

Along The Way

By Emily Killete

One of Duplin's finest hours was the dedication of Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville. Not only did the hospital offer local medical services, it offered jobs. Duplin General has gone through many changes since it was first dedicated and opened in 1955. Today, as in 1955, Duplin has a hospital it can be proud of and continue to support. Dedication services were held for the hospital February 27, 1955, and the program was printed in the February 24 issue of THE DUPLIN TIMES. The article written by Paul Barwick is reprinted below. The program began at 2 p.m.

Owens, President of N.C. Medical Society, Speaker
Dr. Zack K. Owens, president of the North Carolina Medical Society, will be principal speaker at dedication ceremonies of the Duplin General Hospital Sunday.

The program will begin sharply at 2 p.m. in Kenan Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Kenansville School.

Dr. Owens, now practicing in Elizabeth City, is one of the outstanding medical doctors in North Carolina and throughout the South and nation.

Dr. I.G. Greer, executive secretary of the North Carolina Business Foundation, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Prior to the invocation by the Rev. W.H. Allison, pastor of the Rose Hill Presbyterian Church, the Duplin County School Band, under the direction of Paul Bodie, will render several numbers.

David N. Henderson, solicitor of General Duplin County Court, will welcome those attending the dedication.

Greetings will be extended by J.H. Clark, North Carolina Medical Care Commission; Dr. J.W.R. Norton, State Health Officer; Sample B. Forbus, secretary of North Carolina Hospital Association; Mrs. Marie B. Noel, executive secretary of North Carolina Nurses Association; and Marshall Pickens, director of Duke Endowment.

The Rex Hospital Choir, under the direction of Dr. Frederick Stanley

Duplin Schools Accredited

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, through its Commission on Elementary Schools, has awarded continuing accreditation to Duplin County schools by action taken during the association's 89th annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia Dec. 9-12, 1984.

The high accreditation schools staff and faculty members will benefit by knowing the standards for teaching in accredited schools meet certain minimum standards and the efforts are continually made to improve these standards. Regional standards require adequate facilities and facilities and their effective use.

Citizens are assured of accountability and value for their tax dollars through the process of standard setting and the regular reevaluation of SACS member institutions. Communities with accredited schools can be confident that their institutions compare favorably with others in the region. Accredited schools are a "plus" for those who are interested in relocating their families and businesses.

Founded in 1895, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is one of six regional accrediting bodies in the United States. More than 11,000 member public and private universities, colleges, junior colleges, occupational institutions, secondary schools, middle schools, and elementary schools enroll approximately five million students.

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Smith, will present a program of several musical selections.
F.W. McGowen, Duplin County Auditor and secretary of the Board of Directors and Building Committee of Duplin County General Hospital, will present a historical sketch of the

hospital. Included in his comments will be a summary of the workings behind the scene, which he directed, in making the hospital a reality.

Presentation of the buildings, hospital, nurses' home, health center, will be Leslie N. Boney, Sr., architect and J.O. Stokes, chairman of the building committee.

Acceptance will be by A.C. Hall, chairman of the Duplin Board of Commissioners and Lee Brown, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Duplin General Hospital.

Others associated with the acceptance of buildings are Dr. John F. Powers, Duplin County Health

Officer; Dr. E.P. Fwers, chief of the medical staff of the hospital; and Dr. John A. Parrott, chief surgeon of the hospital.

Dr. John A. Ferrell, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission, will present the hospital with its license.

This will be followed by more music from the Rex Hospital Choir.
Dr. Paul Bolin, president of the Duplin County Medical Society, will present the speaker, Dr. Owens, to the group.

The Rev. A.L. Brown, pastor of the Beulaville Baptist Church will give the benediction.

This will be followed by open house at the hospital, health center and nurses' home. I.O. Wilkerson, Jr., administrator, will be in charge.

Mrs. Christine Williams, County Register of Deeds, will act as chief hostess for the occasion. She is assisted in the work by some 300 Duplin County citizens, representing every civic, church and school organization in the county. Several of the County's political figures will assist with the program.

Guided tours of the hospital will be conducted by the trained guides.

It has been pointed out that the tours will begin at the main entrance

of the hospital. After leaving the hospital, groups will be guided through the nurses' home and health center.

Tea and cookies will be served in the last two buildings.

The tours will begin immediately after dedication ceremonies. Administrator Wilkerson and Mrs. Williams pointed out that no tours will be conducted at the hospital, health center or nurses' home until after dedication services are completed.

The dedication program will be broadcast over radio station WLSE in Wallace.

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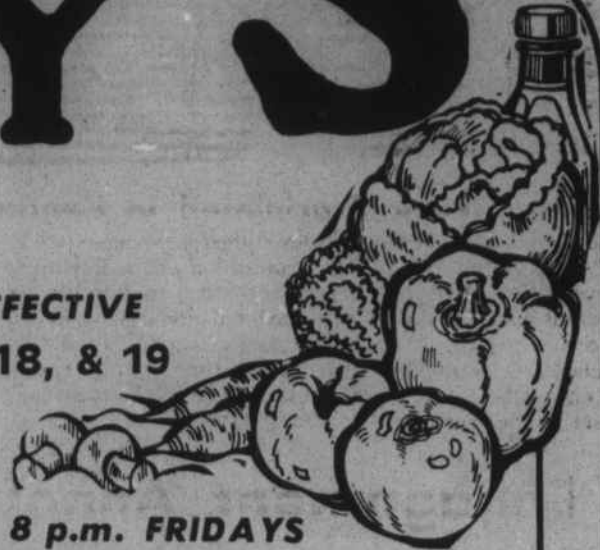
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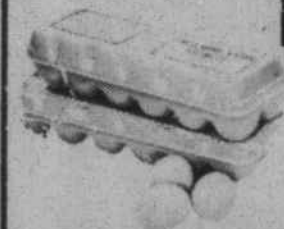
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