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## Easter

It's Easter, time of rejoicing, of hope and faith renewed, when in song and story, the glorious Easter message is heard again. May it bring to you gladness of heart and exaltation of spirit.

### Farmers In Duplin Wage Battle To Stay On Land; Many Changes

Editor's Note: The following story was released by the United Press on its wire service to member papers depicting the plight of many small farm families and their efforts to stay on the farm. The Duplin Times reprints this story in public interest giving full credit for its source to the United Press. Paul Barwick.)

by William A. Shires  
There is a very human factor in the struggle for survival being waged by the small farmers of

tobacco - growing Eastern North Carolina, the desire to stay on the land.  
State Farm leaders this week cited the major farm problem in the state as being marginal producers who have no other source of income than their small farms. Industry has been emphasized as an answer but agriculture leaders say it is not a complete answer.

Instead, they contend that it must be a balance between agriculture and industry - that industrial centers must be balanced areas supplying food fiber and raw materials.

Such a large, typical agricultural area is Duplin County where the nearest thing to heavy industry was a Confederate arms factory during the War between the States. There is one textile plant employing 1,000 people.

**Turn To Poultry**  
Duplin ranks high in tobacco production. Like in most eastern counties of the state tobacco is the principal crop. Duplin has a total of some 15,000 acres of tobacco, divided into average allotments of between three and four acres. Duplin's farm population is decreasing.

Two break-ins were recorded in Duplin County during the past week, according to Sheriff Ralph Miller.

Horace Foss, 20, white, is in Duplin County Jail under \$1,000 bond for breaking into and stealing several items worth approximately \$10. He is charged with entering Ransie Howard's Store in Gilsom Township, on Thursday night.

Recovered was 197 pieces of bubble gum, 40 bars of candy, some lard and crackers. All this is valued at about \$4.00.

Houston Howard's Store near Pink Hill, was broken into Sunday night and between 40 and 50 cartons of cigarettes and two automobile tires taken. In addition between \$65 and \$70 in cash was taken. The store is located on Highway 11.

Sheriff Miller said no one has been picked up as yet and investigation is continuing.

### Hospital Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt For Hospital Babies

The Woman's Auxiliary of Duplin General Hospital plans to sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt here on the hospital grounds at Kenansville with the babies that were born in our local hospital since it opened, as our guests.

Good Friday, April 4, 1958 from 2-4 o'clock is the time set for the white children, while the next day, Saturday April 5th from 2-4 o'clock is scheduled for the Negro children.

### Mrs. Loraine Bell and Miss Edna Rouse Injured In Kenansville Wreck Saturday

A wreck in Kenansville Saturday afternoon resulted in hospitalization of two LaGrange citizens and one car almost totally demolished.

James F. Britt, LaGrange insurance man, was involved in the wreck with L. H. "Pete" Quinn, of Kenansville, a local merchant. Miss Edna Rouse and Mrs. Loraine Britt Bell, of LaGrange and occupants of Britt's car, are hospitalized in Duplin General Hospital. Miss Rouse has several bruises and cuts. It required 25 stitches to repair cuts in her right leg. Mrs. Bell received broken rib or ribs and injuries to her

left shoulder in addition to cuts and bruises. James Britt driver of the 1956 Ford, received bruises and cuts but none of them serious. Quinn was not injured in the wreck in which his 1957 Oldsmobile was damaged between \$400 and \$600.

Britt, at the time of the accident, was traveling south on Highway 11 through Kenansville. Quinn is alleged to have pulled from a side street into the path of Britt's car.

Patrolman B. D. Burge, of Beulaville, investigated the wreck. A hearing was to have been held Wednesday in Kenansville.

### Beulaville Easter Sunrise Speaker To Be Rev. Raper; 16 Churches Participate

Rev. Mr. William Burkette Raper, president of the Mount Olive Junior College will be the speaker for the Interdenominational Easter Sunrise Service to be held April 6, at 5:53 a.m. on the football field of the Beulaville School if the weather permits - if not, in the school auditorium.

Mr. Raper was born in Wilson County in 1927. In 1938 he entered the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex, N. C. and remained there until his graduation from the Middlesex High School in 1944. He then entered Duke University and received his A. B. Degree in 1947. In 1952 he received his B. D. Degree from Duke Divinity School.

He served as pastor of the Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church of Snow Hill, N. C. from 1951-1954. In 1954 he became president of the Mount Olive Junior College, a co-educational, liberal arts college sponsored by the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Everyone is invited to attend this service and urged to be in place before 5:53 a.m., the time when the sun is supposed to rise above the horizon in this area. The choir of about one hundred voices, composed of members from the sixteen participating churches is expected to open the service by singing "Christ Arose" promptly at 5:53 a.m.

