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PRICE TEN CENT

\$88,000,000 Destroyed Annually In N. C.

Beulaville - Warsaw - Rose Hill Are Declaring War On Rats

Rats, in their association with man, have followed him to almost all parts of the world, carrying with them certain human diseases, destroying his possessions, and in general interfering with his economic and physical well-being.

Sanitation is essential to the permanent control of rats and mice, and the use of rodenticides should be regarded as supplementary to sanitation.

Yet, a peep into the alleys and back yards of almost any town will disclose piles of valueless trash, waste foodstuffs on the ground, un-covered cans, open vents through which rats can enter and leave at will, and the other conditions high-

ly favorable to their happiness and their well-being. A stroll around the average garbage dump reveals a conglomerate collection of the discards of modern civilization, in all stages of disarray, destruction and putrefaction, providing a rat Utopia.



NEW TWIST FOR CECIL MILLER: The Lions Club in Beulaville and the town has started an all out war on the rat situation. The program started some two weeks ago and the four legged pest have already consumed 100 pounds of bait.

This may come as a shock, but the U. S. Department destroys \$22,000 worth of food in a year, if this be true, they cost North Carolina about \$88,000,000 annually.

The towns in the county that have a "Rat Program" are Beulaville, Rose Hill, and Warsaw. In other words these towns are at the present time putting on a get-rid-of-rats program. The Lions club in Beulaville, along with the town has already used over one hundred pounds of bait.

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Trial & Error

Have you observed the new street lights in the business district of Kenansville? Main Street is as bright as day now, and it surely is mighty fine.

I know that the men will be glad to hear that in Ruth Millet's column recently she said that people had lost the art of talking.

The Eastern Carolina Press Association is meeting this week end in Roanoke Rapids. Harry Oswald, Editor of the Wallace Enterprise, is president of the Association this year, and he and the Board of Directors have planned an excellent program.

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EDITORIAL

By Ruth P. Grady

Tuesday, May 2nd, is the time for the people of Kenansville to go to the polls and vote for Mayor and Town Commissioners. Mayor Lauren A. Sharpe, who has been Mayor of Kenansville for the past several years, has no opposition. The incumbent Board of Commissioners (all of them have filed again) is composed of I. R. Caison, Ralph Brown, Leo Jackson, Joe Quinn and Phil Kretsch. Aspirants running for the office of Town Commissioner are Robert Franklin Williamson, H. G. Quinn, Wiley Booth and Elmore Bell.

All of the nine commissioners running are outstanding business men and own property in and around Kenansville. They should, and do, have the interest of the Town of Kenansville at heart. But only five of these men can be elected. When you go to the polls on May 2, give these men your consideration and vote for the man who you believe can do the best job for our town, and believe you me, it is a thankless job anyway you look at it.

When you vote take into consideration that the town of Kenansville is facing one of the biggest problems that it has faced in several years. The water situation and sewer situation must be faced and faced squarely. Rumors have been flying as to the activities of the present board. Rumors which I feel should be rectified. It has been stated that the Town Fathers have obligated to buy a Town Hall. This is not true.

It is true, that they have obligated for an additional fire truck which will be delivered the latter part of the summer. Kenansville has the Hospital, the Rest Home for the Aged and the County Jail, and these people must have adequate fire protection at all times. Since the water system is inadequate to take care of the fire situation an extra tank is needed. Also everyone who lives near Kenansville wants fire protection, and it is the desire of the Town to give this protection, hence a fire truck must be in town at all times.

This is also one of the requirements of the Insurance Rating Bureau for the people of the town to get the reduction in the insurance rate that we want. At long last the tentative approval has been given by the Local Government Commission to the town to go ahead and make application with a Federal Loan authority to get money to finance the water system for the town. When a favorable report is heard from this application the people of Kenansville will have the privilege of deciding whether or not they want this deal. After the water situation is cleared up then we can talk a sewerage disposal system.

I do not hesitate to say that due to the policy of the board to be so "hush-hush" on every subject, that they have brought undue criticism on themselves. In a small town, if you don't tell what you are doing, people will begin imagining and telling what they want to tell. The problems before the Town of Kenansville are heavy now and they need serious thought and consideration. And yet only 183 people are registered in the Town. Does that show much interest?

Yet, it is the responsibility of us 183 to go to the polls on May 2nd and vote for the men whom we think are capable of carrying on the program which has been started for the progress of Kenansville. Or one of these days we are going to wake up and find that all of the towns of the county are so far ahead of us that we will not be on the map.

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Crackdown In Progress

Dumping Of Dead Poultry Along Roads, Creeks Must Be Stopped

Pointed statement by the Duplin County Health Department concerning dumping of dead broilers along paved and dirt roads and creeks throughout the County. Joe Costin, Duplin County Sanitarian, said today, "We have so many chickens being dumped along road sides and creeks that we have found as many as 15 to 20 bushel baskets full of dead chickens."

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BRIEFS

MAY FELLOWSHIP Day for three churches of Kenansville will be observed on Friday, May 5 in the Sunday School Room at Grove Presbyterian Church.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 P. M. with a covered dish supper. The theme of the program will be "The Church's Free and Responsible" which is headed by Mrs. N. B. Boney.

After the program a short business session will be held. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Are you interested in joining a group just to sing for the fun of it? Or out of sympathy? If so, meet with the group which is! They will meet on Tuesday evening, May 2, at 8:00 P. M. at the James Kenan High School Cafeteria. There will be no charge except each individual will have to pay for his own music. Both religious and light number-ten folk songs. This Choral Society Organization meeting is necessary so arrangements can be made for music and all material ordered to start in September or at the time the people desire to start. This choral group will be under the direction of Sinclair Newman, band director.

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CARD OF THANKS

We have not been charging for Cards of Thanks heretofore. Cards of thanks have become so numerous that they are becoming a burden to the paper. Beginning next week it will be necessary for us to charge \$1.00 for each one placed in the paper, cash in advance. If money does not accompany the Note of Thanks it will be impossible for us to run it in the paper.

OPEN HOUSE

You are cordially invited to attend open house at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. James Grady on Friday, April 28, from 2 to 5 in the afternoon and 8 to 10 in the evening. The Grady home is located 1 mile east of Kenansville about half way between Summerlin Cross

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