

Along the Way

By Emily Killette

Fads come and go in fashion and industry. In 1946 when movies were popular entertainment, some practical businessmen came up with a new version of the movie theatre.

THE DUPLIN TIMES carried ads for all the local theatres, but these were the ordinary movie houses — four walls and a permanent foundation. THE TIMES also carried ads for the new type of theatre, tents with a seven by nine foot screen.

Featured in a TIMES article September 20, 1946, was the Dixieland Tent Theatre which opened in Kenansville. The tent, which seated approximately 250 people, was pitched adjacent to the courthouse square at the rear of what was then Bob Dail's store.

The owner, Larry Moore, boasted that the tent was water- and fireproof, and when asked about the winter, he assured his customers the inside would be heated. As all movie theatres were in 1946, there were two sections, one for the white people and another was for the black people.

The attendance was outstanding in Kenansville, Moore proclaimed, and he was so pleased he began to consider the possibility of staying permanently in town. Attendance was often great enough to demand two showings nightly. Admission was 30 cents for adults and 14 cents for children.

Checking the theatre ads in editions of the 1946 DUPLIN TIMES following the tent theatre story, a second portable theatre could be found. The second one was in Pink Hill, and it went by the name of the Playhouse Tent Theatre. A careful reading of the movies listed went something like this, Along the Navajo Trail, starring Roy Rogers; The Outlaw, a Howard Hughes production starring Jane Russell; Partners in Time, starring the comedy team of Lum and Abner; and Dakota, starring John Wayne.

Ads for the Playhouse Theatre continued well into the winter, long after ads for the Kenansville Dixieland Theatre had stopped appearing. And, eventually, the cold weather would close the Pink Hill theatre. From technological advances, men in the theatre business were able to move out of their tents into the open air. Open air theatres, or the drive-in theatres, became popular in the following years.

However, the drive-in theatres have come and gone in Duplin County, with only one remaining in Beulaville.

In Warsaw apartments have been built on the site of an old drive-in theatre; in Wallace a car dealership occupies another drive-in theatre location.

And, the old movie houses stand vacant in many of Duplin towns. Kenansville's theatre is boarded up. Warsaw, which led the county in establishing a movie house, no longer has either a drive-in or walk-in theatre. Warsaw also led the county in movie houses installing a sound system, and the showing of talking pictures.

But, Kenansville leads the county in live theatre. County citizens joined in an effort to produce a historical theatre production about Duplin in 1949. The production was entitled The Duplin Story, and the drama was so successful it was portrayed the following year and ultimately led to the 1976 production of THE LIBERTY CART. Over the past five years, THE LIBERTY CART has received state-wide attendance, and has the potential to become the

state's second largest outdoor drama — ranking second to the Lost Colony.

Alpha Delta Kappa Meets In Wallace

Twenty-seven members attended the first fall meeting of Beta Eta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa sorority at the Thelma Dingus Bryant Library in Wallace on September 11.

Hostess were Bettie B. Hawes, Frances J. Lindler and Kathryn Pope. The devotional was given by Ann Alphin, chaplain. Elizabeth Murphy, treasurer, presented the proposed budget and it was adopted.

Committee reports were given by: Anne Jackson, year-book; Darlene Mobley, legislative; Geraldine Johnson, pledge; Norma Guy, ways and means, and Sally Ingram, arts and crafts. A report was received from the delegates who attended the state convention in Asheville in April. They were Enda Earl Brinson, Vicki Alabaster, Geraldine Johnson, Bettie B. Hawes, Anne Jackson and Elizabeth P. Holly. Reports were also received from Edna Earle Brinson, Bettie B. Hawes and Anne Jackson who attended the regional conference in Nashville in July.

A skit, "Attendance at Meetings," was given by Vicki Alabaster and Norma Guy. Sally Jo Houston directed the singing of the state song.

Chapter officers are: President Elizabeth P. Holly, Vice-President Anne Jackson, Recording Secretary Joyce Bell, Corresponding Secretary Lucy Rivenbark, Treasurer Elizabeth Murphy, Historian Margaret P. Bradshaw; Sergeant-at-arms Mary Lanier, and Chaplain Ann Alphin.

Alpha Delta Kappa is an international organization for outstanding women educators and was founded in 1947. Beta Eta Chapter is composed of members from Pender and Duplin Counties.

Wong-Cottle Vows Spoken

On Sunday, September 7, Miss Louanne Cottle and Dr. George Wong were married at two o'clock in the Freeman Baptist Church in Norfolk, Va. by the pastor, Dr. William Lumpkin.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. W.O. Clanton Jr. of Chester, Va. and the late John Cottle of Faison. She was given in marriage by her mother and step-father, W.O. Clanton Jr. The groom is the son of Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Wong of Norfolk, Va.

