



Little Deborah Freeman Recovering From Burns; Contributions Accepted

Only by a matter of seconds and a miracle from God is the life of 18-month-old Deborah Freeman spared.

On November 9, 1955, the little Negro girl was admitted to Duplin General Hospital with about 20 percent of her body burned with third degree burns.

Dr. John A. Parrott, who has been watching the case from the time of admission, said "it was a battle to keep life in her little body for the first 10 days." Other than the burns, a kidney infection set in, decreasing the chances of recovery.

However, she pulled through and surgery and medical treatment was started. Today, Deborah is still at Duplin General Hospital waiting for more skin grafts.

Dr. Parrott said, "all of the skin from her body that we could use has been grafted once. We are now waiting for the grafted areas to heal sufficiently for us to graft them again."

Fluids and blood transfusions along with eight skin grafts have kept Deborah progressing. But she still has several weeks of treatment and more operations, lying ahead of her.

On November 9, Little Deborah was sitting in a high-chair when the house caught fire. Her mother and father, Robert and Sarah Freeman, were not at home. With Deborah was a larger sister and a two weeks old sister.

It so happened that Deborah was in the room in which the fire started from a heater. As the flames spread, they came nearer and nearer, burning her legs, arms, back and head. Because her face was away from the fire, it was not burned. Her eyes were not affected.

When the fire was discovered by neighbors, the roof was about ready to fall in. Deborah's larger sister ran from the house and her smaller sister was taken from the burning building by her mother.

But because the flames were too hot for her mother in the room in which Deborah was burning, it looked as though she was due to perish in the flames.

A man at the scene, hearing the screams of a small child, broke through a window, pulled Deborah from her high-chair and out the window to safety. Just as the two jumped from the window of the house, which was totally destroyed, the roof caved in.

Deborah was saved by only a second.

Her hospital bill is tremendous. And her family is not financially able to pay any part of it, being supported by present by the Duplin County Welfare Department.

Dr. Parrott says he can see where the total hospital and surgical bills will be between \$2,000 and \$3,500. Deborah will live and nothing has been left unturned and nothing is being left.

She still has several skin grafts to go through, with most of them to be on her head. She is not in pain now, but has suffered many hours of agony since November 9.

Contributions to help pay as much of Deborah's hospital bill as possible are being accepted by Duplin General Hospital. "We know that the people of Duplin County will want to help this little colored girl," Dr. Parrott said.

Life is sweet, and even sweeter for little Deborah Freeman. She almost lost her life, but with the help of God and modern medical knowledge, she can and will live a normal life tomorrow.

Hospital Report

The following report from the Duplin General Hospital, listing patients admitted and patients discharged during the past week in a new feature to appear in the Times each week. Admissions and discharges will be listed from Wednesday to Wednesday as well as births.

Admissions

WHITE
Woodrow Thigpen, Beulaville, 12-28 to Jan. 2.
Everett E. Bizzard, Mt. Olive, Rt. 1, 12-28-Jan. 2.
Kear Albertson, Chinquapin, 12-28-12-31.
Frank P. Smith, Wallace, Rt. 1-12-28-12-29.
Stanley G. Brown, Beulaville, 12-28-12-31.
Joyce Dall Williams, Beulaville, Rt. 2, 12-29 to Jan. 1.
Nancy S. Bradham, Beulaville, Rt. 1, 12-30-1-1.
Coy Mercer, Beulaville, 12-30.
Susan Ann Craft, Kenansville, 12-31 to 1-3.
Anne Shirley Roberts, Mt. Olive Rt. 2, 1-1-1.
Haywood G. Kennedy, Beulaville, Rt. 1, 1-2-1.
Margaret S. Reynolds, Kenansville, 1-3-1-3.
Mrs. T. R. Brown, Chinquapin, 1-4-1-4.
Mr. P. L. Gibson, Kinston, 1-5-1-5.
Grace Irene Boone, Kenansville, 1-4-1-4.
Michael Raymond Harrell, Rose Hill-1-4-1-4.

