

Getting back to the churches, they can do a great leal in helping to sell our hospital.

the leaves had turned and the beau. tiful fall colors are resplendent. Sometimes I wish I had a home in the mountains. However, the pocket ok must be kept in mind

D. H. McKay has resigned as Town Clerk for the town of Ken-ansville, according to an official

announcement by Mayor Phil Kretsch



What I started out to write was a note to the Presby-

It is ours-we are paying for it.

terians of Kenansville. We have done a good job but we need to go farther. Let's put a spire, tall and long on the steeple of the building. Delegates to the Presbytery made many fine comments on what we have done but let's keep going until the job is finished.

Members of other denominations helped out in our Presbyterian program and members of other denominations helped out in the Baptist program, now wouldn't it be fine, and I know it will happen, that members of other denominations will help out in the Methodist program. We are all in "common" and we need to help each other, regardless of our church membership. You know, saving physical lives and moral or religious lives may be synonomous. Doctors, many times, are our best preachers.-J.R.G.

## WHY TOBACCO AND HOW TOBACCO

You know, in the past week there has been one old lady in the hospital here. She was cute. She was snaggled tooth. I told her that if she didn't have those snaggled teeth pulled out I was going to go and get a dentist. The first time I told her that she frowned and thought I was a so and so. The next time I said it she smiled a little, and the next time, she just literally grinned and node almost 30 county project the snags really showed. She was in a jovial mood and in a wheel chair. I'll bet by now she has gone home.

I don't know her name but she had such good medical and hospital care she didn't stay in the Duplin General long enough to get a good rest.

Bet she missed her box of snuff. If she did I'll bet she is enjoying it now. And, Oh my! Maybe I'm embarrassing her. She might not dip at all. But you know as I recall the older folks in days gone by they really seemed to enjoy their snuff. Well why not? If the men can chew their tobacco and the younger women oke their cigarettes, then why can't the older won enjoy their snuff, for after all, if we don't use to the first seven months of opera-tion were presented and discussed. These statistics show many interest, ing aspects of the hospital and have afforded a basis of planning for the n enjoy their snuff, for after all, if we don't use it is with lovers and married folks. If we don't con- future sume what we produce what's the point of producing? And if we don't produce how are we going to buy? But think, what would a kiss taste like with a tobacco mouth? The kiss is the cheapest and takes less fertilizer. Take it or leave it .-- J.R.G.

## **OUR CHURCH HISTORY**

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Mr. Townsend Smith of Rockingham, who is doing free-lance writing and at present studying a history of the Presbyterian Church in North Carolina, was in



Duplin H.D. Women leaders and county committee | club women planted two magnolia chairmen who will serve for a two year period. Achievement Day exercises were **Elect Officers At** held in the auditorium of the agricultural building. Committees

for preparation were: decoration, Achievement Day Calypso club; program, Summerlin, awards, Rockfish; registration, S. Kenansville; corsages, Lanefield,

The program opened with devo-Mrs. Perry Grady of Summerlin tios by Mrs. C. L. Sloan, county citizenship chairman, followed by Cross Roads community was installed as president of the Duplin president's proclamation by the' County Federation of Home Demon-Ralph Bishop, A tribute to Springs. Mrs. stration Clubs this week when club members from all over the county, Secretary Dulles was given by Mrs. James Ward. met here for Achievement Day. Mrs. A. D. Lanier of Rose Hill

Other officers are Mrs. Rivers was principal speaker of the after-Winstead of Kenansville, vice presi-dent; Mrs. Henry Sanderson of Magnoon, reporting as the delegate from Duplin County who attended the

**Duplin General Hospital Shows** 

**Remarkable Progress In First** 

one of 30 North Carolina club women Before the meeting adjourned, the

At the regular quarterly meeting

of the Board of Trustees of Duplin General Hospital on Tuesday, Oct-

Average Daily Number of Patients

be 1.31 n

trees at the nurses' home here in observance of United Nations Week. trees at the Receiving five year perfect at-tendance pins were Mrs. John Ivey Smith of B. F. Grady club; Mrs. Walter Rhodes, Cabin; Mrs. Adran

Davis, Calypso; Mrs. L. C. Usher, Duplin \_ Sampson; Mrs. Joe Walters, Homemakers; Mrs. Liston Swin-

son, Maysville; Mrs. Jean Torrans, Penny Branch; Mrs. John Waters and Mrs. D. L. Scott, Scott's Store, and Mrs. W. H. Moore, Mineral Mrs. Charlie Jones of Maysville

received a 10 year pin. Mrs. J. T. Torrans, Penny Branch, eight years, and C. L. Sloan, Calypso, seven years.

For six years perfect attendance: United Nations sessions recently as Mrs. Joyce Blizzard and Mrs. Taft Herring, Scott's Store; Mrs. Nell Whitfield and Mrs. James Whit-(Continued on Back)

I almost envy the Dr. Gooding family who have recently moved to Sylva, in Western Carolina. We ove Duplin County and Eastern Caolina, but the hills are tempting in the fall, and to me in the winter, be office. ause I like snow-J.R.G. Any applications for the posi-

tion of Town Clerk will be GO AFTER IT, AND YOU cepted by Mayor Kretsch. MAY GET IT

There's an old saying "You don't get what you want unless you Martha Carson, after it." Well, I'm not saying are going to get it, but Mr. C. E. Quinn is doing his best to get an industry for Kenansville. If he **Grand Ole Opry** calls on anyone to help out, pleas give him a helping hand.

