



Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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## Several Races Develop In Duplin As May 31 Primary Nears; Most Major Offices Have Opposition

Eleventh hour filing by several political aspirants got Duplin County a political race in the May 31 Democratic Primary which had not been anticipated.

Gilbert Alpha, Jr., of Mount Olive, Route 2, filed for Clerk of Superior Court opposing incumbent R. V. Wells. Wells has been unopposed for several years. He is from Kenansville.

In the race for Sheriff, incumbent Ralph Miller, of Beulaville, is opposed by Davis G. Evans, of Warsaw. This is Evans' first venture into politics. In the last election for Sheriff, Miller carried every precinct in the County.

For solicitor, two new candidates have filed. David N. Henderson, who was solicitor, filed for County Judge. Henderson, from Wallace, is unopposed. In the race for solicitor are William E. "Pot" Craft, of Kenansville; and Russell J. Lanier, of Beulaville.

Grady Mercer, of Beulaville, is unopposed for the State Senate seat. He has served for the past two years as County Judge.

Hugh S. Johnson, Jr., of Rose Hill, a candidate for House of Representatives has no opposition. He is the incumbent.

All incumbent County Commissioners are opposed in their respective districts. Under Duplin County regulations, terms of the County Commissioners are staggered and are for terms of four years.

Leon Town, of Beulaville, and Murphy Simpson, of RFD, Beulaville, are vying for the seat from District 2. Edson is the incumbent. In District 3, incumbent J. W. Hoffer, of Wallace, and D. D. Blanchard, of Wallace, are running for the Commissioner's seat.

District 2 opponents are Emmett E. Kelly, of Mount Olive, RFD, incumbent; and Kenneth G. Grady, of Kenansville.

For the County Board of Education, Claude L. Helper, of Wallace, and William F. Dall, of Chiquasin, incumbent are seeking the one seat under consideration.

In the race for County Coroner are Garland Kennedy, incumbent; and H. B. McNeill, of Warsaw.

Candidates for Justice of Peace in their respective townships are: W. J. Middleton, Warsaw; H. F. Lee, Warsaw; M. H. "Bob" White, Island Creek; Garland Kennedy, Island Creek; Gordon S. Muldrow, Limestone; Cecil D. McCullen, Faison; George J. Powers, Island Creek; Hix Bradshaw, Rose Hill; M. B. Cavensugh, Island Creek; Robert J. Salmon, Rockfish; C. C. Hester, Kenansville; C. B. "Andy" Penny, Island Creek; Anson Lee Baker, Rose Hill; W. S. "Bill" Merritt, Rose Hill; John W. Warren, Faison; Miles F. Mercer, Jr., Cypress Creek; Homer M. Boney,

Island Creek; J. Ed Strickland, Warsaw; John W. Waters, Glisson; T. W. Quinn, Glisson; and J. R. Waters, Glisson.

Those seeking election as constables in their respective townships are:

E. Hamr Kornegay, Limestone; N. K. Tadlock, Faison; Graham Chesnut, Magnolia; George Kelly, Glisson; Robert F. Powell, Island Creek; Ward H. Carlton, Warsaw; Snyder Dempsey, Rockfish; W. Coy Hill, Glisson; O. J. Whaley, Island Creek; G. W. "Buck" Bradshaw, Rose Hill; Irving Young, Rose Hill; W. B. "Dick" Kissner, Magnolia; Grover Boyette, Limestone; Joshua Creech, Warsaw; Frank Jones, Rose Hill; Tom Lanier, Limestone; Milton Parker, Cypress Creek; Lenwood E. Pigford, Rose Hill; and Arthur R. Cavenaugh, Rose Hill.

## Farmers Advised Not To Go South For Tobacco Plants; Witchweed Is Present

Vernon H. Reynolds, Duplin County agent, issued a warning to Duplin farmers who may need extra tobacco plants once transplanting begins.

He pointed out that farmers should not go south of Duplin County to get any tobacco plants. "Witchweed, an attractive but destructive flowering plant, spread into the area and was discovered last year.

