



Duplin Tobacco Crops Damaged \$2,000,000



MARKER UNVEILED — Little Sarah Well Mitchell, daughter of the late Lionel S. Well and granddaughter of Lionel Well, unveils a marker dedicated at Cliffs of the Neuse State Park Sunday. With her is Dr. Frank Graham who was the main speaker at the occasion. (News-Argus Photo)

State Speaker Says Duplin Well Ahead Leon Brown Named President

Leon Brown has been elected president of the newly organized Duplin County Community Development Program, which is composed of all members of the various County Community Development Clubs.

All five of the County's present Community Development Clubs were represented at the organizational meeting. They were Pleasant Grove, Bowden, Cedar Fork, Lyman - Fountain and Sarcia.

Clarence Warren, chairman of Duplin County Agriculture Committee presided and introduced Vernon Reynolds, County Farm Agent, who introduced J. A. Glazener, Program Planning Specialist, N. C. State College.

Glazener explained the development of Duplin County and advised the group that Duplin's progress has been 'very rapid, even more rapid than had been anticipated.'

He pointed out that Duplin is now in the same phase of Community Development as the Western counties were when they started organizing into County units.

His comments brought out the need for a county wide organization. It is necessary that Duplin County have a governing body to coordinate the over - all development, to set up prizes and awards, to set rules and regulations as to Community Club entrance into various County, area and State contests.

All Community Development Clubs are represented in the County Program. The Board of Directors is composed of a man, woman and youth representative from each of the Clubs. In addition, a representative of the sponsors and a member of the County Board of Commissioners are among the directors.

At the organizational meeting, it was decided that the main objective of the program should be to increase farm income which is to be converted into improved living.

Prizes for 1957 which have been set for Community improvement are \$200, first place; \$100, second; \$50, third, and all other participants \$25 each.

Other than Brown, officers for 1957 - 58 are: Emmett Herring, vice-president; Mrs. Douglas Sloan, secretary; Mrs. James Sauls, treasurer; and Mrs. Walter Rhodes, reporter.

The motto approved was 'Community Development by All Working Together.'

County Tax Rate Reduced To \$1.25 Yield About Same As Last Year

Duplin County Board of Commissioners have adopted a budget of \$1,267,131.18 for the fiscal year 1957-58.

Faison W. McGowan, County Accountant, said a horizontal increase of 50 per cent on all real estate is in effect this year. The tax rate has been lowered to \$1.25 per \$100 valuation with the total yield being approximately the same for 1957-58 as it was from taxation in 1956-57.

The old tax rate was \$1.70 per \$100 valuation.

According to McGowan, it will require \$528,750.00 to balance the budget. It is estimated that the County will have available \$738,381.18 from other sources other than through the tax levy.

A breakdown of the budget shows that \$246,075.98 will go into the general fund.

A complete breakdown of the budget shows: County Debt Service, \$59,240.29; old age assistance, \$178,800.00; aid to dependent children, \$124,800.00; aid to permanently and totally disabled \$54,000.00; aid to blind, \$5,764.40; operation, equipment and maintenance of hospital, \$38,500.00; school current expense, \$262,213.00; school capital outlay, \$852,445.96; and school debt service, \$2,232.61.

It is estimated that the property valuation in Duplin this year is \$47,000,000.00.

The "Tobacco Flon" Has Got Us



Above is a picture that shows condition of tobacco on the Brooks farm, eastern edge of Magnolia, Tuesday after the sun came out following the week-end rains. Scenes like this are typical in many sections of Duplin—Photo by Ed Simpson.

Rains over Duplin for a 48 hour period beginning Saturday around noon have played havoc with tobacco farms throughout the county. The least damaged areas are to be found in Wolfscrape, Glisson, Albertson and Smith Townships while Cypress Creek and Limestone suffered most.

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session at five o'clock yesterday afternoon and will meet again this afternoon in an effort to get something worked out to help the farmers who were victims of the heavy rainfall. Just what can be done, whether an emergency may be declared by the Department of Agriculture is yet to be seen. County Agent Vernon Reynolds spent Wednesday in Raleigh looking into possibilities.

