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EDITORIAL



Duplin's Son, Dallas Herring

By J. R. Grady

A son of Duplin, a pioneer in the field of education, has been named chairman of the State Board of Education for North Carolina. We want to thank Governor Hodges for naming him to the Board, and thank the Board members for recognizing his ability to the point they elected him chairman.

It is ironic that Dallas, being a hatcher, should take so much interest in public education. He was educated in Duplin County Schools, and attended Davidson College four years and came out Phi Beta Kappa. He does not have the high doctor's degree but he does have the high degree of seeing into the future for our younger generation. He is about 41 years old, but his mind has lived twice that long. He is a scholar, a student and a philosopher. He believes in the future of Duplin, of North Carolina, the U.S. and the world. He is a Christian gentleman, and elder in the Presbyterian church. He has developed into a powerful influence in North Carolina and the nation in the field of education on his own initiative.

He dares to challenge the future. He is lowly, humble and meek, but with that, no saint. He recognizes that we all have to live together for a common purpose—and that purpose is to survive.

He is willing to part with the past to gain a better way of life in the future.

Polling Places For Cotton Referendum And Nickels - For - Know - How Are Given

Although the cotton acreage has been halved since allotments were re-established, cotton is still one of the major crops in the state. When all phases from production through manufacturing is considered, it is North Carolina's major industry. Besides being important agriculturally, 40 per cent of the industrial workers in the state are employed in cotton manufacturing. These manufacturing plants consume several times our annual production.

The need for a strong organized cotton program to protect the interests of cotton on a research, educational, legislative and promotional basis is very evident. Cotton is the only unorganized industry in the state. In other cotton areas where the cotton industry is in a healthy condition, without exception there is a strong organized cotton program.

Legislation has been passed to allow farmers to vote in a referendum on August 23, 1957 to assess themselves 10 cents per bale to support this work. Money from this assessment along with contributions from the industry groups of the Association, Inc. This referendum is being held jointly with the Nickels for Know How referendum being conducted by the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation.

Objectives of the North Carolina Cotton Promotion Association, Inc. are:

1. Improve quality and value of North Carolina cotton by:
 - (a) Increased use of all known production techniques.
 - (b) Improved handling, classification, storage, and merchandising of raw cotton.
 - (c) Planting full allotments.
2. Coordinate work of all interested private and public agencies.
3. Protect North Carolina cotton interests in state and national legislation.
4. Promote and support research and education in cotton.
5. Sponsor State Fair and other cotton educational exhibits.

Duplin County's annual income from cotton is about \$60,000. Production could be increased 50 per cent to 100 per cent without an increase in allotment if all recommended production and marketing practices were used.

The Cotton and Nickels for Know How polling places in Duplin County are as follows:

Albertson Township, Holt's Store; Cypress Creek Township, M. L. Lerner's Store; Faison Township, Faison Town Hall; Glisson Township, Melvin Powell's Store; Island Creek Township, Edwin Teachey's Store; Charity, Warsaw Township, Warsaw Town Hall; Wolfscrope Township, G. E. Alpha's Store; Kenansville Township, Agriculture Building; Magnolia Township, Magnolia Town Hall; Rose Hill Township, Rose Hill Town Hall; Smith Township, Freely Smith's Store and Rockfish Township, Rockfish Community Building.

Again in 1956, North Carolina farmers met the bulk of their credit needs through loans from their local banks, according to E. C. Thompson, Senior Vice President of Branch Banking and Trust Co., who represents the North Carolina Bankers Association as Duplin County Key Banker. During the year, the state's banks remained the leaders in farm credit service by providing far more financial aid to farmers than any other lending agency, he noted.

Using figures from the sixteenth annual farm lending summary of the Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers Association, Mr. Thompson pointed out that on January 1, 1957, North Carolina banks had a total of \$68,510,000 in loans outstanding to farmers, compared with \$67,412,000 a year ago. On the same date \$39,814,000 was held in North Carolina farm loans by Federal Land Banks, the second largest lender to the state's farmers; \$28,728,000 was held by insurance companies; \$12,294,000 by Production Credit Associations; and \$27,944,000 by the Farmers Home Administration.

