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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.

Y 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.

The importance of sanitation, including proper garbage disposal, food storage, harborage elimination, and ratproofing, must be emphasized in a good rat program.

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-

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.



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. According to Mr. Miller, "We have already seen results from the program in this short time." He went on to say, "We are working on the south side of highway 24 at the present time, and after that we will be coming back on the north side." Miller asks the cooperation of every citizen because after all it is the better interest of everyone.

## Town Election - May 2

Town elections in Duplin County will be held on Tuesday, May 2. Elections this year seem to be running along the same pattern in several towns, with no opposition to the Mayor and several candidates running against the Town Commissioners who are now in office.

Candidates for election are:  
**BEULAVILLE**  
Mayor Gordon Muldrow-unopposed  
Commissioners: Sidney Blizard, Clinton Campbell, Hermon Gore, Harry Horne, D. E. Houston, Andrew Jackson, Raleigh Lanier, Mrs. Vallie Oxley and Perry Williams.  
**KENANSVILLE**  
Mayor, Laureen A. Sharpe-unopposed  
Commissioners: Elmore Bell, Wiley Booth, Ralph Brown, I. R. Caison, Leo Jackson, Phillip Kretsch, H. G. Quinn, Joseph E. Quinn and Robert Franklin Williamson.

## Melvin H. Hearn Named Head Of FHA In State

Melvin H. Hearn of Hickory has been selected state director for the Farmers Home Administration in North Carolina. His headquarters will be in Raleigh.

**ROSE HILL**  
Mayor, Gerald Carr-unopposed  
Commissioners: Harvey Arnold, Harvey Brady W. H. "Bill" Fussell, James R. Grady, Clayton Herring and C. W. Surratt, Jr.  
**WARSAW**  
Mayor, Ed Strickland-unopposed  
Commissioners: W. E. Bartlett, W. E. Coombs, A. J. Jenkins, Jr. John A. Johnson, Larry McCullen, W. J. Middleton, Jr., and D. J. Rivenbark.

## Duplin's Annual Health Pageant, Talent Show Set

Duplin County's annual 4-H Club Health Pageant and Talent Show will be held Thursday, May 4, in the Kenansville School Auditorium beginning at 8 p. m.

The County's Health King and Queen will be crowned. Local 4-H Clubs from sections of the County will enter their local King and Queen in competition. The County Health King and Queen will be selected from the entries based on the health records kept by each contestant.

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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.

## Duplin Leads N. C.

## Group Drainage Program Improving Crop Land, Production In Duplin

Because of excessive water damage to crops throughout Eastern North Carolina, farmers are beginning to see the real value of adequate proper drainage of all farm land.

In Duplin County, farmers are combining their interest and are leading North Carolina in the number of group drainage plans. To date, according to George A. Penney, Soil Conservationist, 34 applications have been made for group drainage plan programs. Of this number, 22 have been completed.

Penney said the groups vary in size from two farms to 15 farms, benefiting a total of 66 farms. Thirty-two of the projects are open ditch drainage and two of them are tile construction.

The drainage programs effect a maximum of 2,000 acres in one project to a minimum of 15 acres.

The reason for this "group cooperation", Penney points out, is that one farm cannot get sufficient fall on an open ditch to carry the water from his farm. By several farms working together, sufficient fall can be secured over a desired distance and permit the water to drain from the land into a main creek or stream. The longest ditch dug to date is two miles long.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Kenansville Sub-District will hold their Spring meeting, Tuesday, May 2nd at the Rose Hill Methodist Church.

Registration will be at 9:30 A. M. and the meeting will begin at 10:00 A. M. The theme of the meeting is "The Faith that Compels Us."

## Crackdown In Progress

## Dumping Of Dead Poultry Along Roads, Creeks Must Be Stopped

By Paul Barwick  
Poultry producers in Duplin County are being issued a strict and

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."

He added, "Anybody who will throw dead chickens out along high ways and near creeks ought to be put under the jail."

"This practice is terrible. It is only common decency that it (the practice) should be stopped for the health and safety of the citizens of Duplin."

Costin said today the County Health Department has been receiving "a considerable number" of complaints.

