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Tobacco Markets To Open Aug. 18

The 17 Eastern North Carolina Tobacco Belt Markets will open on August 18, this year.

In 1958, the markets opened on August 21.

The Border Belt opens July 30. Because of the long rains, it is felt that a considerable amount of tobacco will still be in the fields of Eastern North Carolina when the market opens. Some farmers say, for this reason, sales will be unusually light during first couple of weeks.

STREET DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT

Kenansville To Have Big Street Dance And Bargains Friday, Sat.

Put all the young'uns in your car, buggy, or just plain walk, but be sure you don't miss the big Street Dance in Kenansville Saturday night.

In one of the biggest town promotions in the history of Kenansville, the Merchants and Kenansville Junior Chamber of Commerce are not only providing entertainment Saturday night but are also putting on Bargain Days with bargains galore in all stores in an effort to show their appreciation for citizens patronage over the years.

The Street Dance will begin at 8 p.m. at the end of Main Street in front of the County Court House. Music for the festive occasion will be furnished by the Lymaners, of the Lyman Community. All talent for this event is Duplin born and bred.

Although there will be no big

FASTEST GROWING PARK IN NORTH CAROLINA Cliffs Of Neuse Needs Additional Land If Growth To Continue; Crowded Now

By Paul Barwick
Cliffs of Neuse State Park, near Seven Springs, is the fastest growing State Park in the State System of Parks.

Until the land was donated by private citizens to the State for development, only those residents within a few miles of the Cliffs knew of the scenic beau-

ty of the area which is now known as Cliffs of the Neuse State Park. But now, the park is known near and far for being an ideal place for an evening of enjoyment with the family, a wonderful location for campers, and for picnickers and family reunions. Because of the rapid growth in popularity, The Cliffs State Park has reached in a relatively short time what is a very definite "over crowded" condition with insufficient space for expansion and to keep down congestion.

At the present time, there are 365 acres in the Cliffs State Park. Most of the land is in use. There is no room for expansion. The

policy of State Parks is to preserve the scenic views as nature has provided; but, at the same time to provide facilities where the beauties of nature can be more appreciated by those who visit the State Parks. With this in mind, it appears that additional land will have to be secured at the Cliffs State Park in order to keep the facilities from becoming so close that the rustic scenes of nature will be done away with.

All of the land, as stated above to date has been donated. It appears now that if the Cliffs is going to grow and expand, that the State Park System will have to purchase some land. Park Superintendent Bruce Price says that he has been advised that the land on the western and southern end of the Cliffs Lake can

Federal Gas Tax Refund Blanks Are Available

A supply of Federal Gas Tax refund blanks for farmers are now in the hands of Duplin County Farm Agents.

Vernon H. Reynolds, County Farm Agent, said farmers who filed a gas tax refund last year have already been mailed blanks for this year.

The refund is for the period July 1, 1958 through June 30, 1959. The returns must be filed not later than September 30.

speech making, the merchants of Kenansville are going all out to see that you have a good time and save money.

A. J. Summerlin, Jaycee, has been working with the Kenansville promotion and is chairman of the Street Dance. The last such event as this was held in August, 1955.

M. B. Holt Co., in connection with the event, is having its annual July Sale. The Sale begins Friday and will end Saturday night at 8 p.m. with the drawing for several valuable prizes.

At M. B. Holt Co. Friday and Saturday, the Carolina Power and Light Company Home Economist, Miss White, will be on hand to perform various demonstrations. The first 40 ladies into Holt's store will receive free hose. To be given away at the drawing Saturday night is a Mo-

narch Electric range, bottle warmer and floor lamp. Registration is free. Winners must be present to claim their prizes.

Other merchants in Kenansville are putting on specials for the two-day event. So, don't miss out on this big event. You'll long remember the fun you had and the savings you made in Kenansville in July, 1959.