Witchweed is a parasite and attaches itself to the roots of such plants as tobacco and steals the life out of the plant. It is unable to develop. Should tobacco plants be used which are infested with witchweed, it will mean a failure in the tobacco crop.

The seeds are microscopic and it cannot be determined before a season begins if witchweed has infested a new area. Some of the plants were discovered in Duplin last year along the Sampson County - Duplin County line. It is hoped that it has not spread into other sections of the County.

"The dread little weed has been found in almost all the Counties South of Duplin and even in South Carolina," Reynolds said.

Plans for a state-wide Vacation Bible School Clinic for Free Will Baptist workers to be held at Mt. Olive Junior College on Saturday, April 26, were disclosed today by President W. Burkette Raper.

The Clinic, which last year drew more than 400 Vacation Bible School workers from all parts of North Carolina, is sponsored jointly by Mount Olive Junior College and the Free Will Baptist State Woman's Auxiliary Convention under the direction of Mrs. Robert Crawford of Greenville.

The list of instructors for the Clinic will be headed by the Rev. J. O. Fox, editor-in-chief of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, who will teach a class for the general directors.

The Clinic, which begins at 9:45 a.m., will include a picnic lunch for all who attend.

A complete display of Vacation Bible School literature and supplies will be held in the College library by the Free Will Baptist Press, the denomination's publishing house.

## MEETING TO HONOR SAM BYRD APRIL 24, WAYNE HISTORICAL ASSO.

The Wayne County Historical Association will meet at Mount Olive Junior College on Thursday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will honor Sam Byrd, Wayne's

outstanding actor, author and playwright. William Andrew Bridges, curator of publications of the New York Zoological Park and author of several books, will give the memorial tribute to his friend.

I know the people of Duplin will always be grateful to Sam for THE DUPLIN STORY. A special invitation is given to the people of Duplin County to join in this meeting.

Dan W. Fagg Jr., Dean of Mt. Olive Junior College is president of the Association and he is anxious that Duplin County will be well represented at this event.

Sam Byrd was well known and loved in Duplin and Lenoir Counties. Until his illness he was Editor of the Weekly Gazette and Assistant Editor of the Duplin Times.

## Rev Goodman At Seminary

The Reverend Walker Hall Goodman, Jr., pastor of the Beulaville Presbyterian Church, Beulaville, North Carolina, is one of 52 Presbyterian ministers chosen for participation during this academic year in the Tower Room Scholarship Program at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. Goodman, together with three other pastors, on April 21 begins two weeks in residence at the Seminary — engaged in an intensive study program designed to bring the participants abreast of developments in various theological fields.

The Tower Room plan was instituted under the assumption that too often too many pastors just don't find the time for adequate and guided study.

Demanding the pastor's time are myriad things — things such as sermon preparation, committee meetings, civic activities, home and hospital visits, and the ever-present telephone conversations with congregation members with problems.

The Tower Room program gets the pastors away from all such distractions.

Figuratively, Tower Room scholars go into an ivory tower of learning for their two-week stay at the Seminary.

The groups are in residence at the Seminary from Monday night until the Friday night 12 days later — housed in a Seminary dormitory and fed in the Seminary dining hall. They miss only one Sunday of pulpit responsibility.

Mr. Goodman is a graduate of Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He and Mrs. Goodman are the parents of one son, Hugh

## Kelly's Moved To Warsaw

We are happy to announce that Mr. J. T. Kelly is being promoted and transferred from Goldsboro to Warsaw in charge of the Home Security Life Agency. Mr. Kelly has been working for the Company in the capacity of Agent since 1957 has done a nice job and deserves this promotion.

Mr. Kelly succeeds the former J. P. Johnson of Warsaw who for a number of years was ranked among the Company's leaders for an outstanding job. Mr. Johnson developed this debt into an Agency for the Company.

