



Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin



TIMES SPORTS

By Joe Costin

Mercer Case Appeal Reaches Supreme Court

State Industrial Commissioner Grady Mercer of Duplin County told the State Supreme Court in an appeal filed Wednesday that he shouldn't be forced to pay alimony to his wife because she had sufficient funds to take care of herself. Mrs. Mary Mercer, wife of the former State senator, won the alimony in Duplin County Superior Court without a divorce. Mercer was ordered to pay his wife \$3,500 in attorney fees, \$1,000 in initial alimony and \$500 each month. The court also prohibited him from disposing of his property. Mrs. Mercer won the settlement after telling the Duplin County Superior Court that her husband had not provided for her support. She also testified that Mercer caused their two children to turn against her. She said that her husband refused to have anything to do with her and had embarrassed her in public on numerous occasions. She said Mercer refused to allow her to ride in the family car and would not allow her to accompany him on his vacation. Mercer told the high court that the judge in Duplin County Court did not find as a fact that he had abandoned his wife. He claimed that Mrs. Mercer owned property valued at \$4,700 and had an annual income of about \$6,400. He said she was wealthy enough to provide for herself. Mercer was under a \$5,000 stay of execution bond and a \$200 appeal bond.



MAOLA DISTRIBUTORS—Shown above (left to right) is Kenneth G. Reeseman, General Manager of the Maola Milk and Ice Cream Co. of New Bern, talking with Melvin G. Cording and son Richard A. Cording of Wallace. M. G. Cording & Sons are now the new distributors of Maola Dairy Products in this area.

EASTERN BELT OPENS WITH \$55-\$57 AVERAGE

The Eastern Tobacco Belt opened on Tuesday with an estimated general price average of \$56-\$57 per hundred pounds. However the 17 Eastern tobacco markets had a rainy opening day. Some farmers seemed very pleased with opening market prices, but some were not to well pleased. In all areas around Duplin, sales are reported as good with Flue-cured Stabilization Corporation getting less than four percent. Some tobacco has been reported as high as \$72 per hundred pounds. Prices for the Eastern Belt markets rose only 20 cents above the average for the first day of sales last season. 12,075,372 pounds were sold on opening day this year averaged \$56.99 per hundred pounds while last year's average was \$56.79.

\$465,818.01 Collected In School Funds

Local schools in the county raised \$465,818.01 from all sources for local school activities last fiscal year as reported by the State Department of Education. The amount of funds raised in each local school was as follows: White Schools: Kenansville, \$15,899.75; James Kenan, \$24,987.37; Warsaw, \$22,890.03; Faison, \$8,987.96; Calypso, \$14,655.01; North Duplin, \$21,004.10; B. F. Grady, \$50,514.60; Beulaville, \$48,792.35; Potter's Hill, \$18,884.87; Chinquapin, \$45,636.06; Wallace, \$38,414.60; Rose Hill, \$18,884.87; Rose Hill-Wallace, \$32,117.45; Magnolia, \$8,639.65; N. C. E. A., \$1,490.55; Class Room Teachers Assn., \$322.00; N. C. E. A. Benefit Fund, \$1,670.00; Total, \$359,738.95. NEGRO SCHOOLS: E. E. Smith, \$18,093.15; Douglas, \$21,929.78; P. W. Moore, \$9,003.15; Branch, \$3,794.46; Chinquapin, \$10,275.39; C. W. Dobbins, \$7,917.24; Rose Hill, \$11,130.85; P. E. Williams, \$4,404.16; Teachey, \$2,626.98; Charity, \$15,750.80; Negro Teachers Mutual Benefit Fund, \$1,153.10; Total, \$106,079.96. Disbursements of local funds in each school were as follows: WHITE SCHOOLS: Kenansville, \$15,897.67; James Kenan, \$24,285.66; Warsaw, \$22,643.15; Faison, \$8,083.00; Calypso, \$14,633.39; North Duplin, \$20,128.61; B. F. Grady, \$48,098.12; Beulaville, \$48,220.33; Potter's Hill, \$18,414.62; Chinquapin, \$43,503.48; Wallace, \$38,380.27; Rose Hill, \$18,382.85; Wallace - Rose Hill, \$31,742.88; Magnolia, \$8,666.01; N. C. E. A., \$1,504.18; Tournament, \$17.35; Class Room Teachers Assn., \$323.65; N. C. E. A. Benefit Fund, \$2,000.00; Total \$353,285.42. NEGRO SCHOOLS: Kenansville, \$17,975.94; Douglas, \$22,696.13; P. W. Moore, \$9,406.20; Branch, \$3,793.67; Chinquapin, \$10,863.97; C. W. Dobbins, \$8,069.66; Rose Hill, \$10,883.23; P. E. Williams, \$4,532.22; Charity, \$14,088.84; Teachey, \$2,585.81; Negro Teachers Mutual Benefit Fund, \$500.00; Total \$105,444.47. The balance on hand of these funds at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1960, for each school, was as follows: WHITE SCHOOLS: Kenansville, \$1,319.14; James Kenan, \$818.63; Warsaw, \$2,432.94;