In addition to the Sunrise Service Mr. Raper will be guest speaker at the Beulaville Presbyterian Church at 11 o'clock. A very cordial invitation to attend is extended to all.

### New Communion Furniture Is Dedicated Grove Presbyterian Church Sunday

Sunday morning March 23rd during the worship hour the Grove Presbyterian Church dedicated for sacred use a new communion table and two new communion chairs. The communion table was given as a permanent gift by Mr. J. E. Jerritt, a former member of the church, and members of the local congregation. The two chairs, hand carved to match the pulpit chairs, was given as a memorial for Miss Jessie D. Farris a long time resident of Kenansville. The memorial was given by Miss Hester P. Farris of Raleigh, niece of the one honored.

Miss Jessie O. Farris was the daughter of the late William J. and Mary Pickett Farris. She spent the large part of her life in Kenansville and was active in church and community activities. The latter years of her life, after the death of her parents and sister, Miss Elizabeth J. Farris, were spent in Raleigh and New Bern. She died on October 22, 1941 at the age of seventy and was buried in the local cemetery after services at the Grove Church.

The memorial and gift were received in the name of the Grove Presbyterian Church by its pastor, the Rev. S. T. Snively. They were dedicated by prayer and thanksgiving. Following the dedication the local choir offered as its anthem "Praise Ye The Lord".

### Sam Taylor Of Bowden Named President Duplin Community Development Ass'n.

Sam Taylor of Bowden has been named president of the Duplin County community development association. This is a group composed of two members from each of the community development clubs in the county.

Serving with Taylor are Elmo Bizard of Pleasant Grove vice president; Mrs. Lillie Mae Coate of Potters Hill, secretary; and Bill Sullivan of Oak Ridge, treasurer. The group met this week to work out rules and regulations for inducement prizes for the coming year.

### CP&L Plans Belie 'Recession' Talk

It's hard to detect "recession" in the planning by Carolina Power & Light Company. Last Tuesday, the company sold \$220,000,000 in bonds to finance current growth and on the same day announced plans for a multi-

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Recital in Rose Hill Edgar Alden and William S. Newman, Artist Members of the Music Department of the University of North Carolina will present a recital of music for Violin and Piano in Rose Hill, at the Community Building Auditorium on April 5 at 8:30 P. M. This recital is sponsored by the Rose Hill Junior Music Club. Tickets will be \$1.00.

Dr. Alden and Dr. Newman have enjoyed several highly successful seasons of playing together. Their annual recitals have become a "must" for audiences in the communities where they have played.

### Poultry Processing Plant To Be Constructed In Rose Hill Soon

A poultry processing plant equipped to dress thirteen million broilers annually will locate in Rose Hill as soon as a suitable building can be erected according to an announcement by H. E. Latham, mayor of Rose Hill today.

The center of a rapidly expanding poultry producing region, Rose Hill chosen by E. T. Watson, owner of Watson Seafood and poultry Company of Raleigh, as the location of a new plant to expand his present operation.

The site of three large feed mills operating successful poultry programs under which farmers feed chickens furnished by the mills with feed produced by the mills. Rose Hill and the surrounding area have already reached an annual production of some ten million broilers in addition to its well established turkey enterprise. Farmers are given a guaranteed minimum price for each bird produced and are free to realize additional profits as the market affords them.

An option has been obtained on an excellent site of ten acres on U. S. Highway 117, according to Mayor Latham. The site is well drained, being adjacent to a main drainage canal classified for waste disposal by the State Board of Health, but near the town's water mains. Two additional wells capable of producing 800 gallons of water per minute will be drilled on the site for the plant's exclusive use, but a tie in with the town's system will be affected to increase the pressure available.

The Farmers Industrial Development Corporation will be organized to erect the building for the processing plant, which Watson will lease with an option to purchase. All equipment will be furnished by the processor. Plans for financing the \$175,000.00 building include the sale of stock in the corporation to poultry producers, merchants, farmers, feed mills and other interests in this section. If required long term financing of a part of the buildings cost will be sought from sources which already have expressed an interest in the sections rapidly growing poultry industry.

Incorporators of the local company being organized to erect the facility are, in addition to mayor Latham, D. W. Ramsey, owner of Ramsey Feed Mill, Marvin Johnson, of Nash Johnson & Sons Feed Mill, Marlowe Bostic, of Coastal Plains Milling Company; R. S. Troy, Cashier of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company; H. S. Johnson, Jr., and W. D. Herring, Rose Hill business men. Some three hundred farmers in this area are engaged in poultry production under the program sponsored by the three mills. Acquisition of a processing plant is expected to strengthen the enterprise for all concerned.

