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STUDY COURSE BEGINS JAN. 22

## Intensive Hog Production Program Planned For Duplin Co. Farmers; Could Up Income \$2 Million Annually

"200 add 20 equals \$2,000,000." This is the slogan adopted for the intensive hog production program adopted this week in Duplin County. Agricultural Extension workers, Farmers Home Administration leaders, feed mill operators, bankers, meat packers, and production credit association officials announced their support of the program. It is designed to increase Duplin farm income by \$2,000,000 annually.

Ralph Sasser, Assistant Duplin Farm Agent, pointed out that in 1958 Duplin produced 72,000 hogs which sold for \$2,275,000 and in 1961 produced 100,000 hogs which sold for \$3,610,000. He also stated that from the 1954 census to the 1959 census Duplin showed a decline in the number of farms from 3,917 to 3,247. Despite this, however, hog production rose from 554,675 hogs in 1954 to 70,915 in 1959, which indicates larger broods of hogs and more specialization. Sasser said the emphasis in the new program needs to be directed at the small farmer with two and three brood sows and make an effort to keep this small farmer in hog production business all the time.

Jim Allgood, Extension Farm Management specialist said that a high level of management is needed in a sound swine production program as well as personal care and supervision from the farmer. Allgood stated that for a farmer to go into an operation with 24 brood sows the initial investment would be approximately \$8,500. "Farmers should expect about \$2,000 annual income from this size operation." All good said, the average cost of production for a 200 pound hog is \$28.8.

## Trial & Error

The weather is the top subject of conversation this week. I understand that most of Duplin County missed the heavy snow, in fact Kenansville did not get enough to mention, but we have not missed the cold weather. Raleigh-Durham Airport Weather Bureau report this morning stated a record of the lowest for January 11 of five degrees above zero. The thermometer on my back porch read four degrees this morning. It was set to show the lowest temperature during the night which was four degrees and it read that at 7:30 this morning. And at 8:30 it had only risen one degree. That's cold weather around these parts. BUT I still say it is better than 97 degree summer weather.

Was talking with Jim Woodall at lunch today. Jim is in Duplin County every Thursday. He is with the State Board of Health and working with the Venereal Disease program in six of the counties. It was most interesting to hear him tell of the wonderful cooperation he is having in the program in the various counties. It was astounding to me to find out how serious the problem has become in the United States in the past few years. I believe Jim told me that 52% of the people in mental institutions and blind schools are there as a result of the disease. But the encouraging part of the story is how quickly it can be cured, and how quickly it can be made untransmittable.

Officials of Duplin County Banks, Production Credit Association, and the Farmers Home Administration said money is available for a sound hog production program under proper management.

In addition to the kick-off eight-week study course, a brochure is to be compiled to aid in the educational program.

## SHOT IN ARM TO BEULAVILLE

# Beulaville Garment Co. Begins Third Year With Expansion Plans In Mind

By Paul Barwick

With unemployment becoming an even greater burden to the Beulaville community, two businessmen decided to begin looking into the

possibility of securing some type of industry for Beulaville two years ago.

Being located in Duplin County and not having railroad facilities

and no major highways presented something of a problem. But Delmar E. Houston and Prentice W. Smith continued their industry hunting.

The two men learned immediately that if an outside industry were to be attracted to Beulaville, at least \$50,000 would have to be raised in local money as well as constructing a building to house the industry.

"This was too much," Houston said. "We decided if we had to put up all the money and take all the risk that we would go out on our own. And we did."

The Beulaville Garment Company, Inc. is now celebrating its second complete year of operation - working 52 weeks a year and giving growing pains to Beulaville, a community of about 1,500 population. All has not been easy since the industry was started January 4, 1960 in a small building in Beulaville with 20 sewing machines.

Seeing the need to expand, Houston and Smith decided about one year ago to incorporate and bring two other Beulaville men into the home grown and home owned industry.

I. J. Sandlin, Jr. and Cecil A. Miller believed in the industry and invested in it. Expansion plans were started. And there's no telling where they'll stop, if far.

