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## Large Audience Take Part In Strawberry Celebration

Every Night Develops Into Celebrity Night; Gubernatorial Candidate Opens Festivities.

FEATURE PROGRAMS ARE PRESENTED EACH NIGHT

Special Dance Friday Night To Honor Festival Queen and Court

Continued increasing crowds attest to the popularity of the annual Strawberry Festival which was opened on Monday night with an address by Dr. Ralph McDonald, and give indications of bringing into Wallace more persons from other cities and counties than any previous event held in this section.

A featured program is presented each night along with entertaining and educational vaudeville acts and stage presentations as well as dances with music furnished by Hal Thurston and his celebrated orchestra.

Following Dr. McDonald's address at the opening, various celebrities were presented, but the management has discovered that every night is in reality a celebrity night for interested visitors of State-wide prominence continue to come to Wallace and attend the greatest celebration in honor of the strawberry.

Not only do the thousands of visitors come to enjoy the acts and scheduled entertainment, they also appear extremely interested in the exhibits, both commercial and educational. Represented are the leading merchants and business men of this section, as well as exhibits pointing toward the propensity of the world's largest strawberry market.

Featuring the festivities to-night will be the public wedding of Miss Gladys Brice Sheffield, Wallace, and Mr. Gilliam Vance Parker, Lillington. Rev. J. E. Lanier, local Baptist pastor, assisted by Rev. W. P. M. Currie, pastor of the Wallace Presbyterian Church, will officiate.

Miss Elizabeth Ward, who is reigning as Queen of this year's annual Strawberry Festival, and her court will be signally honored Friday night at the "Queen's Ball". North Carolina's most beautiful and popular girls will be presented in Miss Ward's court and dancers from all over Eastern North Carolina are expected to be present and take part in the affair for which Hal Thurston and his orchestra will play.

Culmination of the week's festivities will come Saturday night with the awarding of the 1936 Chevrolet Coach to the holder of the lucky ticket as well as other prizes.

Already presented on the Festival program is the Celebrity Night, the Amateur Night and Old Fiddlers' Contest and the Style Show. Of these the Style Show drew a great amount of praise as members of the Strawberry Festival Motorcade, acclaimed by scores as being the pick of Duplin's fairest daughters, modeled bathing suits, sport suits, lingerie, and evening gowns from the stocks of local merchants.

REYNOLDS SLATED FOR MEMORIAL DAY SPEECH

United States Senator Robert R. Reynolds will deliver the annual Confederate Memorial Day address from the amphitheatre in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C. Sunday, June 7, at 2:30 o'clock. The broadcast will be sent out over the National Broadcasting Company network, according to an announcement from W. F. Van Swearingen, general chairman.

## 99 CARS

In tabulating the totals contained in the Federal-State Marketing Service reports for the period between April 22 and May 15, only crates shipped by truck were included in the resume of the strawberry season in last week's issue of the Enterprise. Excluding the carload shipments, Wallace shipped out near 107,000 32-quart crates, far exceeding the total of any other market. The 99 refrigerator cars shipped from this market increases the season's total to near 130,000 32-quart crates.

## LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE IS HONORED AT MEETING

The Nevin Music Club of Faison held its monthly meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. C. E. Weatherby, with Mrs. Marshall Williams as honor guest.

The program consisted of musical readings by Mrs. Archer Williams, the William Tell Opera by Mrs. McCollman and Mrs. Witherington, and vocal and instrumental solos by Miss Nell Parkin and others. The chief feature of the entertainment was the rendition of a song "Hurrah for Mrs. Marshall Williams", composed especially for the occasion by Miss Sallie Hill.

## Tax Collections Up During May

Total tax collections in the County during the month of May amounted to \$3,384.57, or slightly above the April figure, according to the monthly statement of I. N. Henderson, tax collector, which was filed with the Board of County Commissioners Monday. While more than half the total amount represented collections on the 1935 levy, back taxes also helped swell the total along with license taxes.

Collections by years were: 1924, \$30.00; 1925, \$10.00; 1926, \$10.00; 1927, \$73.85; 1928, \$114.67; 1929, \$134.63; 1930, \$308.81.81; 1931, \$287.91; 1932, \$749.20; 1933, \$743.19; 1934, \$821.32; 1935, \$4,929.24, and Schedule "B", \$176.75.

## NAVY RECRUITING QUOTA FOR JUNE IS ANNOUNCED

The Navy Recruiting Station at Raleigh, Headquarters for Navy enlistments in the States of North and South Carolina, has received information from the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., that the quota of first enlistments for the month of June will be 60 apprentice-seamen and 5 mess attendants.

