



Marine Officer Charged With Contempt Of Court Here

BY PAUL BARWICK
Marine Lt. Bernard Richard Kossar, an attorney, was placed in Kenansville jail Tuesday night after he was ordered held for five days by County Judge Grady Mercer on a contempt of court charge.

The contempt charge came after Judge Mercer had placed a \$20 fine and court cost on Robert Randolph Myers, a Camp Lejeune Marine, for driving an automobile with no operator's license.

The charge had been twofold in that Myers was originally charged with careless and reckless driving and having no operator's license. He pled guilty to no operator's license, with the court accepting the plea.

After the judgment on Myers was passed, Lt. Kossar raised and asked Judge Mercer why the fine was so high on Myers.

Lt. Kossar then approached the bench and proceeded to have conversation with Judge Mercer.

The next thing which was heard by the filled court room was for the Sheriff's Department to take Lt. Kossar into custody and place him in jail for five days for contempt of court.

In the judgment recorded as passed down by Judge Mercer the charges were that Lt. Kossar in open court, made several remarks questioning the integrity of the

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Duplinites Urged To Return March of Dimes Envelopes

Duplin Citizens are urged to return the envelopes, for the March of Dimes back to the County Chairman, W. E. Craft.

Mr. Craft states that 7,000 envelopes were mailed out and as of this date approximately 200 have been returned. In the approximate 200 envelopes were collections of \$222.50.

During the telethon over W.L.T.N. the following amounts were pledged by telephone: Kenansville, \$27.00; Warsaw, \$38.00 and Wallace \$7.00. A total of \$212 has been turned in from the Kenansville white school.

The March of Dimes drive is over but that doesn't mean that we are through with our contributions. Neither does it mean that polio is slackening its grip. If we are to fight polio we must continue our fight and that is by our donations. If you have not contributed, do so. Any one of us may be the victim of the crippling disease.



FRED BAARS, JR.



BILL STRAGHAN, JR.

EDITORIAL

DUPLIN GOING VEGETABLES AGAIN?

BY PAUL BARWICK
Duplin County farmers have overwhelmingly accepted the possibility that a frozen food processing plant will be established somewhere within the bounds of the County.

This enthusiasm has been generated primarily by the knowledge and realization of farmers in the area that they must begin growing something other than tobacco in order that they can make a living.

Finally, it seems farmers are waking up to the realization that they cannot live on tobacco alone. It has been pointed out for several years that there is a need for diversified farming in order to supplement the farm income in Eastern North Carolina.

A number of factors have been responsible for almost forcing farmers into a position of having to look to other sources for their income.

Additional cuts in tobacco acreage, a flooded world market of tobacco, low supports on certain types of tobacco, and increase in the cost of housing the tobacco crop each year.

Thus, Duplin's farmers are welcoming the possibility of a food processing plant being located in the area.

This acceptance is shown by the fact that already around 10,000 acres have been designated by farmers for the growth of vegetables on a contract basis for such a processing plant.

Those who are working on the project and supporting it with their time and money say they will not stop until farmers have signed up to raise, on a contract basis, 15,000 or more acres of vegetables. This figure will probably be surpassed.

Duplin's soil is suitable for the growth of truck crops. For years, vegetables were KING and not tobacco. But, for some unknown reason other than the gold of tobacco looked brighter, farmers left vegetables and started raising tobacco.

Now, it looks like the raising of vegetables will be the life saver of Duplin's farmers, as well as vegetable growers in Sampson, Pender, New Hanover, Lenoir and Wayne Counties. All will be effected by a food processing plant, if one is established in Duplin.

To give some idea of what farmers can expect from the contracting of vegetables for such a plant, a processing plant in 1955 paid the following prices for these crops:

Beets, \$23 per ton; broccoli, 10 cents per pound; brussell sprouts, 10 cents per pound; carrots, \$28 per ton; sweet corn, \$28 per ton (\$48 for No. 1 corn and \$22 for No. 2 corn); baby lima beans seven and one-half cents per pound; peppers, three cents per pound; round snap beans, six cents per pound; squash, \$12 per ton.

These are just a few of the prices farmers can expect. These are not the actual prices which a farmer can expect but rather an example of prices that one company paid in 1955.

It should be realized that prices are guaranteed for a specific quality, all of which are named in the contract—an agreement between the grower and processor.

It is hoped that more and more farmers will see just what this can mean to this section of North Carolina. With tobacco definitely not doing for the farmer what it did 10 years ago, something new has got to take its place.

In this instance, it's something old—vegetables. All farmers should give this matter serious consideration. If there is a farmer who has not been contacted and wishes to raise vegetables under this proposed program, he should contact Vernon H. Reynolds, County Farm Agents Office, Kenansville, in the Agriculture Building.