TWO LITTLE BOYS

Friday - There are two little boys in the hospital here. They Martha Carson, Kentucky \_ born eauty who is featured on Nash-They are but about 4 or 5. I don't know who they are, and for that matter i ville's famous Grand Ole Opry will appear in person on Friday, Nov. 4 doesn't matter who they are, as fan as I am concerned. It so happened n Kenansville at Auditorium. I was in the hospital the night they Martha started picking out folk were admitted. One had a head intunes and spiritual numbers on jury and one had a leg injury. The her mail order guitar when she night they admitted they were sufwas in grammar school, began comfering. Today they were smiling. I took them a comic book, each. Their posing songs of her own before she was ten years old, and was a fa countenances brightened. Their families did not know who I was. vorite entertainer in the Kentucky rural sections while in her earl That is not important. To me the important thing was to see those eens. music field as featured artist or kids smile when I handed them the Radio Station WSB in Atlanta, Ga., book. Try it folks. We may be pa-

years. From there, Martha Carson headed her own programs on var-Former Patient ious Radio Stations in Knoxville Tennessee, Birmingham, Alabama and others. Recently, a Birming-ham station celebrated "Martha Carson Day" during which they played all her numbers, starred this **Expresses** Thanks attractive songstress throughout the entire day and hailed Martha as one of the most popular and belov-ed folk music stars of the country. Martha Carson's sacred and spiri-

tual numbers are considered among the finest and most moving in this field today. Although she sings ballads in true, country style, Martha

is best known for her religious and gospel tunes. On Capitol Records her recent releases, "Satisfied" and "I'm Gonna' Walk and Talk With care have been provided since op-can care have been provided since op-furnished to charity patients and represents 7 per cent of the total. There have also been 308 days of care to newborn babies. Average Period of Espitalization The state of the section of the total want to say that I am grateful to the happiness of the patients. I the happiness of the patients. I everyone who brought sunshine to the try stay in the hospital by their visits, flowers, cards and many little kindnesses. None of the patient of the total by their visits in the fall supervisit. The state of the patient of the total by their visits, flowers, cards and the patient of the total by the patient of the total by the patient of the patient of the total by the patient of the total by the patient of the patient of the patient of the total by the patient of the pat

Now living in Nashville, Martha Carson's hobbies includes needle beautiful gospel songs.

The resignation became effectiv October 20. Mrs. Ruth B. Wells has been appointed acting Town Clerk. Taxes and town bills should be paid to Mrs. Wells at J. O. Stokes



MRS, FRANCES HOWARD

of the Duplin General Hospital who has recently been re-elected as vice president of District 8 of the Licensed Practical Nurses Associa-tion of North Carolina. The meeting was held in Rocky Mount. The district has over 100 members. The **Vocalist To Be Here** president now is Mr. Williams of Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Howard lives in Pink Hill and commutes daily to Kenansville, She says she enjoys her work in the Duplin General tremendously

Mrs. Howard is the former Misa Frances Edwards of Ayden. Her husband is W. H. Howard of Pink Before coming to Kenans-Hill. ville she was with Parrott's Hospital in Kinston.

Mrs. Howard is an enthusiastic booster for practical nurses and encourages all practical nurses in Du-She entered the professional plin to join the Practical Nursing Association. Duplin is in District 9. She is in line to become presiwhere she was retained, by popudent. ar demand, for better than four

> **Title Changes Now** Made Western Auto Store In Wallace

Western Auto Associate Store in Wallace can now give you complete service for changing titles on motor vehicles, states Harris Rivenbark, manager

Rivenbark also states that he has received 6500 license plates for 1956 Plate will go on sale January 1. Ex. piration date for old license is February 15.

No of tags sold in 1955 through Wallace store is as follows: Auto-mobile 6386, Motorcycle, 28: private trucks 1844; Farm Trucks 533; Farm Trailers, 1148; Truck trailers, 90.

Only one plate will be carried on vehicles in 1956.

work, the study of American folk Mr. Rivenbark also states that he tunes, and, of course, writing her is rated as one of the 10 high office ers in the State in efficiency

Seven Months Of Its Operation tients, for newborn babies, and adult patients, 15.93.

Charity Patients

ber 18th, the operational statistic for the first seven months of opera Of the total number of patients admitted for the period, 9.87 per cent have been certified indigent by the Duplin County Department of Public Weffare. During the

nth of May, 20 per cent of the to tal number of patients were charity

representing the highest and drop-ped to 1.10 per cent charity in August for the lowest month. For the first seven months there has been a daily average of 16.09 patients in the hospital receving treatment. The first month, March 1955, yielded the smallest average Percentage of Occupancy An overall occupancy rate for the period has been established at \$1.-86 per cent. The highest rate was

1956, yielded the smallest average number daily of 12,57 patients as compared to August, the largest, with an average daily number of 25,28 patients. This number in-creased steadily from March through August. September show-ed a decrease to 21 patients. A daily average for charity patients has been deformined to be 131 panoted in August as 47.01 per cent. The lowest was in May at 23.80 per cent. The occupancy rate includes adult patients but does not include newborn bables.

833 patients have been treated and For Hospital Care iischarged from the hospital since March 4th. Of this number 45, or

7 per cent, have been certified charity patients. In June and July the highest number, 11, charity patients were discharged and in August, lowest, 3 charity patients left the ospital.

> **Days** Of Patient Care It was observed that 3374 days of care have been provided since op-

Average Period of Hespitalization The average hospital stay for all patients has been 4.16 days, while the average for charity patients has been 6.06 days, and newborn bables 2.70 days. The patient stay (Continued On Back)

I have just returned home from a wo weeks stay in our own Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville, 1 had heard many nice things about our hospital but now I really know that it is just the very best in every way. It has good doctors and nur-

tients some day and get lonesome

J.R.G.

ses who make the patients feel right at home, and in addition to