Heat and Too Much Rain Causing Weed To Flop; Tips on Saving Tobacco Given

Intensive heat following a period of history making rainfall is playing havoc with Duplin's tobacco crop. Although County Farm Agents will not venture to guess a percentage of the tobacco which has flopped in the fields, it is said by County Agent Vernon H. Reynolds that "a lot has flopped."

Sandy land tobacco is not suffering very much from the excessive rainfall. The tobacco planted on heavier types of soil is suffering from too much water because the soil is holding the water.

Reynolds says that farmers should harvest their tobacco twice each week where barn space is available and the labor can be secured. By harvesting the tobacco twice weekly, a good portion of the tobacco which would be lost otherwise will be saved.

Although some of the tobacco has flopped, this does not mean that all this tobacco will be lost. Reynolds says that if farmers can harvest the leaf before it becomes "dried out", then it can be saved.

"Farmers will probably begin seeing leaf spot diseases in their tobacco fields," Reynolds said. "These diseases usually show-up after an excessive amount of water has fallen on the crop."

There is nothing which can be done to prevent this, he reports. About the only thing which can be done to salvage some of the weed thus affected is to harvest it as soon as possible.

Rainfall during July in Duplin County has been from two to three times greater than the average rainfall for the month. Reynolds said one farmer who has a rain gauge in his yard told him 18 inches of rain has already fallen on his farm. Wilbert Jones, Assistant Soil Conservationist, says that about 10 inches of rain has been measured at his house. George Penny, Duplin Soil Conservationist, says that about eight inches has fallen at his house in Kenansville, despite the fact that his rain measuring instrument is under a tree and has been somewhat sheltered.

The average rainfall in Duplin during July is from four to six inches. The annual average rainfall in Duplin runs from 48 inches to 50 inches.

3 Persons Are Sought For Beating Woman

Three persons are still being sought by the Duplin County Sheriff's Department for the beating of Miss Cora Brown, about 45, last Saturday morning.

Sheriff Ralph Miller said one of these being sought is Berry Powell, Jr., of Wallace, and two James sisters.

Miss Brown received a black eye and multiple cuts and bruises in the beating. The incident occurred near Miss Brown's home, located about two miles east of Chinquapin.

Investigating the case are Sheriff Miller and Deputies Norwood Boone and W. O. Houston. All involved in these cases are white.

Helicopter Finds Excessive Weed In Duplin County

It has been reported that the helicopter flying Duplin County recently discovered three hidden fields of tobacco.

Although the source of the information cannot be revealed, it has been learned by the Duplin Times that when the final report is made, the figure will "probably be considerably higher."

A check in the Duplin ASC office with Office Manager Rufus Elks yields the information that the "helicopter will return." Duplin County is the only County in North Carolina which will be checked in its entirety.

The helicopter was pulled out of Duplin when bad weather conditions continued to prevail. A date for the return of the helicopter has not yet been announced.

Border Belt To Open July 30

Border Belt Tobacco Markets are set for the big opening on Thursday, July 30.

Warehouses at Whiteville, Lumberton, Chadbourn, Fairmont, Clarkton and Fair Bluff are looking forward to a big opening.

Because of the expected decrease poundage over last year's tobacco crop, prices are expected to be better than average for quality tobacco.

More and more emphasis has been and is being placed on a quality leaf. It will be interesting to see what tobacco companies will pay this year for the quality leaf which most farmers have made an extra effort to produce this year, despite the drought and then excessive rainfalls.

P. T. Fountain Of Fountain Store Succumbs At 76

P. T. Fountain, 76, of Rt. 1, Chinquapin, died Saturday in Wilmington hospital. Funeral services were held from his home here at 3 p.m. by the Elder Lonnie Yopp. Burial was in the Fountain cemetery. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lola Simpson Fountain; four daughters, Mrs. Ethel Sheppard, Mrs. Edna Futreal, Mrs. Bonnie Horne and Mrs. Hazel Williams of Chinquapin; three sons, Vonnice, Coy and Worthy of Chinquapin; three brothers, Ellis, S. B. and N. C. of Chinquapin; three sisters, Mrs. Nora and Mrs. Gertrude Simpson of Chinquapin; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Patients At Duplin General Hospital

The following patients were admitted to Duplin General Hospital during the past week.

