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County and State Wide

GROWERS VOTE YES-OVERWHELMING MAJORITY

BRIEFS

UNC Deans List

The following is a list of undergraduate students from your area who were on the Dean's List at the University of North Carolina for the spring semester, 1967.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must take a minimum of 15 semester hours of work and earn a B (3.0 quality point) average with no grade below a C on all work taken.

School of Business - John Everett Phillips, Kenansville, Clarence H. Pope, Jr., Magnolia.

Head Start Appropriation

Jerry Elliott, News Secretary for Gov. Dan K. Moore has announced an appropriation assuring a head start program for Duplin and adjoining counties.

Monies in the amount of \$394,410 has been appropriated to provide funds for a full year Head Start program for 375 children in Duplin, Pender and Sampson Counties for an eight-month period. These children will come from low income families in the three counties. The Community Action Council located in Rose Hill is the organization responsible. Mr. Charles J. Markus is president of the board of directors.

Rotarians Assigned Duties For Fiscal Year

At its meeting on Thursday, July 13, 1967, the Warsaw Rotary Club heard reports from committee chairmen on plans for the coming year.

MEETING PLACE CHANGED

The meeting place for the upcoming Duplin County Municipal Association scheduled for Thursday night, July 20, has been changed from Teachey to the Rose Hill Restaurant on the same evening at 7:30 p.m.

All members are urged to attend.

LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE

The Ladies of Kenansville Methodist Church are sponsoring a luncheon and bake sale at the Fellowship Hall of the Church Monday, July 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Public Funds Available

The Public Facilities section of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development makes available to towns and counties matching funds to expand services for recreation, health, welfare, employment, libraries or, in general, funds for the construction of facilities for these or related services. Funds are also available for schools to purchase future needed school land provided a portion is left in "open space" for recreation.

Mr. Gene Gibbons of the Regional Office in Atlanta will discuss this program and answer questions in a meeting Tuesday, July 25, Agricultural Building in Kenansville at 8:00 p.m.

Civic leaders, municipal and county officials are invited to present and participate in the discussion on this important subject. Towns wishing to expand their services through the construction of a facility which will specifically house social services as outlined will be interested in the program. This program was arranged by Mr. Melvin G. Cording, Executive Director of the Community Action Council, and he joins in this invitation for you to be present.

For more details regarding the above, contact Mr. M. G. Cording, Rose Hill, telephone 289-3151.

Jehovah's Witnesses Course in Bible

Several people from Magnolia are planning to visit the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh early this year, August 3 to 6, not to attend the annual fair, but a public teaching course in the Bible.

All the congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses in the area will be attending the "Disciple-Making Assembly" to be held at the fairgrounds in the huge Doron Arena.

J. F. Cochran, local minister, said many of the Witnesses had been planning for months to combine a summer vacation with attending the convention.

Those attending from Magnolia will be among more than 6,000 people expected to attend the four day meeting from North and South Carolina and Virginia. He said most of these attending would be made up of family groups, including the teenagers.

"Many people attend state fairs because of their education values," explained Cochran, "and Jehovah's Witnesses attend these assemblies for the same reasons, to find new and fresh ways to present Bible truths about God's Kingdom."

Cochran said convention headquarters had already received more than 1800 requests for rooms in hotels, motels and private homes.

In releasing the information to The Duplin Times, Cochran said the course was not restricted to Jehovah's Witnesses but designed for all people.

for the coming year. President Richard Cavanaugh stated that every member of the club had been given an assignment and

that he hoped through the efforts of all members this would be an outstanding year for the Warsaw Rotary Club. The organization chart prepared by President Cavanaugh listed the following members and their responsibilities:

Richard Cavanaugh, President; Frank Hobbs, Vice President; Norman Flowers, Secretary; Al Smith, Treasurer; Emmett Boyette, Director responsible for Club Service Activities; J. J. Armstrong, Director responsible for Vocational Service; Joe West, Director responsible for Community Service; Faison McGowan, Director responsible for International Service; Ed Strickland, Attendance Chairman; Paul Potter, Classifications Chairman; Pat Harmon, Club Bulletin Chairman; Robert L. West, Fellowship Chairman; Mett Ausley, Magazine Chairman; Preston Ralford, Public Relations Chairman; Eugene Thompson, Rotary Information Chairman; and James Strickland, Sergeant-At-Arms.