Tigers have made steady progress the last ten days with spirit running high. The Tigers remember how close they came to a championship last year only to have their spirit down on the coast, giving Mt. Olive the crown. Coach Taylor announced yesterday at a news conference that the team would play an inter-squad game this Friday night at 7:30 under the lights at beautiful James Kenan Field. The team will be divided into two squads, with Coach Bill Helton's "Tigers" battling Coach Hughie Lewis's "Terrors". All season ticket holder will be admitted free other wise it will cost you twenty-five cents to see the James Kenan Tigers warm up for the opening games next Friday night at Jones Central. Coach Richard Kaleel's North Duplin Rebels have been holding practice all last week at a camp near the school. The Rebels will be much stronger than last year and will be definitely in the thick of the race for the East Central crown this fall. A full report on the progress of the Rebels will come out in our next issue of the Times. The Beulaville Panthers under Coach Irvin Dobson will be holding night practices as usual and are progressing very well due to the weather. Coach Dobson stated several days ago.

JAMES KENAN CO. CAPTAIN: Walker McNeil was elected co-captain of the 1960 James Kenan High School Tigers football team this past week at a meeting of the squad. McNeil, an outstanding middle line man for the Tigers will share co-captain honors with various seniors on the team. James Kenan will have an intersquad game Friday night at James Kenan Field. The Tigers travel to Jones Central in a non-conference game Friday, Sept. 2. Coach Bill Taylor's James Kenan

Steering Committee Lays Plans For Boy Scout Annual Finance Drive

On last Thursday evening the steering committee for the Boy Scout annual finance drive met at the H & H Cafe in Kenansville to make plans for the 1960 fall campaign. Lorin Derr, Clerk of Wayne County Superior Court, led the planning and discussions. Derr is the Tuscarora council finance chairman. Others attending were Paul Ingram of Kenansville, Norwood Vann of Wallace, H. M. Fries, Robert Herring and Harvey Bradley of Rose Hill, J. P. Smith and Melvin Fries of Magnolia, Milford Quinn of Warsaw, Rev. Lloyd White and Brewster Turner of Potter's Hill, Talmadge Waters and Carl Morgan of Calypso, Bruce Beyers, Scout Executive and Ben White, District Scout Executive of Duplin County. Communities were not represented, but will also participate coming campaign. Derr told of Scouting in the Tuscarora Council (Duplin, Sampson, Wayne and Johnston Counties) and what is needed to increase and improve the Scout program in this area. Also, the amount of the bud-

get for next year, and gave some good pointers on raising the amount. Scouting is the largest organization in the world and one of the best in teaching young boys to be better men. The membership now stands well over the five million people. It not only gives boys an opportunity for fun and adventure, but also trains for better citizenship, character development and physical development. All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts are asked to attend their own church in uniform on September 25. Any church can get free bulletins for use in the church by contacting one of the people mentioned above. This should be done right away so they will get here in time. Everyone will be asked to contribute to the Boy Scout campaign. Work with the Boy Scouts and make your contributions count.

Patients At Duplin General Hospital

The following patients were admitted to Duplin General during the week: MAGNOLIA: J. C. Drew, Evelyn Cochran Wilson, Rosa Bell Miller, Pauline Williams Graham, Bryant Moore. ALBERTSON: Joseph Ray Holmes, Herman Williams. PINK HILL: Kenneth Earl Williams, George Rhodes. WALLACE: Annie Lou English, Ernest A. Johnson, Linda Susan White, Robert Henry Bewen, Janice Ann Murray. TEACHEY: Lucy Grace Lipscomb, Baby Girl Lipscomb, Dorothy Lee Graham, Baby Boy Graham. KENANSVILLE: Leo Jackson, Gordell Johnson, Exavery Houston, Patty Faye Hobbs, Lola Boney Smith, Donald Earl Rosse, Earl Hardy. CHINQUAPIN: Margaret Lane Brown, Annie Lula Lanier. WARSAW: Thelma Cleo Hobbs, Ora Mae Herring, Gregory Andrea Hill, Carl Gene Benson, Inez Mathis, Jewel Torrans, Baby Girl Torrans, Tom Merritt, Ruth Louise Darden, Baby Girl Darden, Maxine Kelly, Doris Basile, Richard Earl Sutton. ROSE HILL: Penny Ruth Newsome, James Norman Newsome, Willie Holmes, Wells Hilda Lee Brown, Annie Pearl Murphy, Luther Chastain, David Brown. BEULAVILLE: Rebecca Griffin, James Whaley, Sadie Mae Albertson, FASON: Jack Edward Sykes, Alton Douglas McNeil, Dell Faison, Nancy Smith, Charles Boykin. MT. OLIVE: Annie Jerome Williams.

