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PRICE TEN CENTS

Russell Lanier Heads Duplin Polio Group; Drive Launched; Chairmen Named Other Officers Elected At Meet Here

New officers were elected and plans were laid for the 1958 March of Dimes which is to officially begin on January 3, when on Thursday evening a dinner meeting was held at the Kenansville Cafe. 1957 Chairman, Mrs. Christine Williams called for a report from Mr. W. E. Craft, county campaign chairman for the past year. Mr. Craft reported that \$7053.98 was collected, which was one of the best years that the county has had. Mr. Craft was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Mrs. Williams, and she also gave the treasurer's report for Mrs. Rosamond Brock who was unable to attend.

Dr. John A. Powers, County Health Officer, gave a report on the Salk Vaccines which had been given in Duplin County. Even though not as many people have taken advantage of the service as it was hoped, at least about twelve or thirteen thousand have taken the shots. Dr. Powers urged any and every-

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SENODA WINNERS — Representatives of the top five communities in five counties, winners of awards in the SENCLand Development Association contest, are presented checks Monday night by John Fox, president of SENODA. Fox presents check to Wilbur Earl of Lebanon Mills. Others in some are Everett Lewis (partially concealed by Fox) of Long Creek, L. H. Harrelson of Sandy Plains, D. L. Beard of Bladen Union and Elmo Blizard of Pleasant Grove—(Wilmington Star)

Leon Brown Chairman County Board Commissioners; Beetle In County

Hearings Set On 1958 Tobacco Violations

Hearings are being held in Duplin County by the County ASC Committee in cases where there has been excessively high yields, too many acres of tobacco planted and some instances of blue card tobacco farmers.



LEON BROWN
Leon Brown has been elected chairman of the Duplin County Board of Commissioners for 1958. The election came at the regular

Board meeting in Kenansville this week. Brown has been a member of the Board since December, 1952. He is a native of the Beulaville community.

In other action, the Board voted to assist with the financing of the white fringe beetle control program now underway in the Warsaw and Faison communities. Part of this program, federally sponsored, is being paid for by the landowners.

Vernon H. Reynolds, County Farm Agent, said the white fringe beetle has been in the two sections for about 15 years but has never been wiped out. This effort is designed to wipe out the beetle. Reynolds said that the beetle grub attacks roots of plants. On farms where the white fringe beetle is found, that farm is under a federal quarantine. This means that certain type crops can not move freely from the farms infested.

Tax Collector Harry Phillips reported to the Board that collections for November were down over the corresponding month a year ago. The current month collections were \$44,367.04. November, 1956 collections were \$57,795.14. This is the first month in 1957 that a decline over the previous year has been shown in Duplin County.

The Board also passed a resolution asking the State Utilities Commission not to grant Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company the requested increase in telephone rates.

Members of the Board, other than Brown, are E. E. Kelly, outgoing chairman; Lott Kornegay, J. B. Stroud and J. W. Hoffer.

Times Sports

WITH JOE COHEN

Beulaville Wins 52-39 BOYS
Beulaville High with a 19-point lead went on to defeat Chinquapin last night in the opener for the Panthers. Buddy Mercer was top scorer with 12 points while E. Sloan paced Chinquapin with 11. The Chinquapin girls defeated Beulaville 64-40 in the opening game of the twin bill. Myra Lanier pumped in 43 points to pace the winning girls, and Betty Weston scored 13 for the Beulaville set. Beulaville, Mercer 12, Thomas 2, Craft 10, Huffer 10, and Bratcher 10. Beulaville girls: Quinn 2, Matthews 2, and Kennedy 4. Chinquapin — Hunter, 5; Bradley, 2; Sloan, 11; Bowen, 16; and Evans. Subs: Dill, 4, and Raynor 1.

Chinquapin 40 Beulaville 40 GIRLS
Chinquapin led 10-0 at the 10-minute mark. Beulaville, Mercer 12, Thomas 2, Craft 10, Huffer 10, and Bratcher 10. Beulaville girls: Quinn 2, Matthews 2, and Kennedy 4. Chinquapin — Hunter, 5; Bradley, 2; Sloan, 11; Bowen, 16; and Evans. Subs: Dill, 4, and Raynor 1.

JACKSONVILLE WINS OVER KENAN 52-48 BOYS
Ken Cohen came off the bench to lead the Jacksonville Cardinals to a 52-48 victory over the Tigers of Kenan High last Tuesday night in the season opener for both clubs. Keith Hobbs, Lon Price and Howard led the attack for Coach Bill Helton as they scored nine points each. Coach Helton was pleased with the way his club looks against the strong Cardinals.

