



Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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PRICE TEN CENTS

Harvey Arnold And Hall Ousted; Blanchard Is In

EDITORIALS

By J. R. Grady

MR. BLANCHARD—IT'S UP TO YOU!

You have a mandate now, as new chairman of the ASC in Duplin, to conduct the duties of the office as they should be. Honesty is always the best policy and the only way to be honest is to shoot absolutely straight every time, no matter where the chips fall. The purpose of the ASC is to keep tobacco prices up but such conduct as has been going on in Duplin in the past has a tendency to cause a loss of faith in our people and a reduction in tobacco prices.

When new-grower allotments are given to farmers who already have a large allotment it simply means that the new-grower allotment is being taken away from the poor farmer who probably can hardly make a living. We realize that the regulations must (or should be) carried out but it has been too often in the past that they have not. When you grant allotments, within your quota, to the already substantially planting tobacco farmers, you do not have enough left to give to the underplanted farmer, whether it be a new-grower allotment or not. By and large it is the large farmer who is able to clear land that will qualify for new grower allotments. If that allotment is given to the small farmer who is not able to hire bulldozers, and what have you, the general economy of our section will improve. We complain about the low income of our farmers. It cannot increase unless the small man is given a break. If the big fellow gets all the breaks he is going to keep the small fellow broke.

Mr. Blanchard, now is your opportunity to show the common man, the poor farmer, in Duplin, and set a pattern for other counties, that we want everybody to have his share. Such practices as have been going on

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Duplin County's Financial Position In N. C. Is Up

Duplin County's financial position among the 100 counties in North Carolina continues to climb.

In a letter from Vance Securities Corporation this week, Faison W. Gowen, County Auditor, was informed that during the past year Duplin's rating has advanced from 76 to 77. This means that Duplin County now is 23 from the top among North Carolina Counties in its financial position.

The letter read, in part, "We received this morning a copy of the new County (North Carolina Municipal Council) report on Duplin County and as you may know, your numerical rating has been raised from 76 to 77. Report seems to indicate that Duplin County is in excellent shape."

This rating increase comes on top of the fact that recently the County has sold thousands of dollars worth of bonds for the construction of the Duplin General Hospital, Nurses' Home, and Health Center. In addition, bonds sold for use in construction of new schools also are worked through the County Auditor's Office.

"We do not want to sell any more bonds unless it is absolutely necessary," McGowen said.

McGowen brought out that the County is now offering \$105,000 in Refunding Bonds in order to put in

this year's annual budget the money that would be used on the bonds already out.

The \$105,000 will be used for the construction of the Wallace - Rose Hill consolidated high school.

Sampson Bar Host To Local Barristers

The Fourth Judicial District Bar held its annual meeting in Clinton at the Coharie Country Club this month. The Sampson County Bar was host to the Fourth District Bar which is composed of Sampson, Duplin, Jones and Onslow Counties.

William B. Rodman, North Carolina Attorney General, made an interesting address on the problems concerning the legal profession and the state of North Carolina. He was introduced by state Senator, John D. Larkins.

Resolutions were passed honoring L. B. Beasley and Archie Graham, deceased members of the Fourth District Bar. The following members were appointed to the committee of Public Relations by President Albert Ellis: Algonern Butler, J. T. Graham, E. Walker Stevens and John D. Larkins, Jr.

The resolutions honoring the deceased members were drawn by Harry Crumpler and H. E. Phillips.

The Bar accepting the Onslow County Bar's invitation to hold their next annual meeting on Onslow County.

President Albert Ellis, who presided at the meeting, made some remarks concerning the fine hospitality of the Sampson County Bar.

GRADY Mercer, secretary of Fourth Judicial District Bar.

Conference Names All-Star Team

The 1955 All-Conference team for the East Central Conference has been named by the coaches.

Members of the team are: Harry Cooke, Mount Olive, back; Kendall Whaley, Richlands, back; Knott Tinsley, Wallace, back; Jimmy Ramsey, Wallace, back; Benny Thigpen, end; Beulaville; Dean Hundley, end; Wallace; Carroll Tinsley, tackle; Wallace; James West, Warsaw, and Everett Carmack, Richlands, tackles; Jimmy Norris, guard, Mount Olive; Johnny Godbold, guard, Warsaw, and Dean Wells, center, Wallace.

