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Grady Asks Help For Cleo Victims

The Red Cross will help Hurricane Cleo victims to recover from property losses and will accept cash donations through local chapters for this purpose, James Robert Grady, chairman of the Duplin County Chapter, was advised Monday by the organization's Southeastern Area headquarters in Atlanta.

In the wake of Cleo's sweep through Florida, local chapters already are taking applications from families whose finances may be inadequate and who feel they will require help in meeting a portion of the cost, according to W. D. Dibrell, of Atlanta, director of Disaster Service for the eight-state Southeastern Area.

Cash contributions should be given through the Duplin County Chapter for forwarding to

S. E. Area headquarters, Mr. Grady said. Cleo left excessive water damage in some areas and extensive wind damage to roofs, and particularly to the mobile homes, surveys made in the storm's path have indicated.

August Draft Board Inductions

The following men were inducted into the Army from Duplin County in August 1964, according to information received from M. rs. Margaret Oakley, Clerk Local Board No. 31.

Joseph Lee Moore RFD, Teachey, N. C. Charles Elbert Pickett RFD, Chinquapin, N. C. Jimmy Douglas Raynor Chinquapin, N. C. John Sanders Lanier RFD, Rose Hill, N. C.

The September call for induction is for 6 men to be delivered on 22 September 1964. Thirty-seven registrants will be sent for Armed Forces Physical Examination on that same date.

The following are now delinquent with the local board and anyone knowing their whereabouts should report it at once to this office: Johnnie Stevens Jr. (col.) Warsaw, N. C.

John Robert McLeod (col.) Rt. 1 Magnolia, N. C. Willie Earl Parker (col.) Rt. 1, Kenansville, N. C. Willis Dobson (col.) Rt. 1, Magnolia, N. C. Henry Lee Frederick (col.) Rose Hill, N. C. Bobby Royce Hill (col.) Rt. 2 Rose Hill, N. C.

The office of the Duplin County Local Board will be closed on Monday, September 7, 1964 for Labor Day.

JSI Spends

\$10,000

For Equipment

Ten thousand dollars worth of equipment has recently been purchased for use in the three business curriculums to be offered by the James Sprunt Institute. The equipment includes some of the finest available for teaching students operating principles of adding machines, calculators, electric and manual typewriters, and duplicating equipment including an offset press.

Applications are still being accepted for the three business curriculums in Accounting, Business Administration, and Executive Secretarial training. Student cost for the degree granted programs is only ten dollars per month plus books and supplies.

BRIEFS

HOLIDAY, MONDAY

The office of the Duplin County Local Board will be closed on Monday, September 7, 1964, for Labor Day.

Other offices which will observe Monday as a holiday are the ASCS, Federal Crop Insurance, F. H. A. and Soil Conservation offices.

U. S. ART HISTORY STUDIED

The first Institute in American Art at East Carolina College is co-sponsored by the State Department of Public Instruction. Mrs. Gladys R. Turner of Wallace, teacher at Garland High School in Garland, is one of the students completing the course for college credit.

COURTHOUSE REST ROOMS

The commissioners have agreed to completely re-model all the rest room facilities in the basement of the court house and to put in new equipment as well as tiling the walls and floors. Ventilation will be provided. This is work that has been long overdue, and is not only needed from a standpoint of health and sanitation, but will enable these rooms to qualify as a fallout shelter.

WALLACE RADIO EMERGENCY SYSTEM

Bids will be received this week on the construction of a fallout proof Emergency Broadcasting System at WLSE in Wallace. The system complete with emergency generating equipment will be operational in January. This system is being constructed by the Civil Defense Agency.

DUPLIN ROADS

Bids totaling over nine million dollars will be reviewed by the Highway Commission in Raleigh today, Thursday, Sept. 3. Among the bids is one for \$133,736 by Cumberland Paving Co., Fayetteville for 21.56 miles of bituminous concrete surfacing of five sections of primary roads in Duplin and Pender Counties.

SEASON TICKETS ON SALE

James Kenan Adult Football Season Tickets may be purchased at the following places: Magnolia - Pope Furniture - Melvin Pope, Richard Croom Soda Shop.

Warsaw - Warsaw Drug Company, Richfield Service Station, City Barber Shop - Cecil Bostic, Duplin Trading Co. - Paul Britt, Joe Sutton Grocery.

Kenansville - Kenansville Drug Co. - Amos Brinson, Wac-camaw Bank - Phil Kretsch. Adult Tickets are \$6.00 and are in a reserved section.

NOTICE!

A special meeting for home-makers interested in making fabric bedspreads will be held Friday, September 11, at 2:30 P. M. in the Court Room in Kenansville. A number of model bedspreads will be shown. The program will also include instructions formaking spreads.

The meeting will be conducted by Mae H. Spicer, County Home Economics Agent.

Eastern Belt Opens Strong

Gross sales for the two-day week totaled 18,746,018 pounds averaging \$47.23 per hundred, according to the Federal-State Market News Service. During the corresponding period last season 8,094,918 pounds averaged \$47.22.

Tied offering showed better gains than untied. The top price paid by companies was \$66.00 for untied and \$74.00 for tied.