Mr. Kelly is a Duplin County boy, graduated from the Mount Olive High School, attended State College and completed a business course at the Mount Olive Junior College and is well qualified to handle the Company business. He married the former Maxine Smith of Rockingham who is a graduate nurse and was in charge of Recovery at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro. They have one son J. T. Junior.

We predict much success for Mr. Kelly in the "grand old" counties of Duplin and Sampson.

## Sub-Surface Waters Pose Problems

(NOTE: This is the fifth in a series of articles prepared by the State Board of Water Commissioners for the purpose of familiarizing the public with the results of the recent state-wide inventory of water problems.)

Tar Heels who depend on this state's underground reservoirs for their water supplies stood up in large numbers to be heard recently when they were given an opportunity to report their water problems to the state.

Problems involving inadequate supplies clearly dominated the reports as they poured in to the county committees that conducted the studies at the local level. Problems falling into this category accounted for an even 80 percent of all problems reported involv-



## W. C. Reed Resigns Superintendent's Position Of Baptist Children's Home

General Superintendent W. C. Reed who has directed the program of child care for North Carolina Baptists since August, 1950, has submitted his resignation in a letter to H. Cloyd Philpott of Lexington, president of the Baptist Children's Homes' board of trustees. His resignation would become effective June 30 if accepted by the board in its semi-annual meeting May 5-6.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed will live in Kinston where they have built a home. Before coming to Thomasville as general superintendent he was superintendent of Kennedy Home from 1943 until 1950. Their son, Olin, lives in Kinston where he is engaged in the practice of law. They have two other children, Mrs. Charles Mason of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Ted Hugel of Denton, Texas.

Announcement of Mr. Reed's retirement came as something of a surprise to staff members who have seen the program of the Homes reach new peaks of achievement under his leadership. However, "Father Time is catching up with me," Mr. Reed told Mr. Philpott in his letter of resignation. He will be 65 years old on April 24. Personal policy of the Homes permits a staff member to retire voluntarily at 65 with 68 as a limit.

## Sixth Grade At B. F. Grady Tours Sites In Kenansville On Wednesday

The sixth grade of Mrs. Hazel Ruth Kornegay, of B. F. Grady School toured Kenansville, the Duplin County seat, and visited some of the points of interest Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Christine Williams, Registrar of Deeds, conducted the tour and served as guide.

Among the places visited and the officials explaining various points of the respective operations were County Jail, Sheriff Ralph Miller; First Floor of Duplin General Hospital, Mrs. Wilma Pate, acting administrator; Duplin General Hospital Iiter Plant, Tyson Bostic; Hospital Maintenance Man and Joe Costin, County Sanitarian; Health Department, Joe Costin and Mrs. Rosamond Brock; County Room, Judge Grady Mercer; Agriculture Office, Rufus Elks, County ASC Office Manager; Duplin Times, Mrs. J. R. Grady and Mrs. Margaret Tucker; Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co., Phillip Kretsch, cashier.

## Farm Labor News

Farm Labor Representatives, Albert D. Hickman and Scott McPhail, of the Farm Labor Office in Mt. Olive, N. C. will hold a Tobacco meeting April 25, 12:00 noon at Agr. Building Kenansville, April 25, 10:30 A. M. at Cabin, N. C., Calvin Mercer Store.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss labor for harvesting the 1958 tobacco crop. If you have any additional workers to house your tobacco crop this season, be sure to attend this meeting. Mr. Hickman and Mr. McPhail will work out a satisfactory plan with you to furnish you tobacco workers.

This is a free service to you, since the Farm Labor Office, is a State sponsored organization.

They also agree that, given a reasonable period of time, the trend will turn upward and underground reservoirs will recover their losses.

While this knowledge it little consolation to the farmer whose well has gone dry, it does indicate that sufficient interest has now been roused to see that some action is taken to minimize the effects of future deficiencies.