Briefs

FARMER OF WEEK

Adrien Jones, Duplin farmer of Mt. Olive, Rt. 1, has been designated the 'Farmer of the Week' by TV Station WNCN at Greenville. They have contacted a number of farmers in Duplin and other counties to see what they were doing towards replacing their tobacco acreage. Jones has gone into milk production.

TO NEW YORK

Morman ~~at~~ Store in Warsaw is in New York this week buying new spring merchandise. Watch the Times for announcement of new merchandise.

HOSPITALIZED

Winford Howard, make up man for the Duplin Times is a patient in the local Hospital. He hopes to be back on the job next week. Editor J. R. Grady is back on the job after undergoing surgery and 20 days in the local hospital.

NOT WITH TIMES NOW

Mrs. (Belton) Mattie Lee Minshew, former bookkeeper, is no longer with the Duplin Times. She resigned her position as of Friday of this week. All Warsaw readers are asked to contact Mrs. Glenn Brown and give her their news and contact Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Allen Draughan for advertising and business.

NEW AIR MAIL SERVICE

Air mail letters going out from Kenansville will reach their destination much quicker than in the past if posted before 12 noon each day. A mail truck leaves here at 12:30 for New Bern. Air mail will be placed on the plane at New Bern on arrival. Letters mailed here before 12 noon today, for instance, will arrive in Richmond at 8:14, p.m.; Washington City 8:49; Newark, N. J. at 10:10 a.m.; Chicago 12:30 tonight and Jacksonville, Fla. 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

ATTENTION AUTO OWNERS

According to local patrolmen, auto-owners have until February 15th to display their 1957 auto license tags. If you have not gotten yours yet, better get busy.

HEADS CHURCH MEN

Paul Stevens of Kenansville was named president of the Men of the Church Club of Grove Presbyterian Church. Harry Wells Murphy was named chairman and William Craft secretary.

HUNTING SEASON OVER

Open season for hunters for rabbit and quail closed today. The whole of the hunting season is closed now on all except unprotected birds.

IMPROVING

Dr. John Parrott is reported to be recuperating at his home here after a siege of illness since Christmas. Dr. Russell Harris, the new surgeon at the Duplin General Hospital is carrying on in that capacity. Reports from the hospital indicate there is an upward trend in patients coming to the hospital. It takes time for a new institution to get on its feet but people generally over the county, are coming to realize that Duplin has one of the best hospital and medical and nursing staffs to be found in this section of the state.

HOSPITALIZED

Mrs. Rovenna Miller of Beulaville. (Continued on Back Page)

Duplin Farmers Sign Up 10,000 Acres Pledged To Vegetable Growing; 15,000 Acres Is Final Goal; Hope For Plant



VEGETABLE SIGN-UP — B. C. Albritton signs a pledge to grow vegetables should a frozen food processing plant locate in Duplin County. E. C. Thompson, chairman of the Warsaw Industrial Committee, looks on. Already more than 6,500 acres of vegetables have been pledged. (News-Argus photo)

Farmers Begin Signing Their 1957 Soil Bank Agreement; Sign Up At ASC Office

The following appeared in this morning's News and Observer. We are passing along to our farmer friends, for immediate information: By BILL HUMPHRIES

Tar Heel cotton, corn, and tobacco growers will begin signing their 1957 Soil Bank agreements Friday of this week.

The sign-up begins at ASC offices in all counties at 8 a.m. Since applications will be handled on a first come, first served basis, long waiting lines are expected early tomorrow at offices in some counties.

A total of \$25,471,800 has been allocated to North Carolina for the 1957 'average reserve' phase of the Soil Bank. The program is designed to encourage farmers not to plant their full allotments of the so-called basic crops which are in surplus supply.

About one-half the funds for the Tar Heel State have been earmarked for growers of flue-cured tobacco. Payment rates on tobacco land placed in the 'bank' vary from farm to farm according to past yields, but the general average is \$255.42 an acre. The maximum rate is \$293 an acre.

By commodities, the North Carolina funds are divided as follows: burley tobacco, \$38,500; cotton, \$6,695,100; corn, \$3,989,000; wheat, \$1,727,000; rice, \$200. However, agreements on wheat were signed at planting time last fall.

The funds have been apportioned among the various counties on a 'pro rata' basis. Regulations provided for one commodity to another within the county.

There are no minimum limitations on the acreage that a farmer may place in the Soil Bank but there are maximums.

For flue-cured tobacco, the maximum limits for any one farm are:

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Duplin FCX Pig Chain Show And Tour Was Saturday; Ribbons Are Awarded

Duplin County's FCX sponsored Pig Chain held its annual Show and Tour Saturday.

Ed Simpson, Assistant County Agent, said that under rules and regulations governing the Pig Chain a boy who is given a pig must raise at least one litter of purebred, registered stock.