A summarization of damages in various townships was drawn from estimates by County Agent Reynolds, Assistant County Agent Simpson, the Board of County Commissioners and leading farmers in each section. Percentage of damages in each township: Cypress Creek, 60 percent; Limestone, 40 percent; Kenansville, 25 percent; Magnolia, 25 percent; Warsaw, 25 percent; Rose Hill, 25 percent; Rockfish, 20 percent; Island Creek, 20 percent; Faison 10 percent; Wolfscrape, Glisson and Albertson, 5 percent; Smith 20 percent.

In discussing crop damages this year, Mr. Reynolds said that there have been at least 50 and probably more farms in the county damaged from Black Shank. Some farmers replanted. Then along came hail storms, not in general but they did severe damage to several crops. An overall total of the county damage from Black Shank, hail and drowning, he said, may reach 25 percent; 15 percent from the rains. Duplin has allotted this year 15,400 acres of tobacco and of this approximately 2200 to 2500 are beyond recovery. A total loss to the farmers of around \$2,000,000.

Commenting on what may be done about the conditions during the remainder of the growing season, the county agent said many farmers probably will replant their tobacco. Crop plantings now will probably not produce as good a crop as that destroyed, but they should get about a 60 to 75 per cent crop or maybe a little above. Plants should be available in the Old belt around Durham, Greensboro, Danville and Lynchburg. Va. Some farmers have been advised to 'apply about 50 pounds of soda to the acre to areas that appear not to be totally drowned. It may be, he said, that some roots near the top of the ridge may not be drowned and will take new life from the soda.

It was reported that the area from Fountain's Store through to Lynnan was almost a total loss, judging from fields along the highway. The Cabin section of Smith's suffered severe damage but the rest of the township damage was light.

The Federal Crop Insurance office reported that 490 crop insurance policies have been issued that will cover the rain as well as other damages.

Looking back it was pointed out that the last serious rain damage to crops in this area was in 1950 when the southern part of Duplin and nearly all of Pender County suffered heavy rains. However the crop was older then, mostly fully matured, and most of it was saved.

Reports from the trucking area say that much pepper was drowned but no estimates were available.

Kenansville Girl Is Honor Graduate



MISS LUCILLE HOWARD, daughter of Mrs. Enoch Howard of Kenansville, graduated from High School of Nursing, Fayetteville, N. C., on May 23 with honors.

She won the scholastic award for having the highest average for the three years in training. She has been active in the student body. In her senior year she served as class treasurer and secretary of the student body and president of the Christian Student Association and was Editor in Chief of 'The Reflector,' the school's annual.

Chinquapin Boy At Forestry Camp

Edward C. Raynor, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Raynor is one of the 80 odd youths attending the 11th annual North Carolina Forestry Camp for Farm Boys near Canton in Haywood county this week.

The camp is operated by the Division of Forestry of the Department of Conservation and Development in cooperation with the following: International Paper Co., Carolina Pulp Co., North Carolina Paper and Fibre Co., and the Champion Paper and Fibre Co., underwriters of the week - long project.

The youths were selected from all sections of the state on the basis of work they did in their respective schools and for the interest they have shown in promoting better forestry practices, said James B. Hubbard, administrative forester for the C&D Department's forestry division, who is in charge of the camp.

Industrial foresters from the co-sponsoring companies and foresters and rangers from the Division of Forestry are instructing the youths in the following subjects: forest fire control, estimating volume of timber, forest fire prevention, forest management, forest insects and diseases and related matters.

The boys also made a tour of the plant of the Champion Paper and Fibre Co., at Canton, owners of Camp Hope, and also the state-owned Holmes Nursery, which is located near Hendersonville. Mountain hikes and other entertainment were on the program.

A. T. Outlaw, Jr., Wins Scholarship

BY LOUISE K. BONEY

Kenansville Chapter No. 215, Order of the Eastern Star feels quite proud that A. T. Outlaw Jr., of this community has again been named to receive an ESTAR award at the Informal Opening of Grand Chapter which will convene in Wilmington at Brogden Hall on June 10, 1957.

