, Mrs. Mittie Waters, Thursday night, Inspiration through Music. Friday night, Mr. Walter Anderson.

#### IN THE WHO'S WHO?

Reverend C. T. Rogers is a beloved minister of the Conference. He was pastor of this church for about nine years and is loved by all. Reverend Lewis Dillman is pastor of the Trenton Methodist Church. Lewis is a very fine soloist and song leader. It will be an inspiration to hear him sing end to worship God through music.

Mr. A. C. Edwards is a representative from Greene County. Mr. Edwards is the lay leader of the Goldsboro District and all laymen from our church will want to hear him.

Mrs. Mittie Waters is a wonderful Christian woman who is working with our prisons department. She has a great message for us, a personal testimony of how God and the spirit of Christ is working in the heart of people. Men and women will want to hear her.

Mr. Walter Anderson is a former chief of police, head of the S. B. I. and now head of the Wildlife Dept. of our state. Mr. Anderson is one of the most dynamic Christian laymen of our church and he will have a message that every member of our church should hear.

You are invited to come out and enjoy these revival services.

### Beulaville Tackles

Richlands Friday

The Beulaville High gridders will take on the Richlands eleven at Beulaville on Friday. This will be the fifth East Central Conference title of the season for both teams. The respective loop rankings of Beulaville and Richlands are sixth and seventh at present. Beulaville has one win, two losses and one tie on its circuit record, and Richlands has one win and three losses. Beulaville lost to a third-ranked Burgaw last week, 19-7 and Richlands was downed by Warsaw, 12-6.

### Rose Hill Woman

Dies From Shot

Vassie Mae Boney, 23, Negro, of Rose Hill, died yesterday at 3:18 in a Burgaw hospital of a shotgun wound received at 12:30 a.m.

Edgar Kenon, 22, Negro, also of Rose Hill and a boy friend of the dead woman, is being held in Duplin County jail without privilege of bond on charge of murder.

According to a report by Deputy Sheriff N. D. Boone, the woman was shot in front of her home in the Charity Crossroads community with a .410 gauge single-barrel shotgun.

Boone stated that Kenon had given conflicting stories of the shooting. He said that Kenon first told officers the woman was shot by someone else with a pistol as she got out of his car.

Boone admitted shooting her but that it was an accident.

A coroner's inquest into the shooting is set for Thursday night in Kenansville.

The woman was shot in the left breast and the lead penetrated into her stomach. Boone stated that there was a powder burn six inches in diameter on her coat. She was the daughter of Charlie Boney who told officers, Kenon borrowed the gun from him Friday night.

Officers reported that this was the second member of the Boney family to be killed with the shotgun. (Continued on Back)

## Duplin County Farmers To Vote Tuesday In Annual ASC Election; Nominees Are Listed

Duplin County farmers will go to the polls Tuesday to select township committeemen of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation program. In turn, the 13 townships will each send to the County ASC Convention a delegate who will name the County ASC Committee for next year.

Polls will open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

The polling places and those persons up for election are: Albertson Township, Holt's Store; Nominees are: Hess Davis, R. D. Simmons, Thurman Stroud, J. L. Mewborn, Johnny Harper, Coolidge Turner, Theodore Outlaw, Jack Patterson, Ambrose Smith, Marvin Garris, Alvin Kornegay, James B. Outlaw, Gar House, James Bowden.

Southernland. Polling place for Cypress Creek community is M. L. Lanier's Store. Nominees for Cypress Creek are: Homer James, Blain Rayner, Pigford Sholar, Woodrow Maresay, Ray L. Lauer, Esam James, Albert Manning, Rufin Simpson, Archie Lanier, Ray Smith and Lennie Williams.

Polling place for Faison township is the Town Hall. Nominees for Faison are: V. H. Brewer, William Kaimar, Ben Swinson, Gerald McGowan, W. R. Clifton, James Coley, Sprunt Hall, M. R. Bennett, Robert Farrier, Samuel Pipkin, Russell Holland.

Polling place for Gilson township is at Melvin Powell's Store. Nominees for Gilson are: Telfer, Rodney Kornegay, Linwood

Jones, Ed Carter, Harley Smith, Benas Outlaw, S. M. Waller, Leslie Bell, Lewis Westbrook, Colon Garner and Thomas Wallace. Polling place for the Island Creek community is Charity. Edmond Teachey's Store. Nominees are: Sprunt Wells, Durwood Stenbeck, William Cavanaugh, N. R. (Gerald) Smith, Wilbur Brock, Ben Reinkley, Kenneth Teachey, Theodore Harrell, Mitford Walker, R. C. Cavanaugh, Alton Whaley, Martin Batchelor.

Polling place for Kenansville is the Agriculture Building. Nominees for Kenansville are: Robert Franklin Williams, Leon Merrill, N. A. Grady, Herman Quinn, Clyde Kearns, Charlie Brown, L. H. (Pete) Quinn, Herbert Teachey, D. J. Kilpatrick.

Polling place for Rockfish community is the Community Building. Nominees for the Rockfish community are: Richard B. Boyce, W. H. (Continued on Back)

## Farm Bureau President Leroy Simmons Discovers Records Were Stolen Last January First, Report Came October 3, Is Advised To "Keep It Quiet"

(IN THE NEWS AND OBSERVER)

The mystery has thickened at the Duplin County office of the Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization agency with the discovery that virtually all records of the Duplin Farm Bureau are missing from that office.

The discovery was made when Farm Bureau President Leroy Simmons went to the office to find out why home demonstration club members hadn't been paid for work in last year's membership drive.

Simmons said Harvey D. Arnold of Rose Hill, suspended chairman of the Duplin ASC committee, was at the office and advised him to "keep it quiet."