COLORED
Julian Miller, Kenansville, Rt. 1, 12-28-1-3.
Helen Ruth Winley, Beulaville, Rt. 1, 12-29-12-31.
Carrie Belle Carr, Rose Hill Rt. 1, 12-29 to 12-31.
Minnie Lou Wright, Willard, Rt. 1, 12-30-12-31.
Blanche Pickett, Chinquapin, Rt. 1, 12-31 to 1-4-56.
James Chestnut, Mt. Olive, Rt. 2, 1-2-56-1-2-56.
John E. Graham, Rt. 1, Kenansville, 1-3-56-1-3-56.

BIRTHS
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Williams, Beulaville, Rt. 2, boy, 12-29-55.
Mr. and Mrs. David Bradham, Beulaville, Rt. 1, boy, 12-30-55.
Mr. and Mrs. William Carr, Rose Hill, Rt. 1, boy, 12-29-55.

Chinquapin Colored School Destroyed By Fire Monday Night; To Rebuild Now Classes Continue In Other Buildings

Mother nature is giving a helping hand in Duplin's program of better school facilities for its younger ones. Monday night, a little after eight fire broke out in the building of the Chinquapin colored high school. Fire departments at Kenansville, Wallace and Beulaville were called. The Kenansville building was the first to arrive and the fire was quickly extinguished. The Wallace and Beulaville trucks appeared on the scene immediately afterwards. A smaller building, containing four rooms was saved. Equipment in the main building was destroyed. Superintendent Johnson said \$7,300 insurance, the maximum that could be carried was on the building. Plans are already underway to rebuild a brick structure and it is hoped the new plant will be ready for occupancy by school time next fall. Mr. Johnson said this was the second school of wood structure destroyed following the Christmas holidays, the other being in Brunswick county.

Mr. Johnson said the insurance inspector placed the cause of the fire on a stove too heavily stuffed during the day. The inspector said this was not too unusual in old wooden structures following holidays in which the weather was cold.

The alarm was called to Kenansville by Mrs. Billie Brinkley.

The building contained 6 rooms and housed about 200 students. Luther Sutton is the principal. Classes were resumed Tuesday in the unburned building and a nearby Colored church. The G. B. D. Parker estate has made available a tent house to be used the rest of the school year and will be occupied as soon as necessary changes can be made.

Like Father Like Son Roads Bound

Robert Stokes, Negro, student in the Kenansville Negro school, or maybe we should say a has been student, is being held in the local jail in default of a \$200 bond on charges of breaking and entering.

Robert was arrested Monday morning at the school by Deputy Boone. He readily admitted the robbery. He was carrying about thirty dollars on his person. When he saw Boone he pitched about twenty in bills into a waste basket. On being arrested, he showed Boone where he threw the bills and they were recovered.

He opened the door of George Henry Lee's place in Magnolia Sunday night by unlocking it with a knife. The fact that he had shown someone earlier how it could be done led to his arrest.

Lee said the boy had stolen from him before and he had talked with him, telling him that if he didn't quit stealing he would be on the road like his father for stealing. Lee's talk, apparently, did no good. The Judge's talk might convince him.

Charles Booth Dies In Virginia On December 26

Charles T. Booth brother of Wiley Booth died suddenly on December 26 at his home in Arlington, Va., of a heart attack.

He was chief parole officer of Arlington county since 1945. Funeral services were held on December 28th with burial in Arlington Cemetery, surviving are his wife and one daughter, Mary Louise, his mother, Mrs. J. H. Booth, of Rose Hill, and five brothers.

Booth was born and reared in Duplin County. His father was a Baptist minister.

S.S. Representative To Set Up Station In Kenansville

Mr. N. A. Avera, Manager of the Social Security Administration District Office located at Wilmington wishes to announce that a representative of the Wilmington office will conduct an itinerant station in the Court Room of the Court House at Kenansville, N. C., on the first, second, third and fourth Tuesdays in January between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Those desiring help with social security problems as well as those wishing to file a claim for possible benefits should contact the representative on the dates mentioned above.