WARSAW Sarah Mae Herring Baby Boy Herring Dana Kaye Rivenbark Clara Mae Carr Baby Boy Carr Marion Howard Whitfield Patrick Ervin Whitfield Lucy Alberta Carlton Baby Girl Carlton

LOUISIANA Lois Louise Draughan Baby Girl Draughan David Earl Bostic Betty Jane Whaley CLINTON Thurman Oates CHINQUAPIN William Franklin Dail Maggie Lou Farley Baby Boy Farley Mary Brown Sloan BEULAVILLE Jessie Ann Thomas Josephine Cottle Wickline KINSTON Manley Pigford Whaley WALLACE Pender Junior James Cathy Lynn Jenkins Lucille Best Hardison KENANSVILLE James N. Bowden Christine Strickland Davis PINK HILL Roma Lou Smith Bent Smith Anthony Gene Jones MT. OLIVE N. B. Best Willie Frank Carlton MAGNOLIA Eunice Ray Hooks Baby Girl Hooks SEVEN SPRINGS Sallie Smith Wallace ROSS HILL Jean Catherine Winston Baby Boy Winston

Warsaw Rotarians Hear Guest Speaker Chief Crummie

The Warsaw Rotary Club met on Thursday, with president A. Mitchell Britt, presiding. There were 22 members present.

An anniversary gift was given to Dr. and Mrs. Ewers. Program Chairman, Sidney Apple, presented Chief of Police, E. L. Crummie of Clinton, N. C. who spoke to the club on the subject "Narcotics and Law Enforcement and Dealing with Addicts."

SCRAP PAPER

The Kenansville Jaycees will be on Saturday afternoon, July 25, to pick up your scrap paper. Have it ready and on your front porch by Saturday afternoon if possible. This is for Kenansville residents.



BEACH SCENE — This is a typical weekend scene at the Cliffs of Neuse State Park Lake near Seven Springs. Bathhouse facilities are already inadequate to accommodate those who

come to swim. To meet present demand, it is recommended that the bathhouse should be expanded by from one-third to one-half of the present capacity. (Photo by Paul Barwick.)



PICNICERS — This crowded scene at the Cliffs of Neuse pavilion in the picnic area was taken at a time when every open table in the Park's picnic area was filled to capacity. Thou-

sands of Eastern North Carolina citizens picnic at the Cliffs each week during the summer season. More land is needed to expand this overcrowded facility. (Photo by Paul Barwick.)

New Jury List Made In Duplin Co.; Exemptions Under Law Are Given

Duplin County Jury List was remade Monday, July 20th, by County Commissioners, according to law. The names were taken from the 1958 tax lists as the law specifies that the Jury List must be remade every other year on the odd year from the tax lists for the previous year. Jury List includes the names of all persons who reside in the County who are of good moral character and have sufficient intelligence to serve as members of grand and petit juries. Persons having the following occupations are exempt:

- All Practicing Physician, Li-
- censed Druggists, Telegraph Oper-
- ators, Train Dispatchers, Regularly
- Licensed Pilots, Ministers,
- Active Members of a Fire Com-
- pany, Funeral Directors and Em-
- balmers, Printers and Linotype
- Operators, Millers of Grist Mills,
- Railway Postal Clerks, Rural
- Mail Carriers, Locomotive En-
- gineers, Brakemen and Railroad
- Conductors, Radio Broadcast
- Technicians, Announcers, Optome-
- trists, Registered or Practical
- Nurses, Attorneys at Law, Mem-
- bers of National Guard, N. C. State
- Guard, Members of Civil
- Air Patrol.