"We do not want to do anything that will hinder the growth of the

large poultry industry in Duplin County," Costin said. "But we are going to have to crack down on these dead chickens being dumped along roads and creeks."

The County Board of Health is urging all poultry producers to either burn the dead poultry or have proper disposal pits constructed on each farm. Costin pointed out that "Violators will be punished to the full extent of the law, if caught."

Duplin County is North Carolina's leading poultry producing County. Income to farmers from poultry last year was over \$18,000,000.

The County has shown continued growth in the poultry industry since it first got underway in 1954.

A problem of dumping dead chickens along road sides and creeks has continued to grow as the industry has grown.

Costin said that an all out effort is now being made to eliminate this "obviously bad practice."

## Children Must Have Polio Shots

The N. C. General Assembly in 1959 enacted Legislation requiring all children entering school for the first time, to show evidence that they had been immunized against poliomyelitis.

All first graders entering school the fall of 1961 must have complete course of immunization. A minimum of 3 shots is required. The health department will give these three shots, or they can be given by your family physician.

A fourth Polio shot is recommended a year or later, after the completion of the first three shots. It is not required, or given by the health department. Only the family physician gives the fourth shot.

Parents are reminded to see that their children get all required Polio shots, as well as other required immunizations before beginning next school term. These immunizations are required by Law, and will also prevent diseases.

John F. Powers, M. D. Health Officer.

## Polly Brinson And Lettie Pate Winners For Duplin In Typing Contest At E. C. C.

Polly Brinson of Kenansville, beginning typist, and Lettie Pate of Warsaw, advanced typist, were awarded medals for the best performance in preliminary contests in Duplin schools at the East Carolina College's 1961 District Typewriting Contest.

Pennants for the best team scores in the county went to James Kenan High School beginning typing, and James Kenan High School advanced typing. Certificates for best individual scores made by student from the county competing in the district contest at the college was Polly Brinson of Kenansville and Lettie Pate of Warsaw.

In competitive typewriting events during the afternoon at the college, 263 students represented schools in 25 counties in Eastern N. C. Both beginning and advanced students vied for honors. Those in the district finals here were winners in preliminary contests sponsored by the college earlier this spring in schools in the participating counties.

## Mrs. Blackmore Honored In Science

The Henderson Science Club of Mt Olive College presented a Certificate of Citation to Mrs. Ruby M. Blackmore at its annual banquet on April 17. Mrs. Blackmore, a former student at the college and past president of the science club received the award in recognition of outstanding contributions to science education.

Mrs. Blackmore is majoring in science at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina, and is currently the president of the Collegiate Academy of Science of the North Carolina Academy of Science. The citation specifically noted her accomplishments while in this position by stating "Through your office as president of North Carolina Academy of Science you have encouraged a more active interest in the study of science and under graduate research."

Dr. W. A. Chantry of Kinston, research chemist for DuPont was the banquet speaker. His topic was "Curriculum Changes in Chemical Engineering."

In addition to Mrs. Blackmore, the occasion honored Dr. C. C. Henderson, honorary member of the club and benefactor of the college science department and the following members of the Eastern North Carolina Section of the American Chemical Society who were speakers for the club during the 1960-61 science lecture programs: Miss Mary Archer Blount, Dr. John Christens, Dr. L. T. Cleary, Dr. R. J. Collins, Miss Betty Jane Davis, Dr. Don Higginbotham, Mr. John McLean, Mr. William H. Rowland, and Dr. J. O. Weiss, Mount Olive College President; W. Burdette Raper and Dean Michael Pelt were also guests.

## Juror - Co. Court

County Court Jurors drawn for May 1961 are as follows:

Carl B. Taylor, James Waites Harrell, J. C. Harrell, Henry R. Carter, Berry Maready, Arnold Hunter, Ura Sholar, Gordon Deaver, Graham Johnson, O. Wendell Evans, C. E. Savage, E. G. Warren, R. G. Quinn, Lawrence Kelly, George F. Parker, Claude L. Hepler, Needham A. Sloan, Jerry Martin, Woodrow Brown, E. E. Fields.

## BRIEFS

**MAY FELLOWSHIP**  
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.

**CHORAL SINGING**  
Are you interested in joining a group just to sing for the fun of it? Or out of singing? 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.

**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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