Tyndall Children Present Organ To Deep Run Church

The sons and daughters of the late John E. and Serena Tyndall Hill of Deep Run, presented a Hammond electric church organ to the Deep Run Free Will Baptist church, in memory of their parents, Sunday morning at the regular worship hour at the church. Rev. Clifton Rice, pastor of Kinston, was in charge of the service.

Trash Pick-Up Begins Friday In Kenansville

Town of Kenansville will begin trash pick-up Friday. C. C. Hester, town clerk, advised residents today if the trash which they desired to be picked up is not in containers, it will be left behind.

Residents have also been asked to put their trash on the side of the street Thursday night before the pick-up each Friday morning.

Cording Heads Cattle Association

Melvin Cording, prominent dairy farmer and manager of the White's milk plant, was last week elected president of the North Carolina Purebred Dairy Cattle Association. The annual meeting was held in Lexington.

North Duplin School Opens For Class; First Consolidated H. S. In County

North Duplin School, the first Duplin County Consolidated high school in the county to begin operation, is holding classes in the new school located between Faison and Calypso.

H. E. Grubbs, who has served as principal of Calypso school for several years, is serving as principal of the consolidated high school and also Calypso elementary school.

Some equipment is still being installed in some of the classrooms, but classes are being held daily. The moving of desks and records and books were moved during Christmas holidays.

Heat was turned on in the building about three weeks ago when workmen began laying tile in the building, and rooms were comfortable yesterday when students entered them for the first time.

Still to be installed are the four sinks, four stoves and other equipment for the home economics department. In the science lab, work

Births Recorded

From December 30 through January 4, the following births were recorded at Dr. C. F. Hawes Clinic in Rose Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Mell Scarborough, of Wallace, a daughter, December 30.
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hawes Smith, of Magnolia, a daughter, December 30.
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Pickett, of Beulaville, a daughter, December 31.
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Thomas Tatum of Rose Hill a daughter, January 2.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chester, of Wallace, a son, January 3.
Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, of Wallace, a son, January 4.

Duplin County March Of Dimes Is Needing More Help From Citizens

Duplin County March of Dimes campaign is underway. George Penney, County chairman, said committee heads have been secured in each community throughout the County. They have started solicitation in hopes that contributions this year will be above what they have been in the past.

Penney points out that since the Polio Foundation has been functioning over twice as much money has been returned to Duplin County as has been contributed by the Duplin citizens.

Records show that Duplin has contributed \$21,000 to the Foundation since its beginning and has had \$48,000 returned to the county.

The fight against polio is not over. In fact it has only begun. Officials point out that because of the discovery of the Salk Polio Vaccine, it is not time for the financial assistance to stop.

"Millions of dollars in March of Dimes funds are needed, these officials say "to aid thousands and thousands of polio patients for whom the Salk vaccine comes too late." Some 60,000 patients all over the country are now on the rolls of the National Foundation, and many more will be stricken before the Salk vaccine is administered to all.

Funds are also needed to continue the National Foundation's work in the scientific research. That program has already produced the Salk vaccine, which is 60-90 percent effective against the three types of virus known to cause polio. Additional research may turn up still better medical weapons.

March of Dimes research goes beyond preventive techniques, and devotes a good deal of time and money to the search for new methods of care and treatment; the polio fund also provides training for doctors, nurses and other specialists in rehabilitation. This latter phase of the program aids not only polio patients but all those who suffer from crippling handicaps.

The minimum need for the 1956 March of Dimes has been set at \$67,500,000.

"More than 55 cents of each dollar of these funds will go directly into financing of the medical and other care so essential to those who

A S C Mess Maybe Is Heading For Close; Arnold Resigns Inspectorship

It is hoped by most Duplinites that the so-called scandal, if it is that, concerning the ASC is coming to a close. The Messrs. Harvey Arnold, deposed chairman, and Coy Hall, deposed vice chairman, have lost their appeal to the State Committee for re-instatement. Reports say they have thrown in the towel, so to speak, and will not pursue their efforts for vindication any further. Also it is reported that both Mr. Hall and Mr. Arnold have sold their farms and may seek other means of making a living. In fact, rumors seem to persist that Mr. Arnold may move from the County.