The total of farm credit outstanding in banks was made up of \$31,935,000 in production loans and \$36,575,000 in farm mortgages. In addition, North Carolina banks held \$2,783,000 in C.C.C. paper not included in the above total.

Mr. Thompson commented especially on the increase in farm capital requirements to the present very high levels. "This increase," he said, "has created a growing need for loans with repayment periods of longer than one year. Banks are meeting this need in part by using a larger proportion of real estate credit to finance non-real estate investments.

The shift to comparatively greater use of real estate credit for capital improvements and production purposes is indicated by statistics that over one-half of all farm real estate loans are now used for production and operating expenses, new machinery, improvement of livestock herds, and the like.

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Mr. Thompson stated that "these investments made through use of longer term bank loans have contributed substantially to the efficiency and progress of North Carolina agriculture."

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—Jas. Barrow

Teachers Listed For James Kenan Warsaw, Magnolia, Kenansville

List of Teachers — 1957-58

James Kenan High School — J. P. Harmon, Principal; C. H. Pope, Agriculture; C. L. Warren, Agriculture; Miss Carolyn G. Outlaw, Home Ec.; Mrs. Kathleen P. Snyder, Home Ec.; Mrs. Martha Brinson, Mrs. Grace Q. Carlton, W. H. Helton, teacher and coach Mrs. Sallie C. Ingram, Mrs. Jo C. Jones; Mrs. Pearl C. McGowan, Joseph W. Newkirk, Mrs. Loyce C. Phillips, Mrs. Gertrude B. Pope, Mrs. Vernelle A. Stevens, Gary W. Taylor and Mrs. Faye Q. Williams.

Kenansville Elementary School — Z. W. Frazelle, Principal; Mrs. Mattie W. Sadler, Mrs. Janet T. Register, Mrs. Edna E. Brinson, Lauren R. Sharpe, Mrs. Nannie P. Brinson, Mrs. Nancy Chesson Simpkins, Mrs. Florence S. Currie, Mrs. Virginia G. Penney, Mrs. Katherine M. Wallace, Mrs. Coral B. Burch and Mrs. Louise W. Mitchell.

Warsaw Elementary School — William J. Taylor, Principal and coach; Mrs. Mary S. Farrior, Mrs. Mary R. Matthews, Mrs. Estelle R. Peirce, Mrs. Maggie R. Crawley, Thelma S. Swinson, Mrs. Joan P. Best, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Page, Mrs. Laura W. Barwick, Mrs. Rose W. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Martha H. Buck, Mrs. Marguerite B. West, Miss Lenora Womack, Miss Nell J. Bowden, Mrs. Lena C. Carlton, Miss Nora Blackmore, Miss Maggie W. Bowden, Mrs. Magdalene Stencil, and One teacher we do not know.

Magnolia Elementary School — L. H. Fussell, Principal; C. J. Thomas, Margaret G. Fussell, (Mrs.) Mrs. Genevieve R. Tucker, Miss Betty F. Horne and One Teacher We do not know.

Duplin County Polio Survey

A unique and hopeful step will be taken on Friday, August 9, 1957, when a survey of Duplin county polio victims of past years will be undertaken at the Health Department in Clinton. All of the more than 29 post polios in Duplin county are urged to attend this orthopedic clinic where an evaluation team of medical experts will give them a thorough medical check-up.

This survey of past polio victims is being conducted by the Duplin County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. It is estimated that there are some 80,000 polio victims throughout the country. There is strong evidence that some of these may be able to further overcome the after-effects of polio thanks to brilliant achievements in orthopedic surgery, corrective devices, and the whole field of rehabilitation.

The survey of local patients at the clinic on Friday is the first stage of a March of Dimes project that promises 'A Forward Look for the Polio Patient.' The program seeks to extend help to patients who could benefit from care at a respiratory or rehabilitation center, from new types of self-help or adaptive devices, or from recently developed surgical techniques.

The Duplin County Chapter has contacted as many of these patients as possible, but there may be post polios who do not appear on its books either because of change of address or because they have never registered with the Chapter. However, all polio patients regardless of age or extent of present disability are urged to attend Friday's clinic.

Patrolman Willie Rogers Investigated Three Auto Accidents During Past Week

Highway Patrolman Willie Rogers has been busy for the past week with automobile wrecks.