Timmy as he is better known here, is one of twelve to receive this honor according to Mr. Vernon J. Spivey, chairman of the Estar Awards Committee of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Spivey announced the recipients for the year 1957-58 as follows: 'Renewal Awards go to Miss Linda Carolina Briggs; Miss Gayle Carolyn Sparks, Bakerville; Mr. William Ronald Wachs, Pittsboro; Mr. Lawrence Thaddeus Prevatte, Lumberton; Mr. Albert Timmy Outlaw, Jr., Kenansville; and Miss Mary Alice Godfrey Old Fort.

New awards go to Miss Shirley Joan Pogram Stokdale; Mr. Edward Franklin Johnson, Jr., Wallace; Mr. Dean Carlyle Bridges, Kings Mountain; Miss Clara Stevens Pruett, Asheville; Miss Betty Jean Coile, LaGrange; and Miss Frances Louise Wilson, Roseboro.

Adults Urged Take Polio Shot Free

Duplin County citizens are still not taking advantage of the free Polio shots which are being given to adults between the ages of 20-40.

Dr. John F. Powers, Duplin County Health Officer said that approximately 35 persons showed up last Tuesday morning for their free Salk vaccination.

Under the program, the County Infantile Paralysis Chapter gave \$1,000 toward purchasing this vaccine. It was felt that by the County Health Department administering the vaccine, it would be more of a central point in the County and more people could receive the shots.

Only 55 persons have come to the Health Department for the shots since it was started. There are approximately 1,000 shots available.

The program of giving Salk vaccine to children from birth through 19 years old is being continued. Also expectant mothers are given the Salk Vaccine free at the Health Department.

Briefs

CAMPBELL GRADUATES

The following Duplin students received diplomas at the graduation exercises at Campbell College, Roy Lee Hood, Rose Hill; Shelby Jean Jones, Warsaw; Mary Christine Sutton, Seven Springs and Lucy Rosemond Outlaw of Mt. Olive.

FAROLED

William Register of Duplin County, sentenced here in August 1951 to 22 to 26 years for second degree murder was paroled by the State yesterday.

HEAVY RAINS IN DUPLIN

Unusually heavy rains fell throughout the county over the week end due to a tropical disturbance in the Atlantic that hit off the coast from Wilmington. West West who lives about three miles southwest of Warsaw measured the rainfall in his water gauge Sunday afternoon. (Continued on Next Page)

Ivey Reunion Held

The Annual Ivey Reunion was held Sunday at the Old Ivey home near Seven Springs. Approximately 30 people attended.

The president, Dr. James Dawson, presided. Cresson Ivey led the opening prayer. There were reports given by the various committees. Each family represented gave a report on the outstanding things that happened in their family this past year.

'Faith of Our Fathers' was sung by the group. Mrs. A. K. Holmes introduced the speaker. The Rev. McCree Creech. He based his thoughts from 15th chapter of Luke and stressed the importance of each one being prepared for the final reunion which will be in heaven.

During the business period it was decided a memorial monument is to be erected on the highway along the original Ivey Land Grant and near Piney Grove Church to mark the establishment of The Ivey Family in America.

The graveyard in which many of the early members of the family are buried is to be renovated and preserved.

The program was closed with prayer by the Rev. Creech. A picnic lunch, barbecue and soft drinks were enjoyed at noon, followed by registration and a fellowship.

Funeral Services For Albert C. Hall, Prominent Duplin County Man, Held

Albert Clayton Hall, 70, prominent Wallace citizen and Duplin County political leader, died Tuesday morning at James Walker Hospital in Wilmington after a short illness.

Born in Duplin County, son of Steven (Ned) and Asha Chestnut Hall, he came to Wallace as a young man and associated with several business firms in Wallace until 1933 when he founded the A. C. Hall Hardware Company of Wallace.

He was a former chairman of the Duplin County Board of Commissioners and a former member of the Town Board of Wallace. He was an elder in the Rockfish Presbyterian Church near Wallace.

In Democratic political affairs of the State and county, he always had an active part.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Annie Thomas Wells of Wallace.

He was married previously to the former Leona Knowles of Duplin.



REV. HAROLD TRUETT SMITH

Summer Helper At Warsaw Baptist

a native of Albemarle and a second year student at Southeastern Theological Baptist Seminary, will serve as a summertime helper in the Warsaw Baptist Church during the summer months.

Mr. Smith attended Mars Hill College for two years and graduated from Wake Forest College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology; minoring in Religion and Greek.