Grady - Outlaw Reunion, August 28

The Grady - Outlaw literary and historical Association will hold its annual meet on Sunday, August 28 at the B. F. Grady School, announced president of the clan, Malcolm L. Grady. Registration will be at 10:00 A. M. and the program at 10:45. Fletcher Mann an attorney of Greenville, South Carolina will be the speaker for the occasion. Mann is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and has practiced law in Greenville for several years. Memorial remarks will be made on Needham W. Outlaw by Paul Grady as attorney of Kenly and Columbus, Ohio, and remarks made on Ben Grady by M. L. Grady. Needham W. Outlaw and Ben Grady were both officers of the Association. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend and bring a picnic lunch which will be served on the grounds. At an afternoon session officers will be elected for the next two years.

MYF Conference At Duke-500 Attend

The Annual Conference Session of the Methodist Youth Fellowship met recently at Duke University. The theme of the conference was "Choose Ye This Day." The Rev. Henry Runk of Laurinburg was the daily inspirational speaker. The Conference was under the direction of Rev. Conrad Glass, newly appointed Director of Youth Work of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. The Rev. Harvey Johnson, pastor of the Apex Methodist Church, was dean of men and Mrs. Sallie C. Ingram of Kenansville was dean of women. Over 500 Methodist youth attended this meeting which considered the spiritual life as well as the business needs of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Jack Edwards of Goldsboro, conference president, presided over the business sessions. The newly elected president is Bill Graham of Chapel Hill. Alice Faye Smith of the Pink Hill Methodist Church was elected to a conference office. Delegates attending the conference from Duplin County were Etta Overman of Wallace, who served on the nominating committee, Marsha Fussell and Beth Matlocks of Rose Hill; Patricia Griggs of Woodland and Alice Faye Smith of Pink Hill.

Sept 6-9 Is Youth Activity Week At Pink Hill

Youth Activities Week for the Pink Hill Methodist church will be Tuesday through Friday evenings, Sept. 6-9. The three churches on the charge are Nobles, Pink Hill, and Woodland. Activities will consist of worship, study, recreation and refreshments. All ages from 7th grade through older youth are included. Mrs. H. L. Harrell will teach the course "Understanding Ourselves" for 7th and 8th graders. Rev. Wallace Kirby, pastor of Wallace Methodist Church, will teach the course "The Glory of Teenage Christian Friendships" to the 9th and 10th graders. Dr. H. L. Harrell will teach the course "Preparation For Happy Christian Marriage" to the 11th and 12th graders and older youth. Sessions will last from 7 to 9 o'clock each evening. The Tuesday and Wednesday sessions will be at Woodland Church, and the Thursday and Friday sessions will be at Pink Hill Church. Youth of other churches in the area are invited.

TEA PLANNED TO HONOR MRS. WILLIAMS

The Duplin County Home Demonstration Council is honoring Mrs. David Williams of Rose Hill, 1961 State Champion, with a tea from four to six o'clock, September 8th on the Grove Presbyterian Church Java in Kenansville. All Home Demonstration Club members are invited to this event. Plans for the tea have been made by the County Council Officers and members of the 31 Home Demonstration Clubs in the County.

Mrs. Ingram To Be Dormi. Counselor

Mrs. W. M. Ingram has accepted a position on Dean Ruth White's staff at East Carolina College for the coming year. She will serve as Dormitory Counselor in Jarvin which is a dormitory for Juniors.

Deputies Dempsey And Quinn Catch Long Time Whiskey Suspect Monday

Deputy Snyder Dempsey and Deputy Bill Quinn of the Duplin County Sheriff's Dept. captured a long-time whiskey still operator suspect, and destroyed his 600 gal. submarine type still Monday of this week. Fitzhugh Dobson, colored, of RFD Magnolia, the long-time suspect and LeRoy Thorb also of RFD Magnolia were apprehended when the two Deputies came upon them at their still located approximately 1 1/2 miles south of Register Cross Roads in Island Creek Township. The two Still Operators fled when the Deputies approached but Thorb was easily caught by Quinn when he became stuck in the mud and Dobson was chased down by Dempsey in the thick undergrowth. The Duplin Deputies described the large 600 gal. still as cleverly concealed and one of the finest south of Register Cross Roads in Island Creek Township. Charlie Pat West and Sidney David West, both colored of RFD Wallace, were apprehended and 100 gal. submarine type still destroyed by Deputy Snyder Dempsey and Constable L. B. Thomas Jr. Saturday afternoon. The still was located in the Iron Mine section of Rock Fish Township. Two barrels of mash and a copper condenser and cap were also destroyed. Deputy Dempsey said that the still had been under observation for approximately two weeks.