Simmons, who lives at Albertson, said he didn't take the advice because he thinks public matters should be kept "above board" and the records "are essential to us and they're valuable to us."

The records also would be valuable to a political faction at this time with the hottest ASC election in the history of Duplin coming up next week.

Without an ASC committee for some time now, an investigation of alleged irregularities in the office's operations began, Arnold and other suspended members of the committee reportedly are working to get reelected.

Simmons said he had the committee would be removed if the probe substantiates the charges. Whether any findings would be known before the election on Oct. 18 remained to be seen.

The shocker to Simmons, he said tonight, was that the records had been missing for some time and he still wouldn't know about it if he hadn't "stumbled on it" Oct. 3. Simmons said he went to see Mrs. Dora Betty Bell—who has the dual role of office manager for the ASC and secretary-treasurer of the Farm Bureau—when he learned that the club women had not been paid the \$10 they were due last December for each 50 members they signed up in the

Farm Bureau last year.

Simmons said Mrs. Bell was reluctant to give him the records or a reason why the club members hadn't been paid. When he pressed the matter, Mrs. Bell said the solicitors hadn't been paid because she had no records, Simmons said.

Simmons said that so far as he has learned no money is missing. He said the money due the drive workers is in the bureau's treasury, and they are now being paid.

The office, located in the Agricultural Building here, was not broken into and at least \$120 in ASC money was untouched.

The missing records include along with the list of people who had helped write Farm Bureau memberships, a check book and financial statements of the past. Only a few scattered sheets of the records were left, Simmons said.

Simmons said he had been asked by political candidates for Farm Bureau lists but that he had "never given them to any political figure or anybody else who wanted them for a mailing list."

A Farm Bureau committee composed of Simmons, Eugene Carlton of Magnolia, Traft Herring of the Scott's Store section and Arthur Whitfield of Kenansville turned the matter over to Sheriff Ralph Miller today.

Simmons said today that the club women "should have been paid last December and I thought they had." The fact that they hadn't, he indicated, accounted for "only a handful" of people at a "kick-off" meeting recently for this year's membership campaign.

In reference to Arnold's advice on the records, Simmons said he was "going to cut wood and let the chips fall where they may." He said he couldn't understand why he, as president of the bureau, wasn't informed about the loss of the record.

Simmons also said that Mrs. Bell, who lives near Mount Olive, will be relieved of her duties with the Farm Bureau.

## This I Believe

BY PAUL BARWICK

The ASC program is real big business. It affects the economy of all of us, not just the farmer.

### Power Cut Off Is Set Sunday A.M.

To make improvement in substitution will necessitate a power interruption Sunday morning in Southern Duplin County, according to J. C. Maulsby, local Manager for Carolina Power and Light Co.

Power will be off between 4:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning October 16, 1955. The area to be affected includes Warsaw, Turkey, Magnolia, Kenansville, Chingapuin, Rose Hill, Charity, Teachey, Wal-lace, Tin City, Watba, Willard, Pendleria, Burgaw, and Harrells.

Maulsby explained that early morning was chosen as the time a power interruption is least likely to cause customers inconvenience.

The interruption will permit line men to make repairs in the substation. Crews will take advantage of the outage, Maulsby added, to perform maintenance work that would be dangerous with lines energized.

### Wilkerson Named To N. C. Hospital Association Council

September 30, 1955  
Mr. I. O. Wilkerson, Jr., Administrator, Duplin General Hospital, Kenansville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wilkerson:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that Mr. J. P. Richardson, President, North Carolina Hospital Association, has appointed you to be a member of the North Carolina Hospital Association Council on Administrative Practice, to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. W. K. Melton, who has resigned to enter the hospital field in another state.

Mr. Joseph E. Barnes, Rex Hospital, Raleigh, North Carolina, is the Chairman of the Council on Administrative Practice, and I know he will welcome you as a member of his Council.

With my congratulations on your appointment, I am, Sincerely yours, Sample B. Forbes, Secretary-Treasurer North Carolina Hospital Association

In the past three months, The Duplin Times has tried to bring to the People of Duplin County some of the practices which have been going on in the office.

Being as secret as it is by law, The Times has been unable to gain access to some of the records—almost all of them, in fact. However, we were able to learn a great deal about the now for about six weeks, or a little longer. What the investigator's report will show, we will not be able to say. This we have already been told, because we cannot gain access to the report which is marked "Confidential."

It was from these new grower hearings that a complete and thorough investigation of the Duplin ASC office was ordered. This has been going on now for about six weeks, or a little longer. What the investigator's report will show, we will not be able to say. This we have already been told, because we cannot gain access to the report which is marked "Confidential."

Those ASC committeemen who have been suspended have tried to imply that they have been "perfect little angels." This we cannot and do not believe.

We would like to bring to the attention of the people something which occurred in Onslow County on October 5, 1942. One of the suspended ASC officials was brought to trial on a joint charge of "possessing whiskey for the purpose of resale."

Today Betty Ann Gurganus, clerk in the Onslow County Clerk of Court's office, advised that on October 5, 1942, this particular person, along with Gibbs Tobbs, was brought to trial. The person in question was "not pro" in the case. However, Tobbs, on the joint charge, received a 12-months suspended sentence.

We believe in good government. We believe in those who are put into office should be beyond reproach. We know that it is best to have men in office who are serving as leaders who have not had questionable experiences in their past.

We urge each and every farmer, who is eligible, to go to the polls and vote Tuesday. Think before you vote. On the question of nominees by petition, know whom you are voting for and have a clear conscience about what you do.

Don't forget at any time, that if you do not approve of bad practices, you are hurting yourself when you vote for those whom you are in doubt about.

Think before and when you vote.