After starting two years ago with 20 ladies employed, the Beulaville Garment Co., Inc., today has 63 ladies employed and four men. The average weekly payroll is \$3,100, which represents something of a gold mine in the community of Beulaville.

Steady growth has been recorded. Since the industry was started, 12 new businesses have been opened in Beulaville and approximately 75 new homes constructed. And along with this has come hope and optimism for the future. Instead of being a rural town just drifting along, Beulaville is now making big plans for the future. And Beulaville Garment Co., Inc. is a vital part of the future.

One of the big factors in the industry's rapid and sound growth is Peter DiMaio, who is manager. He was employed by Beulaville Garment Co., Inc. as an expert in the sewing industry business and he has proven to be just that.

DiMaio came to Beulaville from California and has directed the growth. "We're going to let this industry grow just as fast as it wants to grow," DiMaio said. "The owners are not holding it back and that's a good sign."

Just recently, a completed dress storage wing was constructed to give Beulaville Garment Co., Inc. a building in excess of 10,000 square feet of working, loading and storage space.

Plans already underway for expansion will make the Beulaville Garment Company, Inc., a \$750,000 industry by the end of 1962 with approximately 250 employees. An additional building will have to be constructed. Sufficient land is already in possession of the corporation for this addition.

Efforts are being made to employ and train employees from the Beulaville area. At present, approximately 75 per cent of the employees reside in the Beulaville trading area.

Owners of the business and Manager DiMaio say morale of employees is "excellent" and attendance is "outstanding." "Everybody employed here at the Beulaville Garment Co.," DiMaio said "Knows he or she is a part of something which is making a big contribution to this community."

The owners of Beulaville Garment Co., Inc. are all sound businessmen. Delmar E. Houston, who is president, is a builder; Prentice W. Smith, vice-president, is also a builder; I. J. Sandlin, Jr., vice-president, is a merchant and farmer; and Cecil A. Miller, secretary-treasurer, is a merchant and insurance agency owner.

Seeing the need for an industry to employ the surplus labor in the community by the four men is something which many men see. The difference with these four men is they did something about it. And the quality "Style Line" dress being manufactured at Beulaville Garment Co. is evidence of the faith the men had in their efforts.



OWNERS AND MANAGER - Pete DiMaio, seated, is surrounded by owners of Beulaville Garment Co., Inc., a thriving new home-owned and home-operated industry at Beulaville. Owners of the industry are, left to right, I. J. Sandlin, Jr., Prentice W. Smith, Cecil A. Miller and Delmar E. Houston. (Photo by Paul Barwick.)



DRESS MAKER - Mrs. Hazel Kennedy is one of the several ladies employed at Beulaville Garment Co., Inc., Here she is busy stitching a dress while Plant Manager Peter DiMaio looks on. (Photo by Paul Barwick.)

## George Cowan Speaks To Rotarians On Duplin's Attraction For Tourists

George Cowan of the Cedar Park Hotel, who is Chairman of Tourism and Travel in Duplin County was guest speaker at the Warsaw Rotary Club at their regular weekly meeting last Thursday at the Coffee House.

Mr. Cowan mentioned ways to attract tourists on their way to Wilmington and pointed out that locating tourist attractions in Duplin County would be an asset to the community.

One member of the Rotary Club suggested the Bottomless Wells in Magnolia as an attraction.

Mr. Cowan stated, "that a bale of cotton, and easier to pick."

Ed Strickland, president, presided with W. G. Britt presenting the invocation. Visitor was John Gray of Kinston.

