



## Business And Agricultural Leaders Call Mass Meet; Discuss Problems

On Tuesday night, December 18, a small group of business and agricultural leaders of Duplin County and the county commissioners held a meeting at the County Squire. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the economic condition of the county.

Disturbed by the fact that the average income of the county is near the bottom in averages for the state; and by the loss of income and population in rural areas, the group, decided to call an open meeting for the purpose of organizing a development group to promote the future welfare of the county.

Gerald Carr was selected temporary chairman and instructed to appoint the necessary committees to arrange the meeting and the program. The meeting will be held in the County Courtroom in Kenansville on Thursday, January 31 at 8:00 P. M.

Everyone who is interested is urged to attend.

## Farmers Protect Your Cotton Allotment, Will Be Reduced If You Fail To Plant

Do you want to maintain your cotton history and allotment? This is an important question which every cotton farmer should ask himself within the next few weeks.

Farm cotton allotments will be reduced where the farmer fails to plant at least 75% of his allotment or where he fails to release his allotment to the ASC county committee. If a farmer knows he will not plant 75% of his allotment, he can help himself and at the same time help other farmers in the county if he will come to the county office and release his allotment.

If the cotton allotment is released to the county committee, his preserves he planting history for the farm, the county, and the state. This prevents loss of allotment to individual counties and to the state of North Carolina.

The final date for releasing cotton allotments is Friday, March 15, 1963. Don't let this date slip your mind if you do not plan to plant 75% of your 1963 cotton allotment.

If you would like to have additional cotton to plant along with the acreage you now have, you may request some additional acreage from the county committee by filing your written application at the ASC county office, not later than Friday, March 1, 1963.

## Trial & Error

Duplin General Hospital's bay for the New Year was a little less in arriving this year. But he got here at 8:23 P. M. on January 2. He was the son of Ernest Brown and Gerald Dixon. Ernest was 44 and Gerald was 14.

Benjamin Franklin said: "Each year, one vicious habit rooted out in time might make the worst man good." It would be nice enough to root out the bad habits.

Had a letter this morning from Helen McLendon Norris of Hacienda Heights, California. Helen Margaret wanted to receive The Duplin Times. She states: "I have missed the paper very much. I will look forward to reading the news of my friends. I wish we could visit but the distance is a little far. Many of you in Kenansville will remember Helen Margaret McLendon. Quite a number of our young folk from Kenansville have settled in California. We are very happy for their success, but we do regret seeing so many of our fine young people leave Duplin."

Ruth

## New Officers Preside At 4-H Council Meet

New 4-H County Council officers presided at the council meeting held in Kenansville on Monday night, January 7.

Linda Grady is president; Bobby Goodson, vice-president; Glenn Williams, secretary; Ray Roberts, Jr., treasurer; Linda Diane Smith, song leader; Anthony Westbrook and Anna Lee Hayes, recreation leaders; and Larry Jones, historian. These officers had been elected at a recent meeting and took office last night.

The calendar of events for the entire year was presented, discussed and adopted. A Club Charter was presented to the Magnolia Club. Other matters of business were discussed and tentative plans were made for National 4-H Club week which is the first week in March.

The new song and recreation leaders conducted a social period for the 75 4-H'ers and their leaders who attended.

## ASCS Committee Of District Meet

All ASCS Duplin County community committees and county committee attended a meeting in Sampson County on Tuesday.

This was a meeting of District No. 1 which is composed of Duplin, Sampson, Pender, New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland and Bladen Counties.

The main agricultural programs to be discussed by ASCS was the new program in the county of...

## "Something New In Federal Crops Ins." Explained At Sales Agent Meeting

Sales agents representing the Federal Crop Insurance for Duplin County met in the Agriculture building on Monday morning.

G. E. Alphin, area supervisor of four counties, Duplin, Jones, Onslow, and Pender presided at the meeting and explained changes, and new phases which have been added to the program for the year 1963. Woodrow Lowery, assistant director of the Eastern district which is composed of 19 counties, was also present at the meeting and assisted Alphin with instructions. Lowery works from the Kinston office.

Also assisting at the training school was Dougald McNeill of Faison, who has been named new field man for Duplin County Federal Crop Insurance. McNeill took the place vacated by G. E. Alphin when Alphin was promoted to area supervisor.

Duplin County farmers were paid in 1962 between eighty and one hundred thousand dollars on 103 cases of loss on tobacco from water during the flood the first of July.

Lowery said that seven Eastern counties of North Carolina had been paid two million dollars because of the rains and floods during the past summer which destroyed so much of the tobacco. Beaufort County was paid one million, Jones \$170,000; Onslow \$80,000; Duplin \$80,000; Craven \$125,000; Pitt \$220,000 and Martin \$60,000.

Salesman who attended the school to receive full instructions for the Crop Insurance drive which begins January 7 were: Mrs. Estelle Hales, Chinquapin; Mrs. Louise Boney, Kenansville; Mrs. Florence Houston, Warsaw; George Somers, Beaufort; A. C. Kenan, Wallace; Ernest Grady, Kenansville. Other salesmen will be named at later date.

