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Tri-County EMC Meeting Potters Hill Tomorrow Night

Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation will hold a community meeting at Potters Hill Friday night, tomorrow night, Friday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the community building.

Wilton Rowe, director of the public relations for Tri-County, said the meetings at Potters Hill would be the first in a series of community meetings to be held throughout the Co-operative's Service Area. "We hope to visit all the communities we serve," he said. Rowe said the purpose of the meetings is to inform Tri-County members about the various operations of their electric co-op and the efficient utilization of electric power. Employees and Directors of Tri-County will participate in all the meetings.

Featured at the 1963-64 community meetings will be a new color motion picture telling the story of rural electrification, narrated by NBC's Chet Huntley. There will be refreshments and gifts for everyone, plus a drawing for an electrical appliance, Rowe said. Tri-County held a similar series of community meetings in 1960. "The best attendance was in Potters Hill in 1960," said Rowe, "and we are pleased to have our kickoff meeting for the present series there." Tri-County EMC was organized in 1940. Today it serves 6800 consumers from 1400 miles of lines in Wayne, Duplin, Lenoir, Jones, Johnston, Wilson and Sampson counties. Lewis Outlaw of Albemarle is president of the Corporation. Robert S. Holmes of Goldsboro is general manager.

Trial & Error

Did anyone in Kenansville leave a saucer in my car by mistake? A white bread and butter plate was left in my car, no one at the office claims it, and the only thing I can figure that happened is that someone thought they were putting it in another car. The plate is at the office if anyone wishes to claim it.

In the Christmas rush we received a new piece of machinery. We are all so excited about it but are so busy we cannot even try it out to see how it works. It is a proofing press for hot type. So in our new process of "offset" we cannot quite leave the old "tried and true" kind of printing. The object of the press is to improve the looks of our ad composition.

Please all correspondents send your news in early. It is a must as we will mail the paper on Monday next week so our readers on the routes can get their paper before Christmas. Don't forget! Saturday night is the deadline for copy.

Isn't it fun getting Christmas cards from friends all over the country. I, as I know many of you do, have friends too whom I write only once a year and that is the Christmas letter. Through the years our children have grown up, our grandchildren are arriving, tragedy has hit many of us. Joy and sorrow have been shared through our Christmas Cards. Pride in our children, grief in our families, financial successes and reverses, are all a part of the Yuletide season which we can share. I had one friend write from California that she had just realized that she was getting old! That is a slap in the face, but maybe she will get over it.

TEACHEY POSTS BOND IN SLAYING

Kenneth Teachey of Teachey's was bound over to Superior Court in Wilson Tuesday in the slaying of J. Macy Batts. Bond was set at \$1,500. It is alleged that Teachey killed Batts with a pistol on Dec. 6th. Police testified that they were told Teachey and Ellis Bostic were in the company of Batts' wife and another Wilson woman before the shooting.



LAST MEETING OF SUPERVISORS OF SOUTHEASTERN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT. The district was formed in 1946 and included Duplin, Sampson, Lenoir and Wayne Counties. Now each county will be a single district to better get the conservation program to the farmers. Officers of the Duplin SWCD are Calvin Mercer, chairman, Herbert Best, sec.-treas., O.L. Holland, vice-chairman and Ellis Vestal and N.P. Blanchard, members. Left to right, front row are supervisors Sutton, Outlaw, Best and Holland. Second row, Butler, Lane, Davis, Mercer and Vestal. Third row, Sanderson, Bradshaw and Sullivan. Sutton from Lenoir and Outlaw from Duplin are no longer active supervisors, but were the first supervisors when the district was formed in 1946.

Christmas Holiday

Because of the Christmas Holiday and no mail on Wednesday, your paper next week will come to you on Tuesday. All advertisers and news correspondents will please have their material in not later than Saturday noon of this week. THANK YOU!

BRIEFS

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION SERVICE

The Wallace Presbyterian Church will observe a Christmas Eve Communion Service at 7 p.m. December 24th.