The Stabilization Corporation received approximately 18 per cent of gross sales opening week compared with 15 per cent last year. The support level for all untied tobacco offered during the first two days, regardless of whether placed under loan or not, averaged \$32.94 per hundred pounds. The support level for tied tobacco averaged \$33.13.

The majority of grades averaged \$1.00 to \$4.00 per hundred pounds above last year's levels. An exception was low green primings and crude green nondescript in untied form which fell \$4.00 to \$6.00. Tied tobacco showed larger gains than untied.

The U. S. Crop Reporting Board has estimated a crop of 432,150,000 pounds. This would be a decline of 45.1 million pounds (9.5 per cent) from last year's output.

SCHOOL BREAKIN

The Wallace-Rose Hill High School was entered over the weekend in an attempted burglary. Unsuccessful attempts were made to pry open cabinets, but apparently nothing was taken. Investigation by Deputy Sheriff S. C. Dempsey is continuing.

RALEIGH - The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, August 31: Killed To Date 1020 Killed To Date Last Year 821

Duplin Tax Rate Remains Same Along With 50 Other Counties



CORNER OF FRONT AND SOUTH. — The Trojan Club has completed the placing of posts on all Kenansville streets and will have the street names painted on the markers soon. Pictured is Wiley Booth, president of the Trojans, tamping a post in at the corner of the old post office street and the drug store street, now South and Front Streets. Mickey Bostic holds the post upright. House numerals are being sold by the Trojans to complete the project.

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in its annual survey of county budgets for the fiscal year 1964-65 has found that 1964 tax rate changes reflect the continually increasing demands for more county services. In the new 64-65 budgets, 26 counties have increased their property tax rates, 12 have had a revaluation leading to a higher levy, 51 have held their rate stationary but received more revenue from a larger tax base, and 11 counties have decreased their rate, usually due to an increase in valuations or an increase in other revenue.

Final budget figures for all 100 North Carolina counties indicate that increased appropriations for public education are the primary cause of increased county expenditures. As has been the rule in the last several years more than 80% of all property tax increased can be attributed in large measure to greater school needs. This year with the rapidly growing community college system beginning to become a part of county budgets, the emphasis on education has been even more pronounced. 90% of the counties with a rate increase attributed it in whole or in part to greater local support of public education.

With the continued implementation of the 1959 property revaluation act, the property tax base is rapidly being made more equitable. All counties scheduled to revalue under the periodic schedule enacted by

the General Assembly have done so, and several counties have finished revaluation prior to the scheduled time. Since the enactment of the revaluation measure, 52 counties have undergone revaluation in accordance with its provisions.

As the revaluation process continues the tax rate range among the counties is slowly narrowing. For the 64-65 fiscal year, five counties have a rate of more than \$2, three less than last year; and eight have rates under \$1, four less than last year. 48 counties have a total rate between \$1 and \$1.40, eight more than last year; and 39 report rates of between \$1.50 and \$1.99, one less than last year.

For those counties with rate changes, the highest rate increase this year was 45 cents. Three counties had an increase between 25 and 30 cents, and two counties had an increase between 10 and 15 cents; eight counties had an increase between 5 and 9 cents; and five counties had an increase of less than a nickel.

Rate reductions were experienced in 23 counties. As previously indicated, revaluation was the cause of the reduction in 12 counties, with the largest tax base allowing a rate reduction. Reductions ranged from 7 cents to 95 cents, with a 35-cent average reduction. Eleven counties experienced a rate reduction for other reasons, including five counties which had a sharp increase in assessed valuations, four which had surplus funds available allowing a rate increase, two which opened ABC stores, and two which had minor reductions for miscellaneous reasons.

Duplin's 1964 county-wide tax remains the same, \$1.65 on the one hundred dollars of property valuation.

This Week's Criminal Court Has Cases Of Interest

Judge Elbert S. Peele of Williamston, a new judge and one of the youngest on the bench, began a term of criminal court here Monday. Solicitor Walter S. Britt is prosecuting. Judge Peele will be back in Duplin on October 12 for another term. General County Court will be held three days next week, beginning on Tuesday, September 8.

The grand jury reported yesterday that they had considered 26 accusations and found 23 true bills and 3 not true bills. Working under foreman Raeford L. Bostic of Warsaw, they reported that they had visited the jails of the county and found all in good condition, except the jail at Calypso.

The grand jury recommended that the Calypso jail be condemned as a fire hazard. They found no screens, the laboratory would not function, the

roof leaked and the bedding was wet.

They further recommended that the rest rooms in the court house basement be renovated and the rooms properly marked so that people attending court and conducting other county business can locate the rooms.

The grand jury recommended that all Justice of the Peace reports be made and submitted monthly.

Gorge Bennette of the Blizard Store section of upper Duplin is scheduled for trial this term of court for two counts of murder and one charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Bennett is alleged to have shot down three young men in the doorway of his three-room house last January 19. His cases were scheduled for yesterday, but had not been reached in early

afternoon.