The main changes in the all-risk tobacco insurance program for 1963 were discussed fully with sales representatives. One of the changes is that in 1963 each tobacco allotment is considered separately for claim purposes. An insured may rent one or more allotments on a cash lease basis. Any one that falls below guarantee (coverage) will be eligible for a claim if the tobacco is kept separate through production and marketing. In 1962 they were lumped together. In addition, every acreage where different people share in same allotment is eligible for claim as in past years.

## BAR HONORS JUDGE STEVENS

Emergency Judge Henry L. Stevens was honored on Monday night at a steak dinner at the Country Squire. He was honored by members of the Duplin County Bar Association with their wives as guests.

Mrs. Stevens was presented a corsage.

Mrs. Winifred T. Wells, attorney of Wallace, presented Judge Stevens with a wrist watch as a gift from members of the bar. This Judge Stevens graciously accepted with fitting words of appreciation.

Stevens was named last week by Governor Terry Sanford as an Emergency Judge of the Superior Court of North Carolina. His retirement from his office at the end of term as Judge of the Fourth Judicial District of North Carolina became effective on the 31st day of December, 1962.

## Commissioners Met Monday

Duplin County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday morning with all members present.

The Magnolia Fire Department qualified for the \$100 monthly payment to the fire departments of the county for the protection of rural property.

Tax Collector, John A. Johnson, reported tax collections for the month of December were \$70,756.21.

The Board of Education met jointly with the county commissioners to discuss future school building problems in the county for the coming years.

## Boyette Speaks To Rotarians

W. B. "Bill" Boyette spoke to the Rotary Club during their regular weekly dinner meeting Thursday last week.

Boyette's topic was "Tax Changes for 1963 Income Tax Returns" and it was noted that he was quick to say, "The changes are so uncertain that even the manager of the Wilmington office would not even allow one of his agents to discuss the matter at least a month."

Boyette summarized his talk by adding, "The changes which affect business mostly are in the new depreciation schedule which allows for a rapid write-off on newly acquired equipment."

He concluded, "There is also an allowance for the purchase of retirement by self-employed persons if he chooses to do so."

President E. B. Boyette presided with James C. Gotschland presenting the invocation.

## BRIEFS

**CARD TOURNAMENT**  
A Canasta and Bridge Card Tournament will be held on January 12 at 8:00 p. m. at the new Fire House in Kenansville. High score prizes will be awarded at each table. Tickets will be \$1.00 per person. Get up your own table and join the crowd and the fun. Door prizes will be given.

**HUNTER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR**  
Alfred B. C. Dew, Box 9, Beaufort, North Carolina, has been certified an official Hunter Safety Instructor becoming an essential part of a nation-wide program of fire arm safety education and of the Hunter Safety Program of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission. He is available to give information, assistance, or guidance to others of the community interested in this program.

**RED CROSS MEET**  
The Semi-Annual meeting of the Duplin County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held in Kenansville on Tuesday, January 15 at 3:30 P. M. The meeting will be held in the Grove Presbyterian Sunday School Building. Mrs. N. B. Boney, Executive Secretary, urges a good attendance.

**IN HOSPITAL**  
Mrs. Lucy Emma Baker, assistant Registrar of Deeds who has been in the office for 12 years, underwent major surgery at N. C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill on (Continued On Back)

**New Library Books**  
The Duplin County Library received some new books on January 3. Listed below are five of the books which are on the new Home Demonstration List.  
Me and the Liberal Arts; a humorous novel by Dave Morral.  
Give Father a Hard Knock; an object lesson in family turnabout.  
The Tall Woman; a novel by Wilma Dykeman who is a North Carolinian and makes her home in the state.  
Parents Ask; a valuable sequel to the Gesell Institute's Child Behavior, giving practical answers on all phases of child rearing by Frances L. Ilg, M. D., and Louise Bates Ames, Ph. D.  
Whose Woods These Are; a history and guide to a vast American Domain of woods, water, and high wilderness, rich with adventure and information, with full-color photographs and maps by Mitchell Prime.

The Ladies of the Field; the haunting mirage of an humble man and four women who built a life church by William P. Barrett.



Fire Chief, Lauren R. Sharpe, speaking to the group of approximately 200 who attended the dedicatory service of Kenansville Fire Department Inc. on Sunday afternoon. The fire house is a modern up-to-date building which is "manned" day and night by volunteer firemen.

## Kenansville Fire Department, Inc. Dedicated On Sunday Afternoon

The modern and well equipped Kenansville Fire Department was dedicated on Sunday afternoon to a large group of Kenansville citizens. Fire Chief, Lauren R. Sharpe, who is also Mayor of the town, spoke to the group, and presented the building to the people of Kenansville and the surrounding area, in behalf of Kenansville Fire Department, Inc.

O. P. Johnson, County Superintendent of Schools, accepted the building in behalf of the people of Kenansville. He expressed thanks from the people and offered the assistance of the citizens in every way.

Ellis Vestal accepted in behalf of the rural area. He said, "Every rural person in the community will be of assistance and we are grateful for the fire department."