COUNTY OFFICES TO CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

The following Duplin County offices will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 24, 25, and 26. Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds, Tax Collector, Auditors Office, Farm and Home Agents Office, Welfare Department, and Health Department. The Draft Board will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26 and on Jan. 1.

RETARDED CHILDREN MEET

The Duplin County Association for Retarded Children will have its regular monthly meeting in the trainable classroom at Rose Hill Elementary School, Thursday night, December 19, 7:30 p.m.

At present there are 14 children in the class taught by Mrs. Annie Mae Blanton and Miss Mary Wells. The program will be given by these children. The public is cordially invited to visit the classroom and see what these children can do.

KENANSVILLE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On Sunday morning, December 22, the three churches of Kenansville are presenting a Christmas Cantata at the Baptist Church at 11:15 a.m. Soloists will be Henry West, Jr., Mrs. E.L. Boyette and Jimmy Bowden, with the choirs of the three churches singing the choruses. On Sunday evening at 5:30 each of the churches will have a Christmas program with the annual Christmas tree afterward. At the Presbyterian Church, the Joy Gift program will be at 5:30.

CLASS REUNION

James Kenan Senior Class of '61 will hold a class reunion from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. Informal. Bring wives or dates.

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Duplin Joins Wayne And Greene In Attack On Poverty



TWENTY-FIVE ORIGINALS.—These twenty-five men were among the borrowers thirty years ago when Duplin Production Credit Association began making agricultural loans. They were presented certificates for being members since the beginning, but Mr. King says that it is no longer necessary for most of them to borrow further and he is proud that the association could be of help in getting them to a good start. Thirty years ago a \$700 loan was a large one, now the same farm will need \$5,000.

30th Annual Stockholders Meeting Production Credit Association

The 30th annual Production Credit Association stockholders meeting was held on Friday afternoon at the Kenansville Elementary School Auditorium. Some 450 members and invited guests attended.

Eugene R. Carlton, president of the association, presided. Otis Ridge opened the meeting with prayer. Arthur Kennedy, a director, reported on director activities and meetings the directors attended to study methods of better operation and sound financing. Directors are Arthur Kennedy, Eugene Carlton, L.P. Wells, Taft Herring and Woodrow Maready. The terms of Herring and Maready had expired, but they were reelected for another term of three years at this meeting.

Senator Leroy Simmons spoke on the desirability of the passage of the "Little Fed" amendment on January 14th. Garland King, sec.-treas. of the association, reported on the operations for the past year. In the thirty years, the association has made 33,268 loans for \$42,648,594.00. The association now has 2,657 members who own \$638,955.00 in stock and have accumulated earnings of \$434,346.00. The entire capital stock is now owned by the members exclusively. The total earnings and member capital as of Nov. 30, 1963 was over a million dollars—\$1,076,880.00. The net loans to members and interest receivable as of Nov. 30th was \$3,855,648.00. Mr. King pointed out that the peak this year was over 5 1/2 million, and told the members that they were in big business involving a lot of money. This organization, belonging to the members, had grown from nothing in the depression year of 1933 to a 5 1/2 million dollar business in 30 years.

Industrial Development Committees

The Duplin County Industrial Development Commission met on December 12, and completed the organization of committees which are to work on special interest projects affecting the over-all development of the county. Chairman C.W. Surratt, Jr., announced the appointments of the following committees and stated that each of the members listed had been contacted and had agreed to serve.

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE: Garland King, Chairman, O. C. Blizzard, E. R. Carlton, George Cowan, T. M. Fields, Sr., John Goodson, O. L. Holland, Harold Precourt, Wm. G. Sullivan.

Mr. King told the members that 30 years ago a \$700 loan was a large one, but now the same farm would require \$5,000 to operate and that loans of \$25,000 were not out of the ordinary. He pointed out that the association was not in the real estate business and did not want the member's farm but that ability to repay the loan was more important than the value of the farm. It is necessary to have an anticipated income large enough to cover the debt payments plus current operation costs. He said a safe loan was one where the farm is worth the money, but a sound loan is one where repayment is possible. He suggested that the members should keep accurate records of their operations and understand their own financial condition and cautioned against expanding faster than their means justified. He welcomed suggestions from the members, as it is their organization, for methods of better serving them with sound financial assistance from the strong organization they could be justly proud of building.