On Friday, 9:15 p.m., Frank Armwood, Jr., turned his 1951 Chevrolet over on the Mount Olive - Kenansville highway near Scottie's Pool.

Armwood, Negro, 29, is charged with careless and reckless driving. He received a dislocated right shoulder. The car was estimated to be damaged \$300.

Patrolman Rogers said skid marks were evident at the scene of the wreck 300 feet.

Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m., two vehicles were involved in a wreck on the Mount Olive - Kenansville highway.

Patrolman Rogers said Gene Arden Stroud, white, 17, route 2, Warsaw, and Miss Addie Summerlin, Kenansville, collided near Molly Westbrook's Store as Stroud was making a turn off a paved road onto a dirt road. Miss Summerlin, white female, 21, was attempting to pass at the time and hit the car in the left center.

Stroud's car was damaged \$300 and Miss Summerlin's car, a 1957 Ford, was damaged \$500.

No charges were preferred.

Monday, 7 p.m., three miles south west of Beulaville, a head-on collision resulted in injuries to two persons, Patrolman Rogers reports.

Investigation reveals that Tommie Carroll, white, 28, route 1, Beulaville, was rounding a curve on the wrong side of the dirt highway and collided head on with a 1951 Ford driven by Woodrow Jones, white, 28, also of Route 1, Beulaville.

Mrs. Edna Mae Lee, white, female 30, and her son, Roger four months old, riding in the Carroll car, received injuries.

Damage to both cars was estimated at \$350 each.

Carroll is charged with driving on the wrong side of the road.

Briefs

WE LIKE THIS

Hamlet. — There is a big hearted thief in this section.

Last week, Richmond County Deputy Sheriff Jack Heeney reported that he was looking for thieves who "hit a new low" when they stole a dozen watermelons and several cantaloupes from a produce stand operated by George Watts, crippled with arthritis for many years. The produce stand provides a meager living for Watts and his mother during the summer.

Thursday, another report was made by Deputy Heeney who said that "copsiness" apparently got the best of the thief. According to his report, the night after the story appeared in newspapers "more than twice as many melons as had been stolen" were returned to Watts' stand under cover of darkness.

"It only goes to prove," said Deputy Heeney, "that the pen is mightier than the blackjack."

BABIES BORN

The following are babies that were born at Duplin General Hospital the last week: Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wilson, Magnolia, a girl, August 1; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nethercutt, Kenansville, a boy, August 2; Mr. and Mrs. Billy B. Pope, Clinton, a girl, August 2; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Helton, Kenansville, a girl, August 4 and Mr. and Mrs. Lester H. Jones, Kenansville, a boy, August 4.

FARM BUREAU

There will be a Farm Bureau meeting, tonight at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Agriculture Building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the marketing of discounted tobacco.

PATIENTS

The following are patients in Duplin General Hospital: Wilma B. Anderson, Magnolia; Lillie Carolyn Baker, Rose Hill; Florence Williamson Blizell, Newton Grove; John Bolten, Faison; Grittie Bradley, Baltimore, Md.; Kathleen Register Byrd, Kingston; Gertrude Davis, Wallace; Sutton Fountain, Chisapeake; Percy Gavin, Warsaw; Oscar Hardison, Teachey; Betty K. Helton, Kenansville; David Edgar Lanier, (Continued On Back Page)

Cotton Farmers Will Vote Aug. 23 For Strong Support

Cotton farmers of North Carolina will go to the polls August 23 to decide whether to support a strong promotion program for their crop.

The special referendum, authorized by the recent General Assembly, will allow farmers to vote on assessing themselves 10 cents a bale to carry on an active program to promote the use and sale of cotton.

Wiley Long, Jr., Roanoke Rapids, president of the N. C. Cotton Promotion Association, explained that two-thirds or more of those voting must favor the proposal before it can be put into effect.

Money derived from the assessment, along with contributions from allied industry groups, would be used to help the Promotion Association carry on its program, Long said.

The cotton referendum is being conducted jointly with the Nickels for Know-How balloting. In cotton counties, polling places will be the same for both referenda.

Long described cotton as one of the state's major crops, even though acreage has been cut in half since allotments were re-established.