Subcommittees announced listed the following members and their responsibilities: James Strickland, Employer-Employee Relations; Ayon Shanks, Four-Way Test; Troy Kornegay, Occupational Information; Milford Guss, Trade and Professional Relations; D. J. Rivenbark, Community Safety; Ed Ewers, Crippled Children; Raymond Rivenbark, Rural-Urban; Gene Thompson,

Scholarships, Awards and Student Loans; Pat Harmon, Student Guests; Allen Draughon, Youth; W. G. Britt, Matched District and Club Program; Mett Ausley, World Community Service; Allen Draughon, International Youth Projects; and Lee Brown, The Rotary Foundation; Preston Ralford and W. G. Britt were asked to be responsible for news releases.

Faison McGowan announced that the program on July 20 would be a slide film sound tape commentary entitled "I Was There During The Birth and Growth Of A State and Nation," which gives the historical background of the early

years of North Carolina. The film and recording were prepared by W. K. Dorsey, Community College Consultant for James Sprunt Institute and other technical education centers of eastern North Carolina. This will be the first presentation of the program.

Speaker Taylor Announces For Lt. Governor

Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, H. P. Taylor, Jr. has announced his candidacy for the office of Lieutenant Governor, subject to the wishes of the voters of the state.

Mr. Taylor served in the House for twelve years. He received a B.S. in commerce and an LL.B. in law both

Duplin County farmers, like other farmers throughout the entire State of North Carolina went to the poles Tuesday and voted overwhelmingly to continue control on major crops, including flue-cured tobacco.

A two-thirds majority vote was required to carry the Acreage-Quota to remain in effect for the crop years 1968-70.

The statewide vote of approximately 107,000 for controls and 3,000 against control was some what smaller than the 228,000 votes cast in May 1965. Local officials attributed the light vote in Duplin to the fact that farmers are in the midst of barning and many farmers felt they were unable to leave the expensive operation long enough to cast a vote.

Flue cured growers were also voting on whether to continue an assessment for support of their promotional organization, Tobacco Associates, Inc.

Peanut and cotton farmers voted on continuing their support of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association and the North Carolina Cotton Promo-

tion Association.

As a result of the vote Tuesday, Tobacco Associates assessment will be set as high as \$1.00 per acre in North and South Carolina. Cotton growers will be assessed 25¢ per bale, and peanut growers will pay 2¢ per hundred pounds, in support of the organization.

Of the 3221 Duplin County votes cast in the tobacco control program, 3098 voted "yes" compared to 123 "no."

Tobacco associates received 3029 yes, with 175 no. Cotton assessment was 166 yes and 12 no.

Peanut promotion, with only three allotment in the county, tallied a 2 yes vote with no opposition.

Herbert Best Gets Appointment

Herbert Best has been appointed by the County Board of Commissioners as Duplin County Coroner to fill the unexpired term of the late H. B. McNeill.

Mr. Best is a native of Warsaw and attended school in Warsaw, Oak Ridge Military Institute, and North Carolina University of Chapel Hill.

He is a farmer, and a past treasurer of the Warsaw Presbyterian Church where he served for many years as a deacon. He is also a member of the Warsaw Masonic Lodge #677.

Mr. Best is married to the former Mary Hester of Chase City, Virginia.

Library Receives Wightman Estate

A life time of devotion on the part of a late county official was incorporated into a gift to the county in a special ceremony Monday.

Mr. H. E. Phillips, executor of the estate of Miss Dorothy Wightman, late librarian of the county, made the presentation in a special ceremony at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner J. B. Stroud introduced the following resolution, which was read:

Resolved, That the Board of

Commissioners of Duplin County express its warmest appreciation and thanks to Mr. H. E. Phillips, Executor of the Estate of Miss Dorothy Wightman, for the gift to the County Library of \$13,185.01, which was provided under the Last Will and Testament of Miss Wightman.

Miss Wightman was unassuming, and a lady in the highest meaning of that word. She loved people. She loved books. She lived for the library, and donated her life's savings to

the Library. Her personal charm was interwoven with a quiet strength based on fineness of feeling for others.

Her experience, good judgment, and wise counsel proved valuable to work of the Library, and she won the respect of all with whom she worked.

Resolved, That a suitable bronze plaque to her memory, be provided by the County, and that the \$13,185.01 be deposited, with interest to be collected semi-annually, and to be

expended on a permanent library building to be named the "Duplin County Dorothy Wightman Library."

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board, a copy furnished to Mr. H. E. Phillips, Executor, to be attached to this final accounting of this estate and filed in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Duplin County, and a copy sent to each of the County Newspapers.



Mr. H. E. Phillips, right, Executor of the estate of Miss Dorothy Wightman, late librarian of Duplin County, has presented to Mr. E. E. Kelly, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, on behalf of the Library, a check and tokens from the Wightman estate. Mrs. Lawrence Southerland, chairman

of the Duplin County Library Board, holds a portrait of Miss Wightman which is to be placed in the County Library. The presentation was made in a special ceremony at the regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners. (Photo by Ruth Wells).