Tax Receipt Books Ready September 1

1960 Tax Receipt Books of the County will be ready by September 1. The 1960 Tax rate is \$1.50 on the hundred dollars of property valuation. The increase in the Tax Rate this year is due to: Property Revaluation, increase of 2c in the rate for operation, equipment and maintenance of the hospital (including proposed Nursing Home) and in having increased the rates of some of the funds on account of having used cash on hand in these funds last fiscal year to hold the rate to \$1.35 last year. Since July 1, 1947, over \$2,200,000.00 of Capital Outlay School Funds have been expended from tax levies \$1,400,000.00 of this has been within the past five years. In the 1960 tax levy for the Capital Outlay School Fund are included the following items: Wallace-Rose Hill High School - 2 Additional class rooms and corridor, \$25,000.00; Douglas Colored Agriculture Shop \$44,000.00; East Duplin Consolidation (included in the School Capital Reserve Fund) \$223,364.00. COUNTY TAX DOLLAR: The 1960 tax dollar is budgeted as follows: General Fund, 12 1/2%; Poor, 5%; Health 4 1/2%; Administration of Old Age Assistance and Air to Dependent Children 3 1/2%; Property Revaluation 4 1/2%; Farm and Home Agent 3 1/2%; Co. Accountants office 2 1/2%; Old Age Assistance 2c; Aid to Dependent Children 2c; Aid to the Blind 1/2c; Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled 1 1/2%; Operation, Equipment and Maintenance of Hospital 5c; Current Expense School Extension School Fund 12c; Capital Outlay School Fund 3 1/2%; and Debt Service School Fund 1c.

Mr. Olive College Begins 7th Year

A faculty conference on September 3 will mark the beginning of the seventh academic year at Mount Olive College. President W. Burkette Raper announced today. An orientation program under the direction of Dean Michael R. Pelt will begin on September 5 for new students and returning students will arrive September 7. Registration will be held Thursday, September 8, and classes are scheduled to begin September 9. A formal convocation in the College auditorium on Sunday, September 11, 4:00 p. m., will mark the official opening of the school year.

Officers Named At Quad-County Workshop

Home Economics teachers in Duplin, Pender, Jones and Onslow counties met at the Jones central High School for a joint planning workshop on August 17. Officers for the new year are: President - Mrs. Marion Eikin, Beulaville; Vice president - Mrs. Kathleen Snyder, James Kenan; Secretary and treasurer - Mrs. Della Mellocks, Wallace-Rose Hill; P. H. A. adviser - Mrs. Nellie Herring, Chinquapin; National Co-Chairman - Mrs. Sylvia Phillips, North Duplin; and Reporter, Miss Gladys Gaddy, B. F. Grady.

BRIEFS

STROUD REUNION: The Stroud reunion will be held at the Cliffs of Neuse, the fourth Sunday in August. Plates, cups, and ice will be furnished. All kin and friends are invited to bring lunch and tea. Time of lunch will be 12:30.

MYF DISTRICT MEET: The Goldsboro District Retreat of the Methodist Fellowship will be held August 28-29 at Camp Don Lee, Arapahoe, N. C. Delegates are asked to take a picnic supper for Friday night. All district executives and local officers are invited to be there. The Rev. George McNeill, Goldsboro District Youth Director, St. Luke's Methodist Church, will have charge of the training sessions.

REV. FRISBY AT PINK HILL: Rev. James R. Frisby, of Raleigh will deliver the sermon at an eleven o'clock service at the Pink Hill Presbyterian Church next Sunday, August 28. Rev. Frisby has been working with Presbyterian Campus Christian Life at State College in Raleigh and at Meredith College in Raleigh. The public is invited to hear Rev. Frisby.

Beulaville Lions Roar At 5:00 A. M. To Aid Blind

A few weeks ago it was brought to the attention of the Beulaville Lions Club that the home of Mrs. Eddie H. Thigpen needed a grease trap for her kitchen sink and also one for the apartment in her home. Mrs. Thigpen, being blind could not look after this work, but did not know of the Lions plans. Last Saturday Morning at 5:00 A. M. the Lions held a meeting in front of Mrs. Thigpens house. They brought tools and the necessary things to install two grease traps. A few minutes after 5:00 A. M. they started digging and at 8:00 A. M. the job was complete.