The quaint old church was decorated with a floral arrangement in an oriental brass basket flanked by two oriental brass candelabras holding white burning candles, with an oriental basket of greenery at one side and a brass eagle, representing the Word from the Holy Bible on the other.

Miss Cottle wore a silk organza gown with a fitted bodice, short sleeves, scooped neckline with lace appliques with bridal pearls, and a full flowing skirt. To compliment her gown she chose a mantilla chapel-length veil of nylon silk illusion. The scalloped veil was adorned with lace appliques and bridal pearls. She

wore a single strand of pearls, a gift from the groom. She carried a nosegay of white roses, babies'-breath and greenery with long ribbon streamers.

The maid of honor, Miss Kelly Clanton of Chester, Va., sister of the bride, wore a long fitted gown of apricot qiana with an overlay of the same material. She wore a corsage of white carnations and a spray of white flowers in her hair.

The bridesmaids were Mrs. Ann Wong of Norfolk, sister-in-law of the groom, Carol Abbott, a classmate of the bride, Debbie Womble, and Mary Wong, sister-in-law of the groom. All wore dresses identical to that of the honor attendant.

The best man was Dr. Jonathan Wong, brother of the groom. Ushers were Trey Clanton of Chester, Va., brother of the bride, Richard D. Wong, brother of the groom, Marco Terango, Edward Din and Dr. Mark Davy.

The mother of the bride wore a long dress of floral chiffon over qiana with matching accessories. The mother of the groom wore a long gown of pink chiffon over taffeta with matching accessories. They wore white orchid corsages.

Mrs. Lila Mae Smith of Faison, grandmother of the bride, wore a long gown of aqua qiana with matching accessories. Mrs. Nettie Lee Cottle of Faison,

grandmother of the bride, wore a navy blue dress with matching accessories. They wore white carnation corsages.

Mrs. Willard Clanton Sr of Richmond, Va., step-grandmother of the bride, wore a long pink chiffon dress with matching accessories and a white corsage.

Mrs. Fong Lit Ng, grandmother of the groom, wore a floor-length dress of dark floral chiffon and a white carnation corsage.

The organist played special selections prior to the ceremony and accompanied the soloist who sang "Longer Than" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Mrs. Carl Morgan of Calypso and Mrs. John Robert Crow of Faison and Mrs. Willard Clanton Sr. of Richmond, Va. pinned red carnation corsages and red boutonnières on the aunts and uncles of the bride. Mrs. Mary Wong of Norfolk, Va.

pinned the groom's aunts and uncles.

The bride is a graduate of Richard Bland College in Petersburg, Va. and Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. She is a nurse at Kings Daughters Hospital in Norfolk.

The groom is a graduate of VPI and Medical College of Virginia. He is on the staff of Virginia Beach General Hospital.

After a trip to Florida, the couple will be at home at 4008 Lake Ridge Circle in Virginia Beach.

Following the wedding, a reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church.

At four o'clock, six o'clock and at eight o'clock, the Robert Wongs entertained at three different banquets at their restaurant, The Ho-Ho in Chesapeake, Va. Approximately 500 attended the banquets.

Announce Birth
Mr. and Mrs. Lee McKeel of Gastonia announce the birth of their son born September 2, 1980. Mrs. McKeel is the former Kay Johnson of Burlington. Mr. McKeel is the son of Mrs. Ella McKeel of Faison is also formerly of Burlington.

Faison Garden Club Meets

The Faison Garden Club held their first meeting of the new year with a luncheon at Southern Belle in Mount Olive September 11. Mrs. Jack Williams, president, called the meeting to order. Plans were discussed for a bulb sale. The club voted to join other clubs in town to promote a Christmas home tour and also help with "A Day In The Park" celebration in the spring. Those attend-

ing were: Madams Ronald Oates, Jack Williams, Al Frizzel, C.R. Lewis, R.L. Swinson, J.B. Stroud Jr., C.D. Lee, W.M. Baugham, C.A. Lingle Jr., George Wallace and Bill Lewis.

Presbyterian Circles Meet
Circle #2 with Mrs. Ruby Bount as chairman, met

Monday afternoon in the fellowship hall with Mrs. J.B. Stroud Jr. and Mrs. Iredell Jackson as hostesses. Circle #3 with Mrs. Austin Carter presiding met Monday night with Mrs. A.M. Davis and Mrs. Dougald McNeill as co-hostesses.