## Patients At Duplin General Hospital

- WARSAW: Kibbette, Shirley and Baby Girl; Byrd, Paul; Cruise, Molly; Frye, Joyce; Phelan, Carrie; Benson, Cheryl; Gunsmuir, Terry; Outlaw, Vander; Lane, Harold; MAGNOLIA: Glaspie, Gus; Lumber, Cleon; Evans, Annie; Lee, Martha (C); Williams, Norma and Baby Boy; FAISON: Glaspie, Gerald; Jones, Arnold; Robbs, Ricky Lynn; Faison, John; Ford, Lila; PINE HILL: Bishop, Mry; Miller, Carl; Carter, Carrie; Turner, Clarence; NOSE HILL: Pittrell, Kimila Yonn; Graham, Dethorn; Bradshaw, Louren; Teechey, Irene; Rouse, Paisley; Farris, James (C); BOWDEN: Hall, Gaston; RICHLANDS: Marshburn, Dorothy; Manning, Hazel; ALBERTSON: Outlaw, Fred; MT. OLIVE: Hudson, Doris; KENANSVILLE: Whitman, Rodney; Whitman, Judy; BEULAVILLE: Griffin, Rex; Grady, Rosale; King, Novella; HURKEY: Carlson, Julia and Baby Boy (C); WALLACE: Shuler, Nancy and Baby Boy; CHICKSAW: Frazier, Allen; WILLARD: Math, Linda; CLANTON: Thompson, Irene and Baby Boy; CHINGUAPAN: Shappard, Hilay; Lester, Hattie

## BIDS TO BE LET

### Road From Tin City To Kenansville Resurfacing

The State Highway Commission today advertised for bids on 47 projects for the January 30th Highway Letting. The projects involve more than 607 miles of road work, in 40 North Carolina counties. Bids will be opened at the January 30th Highway Letting, and the Highway Commission will review low bids on February 1, 1962.

The bids in Duplin to be let are: 17.47 miles sand asphalt base and bituminous concrete surfacing in the resurfacing of NC 11 from NC 41 in Tin City, north to NC 50 in Kenansville.

Also 25 miles surfacing 14 sections of Secondary Roads.

## BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N.C. HIGHWAYS

RALEIGH - The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, January 8, 1962:	
Killed To Date .....	12
Killed To Date Last Year .....	17

## IN HOME EC. CLUB

One hundred twenty-six home economics students at East Carolina College are now participating in the work of the Home Economics Club, an organization sponsored by the college Department of Home Economics. In this club are the following members from Duplin County: Polly James, Rt. 2, Wallace; Joyce Ann James, Rt. 2, Wallace; Geraldine Kennedy, Beulaville; Dot Mills, Wallace; and Sharon Oates, Faison.

## THROUGH AG WORKER'S COUNCIL Farm and Home Improvement Campaign To Be Started In Duplin; Need Cited

A County-wide Farm and Home Improvement campaign is to be started immediately in Duplin County.

This is the decision reached by the Duplin Agriculture Worker's Council after information was compiled pointing up the need for such a program of emphasis.

Jim Bunce, Assistant Farm Agent told the group work needs to be done in site selection for new rural homes, interior construction planning as well as advising all residents of the county to make sure they are to receive value paid for when purchasing or contracting for a new dwelling.

This program will be conducted through all agriculture workers in Duplin County.

Ralph Sasser, also an Assistant Farm Agent, explained the new swine production program which is getting underway now in Duplin. He pointed out that an all-out effort will be made to get 200 farmers to put in 20 brood sows which will boost the County's income from hog production by \$1,000,000 annually.

quate on-the-farm grain storage in order to retain within Duplin County sufficient corn for the new swine program.

Rufus Elks, ASCS office manager, told the group that sign-up for farmers to participate in the Federal Feed Grain program will probably begin around February 5.

Elks stated that Duplin County was first in North Carolina in the number of acres placed in last year's Federal Feed Grain program and second in the percentage of acres of grain placed in the program. Duplin has a corn acreage of approximately 90,000 acres. About 40 per cent of this acreage was in the Feed Grain program in 1961. Duplin farmers received approximately \$834,000 under this program.

Elks also advised the agriculture workers to urge everybody in the farming business to watch closely the proposed turkey program because it could have a "big influence on the future of all agriculture programs."

The meeting was presided over by President N. L. Ward, vocational agriculture teacher at B. F. Grady school.

## Many Accidents Over Weekend

Patrolman G. R. Stewart reports a busy past weekend with wrecks - 3 on Friday, 4 on Saturday, and one on Sunday. Stewart was happy to report that the wrecks had more property damage than injuries.

Duplin has not had a wreck fatality yet in 1962, and hopes to

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