Tuis quota will afford the young men of this section an excellent opportunity to be enlisted shortly after passing the required examinations.

The Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department's report also shows that this district stands number 4 of the total in 55 districts in this country, for the number of applicants during this year.

## Announce Sunday Services

Rev. E. C. Maness, pastor of the Rose Hill-Wallace group of Methodist churches, announces Sunday services as follows: 11:00 A. M., at Providence, preaching and communion service; 8:00 P. M., at Rose Hill, regular preaching service. The pastor will fill both appointments.

Hear James Alderman Powers, 6th Judicial District Solicitor, speak Friday evening, 8 o'clock, at the court house.

## Closed Season In Northeast River

The waters between Weaver Bridge and Sarecta Bridge in Northeast River were closed to fishermen Monday until further notice, Dallas J. Williams, Duplin County game warden, announced yesterday following receipt of a notification from the State Department of Conservation and Development. Interested fishermen asked that the zone be closed, Williams said, to promote spawning, which means a more abundant supply of fish.

H. P. Seawell, local game protector of Duplin County, will have charge of the area.

## Growers Approve 24-Quart Crates

Foster Adoption Smaller Crate At Meeting In Rose Hill Friday

Strawberry growers, crate manufacturers and strawberry buyers, meeting in the auditorium of the Rose Hill high school Friday afternoon, went on record as favoring the adoption of a 24-quart crate to replace the present 32-quart crate now used in this strawberry area in the handling of strawberries.

Meetings were also held in Mount Olive and Burgaw, each in cooperation with growers, buyers, crate manufacturers and members of the State and County Extension services.

A committee composed of two strawberry growers and a crate manufacturer from each shipping point was appointed to meet similar committees from Burgaw and Mount Olive and discuss further the advisability of making the change before another marketing season.

Approximately 100 growers attended the Rose Hill meeting and heard discussions on strawberry problems and the 24-quart crate as given by W. H. Shearin, assistant Columbus County farm agent, R. B. Etheridge, chief N. C. Division of Markets, Guy A. Cardwell, Agricultural and Industrial Agent of the ACLRR, G. A. Meckstroth, plant disease specialist, Dr. Charles Dearing, director of the Coastal Plains Experiment Station, and P. D. May, assistant Duplin County farm agent.

## DUPLIN STUDENTS ARE AMONG ECTC GRADUATES

Duplin County was prominent among the counties represented at the 27th annual commencement of East Carolina Teachers' College Monday during which Josephus Daniels, United States Ambassador to Mexico, delivered the principle address.

Graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts were three Duplin girls, Elizabeth Olan-dah Hines, Clara Mac Martin, and Louise Elizabeth Wells.

Two-year normal graduates included Josie Ward Hall, Ola Auline Lanier, Etheline Parker, and Dorris Sebelia Quinn. Miss Louise Hussey Farrior, who obtained her A. B. degree in March, was also among those graduating.

## EXTENSION BODY WARNS OF REA RACKETEERING

State College extension officials this week warned farmers of a racket developed as a result of the rural electrification program. In some counties where power lines are to be constructed, persons posing as electricians have made verbal contracts with farmers for wiring and appliances. After collecting a down payment, the extension officials state, they have disappeared.

## County Court In Session Monday

Fine of One Defendant Is Paid With Bad Check; Court In Short Session

A short session of General County Court was held at Kenansville this week when the tribunal was convened for the purpose of disposing of jail cases and a few others not requiring a jury. The Court remained in session practically the entire day Monday and quite a few cases were disposed of before adjournment.

A jury has been summoned for June 15th when another session of the Court will be held when an attempt will be made to clear the docket of all cases, as far as possible.

The following cases were disposed of on Monday's session: In the case of John and Cora E. Henderson, charged with fornication and adultery, on conclusion of the State's evidence the defendants entered pleas of guilty. John was sentenced to four months on the roads, judgment being suspended for five years on condition he be of good behavior, not be found in company with Cora Henderson during said period, pay cost, return to and live with and support his wife and children. Cora Henderson received an 18-months jail sentence, she is to be committed to the North Carolina Farm Colony for women, where she is to remain until discharged by the Superintendent as provided by law.