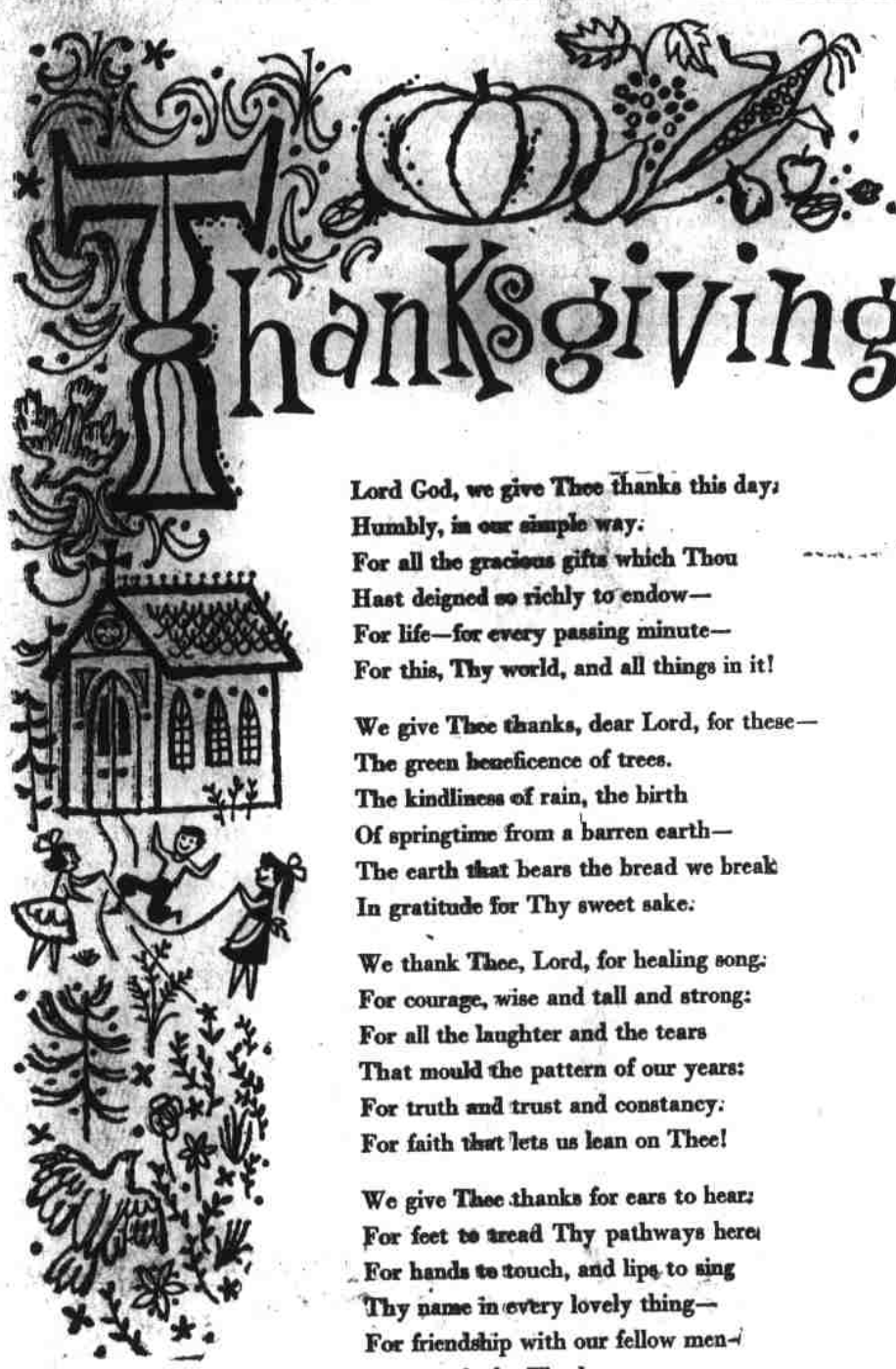
The second team selected was: David Gillis, back; Mount Olive; Morris Carter, back; LaGrange; Tom Karswell, back; Burgaw; Charles Brunwell, back; Warsaw; Boyce Honeycutt, end; Mount Olive; Pete Farris, end; Burgaw; Tommy Avritt, tackle; Mount Olive; Harry Pickett, Wallace, and Billy Braxton, LaGrange, tackles; Frank Laney, guard; LaGrange; Jackie Norris, guard; Beulaville; and Joe Durwood Creech, center, Smithfield.

Dave McClenny, Mount Olive, coach, was named Coach of the Year by the conference.

Our representatives have recently visited this area and discussed the provision of service with Mr. Ellis V. Vestal. The purpose of our representative's visit was to check our survey along the Chinquapin Highway that was made last year with Mr. Vestal's help. We found that at least two people that were included on our last year's survey had died, however, Mr. Vestal advised he thought the two occupants those homes would be interested in telephone service. Mr. Vestal advised that he would be glad to see these people and advise them in a few days if they desired telephone service. As soon as we hear from Mr. Vestal on this matter we expect to place this project in line for engineering when our schedule will permit.

We have included Mr. Billiard on this project and expect to proceed with the provision of service to this area as soon as we hear from Mr. Vestal. We appreciate your interest in this matter and are looking forward to the completion of this telephone project.