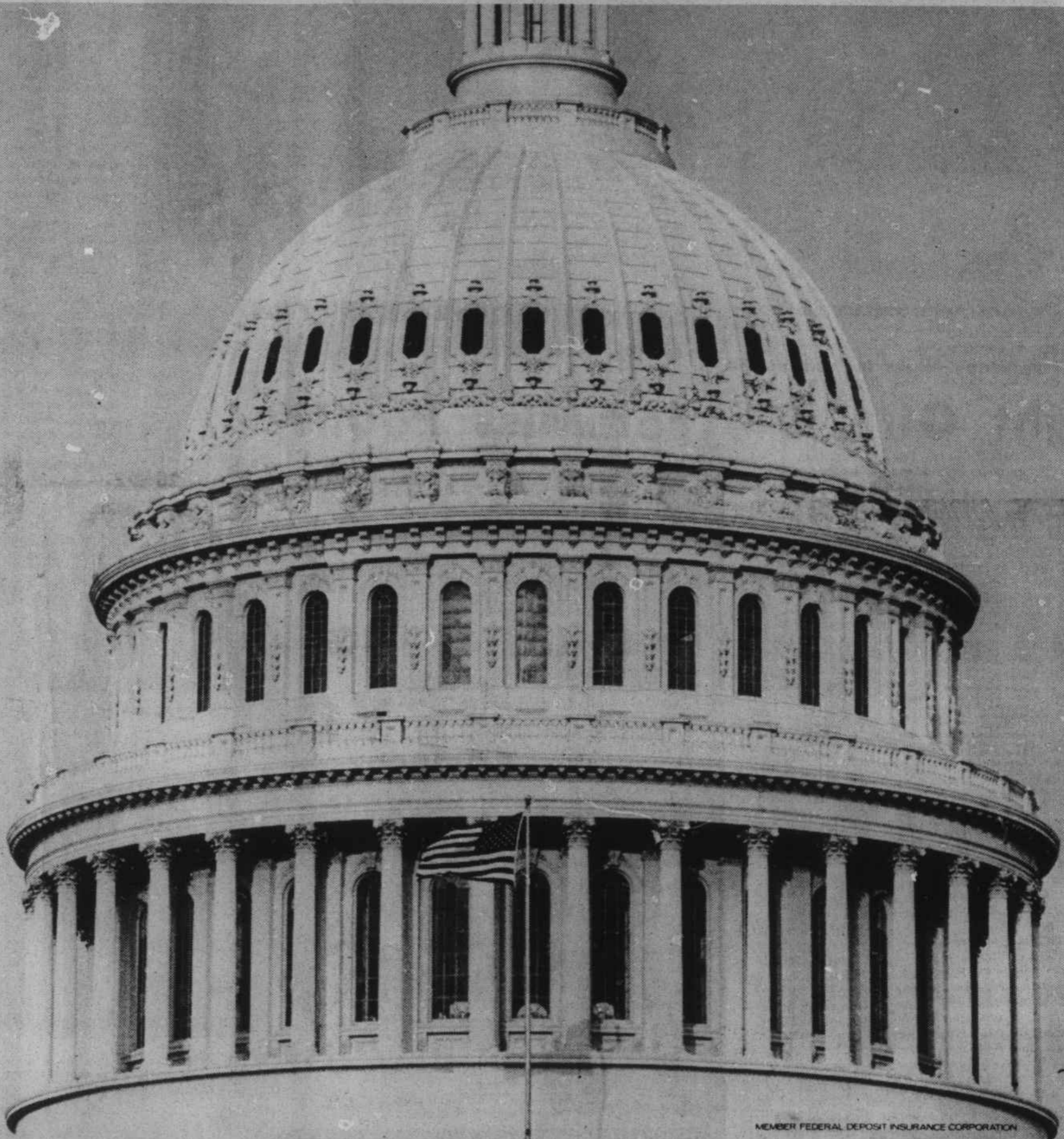
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Starts Friday Shows 6:55, 9:05 Sun. 1:55, 4:55, 9:05	H-E-L-D O-V-E-R Now Showing Shows 7 & 9:10 Sun. 1:55, 4, 7 & 9:10	H-E-L-D O-V-E-R Now Showing Shows 7:05, 9:05 Sun. 2, 4, 7:05, 9:05	Faison Highway Starts Friday Show Starts Nightly at Dusk 2 Adult Features
RESURRECTION It's not supposed to happen. Be there when it does Rated PG	BLUE LAGOON Starring Brooke Shields, Chris Atkins A Story of Natural Love Rated R	AIRPLANE Starring Lloyd Bridges, Robert Stack, Bob Hays Surprise comedy of the year Rated PG	VELVET EDGE PLUS FUR TRAP Rated XXX

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