"It is even more important," he went on, "when you consider that about 40 per cent of the industrial workers in the state are employed in cotton manufacturing. Our mills consume several times the annual cotton production in this state."

Long said that the cotton industry generally is in a healthy condition in those states which have a strongly organized cotton program among growers and industry.

"Our farm leaders and many farmers themselves have long recognized the need for such a program in North Carolina," he added.

The good you do and embody gives you the only power obtainable.

Mary Baker Eddy

Society is built upon trust, and trust upon confidence in one another's integrity. —Robert South

N. C. Banks Largest Lenders To Farming Group In 1956

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Duplin County Collected \$239,698 In Taxes During 1956-57 Above Last Year's Collection Figures Reveal

BY PAUL BARWICK

Figures released today by Duplin County Accountant Faison W. McGowan and County Tax Collector Harry Phillips reveals that total tax collections for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, were \$239,698.25 above the 1956 total collections.

McGowan said he attributes the excess collection to "an all out effort made by the County to collect back taxes."

Total collection for the year was \$708,144.54, which was \$97,367.12 above the total tax levy of \$700,777.42 for 1956.

At the beginning of the 1957 fiscal year, the County Board of Commissioners appointed attorneys Russell J. Lanier and Kenneth W. Turner to collect "all back taxes."

This move is attributed with the increased collections. As a result, Duplin County now has a balance of all uncollected taxes of \$425,000, McGowan said.

With the additional money on hand, County school building programs have been speeded up with new cafeterias being constructed at North Duplin, near Calypso; and Wallace - Rose Hill high schools. James Kenan Consolidated High School to serve Kenansville, Magnolia and Warsaw is nearing completion and is to be occupied during the 1957-58 school year.

Since 1947, when a complete revaluation of all real estate was made, the County tax rate has been most years \$1.50. However, in 1954 the tax rate was increased to \$1.55 per \$100 valuation. Because of increased expenses, in 1956 the tax rate was increased to \$1.70. This year a 50 per cent horizontal increase in all real estate went into effect. At the same time, the County Board of Commissioners announced a drop in the tax rate from \$1.70 to \$1.25 per \$100 valuation.

A close look at the tax records reveals that real and personal property holdings in Duplin County have almost doubled since the revaluation in 1947.

McGowan points out that the real and personal tax levy in 1957 yielded \$374,511.46. In 1956, the yield from the tax levy was \$700,777.42.

Recognizing the work done by Phillips during the past year the County Board of Commissioners voted this week to employ Phillips as Tax Collector for another year.

Game Laws To Be Strict This Year In Duplin

Fishermen and hunters beware. Check your fishing and hunting licenses now.

John Edwards, Duplin County Game Warden, said today that all combination hunting and fishing licenses expired on July 31, meaning that new ones are essential now.

Too, all of last year's hunting licenses expired on July 31.

There has been a price increase in combination hunting and fishing licenses from \$4.10 to \$5.25 annually. Hunting licenses also show an increase of \$1.00 from \$3.10 to \$4.10. Duplin County licenses will remain \$1.10.

Edwards points out that hunters and fishermen should make sure and carry their licenses when hunting and fishing this year. "We are going to be more strict and we don't want to have to bring someone in for failing to comply with the game license laws."



SGT. BRADLEY C. KATZ (AHTNC) — Army Sgt. Bradley D. Katz, son of Mrs. Ida S. Katz, 506 E. College St., Warsaw has been selected for assignment with one of the six earth satellite tracking stations which stretch from Fort Stewart, Ga., to Santiago, Chile. Sergeant Katz will serve as an operations and repairman in helping track the satellite to be launched during the International Geophysical Year. The tracking stations are being established as part of Army Map Service's "Project Vanguard." Katz entered the Army in May 1956 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. A 1955 graduate of the University of North Carolina, he is a member of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity.

School Faculty Named For Beulaville

Beulaville School Faculty for 1957-1958 announced by W. Ray Humphrey, Principal, also school opening date for Beulaville set for August 20th.