Farm Labor Representative Be In Ag. Building Here 10-12 a.m. Each Thursday

Albert D. Hickman, Farm Labor Representative for this area, will be in the County Agent's office, Kenansville, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon each Thursday beginning the week of December 5 and will continue until March 1958. Wednesday he will be at the FCK Stone in Beulaville between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock noon.

Tax Listers For Duplin County Are Named By Board Of Commissioners

The following named persons were appointed and approved tax list-takers and assessors for 1958 at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on last Monday.

Pleasant Grove Club Takes Top Honors In SENCLand Development Association

A loving cup, two trophies and a total of \$500 were awarded to five SENCLand communities Monday night at the annual meeting of the SENCLand Development Association.

Taking top honors with the loving cup, which is awarded to the community doing the most outstanding job in overall improvement, was Pleasant Grove of Duplin County. Representing the winning community was Elmo Blizard who received the large cup from Ryo B. Page, publisher of the Wilmington Star-News Newspaper.

Runner-up in this category was Bladen Union of Bladen County represented by D. L. Beard. Bladen Union received a special trophy for the second place position. Chairman of the SENCLand Community Development Division, John Fox, made the presentation.

Lebanon Mill Creek community also received a special award in the form of a trophy for its good neighborhood exhibited during the past year.

Winners in the three subdivisions of judgment were: Home beautification, Long Creek of Pender County, represented by Everett Lewis; increased income, Pleasant Grove, represented by Elmo Blizard; and youth program develop-

ment, Western Prong of Columbus County.

Briefs

Times Tardy, Christmas Schedule
The Times is reaching you a little later this week due to the fact that we were closed three days last week to give our help time off for Christmas and the unusually heavy run of Christmas advertising this week. Your paper will come to you as usual after this. Note: Christmas week the Times will be closed on Tuesday as we did last year and the office will be closed the rest of the week. Please bear this in mind and get your news and advertising in early for that week.

All Work Done Here Now
Smith Dry Cleaners has now installed an all complete dry cleaning equipment in its Kenansville plant. Since it first opened here, Mr. Smith has been doing the dry cleaning in Warsaw and pressing in Kenansville. He wanted in the beginning to complete the plant and show it has become a fact. The equipment is the newest and most modern to be found in Duplin County. Now you may carry your suit, dress, coat, etc. to the local dry cleaners in the morning and get it back all finished in the afternoon. Mr. Smith employs expert workmen to do the work and all work is guaranteed.

Dr. Willis Is Gone
Dr. Robert F. Willis left Kenansville for West Virginia Monday. He returns to his native state where he will become physician for coal miners in the state after January 1st. He will take a vacation during December. Going with him was his nurse Miss Homer Weathersby, native of Tennessee. Friends of Dr. Willis in Kenansville and Duplin regret to see him leave. He has been a vital asset in the development of the Duplin General Hospital.

Weather Prophet by Catching Fish
Eugene Wells, Duplin's forest fire warden, was telling us the other day of a old fisherman who predicted weather by the way fish bite. We've never heard this one before. Mr. Wells didn't seem to know the old man's exact formula but when he wanted to know what to expect from the weather he would go fishing, and Mr. Wells said his neighbors told him that the old man's prognostications were generally correct. Some time ago he went fishing and came home with the story that we were in for a rough winter.

Many Requests For Pine Seedlings
Mr. Wells told us that he is getting right many requests for pine seedlings from Duplin farmers this fall. They cost the farmer \$4.55 per thousand delivered to his home. The seedlings are usually about 1 year old, loblolly pines. There is still an adequate supply, he says, and anyone wanting them may contact Mr. Wells at Rose Hill.

Driving through the county one can see literally thousands upon thousands of acres of idle land that could well be put to pine growing. It takes about 12 to 15 years to grow a good crop of wood pulp and 25 years and up for a timber crop. There is no cultivation.

682 Baptists Gather In Rose Hill Monday For "M" Night Exercises

Six hundred and eighty-two people from the Baptist Churches of Eastern Baptist Association gathered in the Rose Hill Baptist Church on Monday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. for the "M" Night exercises. "M" Night is an annual presentation of the Training Union.

Bear Marsh Baptist Church of Route 2, Mount Olive and Beulah Baptist Church of Turkey received the attendance banners. Bear Marsh had the largest number in attendance (77) and Beulah had the largest percentage of enrollment present (97%).