Certificates were presented to 25 members present who had been with the organization since its beginning in 1933. Twenty turkeys were given to the lucky ticket holders as door prizes.

SPECIAL SERVICE

Rev. Gerald McGowan will preach at New Hope Christian Church, Sunday night, December 22 at 7:30 p.m. The subject of the service will be "A Savior Is Born." Everyone is well-welcomed to hear this message, and a special invitation is extended by the pastor, Rev. Otis Ridge.

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Christmas Seal Returns Top Last Year's Drive

Duplin County's 1963 Christmas Seal Campaign is running ahead of last year by 10% Mrs. Marie Batchelor and Miss Annie Mae KENION, Campaign chairmen announced today.

Receipts as of December 14, totaled \$2,164.25 they reported, compared with \$1841.40 at the same date in '62.

First National Dividend

The Board of Directors of First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina has declared a 50¢ per share cash dividend. Mr. W. Carroll Bryan, Chairman of the Board, announced after the Board's regular December meeting that the \$60,000 dividend will be paid to the shareholders of the 100,000 outstanding shares of First National as of record on December 27, payable on January 10.

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GIVE THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING BUY AND USE CHRISTMAS SEALS.

News of the cash dividend follows closely the recent announcement of a 25 percent stock dividend to present stockholders and a program for issuance of 75,000 additional shares, subject to the stockholders approval at the annual meeting on January 14, in Jacksonville.

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Garland P. King, secretary-treasurer, reports on the operation of the Duplin Production Credit Association at its 30th annual stockholders meeting. Some 450 members and invited guests attended the meeting.

Sub-committees appointed by the Commissioners Monday for the N.C. Fund Project are: AGRICULTURE (FOOD PROCESSING): Mrs. Lois Britt, Garland King, Dennis Ramsey. RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: George Cowan, William Sullivan, and Mrs. Christine Williams. SCHOOL DROP-OUTS: C.W. Dobbins, Byron Teachey, and Robert Ward. EMPLOYMENT: Dr. L.U. Chaffin, and William Gardner. PRE-SCHOOL IMPOVERISHED CHILDREN: Mrs. Thell Overman, and Mrs. Willard Westbrook. INSPIRATION AND CHALLENGE CAMP PROJECT: Mrs. Ruth P. Blake, and the Rev. L.T. Wilson. STUDY-INS: O.P. Johnson, and R.L. Pruitt. NATURAL RESOURCES: C.W. Surratt, and Jim Bunce. ADULT EDUCATION: D.D. Blanchard, P.B. Ralford and W.D. Thigpen. ATTACK ON POVERTY IDEAS COMMITTEE: Lee Brown and Jim Smith. DIVERSIFICATION AND EXPANDED CROPS COMMITTEE: O.L. Holland, Vernon Reynolds, Willard Westbrook, and Riddick Wilkins.

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Duplin County Commissioners Monday voted to join Greene and Wayne counties on projects aimed at securing money from the N.C. Fund in an attack on poverty in the three county area. Duplin will join Wayne and Greene in making a joint application to the North Carolina Fund, according to the resolution adopted by the commissioners.

The resolution of the commissioners provides that "all phases of a project or projects which may receive approval under such a joint application be carried on as nearly equally as possible in each of the three counties."

A committee from Duplin will work with committee members from Wayne and Greene counties in preparation of the application to the North Carolina Fund.

Aimed at uplifting the educational, economic and social lives of the people by experimentation to break N.C.'s cycle of poverty, the Ford Foundation provided the major portion of a \$14 million fund to finance the project.

The Fund is designed to experiment rather than to subsidize. Each group will have to come up with a plan of projects it would attempt to carry out, specifying immediate and long-range goals. The Fund directors would study the proposals and select some of the most promising for the experiment.

Such problems as idle farm workers, school drop-outs, inadequate housing and unskilled labor. The commissioners felt that such a concerted effort on the part of Wayne, Duplin and Greene counties would be helpful in an attack on poverty in the area.

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