Pleading guilty on a charge of possessing whiskey for the purpose of sale, Sam McGee was ordered to the roads for six months. In the case of Dan Rouse, charged with operating an auto while intoxicated, the defendant tendered a plea of guilty and drew a four-months road sentence which was suspended on payment of a fine of \$50.00 and cost. He is to remain of good behavior for one year, forfeit his drivers' license and not drive an auto for a period of one year.

In the case of Fred Hollingsworth, charged with assault on a female, using profane language, and drunk and disorderly conduct, a motion to dismiss as to the assault charge was allowed. Upon being declared guilty on the drunk and disorderly charge he was ordered to the roads for thirty days. James Rouse, charged with fornication and adultery and assault on a female, was declared guilty and received an eight-months road sentence. Pleading guilty on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, Roland Faison was ordered to the roads for six months. In the case of Sylvester Stokes, charged with transporting and possessing whiskey (Please Turn to Page Three)

## 2100 Farmers Sign Voluntary Sheets

Duplin Farmers Favor New Soil Conservation Program; 3500 Eligible

Of 3,500 Duplin farmers eligible to sign work sheets, a total of near 2,100 have been recorded, according to a report this week from the office of the Duplin County farm agent. The signing of these sheets is a necessary requirement in getting the new soil conservation program underway and is essential for farmers aiming to benefit from the voluntary program. No farmer can receive payment under the program unless he has signed a work sheet and given information relative to the acreage on all crops grown on his land in 1935 as well as to what he plans to cultivate this year.

## Magnolia Acts To Abolish Gambling

Magnolia citizens, long talking pro and con on the issue of whether or not to allow the continued presence of slot machines and so called skill games in Magnolia, made their first constructive effort to abolish them when a representative group appealed to the Board of County Commissioners Monday and asked for advice and aid in removing them.

A petition with 172 names was carried by the Magnolia party which included Mrs. Clara Gavin, Miss Macy Cox, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Howard and J. P. Tucker, Sr.

Results are already being obtained from the Magnolia party's action, it is understood.

## M'Donald Berates Machine Politics

Gives No Indication of Being "Dictator" In Address Here Monday

Reiterating his proposal that the sales tax be abolished with no additional state tax on land, emphasizing that the State can get necessary funds by taxing dividends and incomes in the higher brackets rather than consumption and poverty, and ridiculing the present Democratic machine, Dr. Ralph McDonald spoke before a representative audience at the opening of the Strawberry Festival Monday night.

The gubernatorial candidate, the only seeker for a state office to make a public speech in Wallace and the only candidate for the Governorship to accept an invitation to attend the Festival, was greeted by appreciative listeners composed of farmers and business men who roundly applauded his brief discussion of the machine and the present economic status of the State.

Dr. McDonald cut short his address in order that the Festival program might run on schedule, yet in the short time allotted him he impressed his audience with his sincerity of purpose and indicated that he was no "Huey Long" dictator nor a polished and hoary-headed orator of the stump-jumping variety.

"The group of politicians who compose the machine have reversed both the principle and the platform of the Democratic Party in North Carolina by imposing the sales tax to protect their own selfish interests", McDonald declared in discussing the machine and its manipulations.

In relating his opponents' support of the present machine government he pointed out that whereas they have advocated that North Carolina schools have benefited from the sales tax, records prove that prior to the sales tax schools were given more funds on which to operate a six months term than they are now given to operate an eight-months term. This bore out in part the revelation of Clyde A. Erwin who stated in a recent address here that North Carolina schools rank next to the bottom in the nation.

Dr. McDonald was emphatic in his argument favoring the de-centralization of State government and the change in some of the principle office holders connected with the machine, stating that their removal is necessary if North Carolina is to progress.

New Guffey bill is hurried in Congress; has no labor sections.

Townsend at hearing admits plan to license farms to get tax. Italy's war costs put at \$1,000,000,000.

Baldwin warns Italy on meddling in Egypt or Palestine.

## Record Vote Anticipated In Primary On Saturday

### SAMPLE COPIES

Extra copies of the Annual Strawberry and Festival Edition of Duplin's favorite newspaper, which we blushing quote scores of readers as terming the greatest edition yet published in Duplin, are now available for those who wish to copy the aims of others and save for posterity.

### DEMOCRATIC WOMEN TO RECEIVE PUBLICATION

Every Democratic precinct chairman in Duplin County and the vice-chairman of the Duplin Democratic organization will receive a subscription to the "National Woman's Democratic Digest", a monthly publication devoted to the interests of women in the Democratic organization, Mrs. John D. Robinson announced following a subscription drive throughout Duplin County.