On Monday Mr. Arnold handed in his resignation as Duplin County electrical inspector, effective February 1st. The Commissioners appointed Cicero Lanier of Chinquapin as inspector, subject to his being licensed by the state department.

Also the grapevine has it that the pending suit between Mrs. Dora Betty Bell, secretary of the ASC and LeRoy Simmons, president of the Duplin County Farm Bureau may be settled out of court. The Times cannot verify these reports but they persist in circulation and say they Mrs. Bell is seeking a settlement. She brought suits against Mr. Simmons.

State ASC Committee Upholds Original Decision; Arnold and Hall Definitely Out

(From News and Observer)

The appeals of two former members of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee for Duplin County have been turned down by the State ASC Committee.

Harvey D. Arnold of Rose Hill and Coy Hall of Beulaville were removed from office last November 21 after an investigation revealed irregularities in the granting of new grower tobacco allotments. Arnold was chairman and Hall was vice chairman of the committee in Duplin.

They appealed to the State ASC Committee, which heard them and their supporters for re-instatement at a five-hour closed session here on December 18.

The decision of the State committee to uphold the suspension of Arnold and Hall was announced last Friday by Horace D. Godfrey, State ASC administrative official.

Godfrey, who said that Arnold and Hall had been notified of the decision, stated that removal of the two men from the Duplin local committee will be effective until the next election for ASC committees in October, 1956. They would be eligible for election then, he said.

Godfrey stressed that the investigation of the ASC committee activities in Duplin did not reveal any fraud on the part of Arnold and Hall, nor any personal gain for them. "They were, he said "just too liberal with new grower allotments" in that county.

The Duplin ASC committee is now composed of Chairman J. C. Blanchard, Theodor Harrell and Gordon Lanier.

The State ASC committee is composed of Clyde R. Green of Boone, Bill Hooks of Whiteville, and Fred Keith of St. Pauls.

Ed. note: It is reported from Rose Hill that Mr. Arnold will let the matter drop as far as pursuing any further action by higher authorities.

Orthopedic Clinic

The monthly orthopedic clinic, conducted by the Crippled Children's Section of the N. C. State Board of Health, will be held at James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, Thursday, January 12, from 8 a.m. until noon. This clinic serves New Hanover and adjacent counties.

(Total last month 79—from Duplin 1)

New Members Duplin General Hospital Personnel Staff Take Over Duties Here

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McGregor head the list of newcomers in the personnel department of the Duplin General Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor moved to town last week from Louisboro. They are both recent graduates of the Dell School of Medical Technology in Asheville and come to the Duplin General as laboratory technicians.

Mrs. Cenus Dail of Goldsboro, former night supervisor of the Waynes Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro assumed her new duties as night supervisor of the Duplin General Hospital a few days ago. Mr. and Mrs. Dail have moved from

Duplin Boys Have Until January 9, To Make Application For Short Course

No applications have been received by the County Agent's office for the all-expense paid short course at North Carolina State College in February.

Vernon Reynolds, County Agent, said today that the Banks of Duplin County are paying for two Duplin County boys to attend the short course on Modern Farming.

"Boys who have attended the course in the past years have been very much impressed with the information they received," Reynolds said.

Any boy between the ages of 18 and 26 years of age who has definitely decided to farm and do not plan to go to college are eligible to make application.

Application blanks are available from any Agriculture Teacher, or any bank, or from the County Agent's office in Kenansville.

Deadline for receiving applications is January 9, according to Reynolds.