Yours very truly,
C. J. Logan
General Commercial Manager



Thanksgiving

Lord God, we give Thee thanks this day:
Humbly, in our simple way:
For all the gracious gifts which Thou
Hast deigned so richly to endow—
For life—for every passing minute—
For this, Thy world, and all things in it!

We give Thee thanks, dear Lord, for these—
The green beneficence of trees,
The kindness of rain, the birth
Of springtime from a barren earth—
The earth that bears the bread we break
In gratitude for Thy sweet sake.

We thank Thee, Lord, for healing song:
For courage, wise and tall and strong:
For all the laughter and the tears
That mould the pattern of our years:
For truth and trust and constancy:
For faith that lets us lean on Thee!

We give Thee thanks for ears to hear:
For feet to tread Thy pathways here:
For hands to touch, and lips to sing
Thy name in every lovely thing—
For friendship with our fellow men—
But mostly for Thy love.

AMEN

Remember That Safe - Driving Day Is Thursday December 1st.

RALEIGH — With the nation and North Carolina rapidly gearing up for S-D Day, Col. James R. Smith, commander of the State Highway Patrol, offered an extra precaution today for drivers who use mainly the rural roads.

"You are the key people in the state's efforts to keep S-D Day free from death," he said. Annually, on a national basis, three times as many traffic deaths occur in rural areas as on city streets. Here in North Carolina, the ratio is about four times as many.

In his comment on the forthcoming S-D Day, which is December 1, the patrol executive said "S-D Day is a nationwide effort to remove that traffic accident which is not an accident at all, but a preventable occurrence, and as such they can be prevented. If every motorist and pedestrian in North Carolina will assume full responsibility for his own driving and walking we can achieve the goal of 30 hours without a single traffic accident of any kind. By so doing, it will be apparent we can do the same thing throughout the year."

The President, through his Committee for traffic safety, is lending the full support of his office to this life-and-limb saving program," Col. Smith said. "It deserves the whole-hearted support of all our citizens."

The patrol chief suggested these specific safety rules for drivers and pedestrians:

1. Observe the letter and spirit of all traffic regulations.
2. Be courteous to every driver and pedestrian — practice sportsmanship.
3. Give full attention to driving and walking.

In short, drive and walk as you would have every one else drive and walk.

He concluded with an appeal to make every day a Safe Driving Day in North Carolina.

Births Recorded At Dr. Hawes Clinic

Two births were recorded at Dr. Hawes Clinic during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moore, Harrell, a son, November 20.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Alton Harrell, Wallace, a son, November 20.

Warsaw Observes Union Services Thanksgiving

Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, in Warsaw, are planning a Union Thanksgiving Service.

It will be held in the Baptist Church, Thursday, November 24, at 8:30 a.m. This is the annual Thanksgiving service.

Offerings for the different denominational orphanages will be taken at this service. The Rev. Norman H. Flowers will deliver the message.

72 Jars Whiskey Taken On Raid By Sheriff's Men

Sheriff Ralph Miller's officers made a big haul Sunday morning when they raided the home of Joseph Stokes, Negro, of near Chinquapin.

Sheriff Miller said a total of 72 one-half gallon jars of illegal whiskey in the house.

Stokes was not at home at the time. Officers have a warrant out for his arrest. Sheriff Miller said.

Saturday, Sheriff Miller, Deputies J. B. Beville and W. O. Johnston arrested George F. Beck, Outlaw and Eddie Monk and charged them with possession of non-tax paid whiskey. One-half gallon was found at the house.

Too, about 300 yards in front of the house on the Mount Olive highway, in Kenansville township, a liquor still was found and destroyed by Beville. Four barrels of mash were also destroyed.

Both Outlaw and Monk, Negroes, are out of jail on \$500 bond.

Have You Contributed? Stop And Think!

Money has begun being received by Mrs. Mary Taylor, Executive Secretary of the T. B. Seal Sales. To date \$446 has been received. This is just a few dollars over the 10 per cent mark for Duplin County's goal which was set for \$4,000.

If you haven't mailed in your contribution please do so before you get into the Christmas rush.

With the number of T. B. patients in North Carolina being over 2000, our seal sale money is urgently needed for the care of these people. T. B. picks no special person and you would be the one to fall victim to this disease.

Let your seal sale money head your Christmas list.

Briefs

FERTILIZER DONATED

Mr. Robert Grady, Duplin Times, Kenansville, N. C. Dear Mr. Grady: The writer took up the matter of furnishing some fertilizer for the lawn at your new hospital, as requested in your telephone conversation last week, with Mr. Henry and Abram Well. We have decided we would like to donate one ton of either one of the following analyses, whichever one your County Agent recommends for the type of work you are planning to do:

2-12-12
6-6-6
6-6-10

Please advise us one or two days ahead of the time you plan to send for it so we will be sure to have it bagged, telling us which analysis you prefer.