Three interrelated complaints dominated the ground water supply problems reported to the state by the county groups. They were (1) wells dried up by other wells, (2) falling water table and (3) insufficient amount of water available. In connection with the first of these complaints, a majority of

## Bishop Garber To Dedicate Magnolia Meth. Church

A highlight will be reached in the history of the Magnolia Methodist Church when the members and friends gather for the Homecoming-Dedication service on May 11, 1958 at 11:00.

Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Richmond Area which includes the State of Virginia and the North Carolina Conference, will preach the dedication sermon and the dedication of the Educational Building will follow.

The members of the Magnolia Methodist Church have completed an Educational Building and have renovated the interior of the Sanctuary at a cost of \$25,000.00. The Educational Building is comprised of seven large rooms including a large fellowship room, a well equipped kitchen, a nursery, and rest rooms.

Bishop Garber will be assisted in the dedication service by the pastor, Rev. C. G. Nickens, and the District Supt. H. N. McLamb.

A picnic dinner will be served on the grounds to all the friends and members of the Church.

## Roy Lee Vestal Places Second In Showmanship

Roy Lee Vestal, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Vestal, of Kenansville, won second place in Swine Showmanship at the SENC Land Livestock Show and Sale held last week in Wilmington.

He received a red ribbon and \$10 for placing second among all entries in the swine division.

## Wallace Youth Wins Top Award In Three State Baton Twirling Contest

Robert Stewart Powell of Wallace has been named the best baton twirler in three states.

The versatile youth won 1st place in the Advanced Boys Division of the Tri-State Baton Twirling Contest presented by the Dixie Majorette Association, held in Kinston on Monday, April 7th at the Kinston Recreation Center Gym. Approximately 75 participants from South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia took part.

In the Duet Division, Stewart and Geraldine Brinkley, outstanding W-RR majorette, scored second place for the three states, although a second place trophy was not actually presented.

An interesting side-note, Stewart disclosed, is that Faye Gooch of Durham, North Carolina State Baton Twirling Champion, won the Tri-State Contest in the Advanced Girls Division.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Luther Powell of Wallace, Stewart has been drum major for the W-RR Band for four years. He is an outstanding band member and has long astounded local audiences with his intricate maneuvers and keen sense of rhythm with the baton and his remarkable versatility with many of the various instruments used in the band.

Mrs. Irls Leary, director of the Wallace-Rose Hill Band, asserted that she is indeed pleased with Stewart's being selected as the best baton twirler in three states and (continued on back)

## 104th Agri. Celebration Held Miss Macy Cox Has History For Sale

The Celebration of the 104th Anniversary of the first Agricultural Society of Duplin County was held in the Kenansville School Auditorium on Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Lauren A. Sharpe, Supt. O. P. Johnson gave a talk on the importance of preserving records. Mr. Ellis Vestal, introduced by Mr. Ed Simpson, spoke on farming today and

Melvin Williams, a 4-H Student, of the B. F. Grady School who has made an excellent record in 4-H work, spoke most interestingly on Farming in the Future.

Attorney Winifred T. Wells of Wallace introduced Judge Grady Mercer who spoke on the history of Duplin County and finished his speech with a poem of the History of Duplin. He complimented Miss Macy Cox for her untiring efforts in getting up such an interesting program.

Music was furnished by a group of local singers from Magnolia. "Miss Macy" thanked the people for attending and offered her books for sale. The book is "The Story of The Duplin County Agricultural Society, Organized, April 23, 1854", and may be purchased for \$1.00. The Kenansville Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts were there to help with the sale of the books.

## No U S Air Force Recruiter In Duplin Til Further Notice

Until further notice, there will not be a U S Air Force Recruiter working in Duplin County.

Interested Persons should contact the U S Air Force Recruiter, at the Rufus King Hotel in Clinton on Thursdays.

Sgt. C. T. Jernigan who has served this county for the past three years has been reassigned to Shepard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas and a replacement has not been assigned to fill his position.

Sgt. Jernigan wishes to express his appreciation for the fine support the people of this county have shown him during his assignment to this area. It is with deep regret that he leaves his many friends in this county but as he says, "All good things must come to an end," but he wishes each and everyone of you the best of everything and will be coming back to see you from time to time.