A goodly portion of the first two days of court were consumed in the trial of Pete Jr. Strickland of Warsaw on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. In that his victim had lost the sight of both eyes as a result of the assault and became very emotional on the stand, Judge Peele had to send the jury from the courtroom and at one time had to recess the case because of the emotional atmosphere. However, the jury found Strickland guilty only of simple assault, but sentence had not been handed down by Judge Peele Wednesday.

The case against Ella Frank Sloan charged with assault with a deadly weapon against Anna Newkirk was dismissed because of the lack of prosecuting witnesses. Doctors found \$7000 sewed in Anna's clothing when they removed them to attend the wound, although it is alleged that Anna was receiving welfare assistance.

The case against Edward Sholar charged with the possession of material for the manufacture of non-tax-paid whiskey was continued.

Other cases on the calendar for this term are Elvin G. Squires, Sr., charged with incest; Gene Moore charged with aiding and abetting in abduction and rape; E. S. Williams on several charges of forgery and worthless checks; and several breaking and entering and traffic and liquor cases.

Jubilee Cake Sales Go To Retarded Children

Receipts from the sale of all cakes at the Poultry Jubilee on October 24 will go to the Retarded Children Fund and Mrs. Percy Blanton's class, according to co-chairmen Keith Hinson and Bobby Lee Jones. Every cake-baker in the Eastern North Carolina poultry industry area is invited to participate in the cake baking contest.

County Fair Premium List Issued

The premium list, offering \$1500 in cash prizes, for the Duplin County Fair has been issued and is now available in printed form.

Any resident of the county can enter an exhibit in the fair, and should contact, by mail or phone, the director in charge of his division. Exhibits will be entered from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. on Monday, September 21.

All school children will get a free ticket to the fair for Children's Day, Tuesday, September 22, and the stub of the ticket will be turned in at the main gate for a drawing for a pony. The lucky youngster will be given a pony by the Jaycees.

Eugene Thompson Reports Bond Sales

U. S. Savings Bonds sales in North Carolina during July amounted to 4,260,250. This is an increase of 8.3 percent over July, 1963, and represents the greatest July sales in 8 years. Cumulative sales for January-July, 1964, amounted to \$30,832,565, which is over 2 percent greater than comparable sales a year ago. This also represents the largest January-July sales since 1956 and is 61.7 percent of the State's 1964 quota of \$50 million.

Eugene C. Thompson, Duplin County Volunteer Chairman for the Bonds Program, in making this release pointed out that Bond sales in Duplin County during July totaled \$10,000.00. Cumulative sales for the year amount to \$124,357.00, which is 65.4 percent of the County's quota of \$190,125.00 for the year.

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Trial & Error



DIRTY POLITICS? This sign, which is located at the entrance of Mount Olive at intersection of the bypass, did read, "Wash Johnson Out With Goldwater". Apparently the political mud-slinging has already begun. Someone with too much fire water used something less than creek water to change the appearance of this Goldwater sign.

CARELESS RECKONING

"I'm not much of a Mathematician," said Carelessness, "but I can add to your trouble. Subtract from your earnings. Multiply your aches and pains. Take interest from your work. And discount your chances for safety. Besides this, I can divide your thought between business and pleasure and be a potent factor in your failures. Even if I am with you only a small fraction of your time, I can lessen your chances for success. I am a figure to reckon with; Cancel me from your habits and . . . Add to your Total Happiness." (From the Spokesman, Rotary Club, High Point, N. C., January 24, 1963).

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Farm Receipts At Record High

North Carolina farmers received a record high \$1,162.9 million from sales of crops and livestock and livestock products during 1963, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. The 1963 receipts exceeded the previous record of \$1,154.2 million in 1962 by a narrow margin of \$8.7 million. Receipts from sales of crops amounted to \$817.4 million, up 8 million from 1962, and sales of livestock and livestock products returned \$345.5 million or \$700,000 more than the preceding year. Receipts from the sale of crops accounted for 70.3 percent of the total in 1963 and 70 per cent in 1962.

Among the major items sold during the year, increases were noted in receipts from sale of cotton, corn, soybeans, vegetables, fruits and nuts.

dairy products, and poultry and eggs. These increases were sufficient to offset decreases in receipts from sales of tobacco, meat animals, and wheat. Tobacco receipts at \$546.6 million were almost \$17 million below 1962, and lower unit prices for meat animals were primarily responsible for the \$6.8 million loss in receipts from sales of red meats. On the other hand, receipts from sales of cotton and cottonseed, at \$57.6 million, were up \$8.3 million, receipts from sales of corn rose \$8.6 million, while soybeans added and additional increase of \$6.2 million, and poultry and eggs \$6.1 million. Smaller increases were reported for dairy products, vegetables, and fruits and nuts. Government payments are not included in the figure on cash receipts from farm marketings.



WHERE DID CLEO GO? — Ralph M. Cottle, director of Duplin County Civil Defense Agency, shows the location of Hurricane Cleo on last Friday. His office has the equipment and emergency power necessary to communicate in the event of a local disaster. He has radio contact with all Duplin police and fire departments as well as the State Highway Patrol headquarters and the Mount Olive and Burgaw police departments. Cleo is going and no one knows what or when will be the next threat to our safety.