Ribbons awarded Saturday were: Kenneth Brock, Kenansville, red; Donald Pate, Mount Olive, red; Robert Ray Thomas, Pink Hill, blue; Jerry Sandlin, Beulaville, blue; William Pickett, Beulaville, blue.

James Mukey, Wallace, red; James Savage, Rose Hill, red; and Gerald Rouse, Magnolia, blue.

The judging was by J. K. Butler, State College Extension Specialist, assisted by Fez Minter, FCX representative, living in Warsaw.

After the tour was completed, the group gathered at David Rouse's, near Magnolia for a barbecue dinner.

After dinner a demonstration was given on 'how to register a pig.' The tour and show was considered a 'big success.'

Stabilization Tobacco Meeting Scheduled Court House In Clinton February 5th

A series of area Stabilization tobacco meetings have been slated for the North Carolina flue-cured belt, according to L. T. Weeks, General Manager of Stabilization Corporation.

The meetings which have been termed vitally important are being held for the purpose of discussing the problems now confronting very grower of flue-cured tobacco. Full discussion will be given by officials of Stabilization Corporation and other agricultural leaders

on the following points: The overall tobacco situation from a supply standpoint; the increased growth of Stabilization's stocks and the current financial condition of Stabilization Corporation; the announced reduction of 50 per cent in price support on certain varieties of tobacco; the adjustment in price support rates for individual grades of all flue cured varieties which do not reflect current demand patterns; and look at the export situation and many other points which directly affect tobacco producers.

Included on the agenda at each meeting will be the election of Stabilization's county Advisory Committee and the selection of delegates to attend Stabilization's Annual Stockholders Meeting to be held in Raleigh on June 28th.

Mr. Weeks further stated that the overall flue-cured tobacco situation presents a greater problem to the tobacco growers and business dependent upon the tobacco growers' income than it has at any time since 1939 and I urge as many growers as possible to attend the meeting most convenient to them.

The meeting which is scheduled in this area will be held at Clinton February 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Court House.

Rose Hill Man Is V. P. Poultry Group

Paul G. Thomas of Sumter, S. C. was elected first vice president of the Southeastern Poultry and Egg Assn. at the group's 10th annual convention here yesterday.

Leland Bagwell of Canton, Ga., was named president.

Norman Sanders, Columbia, S. C. was elected treasurer. Directors named for three years included T. P. Greene of Asheville, N. C., Paul Morgan, Guilford College, N. C., and G. G. Lindsey, Jr., Roanoke, Va.

State vice presidents included Dennis Ramsey, Rose Hill, N. C., and L. E. Hicks, York, S. C.

Outlook For Processing Plant For County Good; Warsaw Industrial Committee Is Spearheading Drive; Response Good

Farmers From Adjoining Counties Attend Meetings And Signed Up; Duplin Times Appeal Has Brought In Many.

BY GENE ROBERTS, JR.
Duplin County farmers have flooded the farm office in Kenansville with agreements to plant 1,500 more acres than needed to attract a frozen food processing plant.

In a meeting in Kenansville Monday, leaders in the move said they would not stop in their drive to gain acreage for the plant until 15,000 had been promised.

Only 5,000 acres is required as a minimum acceptable to a frozen food company.

E. C. Thompson of the Warsaw Industrial Committee, termed the response 'overwhelming.'

He said the goal was passed after contacting less than 400 of the 5,600 Duplin County farmers.

'It is rare that we have met with a refusal from a farmer,' said Thompson, 'everyone is looking for a chance to diversify their tobacco income.'

'At the present rate of sign-ups we expect to reach 15,000 by February 1,' he said.

Thompson pointed out that it is definitely known that a food processing plant is interested in coming to North Carolina.

At present more than 20,000 acres of vegetables are being raised in Duplin County—and Industrial Committee leaders feel that farmers experienced in growing vegetables strengthen chances to obtain the plant.

State Conservation and Development officials have indicated that if the plant were to come, it would open during 1958.

Vernon Reynolds, county farm agent, produced reports which showed that average income from vegetables in Maryland is \$800 per year. Farmers I have contacted would be pleased if we only did half that well,' said Reynolds.

Under an agreement proposed by the prospective food plant, farmers would contract a certain number of vegetable acres at the beginning of each year.

The food company would then buy at a fixed price all vegetables meeting grade requirements.

The drive to secure the plant is being spearheaded by the Warsaw Industrial Committee, the County Farm Office, the County Home Demonstration Office, and interested civic clubs.

Warsaw Jaycees have led in signing up farmers with agreements totaling more than 2,500 acres.

(From the Goldsboro News-Argus) (Ed. Note): The Duplin Times has been cooperating in the move and many farmers have signed and turned in the form appearing on the front page of the Times a few weeks ago. Please read editorial on this page by Paul Barwick, President of the North Carolina Farm Editors.