County Official Dies

Rector B. McNeill, 53, died at noon Wednesday, July 12, in Duplin General Hospital at Kenansville after a few hours illness.

He was President and Moderator of Quince-McGowan Funeral Home and had served as Chairman of Duplin County for the past nine years. He was a Veteran of World War II.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock in the Warsaw Presbyterian

Church of which he was a member with Rev. J. Don Skinner, pastor and Rev. Norman Flowers, a former pastor, officiating. Interment was in Pinecrest Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Bess Quince-McNeill, of the home, two brothers, Walter and Lacy McNeill, both of Raeford. Three sisters, Mrs. Ethel Harris, Mrs. Winnie Cameron, both of Raeford and Mrs. Dorothy Boylin of York, S. C.

'67 Legislature

Imposes New Duties Upon County Official

The 1967 State Legislature imposed four additional duties upon the Registrars of Deeds of North Carolina. These are in addition to those already provided for by present laws relating to the several aspects of recording property records and Vital Statistics.

1. CERTIFICATIONS ON PERSONAL PROPERTY.

The 1967 Legislature added a provision to the Uniform Commercial Code which became effective on July 1st of this year to provide that the Registrars of Deeds shall issue certificates showing whether there is on file on the date and hour stated thereon, any presently effective Financing Statements under the Uniform Commercial Code naming a particular debtor and Statement of Assignment thereof and if there is giving the date and hour of filing of each such statement and the names and addresses of each secured party therein.

This law is a complete departure from any prior North Carolina Law. Under all prior laws only licensed attorneys at

law could issue such certificates. This new law applies only to personal property and does not affect real property.

2. PROBATE OF REAL PROPERTY DOCUMENTS TO BE DONE BY REGISTERS OF DEEDS INSTEAD OF CLERKS OF COURT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1967.

Effective October 1, 1967, Registrars of Deeds will pass on certificates of acknowledgment made by Notaries Public on Deeds, Deeds of Trust and other instruments presented for registration and if it appears on the face of the instrument that the execution thereof has been duly proved or acknowledged and the certificates to that effect are in due form, the Registrars shall so adjudge, and shall order the instrument to be registered, together with the certificates, registered. The new law sets out the form of certification to be used by the Registrars of Deeds. This duty of certifying certificates of acknowledgment

ment on instruments for registration has heretofore been a duty of the Clerks of the Superior Court.

3. EXCISE STAMP TAX ON CONVEYANCES OF REAL ESTATE TO BE COLLECTED BY REGISTERS OF DEEDS AND DEPOSITED IN COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

House Bill 563 ratified by the State Legislature on July 28, 1967 provides that effective January 1, 1968 Registrars of Deeds will collect an Excise Tax on each Deed, instrument or writing by which lands, tenements or other realty shall be granted, assigned or otherwise conveyed to, or vested in, the purchaser or purchasers, or any other person or persons a tax at the rate of fifty cents (\$0.50) on each five hundred (\$500.00) dollars or fractional part thereof of the consideration of value of the interest or property conveyed (exclusive of the value of any lien or encumbrances remaining thereon at the time of sale).

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Efforts Made To Meet Integration Requirements By Department of HEW

With the first "Freedom of choice" plan ruled inadequate in fulfilling federal requirements, school officials in Duplin County have launched a program to place 331 negro students in the 14 white schools of the county.

This decision was reached when the county Board of Education met jointly with the board of commissioners and school commissioners last week. A second freedom of choice plan is being pushed in an effort to meet federal requirements.

Representatives from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, at an earlier meeting, had told officials that Duplin County Schools must meet integration by 12 percent for the 1967-68 school year.

Unless problem of 12% is taken care of this year the County will be given a hearing and if the hearing is turned down, federal funds, except lunchroom, would be cut off. It would then be the responsibility of the federal government to bring about integration.

Of the 10,333 pupils enrolled in Duplin County's 24 schools last year, 4,307 of these were negroes. Thirteen schools were integrated. One school remained all white because there were no negro applicants. Ten schools were all negro.

School enrollment for the coming year is expected to remain about the same as last year in order to meet the 12 percent requirement, 455 negro

students must attend integrated schools. With only 164 negroes requesting assignment to integrated schools, 331 students would have to be recruited or assigned against their wishes.

The effective date for compliance with the order handed down by the Department of HEW is August 15. With the rapidly approaching deadline, efforts are now being made to recruit negro students for integration.

Department of HEW has approved the ratio of negro teachers assigned to integrated schools for the year, set at 96 compared to fourteen last year. Professional staff, teachers and principals in the county total 520.