Trio Youths In Jail Here For Series Of Robberies In And Near Wallace

Bobby Eugene Bradshaw, age 18, of Magnolia, William Melvin Casten, age 22 and Forrest James Casten, age 20, brothers of Rose Hill; all white, are in the county jail on a default of \$3,000 bonds on charges of robbery. Being confronted by some of the stolen property they admitted the thefts. Officers think there may be other stolen properties that may be traced to them.

The trio admitted taking a used Ford motor from Bostick-Hawes Motors in Wallace. They also took a sewing machine, connections, etc from the Town of Wallace; farming implements from W. J. Johnson's farm and Bennie Fussell's farm near Rose Hill. They allegedly sold this material for scrap for \$192.00.

State Revenue Department Reported Planning Permanent Office Here

Word has been received here that the North Carolina Department of Internal Revenue is planning to open a full time, year round office in Kenansville for the purpose of helping business men and farmers with their tax problems and to collect state taxes. The office will be manned by one person who will help merchants with their sales tax and everyone with their income taxes. Anyone may go to the office for help in filling out forms at no charge.

Location and date of opening has not been announced.

Farmers' Tax Guide Available At Agent's Office

The Farmers' Tax Guide for 1955 is available to all interested farmers through the county agent's office. This publication is by far the most complete and accurate information dealing with the reporting of income tax and self-employment tax (social security tax) published to date. Pages of filled in sample forms add to the ease of understanding the printed information.

It is very important this year that farm families have an understanding of (1) how to report their income tax and (2) how to report their self-employment earnings for 1955. It is mandatory that every farm operator report his self-employment earnings.

February 15, 1956, is the filing deadline for most families.

All farmers interested in securing the Farmer's Tax Guide for 1955 can obtain one by contacting the county agent's office. Those who find it inconvenient to visit the office may request a copy by telephone or letter and a copy will be mailed. The supply is sufficient to provide a copy to almost all farm families in the county.

Warsaw GOC To Participate In Skytrain Sunday

Warsaw Ground Observer Corp will participate in Skytrain exercises Sunday, January 8.

The training operation will begin at 8 a.m. and continue through the day until 8 p.m.

This is the 10th Skytrain operation to be held.

All those persons interested in the program are urged to come by the observation post during the day.

Tax Collections Reported Up

Tax Collector Harry Phillips says that tax collections in December, 1955, showed an increase over December, 1954. In 1954 the office collected \$43,643.19 whereas the 1955 figure was \$46,566.13.

Briefs

Gets Scholarship
Elwyn Murray, Jr. of Rose Hill has been nominated by the Duplin County Morehead Scholarship Committee for a Morehead Scholarship at Carolina.

Board Of Commissioners
The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday. Mostly routine matters were discussed. Jury lists drawn and a new electrical inspector appointed.

To Baltimore
Deputy Sheriff Norwood Boone, accompanied by Patrolman Briley and Corporal Garland Kennedy, left today for Baltimore, Md., to return Curtis A. Brown, Negro, who is being held in jail there for extradition to North Carolina. He is charged with abandonment and non-support. He waived extradition.

Poster Boy

FIVE-YEAR-OLD TOMMY WOODWARD, OF BALTIMORE, MD. SYMBOLIZES THE NATION'S POLIO VICTIMS WHO STILL NEED MARCH OF DIMES HELP.

MORE THAN 60,000 IN MARCH OF DIMES FUNDS HAVE BEEN SPENT SO FAR FOR TOMMY'S CARE. DOCTORS SAY HE'LL NEED CARE FOR "YEARS TO COME" BEFORE HE CAN WALK WITHOUT CRUTCHES.

LINDA EISE, 8, WAS ONE OF THE 7,000,000 CHILDREN WHO GOT MARCH OF DIMES POLIO VACCINE IN 1955.

TOMMY HAS STRICKEN WHEN HE WAS IN MARYLAND AND TO REMEMBER HIS LEARNING TO WALK.

HIS BIG AMBITIONS ARE TO BE A POLICEMAN AND TO REMEMBER HIS 24 YEAR OLD BROTHER.

Join the MARCH OF DIMES

January 3-9

Polio isn't licked yet!

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