Waccamaw To Issue 5,000 Shares Of New Stock

Plans were completed this week for issuing 5,000 shares of stock of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, which was authorized by the stockholders of the bank in their annual meeting on January 23rd. 2,500 shares of stock will be offered to present stockholders and the remaining 2,500 shares will be available to non-stockholders.

C. L. Tate, President of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company stated today that present stockholders would be entitled to purchase one share of new stock for each 12 shares that he now owns. They will have 30 days in which to exercise their right of purchase,' Tate said.

In announcing plans for sale of 2,500 shares to non-stockholders, it marked the first time since 1946 that such a move has been made.

'The apparent demand for stock from people who do not now own stock in the Waccamaw Bank and our desire to have our customers share in the bank's earnings, prompted the action to offer 2,500 shares to non-stockholders,' said Tate.

The Waccamaw Bank operates in 10 communities in five counties and is in every sense a new bank. We feel that more of our customers in these various communities should be entitled to own stock in the bank with which they do business.'

The price of the stock to non-stockholders will be \$88.50 per share.

Present stockholders will be notified by mail as to the number

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Rep. Hugh Johnson Major Interest In Stream Clearance

HUGH S. JOHNSON JR.
By TROY WILLIAMS
(SPECIAL REPORTER)
In The Wilmington Star

Duplin County's representative to the General Assembly will go to the 1957 session with his primary interest centered around stream clearance for the area.

Hugh S. Johnson, Jr., asserts that he wants to make sure that federal money is made available to keep Duplin County's streams cleared. 'This will be one of my main goals during the forthcoming session,' he adds.

Johnson will be serving his first full term at the General Assembly. He represented Duplin County during the special session held in July, 1956 after he was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Robert M. Carr.

The Duplin representative states 'for the most part I am in favor of the Governor's tax revision program and other recommendations but I want to make sure that there will not be an increase in county taxes because of the transfer of state items of expense to the county.' He adds that he still is studying the governor recommendation that the number of highway commissioners be reduced from the present total of 14 and wants to hear further discussion before making up his mind.

Johnson was born and reared in Duplin County and graduated from Rose Hill High School in 1937. After attending Oak Ridge Military Institute and Motte's Business College in Wilmington went into the retail hardware merchants and at the present time is still engaged in this business.

During World War II Johnson served as a naval aviator and was a flight instructor at Corpus Christi Air Base. At the present time he is a Scottish Rite Mason and past master of Rehoboth Lodge. He is a member of Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church and has served as a deacon since 1940.

The English Brown Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars named Johnson 'Man of the Year' in 1956.

Mrs. Johnson is the former Evelyn Furr of Stanley County. The couple and their five children make their home in Rose Hill.

Law Enforcement Association Meets; Elects Officers

The Duplin County Law Enforcement Officers' Association, reorganized not too long ago, met here on January 17th. They enjoyed a chicken and pastry supper at the jail and then repaired to the court house for the regular meeting and election of officers.

The following officers were elected: President, E. C. Wray of Warsaw, succeeding Sheriff Ralph Miller; vice president, T. E. Revelle of Warsaw, succeeding Norwood Boone of Wallace; Secretary, C. C. Hester of Kenansville, succeeding Earl Whitaker of Wallace; Doug Shiver of Kenansville was re-elected treasurer.

A committee composed of T. E. Revelle, C. C. Hester and Norwood Boone was appointed to draft laws for the organization and report at the next meeting.

Basket Ball Standings

Standings of Duplin County Basketball Teams are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Wallace Rose Hill	8	1	.888
Magnolia	8	1	.888
Chinquapin	6	3	.667
Beulaville	5	4	.555
Kenansville	5	4	.555
North Duplin	3	6	.333
Warsaw	1	8	.111
B. F. Grady	0	9	.000

The above standings include all county games played through the 26 January 1957 except the disputed game between North Duplin and Beulaville boys. The result of this will be known after a ruling from the officials.



HAPPY POLIO SMILE—As this child smiles and enjoys life at the North Carolina Convalescent Hospital, Greensboro, he represents thousands of other children throughout the United States, who also have smiles for parents. However, this child has polio and will have to undergo several more months of treatment. It is your dollars and cents which make this treatment possible and recovery for many such children for whom the Salk Vaccine came too late.



Feb. 2, 1848 — Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo signed, ending war with Mexico, giving U. S. New Mexico and California upon payment of \$15 million.

Feb. 8, 1910—Boy Scouts of America incorporated, for boys 9 years upward; motto, 'Be Prepared.'

Feb. 7, 1938—Executive Order established official flag for Vice President of U. S., consisting of Great Seal, blue star in each corner on white field.

Feb. 19, 1945—Island of Iwo Jima invaded by U. S. joint action—Marines, Navy, Army. Finally conquered on March 16.