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Grady Mercer Promises To Be One Of Colorful State's Legislators

By Paul Barwick
When the General Assembly convenes in Raleigh in January for the biennial get together of North Carolina's elected representatives and senators, none will be more prominent than the colorful Grady Mercer, of Beaulaville. This will be the first time Mercer has gone to Raleigh to represent the people. And his first time will be as senator from the ninth Senatorial district representing Duplin, Sampson, Hender and New Hanover. There are two senators representing these four counties.

hand of 'howdy do' and a warm suggestion of it—a fine day." He was born in 1906 to Louis Albert and Frances Mercer. His grandfather served throughout the Civil War in the Confederate Army. Some of that very same sternness of his ancestors can be seen in Mercer.



GRADY MERCER

KINSTON TOBACCO MARKET READY FOR OPENING SALES AUG. 21

The Kinston Tobacco Market, located in the heart of the best bright tobacco growing section in the world is famous because of its enviable reputation for producing the weed that carries the fragrance and aroma so necessary for a soothing, satisfying smoke. Sale in 1957 on the Kinston Tobacco Market totaled 53,337,838 pounds, bringing a gross of \$29,752,060.09, or an average of \$55.79 per hundred. These sales were completed in an all-time record of 51 days. They included over a million pounds in "blacklisted" varieties and which sold for one half the parity support price. Minus these sales, Kinston would have averaged \$56.43 per cwt in 1957, a year which saw it lose only 29 per cent drop in overall production. It held a firm grip on second place among the Big Four.

Eastern N. C. Belt Opens August 21

WILSON TOBACCO MARKET READY FOR BIG SEASON - GOAL 75,000,000 LBS.

The big Eastern Tobacco Belt will open officially for sale on Thursday, August 21, as tentatively planned several weeks ago. The announcement came last week end after a meeting of the Sales Committee of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association. It was thought by some that the Eastern Belt might open two days early since the Border Belt's opening had opened two days earlier than had tentatively been planned. The market opened last year on August 15. However, the current crop was late being transplanted making the opening of the various tobacco belts a little late this year. Sales have been breaking all time records on all belts which have opened to date. Tobacco warehousemen who have watched the grades of tobacco will not go down once the big Eastern Belt opens. Farmers in the belt are already preparing tobacco for the opening of the various markets. This could mean one of the biggest opening day volumes on record for the Eastern Belt.

Two Men Killed At Faison As Car, Truck Collide, Bursting Into Flames

Two persons were killed when an automobile and a pulpwood truck crashed and burst into flames at an intersection near the auction market Thursday around noon in Faisons.

Dr. John F. Powers, County Health Officer, under whose supervision the program has been sponsored, says that all of these positive cases should be treated as soon as possible. It is brought out that treatment is simple and "in most cases treatment can be completed in one or two visits to the doctor."

County - Wide Blood Test Program Ends; Positive Cases Of Syphilis Are Found

The County-Wide blood testing program which has been underway in Duplin County for the past three weeks has pointed up the need for such a program. David Hammond, District Epidemiologist with the U. S. Public Health Service representing the State Board of Health, said that reports have been returned on 3,204 blood specimens taken and 307 cases of positive syphilis have been found. This is a percentage of 9.5 of those specimens taken and examined.

Beulaville Footballers Looking Forward To Better Year On Gridiron

"We are looking for a much better season this year than we had last year," said Glenn Nixon, who is beginning his second year as Coach of the Beulaville football team. Richard McDowell is assisting Nixon as line coach.

Briefs

The N. C. Department of Revenue and the N. C. Probation Commission offices which have been recently located in the upstairs offices of the Dall building, have recently moved in offices on the upstairs floor of the Post Office building. Office hours for the Revenue Division are from 9:00 A. M. till 5:00 P. M. on Tuesdays. For the Probation office the hours are from 9:00 A. M. till 5:00 P. M. on Fridays. The remainder of the week Mr. Walton and Mr. Blake are out in the county doing field work.

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B. F. GRADY HIGH SCHOOL NAMES TEACHERS 1958 - 59

The B. F. Grady School will open on Monday, Aug. 25, at 8:30 A. M. School Bus Routes will follow the same courses as last year except for differences in location of Drivers on some Buses. Drivers are being trained and tested this week by Mr. E. L. Peters to drive Buses where the driver last year graduated. School will operate for a few days from 8:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M.

Young Romanger Presented Rolling Chair

Young Shelton Ray Romanger, 4 years old, was a very happy youngster on Monday afternoon when he was presented a collapsible metal chair by the officers of the Local County Chapter of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis. Present at the presentation were Russell Lanier, Chapter Chairman; Mrs. Christine Williams, Vice-chairman and P. E. Krestch, secretary and Treasurer.



SHELTON ROMANGER

TIMES SPORTS By Joe Costin

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Holloman Drowned At Outlaws Pond

Kermit N. Holloman, 36, native of Calypso, who lived with a sister on Mt. Olive Route 2, was drowned Sunday afternoon about 4:30 while swimming at Outlaws Pond about eight miles east of Mt. Olive.

Prominent Rose Hill Farmer Passes

John David Bland, 79, prominent Duplin County farmer and a lifelong resident of Rose Hill, died Thursday morning July 31, in James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, following an extended illness. Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Saturday August 1, in the Mount Zion Presbyterian Church, Rose Hill, with the Rev. Wade H. Allison officiating.

THE Minister's Desk By D. E. Parkerson, Warmaw

The greatest tragedy of our time is not that there are multitudes of people who do not believe in God, but that those who do profess belief in Him do not practice what they preach. They see no inconsistency between professing righteousness and at the same time practicing wrong in their lives. They practice piety in the presence of the preacher as though God does not know the contents of their heart.

Duplin County Has Another State First

So far as is known Duplin County has another first. Jim Buncie, Duplin Assistant County Agent, said that a Community get together to construct mailbox posts for all farms in the community will be held Saturday by the Jackson Cross Roads Community Development Club, located between Beulaville and Chinquapin.

Duplin School Opening Delayed Until Aug. 25

Duplin County school opening has been postponed until Monday, August 25. O. P. Johnson, County superintendent of public schools, said the delay was put into effect when it was learned that farmers in the area had harvested but approximately 60 percent of the crops.

Uncle Pete From Chitlin Switch

My sermon this week is on buttermilk. I took this text on account of what happened to me in town last Saturday. I had me a meal at one of them public eating places and when they bring the buttermilk, it tasted like it was made of talcum powder and lemon extract. I asked the lady about it and she said it was agin the law in most states now to serve the old fashioned buttermilk like we made in the churn. It ain't healthy," she said. "It's got to be pasteurized."

Hester Attends Insurance Meet

The National Association of Insurance Agents Inc. at the Institute of Insurance was held at Chapel Hill from August 3 through 8. Currie C. Hester of Kenansville attended the six day course.