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Seven Duplin County Men Draw 30-Day Suspended Sentences For Trespassing

Seven Duplin County white men received 30-day suspended road sentences on the condition that they stay away from the house of Mrs. Eula Mae Mercer, of near Beulaville.

The men, J. D. Hall, J. D. Thigpen, Gurman Kennedy, Thomas Bryant, B. F. Hobbgood, Jr., Sam Hobbgood and Ray Clifton Bryant, were heard before Magistrate C. C. Hester, in Kenansville, Saturday. The sentences were suspended and all of the men were instructed to pay Court Cost individually.

The men had been arrested on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Mercer on July 12, charging them with trespassing and public drunkenness.

Conflicting testimony was heard at the trial. Mrs. Mercer said the men broke into her house on Sunday night, July 12. The men all testified that she opened the door and turned them into her house.

The incident was investigated by Sheriff Ralph Miller and Highway Patrolman T. A. Bryan. Mrs. Mercer, who lives about

two miles north of Beulaville on highway 111, has seven children.

Kelly Named Area Chairman N C Asso.

E. E. Kelly of Service Motor Company, Kenansville, has been appointed an Area Chairman of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association.

Kelly will be the liaison man between new car and truck dealers in Duplin County and both the state organization and the National Automobile Dealers Association, said state President C. Odell Sapp of Salisbury in announcing the appointment.

Sapp said Kelly will advise the two associations on local matters and keep local dealers informed on state and national affairs affecting the retail automobile business. He also will conduct a joint membership campaign of both organizations in the fall.

"We feel fortunate to have his services," Sapp added, "for this is a vital position in our organizations."

TIMES SPORTS By Joe Costlin

Coaches Bill Taylor and Bill Helton announced a few days ago that the bell would ring August 12th at 3:00 for all hopeful football boys at James Kenan High. Coach Taylor and Helton pointed out with a half smile "We should have a pretty fair ball club this year." Coach Taylor was very upset over the injury to his big 220 pound tackle All Conference Shannon Brown. Coach Helton, said with a sad look on his face, "three weeks before our first practice and Brown is out of action." Brown will be out for about six weeks and will probably miss the first game of the season with Pamlico.

Louis Pollock Is Charged In Crime Against Nature

Louis Jefferson Pollock, 30 Negro, of near Beulaville, has pled guilty to a charge of "crime against nature and non-support in a hearing before Magistrate G. S. Muldrow.

Pollock was arrested Wednesday morning and given a hearing after his wife swore out a warrant making the charges.

Pollock is in Duplin County jail under \$1,000 bond. His case will be tried in Duplin Superior Court.

Runs Over Man In Own Front Yard

On Saturday afternoon at 5:45, Fred Scott, 81 years of age, was standing in his front yard in the Summerlin's Crossroad Section. A 1954 panel truck, driven by Victor Southerland Moore, white male of Kelly, North Carolina, came down the road traveling South and ran in the ditch three times. From the ditch, he went into the yard and ran over Mr. Scott, back out of the yard onto the highway for about 36 feet, ran in another ditch and as the car stopped Moore went fast asleep.

Mr. Scott received leg and hip injuries.

Moore is in jail under a \$1,000 bond and charged with driving his truck in a reckless manner, driving in a manner resulting in personal injury, possession of a tax paid whiskey.

Patrolman G. R. Stewart investigated the accident.

Armstrong Negro Jailed In Gun Play Sunday

Willie Frank Carlton, Negro, is being held in Duplin County jail awaiting trial, under \$600 bond for the shotgun shooting of Willie David Armstrong, Negro, at Mount Gilliard Church, near Mt. Olive, Sunday.

Armstrong was first carried to Wayne Memorial Hospital but was transferred to Duplin General Hospital Tuesday, according to Sheriff Ralph Miller. Armstrong, shot in the legs, is said in good condition.

Investigation into the shooting is being done by Sheriff's Deputy Murray Byrd and N. L. Tadlock.