A unique experiment in integrated farming, the poultry program has worked successfully in other localities, notably in Georgia. Climatic conditions in southeastern North Carolina are said to be ideal for poultry production and the area is closer to northern markets.

The plant will give employment to some 125 individuals, most of whom will be women. The value of poultry produced in Duplin County has been estimated by V. H. Reynolds, county agent, at \$10,000,000.00 and the figure is expected to exceed the value of tobacco produced in the county in 1958.

The Duplin Times learned today that construction of the processing plant at Rose Hill will begin within the next 30 to 60 days.

Plans have to be drawn and stock sold before much can be done toward construction.

After that the processor will move into the building which will be leased to Watson Seafood and Poultry Co., and equipment set up. A training period for the employees will then be necessary before the plant can operate on a full capacity.

It will probably be around August or September before the plant gets into full swing.

Mayor Latham said today that every body associated with the processing plant is pleased to have Watson as the man who will lease the building. He is a native Tar Heel and has had 12 years of experience with poultry processing.

He has built an operation from one which processed 42,000 broilers annually to one which now processes 12,000,000 broilers annually. "We are indeed fortunate to have a man such as Mr. Watson associated with us," Mayor Latham said.



Seated left to right are: Robert L. West, Master of Ceremonies; Dudley Robbins of Burgaw, State Department Commander; Henry L. Stevens, Past National Commander; Durham Grady of Albertson, 8th District Commander and J. C. Page, Warsaw, Past District Commander. Standing: Robert Price, Treasurer; Woodrow Blackburn, Commander; Pete Stallings, Adjutant; and J. F. "Jimmy" Strickland, Acting Chaplain.

### District Rotary Convention Met In Wilmington

Rotarians and Rotary Anns were guests of the port city of Wilmington, when they convened there last week, for the 773 district convention.

The two day session was held at the Cape Fear Hotel, with H. A. "Ham" Marks, past president of district 773 presiding over the Monday session. Mayor E. L. Wade welcomed the guests to the city.

During the session, James A. Banton, past president of the district presented the conference program. W. Eugene Edwards addressed the group and introduced the district officers for the new year after which delegates were named to attend the Rotary Convention to be held in Dallas, Texas in June.

Speakers on Vocational services were Walter Dudley, Red Springs; Charlie E. "Chuck" Crawford, (continued on back)

### Charles R. Gavin American Legion Post Celebrates 39th Anniversary March 21

Charles R. Gavin Post No. 127 of Warsaw celebrated the 39th anniversary of the America Legion on March 21. A well planned program made the celebration highly successful. Each Post of the Eighth District was represented at the party.

In the absence of our Past Chapterin, Jimmy Strickland returned thanks for the meal we were served by Post 127.

Robert L. West was Master of Ceremonies for the celebration. Distinguished guest included Judge Henry L. Stevens, Past National Commander, State Dept. Commander Dudley Robbins of Burgaw, and

the Eighth District Commander Durham Grady of Albertson. The first speaker of the evening was J. C. Page, Past District Commander, who reviewed the history of Post 127.

He gave the group some very interesting facts on the organization and growth of the Post. He read a list of the 15 Charter members of Charles R. Gavin Post No. 127. Charter members present for the celebration were Judge Henry L. Stevent, Walker Stevens, R. E. Wall, Jim Barden, and Edgar Pollock. These men were recognized (continued on back)

### Uncle Pete From Chittlin Switch

Dear Mister Editor: I see by the papers where this feller Gallup conducted a poll and found that one out of ever 20 persons would volunteer to go up in one of these earth satellites.

That settles a argument that's been going on in this country for years. There's always been a difference of opinion among authorities on the subject as to what per cent of Americans was crazy. One out of 20 is five per cent. That fixes it final and beyond any act of Congress.

I got a hunch that five per cent is higher than when I was a young man. In those days folks didn't have but three things to worry about, religion, starvation, and the tariff. This generation ain't unduly concerned with religion know the Government won't let 'em starve, and they ain't never heard of the tariff.

But they got a million other things to worry about. A feller, fer instant can't even step across the road to hunt rabbits without getting his worries. Ed Doolittle

said he went hunting Saturday and all he got was \$14.20 worth of game warden. Ed gits about \$50 worth of game warden ever year on account of him being convinced it's un - American to charge a feller for hunting and (continued on back)

### My Neighbors



"He's been sitting on that cloud ever since he heard about that tax reduction bill pending in Congress!"

The above picture shows J. J. Sandlin, Jr. of Beulaville, holding a \$100.00 check as a donation to the Red Cross from J. J. Sandlin Store in Beulaville.