We are glad to have a part in beautifying the grounds of your new hospital.

Very truly yours,
Well's Fertilizer Works
Frank Seymour

Demonstration On Packages For Christmas Nov. 30

Men, Women, Boys and Girls — the whole family will enjoy the Christmas Demonstrations to be sponsored by The Kenansville Garden Club, Wednesday, November 30th at 7:30 a.m. in the County Courtroom. Mrs. Allen Draughon, Sr. of Warsaw will give a demonstration on wrapping Christmas packages and Mrs. Herman Pippin of Magnolia will give a demonstration on making Christmas arrangements for the home. All members of the Kenansville Garden Club are selling tickets which are 50c each.

No Marked Cuts In Weed Prices During Past Week

No marked changes occurred in grade averages this week on the Eastern North Carolina tobacco markets reports the Federal - State Market News Service.

Compared with the previous week there were more losses than gains but they were small — mostly \$1.00 to \$3.00 and occurred chiefly in lugs and primings which were offered in heavier volume. A few small gains were noted. The general average of \$4.02 for the 9,127,183 pounds sold during the week was \$6.06 below last week and the lowest weekly average of the season. This low average was due partly to the large amount of non-descript, decayed and unsound tobacco — around 25 per cent. For the season through November 18 general sales have totaled \$25,988,275 pounds and averaged \$52.35 per hundred.

Sales were composed chiefly of poor to good leaf, low to good lugs and low and fair primings. Volume was light.

Deliveries for the week to the State Stabilization Corporation under the Government loan program were around 11 per cent of sales. For the season, around 24 per cent.

Farmville, Greenville, Kinston, Smithfield and Washington closed the week. Only Rocky Mount and Wilson will hold sales next week and they will close November 23, bringing to an end the 1955 marketing season in Eastern North Carolina.

Stocks of fine-cured tobacco owned by dealers and manufacturers on October 1 were 2,548,130,000 pounds (farm-sales-weight). Holdings on October 1, 1954 were 2,267,200,000 pounds.

Attorney L. A. Wilson Is Given Suspended Sentence In Court

(In The Wilmington News) In sentencing Rose Hill Attorney Latham Wilson in U. S. District Court last week presiding Judge Don Gilliam said that he had done everything in his power to "forget" that this man is an attorney.

After hearing all the testimony against Wilson and his co-defendant, James E. Knowles, 74, an illiterate Rose Hill man, Judge Gilliam deliberated for nearly forty-five minutes before passing sentence.

Both men were charged with fraud and conspiracy. Both were sentenced to 18 months on each count, the terms to run concurrently, suspended for a two-year period of probation.

In his deliberation, Judge Gilliam questioned Wilson's attorney, Aaron Goldberg, at some length.

Goldberg had pointed out Wilson's excellent character and the fact that he had never been in trouble previously. He also pointed out that Wilson had at one time spent 12 months in a mental institution and described him as "a man who is not as normal as you or I."

"Everything in this man's record," said Judge Gilliam, "his family life, the fact he has never before been in trouble—everything points to his being entitled to probation."

"Except for the fact that he's an attorney," interrupted Goldberg. "That's right!" agreed Judge Gilliam.

In this morning's testimony, Wilson admitted taking a check from James Knowles which he knew Knowles had signed with the name of his (Knowles') brother.

Wilson contended that the check was in payment for services rendered Knowles in regard to an insurance award. The insurance award involved the accidental death of a brother of both James and Frank Knowles, and Wilson represented the two men at the request of James before the Industrial Commission.

As a result, the two surviving brothers were awarded settlements of \$1,000 each. Checks to both brothers were mailed to Wilson, along with an additional \$300 from the insurance company to Wilson for his legal services.

Wilson testified that the \$300 was not sufficient and that he had told Knowles that there would be an additional \$400 charge that Knowles would have to pay.

Wilson testified further that when he received the two settlement checks to the brothers, he gave them both to James. As a favor, he testified he drove James to Jacksonville to open a bank account.

At the bank, he testified that he introduced James as "Mr. Knowles" and that, while James opened his account, he was not aware of the details of the transaction, that he was chatting with Mrs. Wilmar Rivenbark, an employee of the bank.

During yesterday's testimony, Mitchell Allen, an official in the Jacksonville bank, said that Wilson had introduced James, not as "Mr. Knowles," but as "Mr. Frank Knowles."

And Mrs. Rivenbark testified this morning that Wilson did not chat with her until immediately prior to the time he left the bank, not until "after" he had completed his transaction at the teller's window.

Questioned by U. S. Attorney Julian Gaskill as to whether or not he did not know that the check given him by James was signed with the name Frank, Wilson admitted that he did but assumed that James and Frank had agreed previously to the action. Cause.

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