Duplin Register Of Deeds Officials Attend Meeting

Mrs. Christine W. Williams, Register of Deeds and deputies, Mrs. Lucy B. Baker, Miss Janice Smith, and Miss Jackie Boyette attended sessions at The Institute of Government in Chapel Hill June 10th and 11th.

Classes were scheduled on Birth Certificate Problems, Delayed Birth Certificates, Preparation of Jury Lists, New Legislation affecting the operation of the Register of Deeds Office and other phases of The Register's Duties.

Liquor Still Destroyed

A 200-gallon liquor still was destroyed Wednesday in the Water's Fish Pond section near Sunnyside's Cross Roads.

Watering is important at this time of year and may mean the difference between saving and losing the valuable stock.

Nickels For Know-How Vote In North Carolina Is Scheduled For August 23

North Carolina farmers and other feed and fertilizer users will go to the polls on August 23 to vote on whether to continue for another three years a program that has caused widespread favorable comment since its beginning in 1953.

The program is known as Nickels for Know-How, through which fertilizer and feed users contribute to agricultural research and education a nickel per ton of feed and fertilizer they buy. The program is a clear expression of North Carolina farmer's willingness to help provide a portion of the funds for research and information that keeps this country ahead of the rest of the world in production of food and fiber.

The Nickels for Know - How referendum will be held in every county. County referendum committees are now being set up; township and community committees are also being established.

Duplin 4-H Council Meets Here

The Duplin 4-H Council met June 4 at the Ag. Building in Kenansville. Jane Wilkins, president presided.

District Talent and Demonstration day was discussed. The president appointed Carlyle Herring to

ASC Moved; Plan Addition Present Ag. Building

Duplin County ASC office is now located in its temporary quarters in the Gooding Building, in Kenansville.

According to E. E. Kelly, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, the building is proving adequate for the ASC as a temporary measure.

There was some rumor that the Gooding Building was to be purchased by the County, but Kelly stated today, that this is not true.

Plans are already in the making to construct an \$8,000 to \$10,000 wing to the present agriculture building on the northwest corner. As soon as this structure is completed the ASC office will occupy it and the old section.

Entrance to the new addition can be from either side of the building.

Present plans call for approximately 800 additional feet of floor space to be added all of which will be on the ground level. When completed, the agriculture building will be T shaped.

At the same time bids will be let on the construction of a Negro Agriculture Building. It is to be located on highway 24, adjacent to the E. E. Smith school.

Kelly said today that the estimated cost of this new structure is \$12,000.

For the past three years, the County Board of Commissioners have been including in the budget \$3,000 which was to eventually be used in the construction of the Negro Agriculture Building.

It will house the offices of the Negro Farm Agents, Negro Home Agents and other facilities.

Local Town Tax Rate To Remain At \$1.00

Kenansville tax rate for 1957 will remain \$1.00 per \$100 valuation, according to Town Clerk C. C. Hester.

The budget for 1957-58 has not yet been established. It is to be considered at the next meeting of the Town Board of Commissioners and Mayor.

Two Attend Grady School 12 Years Without Absence

The following B. F. Grady graduates attended 12 years without absence: Curtis Theodore Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodolph Simmons of Albertson attended the full 12 years without an absence. Miss Rubyene Waters daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Waters of Rt. 1, Mt. Olive attended the full 12 years without being absent.

108 More Miles Stream Inspection Scheduled Here

The Army Engineers said that 387 miles of stream clearance work has been placed under contract and 1,900 miles of streams will be inspected to determine clearance cost estimates in eastern North Carolina.

Scheduled for inspection are 608 miles of streams in Duplin and adjoining counties.

Col. Henry Rowland, Wilmington district engineer said the projects already under contract include 56 miles in Duplin and 14 miles in Wilcox counties.

Scheduled to be inspected are 608.7 miles of streams in Wayne, 144.8 miles in Sampson, 188 in Duplin, 98 in Greene, 91.6 in Wilcox, 86 in Lenoir and 3.6 in the town of Clinton.

Col. Rowland said the inspection should be completed by September 18 and reports and cost estimates should be completed and in the hands of the Federal Civil Defense Administration before Sept. 27.