All of the churches of the Association have Training Union Departments except eight. Training Union is an evening service on Sundays.

Cotton Referendum To Decide Important Questions; Voting Is Set For Dec. 10

How farmers vote in the cotton marketing referendum to be held throughout the Nation's cotton-growing area on December 10 will determine whether quota penalties will apply and also the level of price support for 1958-crop cotton. The referendum therefore is of vital concern to every cotton grower, says Theodore Harrell, chairman of the Duplin County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The market quota program will be in operation for next year's crop, the chairman explains, if at least two-thirds of the votes cast in the referendum are in favor of the program. In that case, price support will be available to growers who comply with their farm allotments for the 1958 crop of cotton at a level between 75 and 90 percent of parity and quota penalties will apply on any "excess" cotton. If more than one-third of the votes are against quotas, there would be no quota penalties and the price support level to eligible growers would drop to 50 percent of parity.

Chairman Harrell explains that, even though quotas are disapproved acreage allotments will remain in effect as a means of determining eligibility for price support. All farmers who were engaged in the production of cotton in 1957 will be eligible to vote in the referendum. (Continued on Back)



MR. H. F. SEAWELL, JR.
Mr. H. F. Seawell, Jr., guest speaker here Friday, December 13, in connection with Kenansville Production Credit Association annual meeting. Mr. Seawell is an outstanding lawyer and speaker. He has been acclaimed by many as being one of the best speakers in the state. His parents were of Duplin County. All stockholders and the

Duplin Board Of Commissioners Passes Resolution

Duplin County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution in its regular monthly meeting Monday protesting the request of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company to raise telephone rates.

Telephone bills are now up but the Utilities Commission has asked for a bond to cover the hike in prices just in case a refund has to be made if the Utilities Commission does not approve the request. The resolution as passed is as follows:

NORTH CAROLINA
DUPLIN COUNTY
Resolved by the board of Commissioners: (Continued on Back Page)

Rev. Stephen Smith Hospitalized After Accident Today; Nick Bostic Injured

Rev. Stephen C. Smith of Duplin and Middlesex was carried to a Kingston hospital this morning with cuts and bruises and possible other injuries after being involved in a wreck at 10 a.m. about two miles from Beulaville on his farm on highway 41.

According to reports Mr. Smith was driving towards Beulaville, slowly, in his 1957 Chevrolet, looking at his farm. A pick-up truck came up from behind, driven by Nick Bostic. According to reports Bostic said he was looking up and saw the Smith car. He looked down in the foot of his car something and suddenly crashed into the rear of the Smith car. The truck hit the Chevrolet so hard the Chevy buckled up in the center. It was total-

TOP AWARD — Elmo Blizard of the Pleasant Grove community receives the Star-News Newspaper trophy — top award for the most outstanding over-all improvement in the SENCLand Development Association Contest. Presentation was made by Ryo B. Page, publisher of the Star-News Newspapers at Monday's SENCLand annual meeting. — (Wilmington Star)

ly demolished, it was said. Bostic suffered minor cuts and bruises and was under observation by a Beulaville doctor. His truck was very badly damaged but can be salvaged, it was said. The truck turned over.

Rev. Mr. Smith is superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex and is well known throughout Duplin County. His friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

The USS Swardfish sank a Jap merchant ship, Dec. 15, 1941 to be the first U.S. submarine to sink an enemy warship.

Duplin Allotted Crops Acreage Remains About Same For 1958; Notices Are Sent

Duplin County ASC office has received notice of acreage allotments for the county's four allotted crops according to Sam Brown, County ASC office manager.

Notices are being mailed all farmers notifying them of the acreage of their particular farm.

Allotments for 1958 will be approximately the same as 1957 on tobacco, corn, cotton and peanuts. Tobacco allotment to individual farmers will be the same with the exception of violations and adjustments. Brown points out that where a farmer has been detected for a violation, his acreage will likely be cut. In adjustments, usually in hardship cases, there will probably be some increase. The tobacco allotment for Duplin is 15,421.10.

Peanuts will be the same with an allotment of 6.3 acres. There are two peanut growers in the County.



3 Men Inducted; Holiday Closing Announced
The following men from Duplin County were inducted into the Army on the 3rd of December, 1957: Vernon Julian Salmon, Walter Ivey Smith and Archie Louis Dunn.

The office of the Duplin County Board will be closed from December 13, 1957 until January 2, 1958 for the holiday season.