The subscriptions are furnished by various Democratic leaders in the county, among those being Albert Outlaw, Faison McGowan, Dr. John D. Robinson, J. Lawton Miller, Fred J. Baars, Walker Stevens, I. N. Henderson, Sheriff D. S. Williamson, R. V. Wells, Robert Carr, George R. Ward, Dr. R. L. Carr, C. E. Quinn, W. E. Powell, Heddie Blanton, Robert L. West, Carl Smith, and Judge A. J. Blanton.

## Magnolia Woman Heads Auxiliary

Miss Mary Wilkins, Magnolia, was formally elected State Councillor and other officers named by the nominating committee were approved in the closing session Thursday afternoon of the 10th annual convention of the North Carolina Daughters of America, ladies auxiliary of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, which met Wednesday and Thursday in High Point.

The Duplin woman was nominated without opposition along with a slate of other officers.

The 1937 convention will meet in Wilmington, May 27-28 with the Cape Fear Council No. 24, the convention decided.

### BOARD EQUALIZATION. REVIEW MEETS JUNE 15

The Board of County Commissioners will sit as a board of equalization and review on Monday, June 15th, it was announced this week. Property owners who are dissatisfied with present valuations, or who have property which has decreased in value since last year by reason of fire, removal of timber, etc., are requested to go before the Board on June 15 and ask for an adjustment.

The Board is expected to remain in session practically the entire day.

### Marriage Licenses Issued

Ten couples, six white and four colored, secured marriage licenses during the past two weeks, according to records in the office of the Register of Deeds. White couples were: G. V. Parker, Gladys Brice Sheffield; Lewis T. Bullock, Margaret P. Jones; George Goodman, Lottie Bell Pate; Owen Basden, Bessie Bowden; Harry L. Davis, Minnie Lee Lanier; John E. Brown, Nellie Thomas.

Colored couples were Lottis Mathis, Margaret James; General Sherman, Ella McKay; Walter Newkirk, Emma Brown; David Smith, Lena Taylor.

"It may be conservatively said today, broadly speaking, that America's production plant is obsolete."

## Gubernatorial Race and Local Contests Create Unusual Interest in County.

OVER 4,000 EXPECTED VISIT POLLING PLACES

Announce Returns Will Be Received at Kenansville On Saturday Night

With a four-concerned gubernatorial battle to furnish added impetus to a political campaign which has already reached fever heat in this County, considerable activity prevails on all political fronts as the respective candidates make a last desperate drive to marshal enough votes to put them across when the vote is counted Saturday night after the Primary.

Not in years has the County experienced as hot a campaign as this has developed into during the last few weeks. Every office in the county is contested with the exception of two. Judge of the General County Court A. J. Blanton and Register of Deeds A. T. Outlaw got by without opposition. But not so with the others, some of whom have as many as two and three opposing them. Just what the final outcome will be in some of the races can't be ascertained at this time as sentiment this year has a habit of shifting from first one to another which leaves everyone in doubt, especially the candidates themselves.

With a red-hot gubernatorial contest on together with the bitter local fights it is generally conceded that a record vote will be polled in the County Saturday. New registrations help bear out this prediction even if the interest in local contests was not at the height it has reached. Two years ago with no gubernatorial fight on Duplin voters over 3700 strong visited the polls to cast their ballots. However, a bitter Congressional contest was being waged at that time which helped bring out the vote. Even the local contests were not bitter enough to have much drawing power. This year with three in the race for Duplin's seat in the House of Representatives, three in the race for Solicitor of the General County Court, eight in the Commissioners race, two contesting for the Sheriff's office, and two seeking the Coroner's job, it is a foregone conclusion that a record vote will be polled. It has been freely predicted by those in a position to know that more than 4,000 votes will be cast in this Primary. Another thing in favor of a record vote is the fact that practically all State offices are being contested.

It has been announced that returns from both County and State contests will be received at the court house at Kenansville Saturday night. Heretofore it has been the custom for someone from each precinct to report the returns to Warsaw where telephone service was available. However, now that the county seat town has adequate telephone service this is made unnecessary. Reports will probably continue to be received at Warsaw either before or after they have been transmitted to Kenansville.

Willard-Cox

The following announcement, which was taken from Tuesday's Wilmington Star-News, will be of interest to friends here where Mr. Willard made his home while a small boy: "Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cox, of Tabor City, announce the marriage of their daughter, Annie Laurie, to Jesse L. Willard, on Sunday, May 31, at Conway, S. C."

Mr. Willard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Willard of Wilmington.