## Father Solicitor Britt Passes Funeral Last Friday

William Royall Britt, 72, of Turkey, died in Luke Hospital Wednesday. He was a member of Beulah Baptist Church and Hiram Lodge 98 of Clinton and had served as pastor. Funeral services were conducted at the home Friday at 3 p.m. by the Rev. M. C. Queen and the Rev. Norris Norman. Interment was in the family cemetery with masonic honors. Survivors include his wife Mrs. Annie Thompson Britt; one son, Dist. Solicitor Walter T. Britt of Clinton; two sisters, Annie H. Britt of Durham and Mrs. Emma Matthis of Turkey; one brother, John L. Britt of Turkey; three grandchildren.

## Azaleas Now In Bloom At Orton

After a month's delay due to the unseasonable winter and early Spring, the Azaleas at Orton Plantation are now in bloom and should continue for the remainder of April and perhaps into the early days of May.

The buds of the dwarf azaleas came through the severe winter with little damage but larger and later Indian varieties have suffered to an extent that their blooms will not be up to average. Climbing roses and flowering shrubs have not been hurt.

## Dress Revue To Be Held May 1

The Duplin County 4-H and Home Demonstration Dress Revue will be held, jointly, on Thursday night May 1 at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Agriculture Building in Kenansville.

Four - H and Home Demonstration Clubs have had fashion shows in their local meetings and the winner from each club will be in the County contest.

All participants are asked to be in the Home Agent's Office by 7: p.m. so that the judges can inspect and discuss the dresses before the modeling begins.

The public is invited to attend.

## On Northern Market

Mr. H. D. Andrews of Mt. Olive, N. C. is spending this week in the Northern produce market. He is contracting his connections for the coming produce season.

## Uncle Pete From Chittlin Switch

DEAR MISTER EDITOR: Senator Margaret Chase Smith says she's as mad as a hornet about some Idaho potatoes showing up at a Air Force base in her state of Maine. She's doubly shook up, she says, because this is the second time it's happened and because the base is located in Aroostook County, center of the Maine potato industry.

If she'll look into it she'll probably find that all the potatoes at Air Force bases in Idaho come from Maine. As long as she's been in the Government she ought to know this is standard procedure in our armed forces. Our military bases in Italy got their spaghetti in cans from New York and in Alaska they probably got their Eskimo pies from Hoboken, New Jersey. The boys in the Pentagon like to keep things moving, Margaret.

I see by the papers where a famous London tailor announced in New York that cuffs on men's pants was going out of style. I got sad news for that feller. Here in this country we're going to have cuffs on our pants even if we have to do without Geritol.

I'd as soon get caught in my neighbor's hen house as to get caught on the street with no cuffs on my britches. Back when we was fighting Germany and Japan, the War Production Board got away with cutting a couple inches off our shirttail but they didn't have no success in taking the cuff off our pants.

I was reading yesterday where some car insurance company down in Georgia won't insure a driver that hangs rabbit tails, squirrel tails, baby shoes, dice and such stuff on his car. They figger that such fellers is off their rocker and ain't safe drivers. I've seen winners wearing hats that looked like rabbit tails, squirrel tails, baby shoes, dice, and a vegetable garden all rolled into one. I can't see how they can logically insure one and not the other. Fer my money they can keep'em both off the highways, then maybe I could find a parking place.

I was in town the other day seeing about getting some fertilizer fer my spring planting and this city feller was in there talking about planting a garden this year. City folks git all mixed up in the difference between planting a garden and working one. The difference is about the same as between sweat and perspiration. Us farmers sweat and you city folks just perspire. The good word sweat is in mighty low esteem amongst you city gardeners. You've been masquerading it around as perspiration so long that you thing sweat is something not to be mentioned in the presence of ladies. If this city feller ain't figgering on sweating a little on that garden there ain't no use in him planting it.

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