The Lions attending this meeting and helping in this very worthy project were: Raleigh Lanier, I. J. Sandlin, Jr., Bill Cutler, Leland Cole, Ralph Jones, Billy Bestic, Erwin Dobson, Millard Decker, and Cecil A. Miller. The Lions would like to thank Mr. Dick Brown for his help on the project. He heard of the plans and was their at 5:00 A. M. ready to go. The Lions would also like to thank the Norman Mercer Plumbing Company for the pipe and rock they donated to the Thigpen job.

Plowed-Under Plant Material May Be Hindering Agent For Good Drainage

Plowed under cover crops or crop residues sometimes hinder soil drainage in the spring or cause drought damage to crops in the summer. Studies by scientists of USDA and the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station show that when crops are plowed under they may create a vegetative mat that blocks the capillary flow of water between surface soil and subsoil. Dr. Vernon C. Jamison of USDA's Agricultural Research Service says this restriction of water movement may cause some plants to "drown" in the spring from too much water and too little air in the soil. In the summer the same condition may cause trouble from drought, if the lack of capillary contact prevents an adequate amount of water from passing back from the subsoil to the root zone in the upper layer of soil, says Dr. Jamison. Further research is needed, the scientist says, to determine how a farmer can eliminate or reduce the effect of the mat of plant material. Present findings indicate that harmful effects may be reduced by turning the furrow slice on edge to achieve partial contact between the plow layer and subsoil, without any intervening vegetative layer. The research, conducted in a laboratory, made use of silt loam to simulate the plow layer and a less silty soil for the subsoil material. Shredded cornstalks were used as the vegetative "mat" material between the two soil layers.

TRIAL & ERROR

School opening is always an exciting day to me. It is interesting to go to school on opening day and see the little girls starched and ironed in their new school dress, and the little boys washed behind the ears and shining in their new school clothes. The little first graders are amusing, some very sure of themselves and others clinging to their mothers for dear life. But always their eyes are so big they are observing every move made by the teacher. The larger children are ever getting re-acquainted with their friends of the year before and so obvious in looking the field over for new prospects.

The James - Kenan Community Band is really strutting today. Their new uniforms came and they are just handsome-black with gold trim. They are planning to wear them at the first football game of the season which will be on September 9.

Calypso Lists 1960 School Faculty

There is only one new teacher at Calypso Elementary School this fall. The new teacher is Mrs. Ann Taylor, who taught last year in Athens, Ga. She replaces Mrs. Everett Cook who retired this year. Others teachers on the faculty are Mrs. Melba Britt, Mrs. Nancy Williamson, Mrs. Pauline Flythe, Mrs. Annie Frances Jones, Mrs. Geneva Byrd, Mrs. Inez Davis, Mrs. Louise Cole, Ray Roberts, principal, Mrs. W. H. Hurdle, music teacher. Members of the North Duplin High School faculty are: W. H. Hurdle, Richard Kaleel, Mrs. J. F. Oliver, Mrs. Norbert Wilson, Mrs. Shelton Taylor, Miss Jacolyn Gilson, L. M. Hart, Mrs. Sylvia Phillips, T. E. Grubb, principal.

In a recent editorial by Henry Beik of the Goldsboro News Argus he points out to the press that "we should pay more attention to developing news of our resources, assets, and opportunities." He further states: "Such news is the most important news we can bring in our papers. This paper prides itself on that direction but we have not done all that could be done toward analyzing and presenting so the public can appreciate the great natural and human resources which, if properly developed and utilized, could make of this area a choice spot in the nation." This is true of all of us, instead of enjoying the resources that we have around us we are trying to find greener pastures, and perhaps newspapers are looking more for sensational material, rather than every day living, localised stories. In Duplin County, we have thousands of human interest stories which have not been uncovered yet. We, of a farming area, are all vitally interested in farm news, for even though we are not all farmers, our livelihood depends on the farmer. State College is doing a wonderful job of getting farm news to the farmers of the state.

Our friend John McSwenny, head of the Roy Parker School of Printing at Chowan College, and Jerry Hawkins, Dean of Men, paid a visit to the TIMES office on Tuesday. McSwenny was out trying to get more equipment for the school. Our last Eastern Press Association meet, we were guests of the School of Printing at Chowan College. They are doing a wonderful job of training the boys and girls in the printing profession. McSwenny is most enthusiastic about the school. We are always glad to see him. Even if he is scolding.