First grade: Lou Belle Williams, Vera Bostic, Jessie Ann Thomas. Second grade: Christine Kennedy, Mamie Boggs. Third grade: Eleanor Norris, Joyce Nixon. Fourth grade: Hazel Williams, Mable Thomas, Frances Mercer. Fifth grade: Phoebe Pate, Hazel Miller, Dorothy Humphrey. Sixth grade: Jean Bucklew, Louise Brown, Lillian Grady. Seventh grade: Ann Craft, Carl Pate, Dale Bucklew. Eighth grade: Dorothy Thigpen, Lurline DeBell, Madeline Smith.

High School Faculty: Science: Eldridge Thigpen and Malcolm McWhorter. Commerce: William Gerald Jones. Home Economics, Betty Smith. Turner. English and French: Isabelle Grady. History: Vance Spence. English: Blanche Hill. Math and English: Bencher Guy. W. D. Thigpen, Mary S. Mercer, Football and Physical Education: Richard Nixon. Agriculture: Temple Hill, Colon Shaw. Public School Music and Band Director: Robert Craft, Jr., Piano and Glee Club: Goldie Alderman.

Telephone Co. Undertakes Huge Financial Program

The largest financial undertaking in the history of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company was completed on August 1 when the company offered and sold \$14,000,000 principal amount of thirty year 4-2-3 per cent debentures. Proceeds from the issue will be applied to reduce the company's outstanding short-term bank loans.

The order of the North Carolina Utilities Commission authorizing the financing summarized the company's progress since the end of World War II.

Pointing out that post-war demand for telephone service in the forty-one county territory served by the company has been the greatest in the company's history, the order stated that since the end of the war, Carolina Company telephones in service have increased from 59,814 stations at December 31, 1946 to 147,953 telephones at the end of May 1957.

The increased demand for service and the growth of the company, with improvements to its plant and facilities, have been the direct cause of the greatest construction activities in the history of the company. The 1956 gross additions to telephone plant exceeded any previous twelve months' period and resulted in the largest telephone gain in the company's history.

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The accelerated construction program is being continued during 1957 and the telephone gain for the first five months this year was 4,074. With emphasis on rural development, more than 8,000 telephones classified as rural have been gained during 1956 and the first five months of the current year.

In Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company's construction and improvement program, gross additions to telephone plant for the period extending from January 1, 1947 to May 31, 1957 have approximated \$77,832,960. If present demands for service continue, the company expects that expenditures for total telephone plant and facilities will approximate \$6,000,000 in the remainder of 1957.

Placement of the company's debenture issue was handled by Kidder, Peabody and Company, Inc., of New York and involved sixteen purchasers. This, the fourth debenture issue, raises the total outstanding bonded debt of the company to \$28,000,000.

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Duplin County A. S. C. Report

Farmers who plant 'acceptable' flue-cured tobacco varieties and 'discounted' varieties on the same farm, under some conditions, may make arrangement with ASC to sell their acceptable tobacco on a white card. According to H. D. Godfrey, Administrative Officer of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee, farm operators who have produced both discounted and acceptable varieties of flue-cured tobacco on the same farm but in separate fields or plots who wish to be issued a white marketing card for use in marketing the acceptable varieties should contact the local ASC county office immediately.

Prior to any marketing, the farmer who expects to market his acceptable varieties on a white card after he has disposed of all discounted varieties will submit a signed statement to the ASC county committee describing the steps he has taken and will take to insure that acceptable discount varieties are being kept separate. Information furnished will include (1) manner in which the tobacco was or will be kept separate during harvesting, (2) the manner in which it was or will be kept separate during curing, and (3) the manner in which it was or will be kept separate in the pack house and during the sorting and tying.

According to Godfrey, a minimum of two farm visits by ASC personnel will be necessary to check the farm operator's plan to keep the tobacco separate and to draw required samples. The farmer will be required to pay a \$12.00 fee to cover these two visits. If additional visits are necessary, they will be at the rate of \$6.00 per visit.

If the county ASC Committee determines that the farm operator's method of keeping the discounted varieties separate is adequate, the ASC representative while on the farm will draw two samples of tobacco for chemical analysis. A sample will be drawn on the tobacco represented by the farm operator to be of the discount variety. This according to Godfrey is a further check required by the Department (Continued On Back Page)

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON D. C. HIGHWAYS

RALEIGH — The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. August 8, 1957:

Killed This Year: 283

Killed To Date Last Year: 232