Mayor Sharpe introduced, Sherman Pickard of the N. C. Department of Insurance. Fire Training, who made a fitting dedicatory address. Pickard stated that this was the finest fire house in the state in a community of this size. "Where there is no vision, the people perish", he said. "There is vision in this community." Pickard further stated that a fire department is not made up of a physical plant and machines, but it is made up of people. Many communities are not so fortunate as Kenansville and many fire departments have not taken the interest in the machinery. Kenansville has a beautiful building and some of the best equipment that can be bought. Pickard further stated that the reputation of the Kenansville fire department has gone out over the state.

Fire Chief Sharpe told the group that an oil portrait of a former Deputy Chief the late Ralph T. Brown, would be hung in the building at a later date. Sharpe recognized visiting firemen from other towns and counties and all out-of-town guests. He expressed thanks to the members of the late Mrs. Nora Shaffer's family who had donated a wheel chair to the department and said that in the future it was the wishes of the group to obtain a hospital bed and a supply of clothes to be used in cases where families were burned out.

Special appreciation was expressed to the Warsaw merchants for their generous support. Also special thanks went to Sam Godwin, contractor, and Richard Bostic, building Superintendent, for their consideration, way beyond duty, in seeing that everything was finished as it should be. Special appreciation went to Godwin for the ceramic tile bathroom which he donated. Thanks were further expressed to East Coast Flower Farm of Pink Hill and Duplin Nursery of Duplin for the shrubbery.

The Fire Department is manned from 7 till 7 every holiday and Sunday and someone is on duty around the clock during the week days. Immediately following the ceremony a social hour was enjoyed. The Kenansville Fire Department is a non-profit corporation. Its (Continued On Back)

## HDC President Plan Years Work

Home Demonstration Club presidents met on Wednesday, January 2 to plan the work and studies of the clubs for the coming year. Club score cards were revised and year books distributed.

The score cards deal with club activities and participation during the year and are as a basis for selecting outstanding clubs which will be recognized in the fall.

On Wed. morning, Jan. 9, Mrs. Mae Spicer, home agent, stated that a training school on managing the food dollar for home management leaders, would be held. "According to a survey", Mrs. Spicer said, "Housewives of this county spent 24c out of every dollar on food."

Home management leaders, who attend this school, will present the program to her club during the month of February.

Any interested person is invited to attend club meetings held in the communities.

## Albertson American Legion Post No. 379 Exceeded Membership Incentive Goal

Albertson Post No. 379 of The American Legion has exceeded its membership incentive goal for 1962 according to information received here from State Headquarters of The American Legion in Raleigh.

Cleo Outlaw, Commander of the Post, has received a letter from the Legion State Adjutant, Nash McKee, expressing congratulations and thanks to the Membership Chairman, all Post Officers, and membership workers for their effort.

Leslie R. Brady, Sr., of Newton, N. C., Department Commander of The American Legion, issued a statement of high praise for the local Post.

Commander Brady said, "I am proud to congratulate the officers and members of Post #379 is 41, and the membership for 1962 to date is 57; Incentive Goals are assigned each American Legion Post by the State Headquarters and are based on last year's membership of the Post plus 2 per cent.

"We do not intend to stop our membership drive now that we have reached our Incentive Goal." Post Commander Outlaw said. "There are many more eligible veterans who have not yet joined our Post, and we invite them all to become members."

## 1962 Report of Valuations And Taxes

The 1962 Report of Valuations and Taxes released by F. W. McGovern, County Tax Supervisor on December 31, shows an increase in 1962 valuation of Real Property over 1961 of \$6,986,730. Personal Property showed an increase of \$678,767.

This made a grand total of all property listed and assessed for county-wide taxation of \$7,665,497, above the figure of the year before, and a 1962 valuation of \$7,661,777.

Recapitulation of taxes levied for 1962 were: Total county-wide property tax, \$1,136,589.79; Total poll tax, \$12,032; Total dog tax, \$7,181.94; and Penalty for late listing, \$3,512.94; a grand total of taxes levied for 1962 of \$1,159,317.73. This exceeded the year 1961 by \$123,622.02.

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

**LICENSE 1963 PLATES**

0000M NC 63 DEALER MOTORCYCLE	0000 NC 63 MOTORCYCLE
1 NC 63 OFFICIAL—STATE	201 N NC 63 NATIONAL GUARD
A 1234 NC 63 PRIVATE PASSENGER	1234 C NC 63 U-DRIVE-IT
1234 A NC 63 TAXI	1234 R NC 63 FARM TRUCK
234 S NC 63 PRIVATE TRUCK	1234 L NC 63 TRANSPORTER
1234 K NC 63 TRAILER	1234 H NC 63 CONTRACT CARRIER
1234 F NC 63 COMMON CARRIER	1234 M NC 63 MANUFACTURER
234 E NC 63 BEHAVIOR	PA-0000 NC PERMANENT STATE OWNED
	P-40582 NORTH CAROLINA PERMANENT

The 1963 license tags, which went on sale January 2, come in 23 different designs as illustrated in this photograph from the office of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Edward Scheidt. Tags have been required equipment for North Carolina vehicles since 1959.