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## Kenansville Church To Celebrate Centennial And Home Coming Day

Several Hundred Expected to Attend Event; History of Church from Beginning to Be Given By Historian.

**DR. GULLEY TO DELIVER THE PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

**Exercises Will Get Underway Sunday at 9:45; Program to Last All Day**

Sunday is scheduled to be a red letter day in the history of the Kenansville Baptist church when several hundred members, former members, and friends are expected to be present for the centennial celebration and home coming exercises.

Beginning at 9:45 A. M. with the registration of former pastors, former members and visitors, the celebration will reach its climax at 2:30 when L. A. Beasley, church historian, will give a history of the church from its organization on June 3, 1837, until the present day. Another outstanding part of the program will be the address by Dr. N. Y. Gulley, Dean Emeritus of the Wake Forest law school at 11:00 A. M. Dr. Gulley is probably one of the best known men in the State among members of the legal profession, having taught some of the most brilliant members of the North Carolina Bar during his long service at Wake Forest. Many of his former pupils are now practicing in this County.

Hon. John A. Gavin, superintendent of the Sunday school, will act as general chairman of the exercises Sunday and an interesting program has been worked out for the occasion.

The program for the entire day is as follows:

9:45 A. M.—Registration of former pastors, former members and visitors.

10:00 A. M.—Sunday School—John A. Gavin, superintendent. Lesson by J. O. Bowman, former superintendent.

11:00 A. M.—Song.

Prayer.

Howdy, We're glad to see you—A. J. Blanton.

Solo—Lewis S. Bullock.

Introduction of Speaker—Vance B. Gavin.

Address—Dr. N. Y. Gulley, Dean Emeritus, School of Law, Wake Forest College.

Solo—Mrs. Lewis S. Bullock.

12:15 P. M.—Benediction.

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## FOREST FIRE DOES DAMAGE

Several Thousand Acres of Woodland and One Building Destroyed by Flames

A forest fire which, fanned by a stiff breeze, swept over several thousand acres of woodland east of Teachey last Friday did considerable damage to young timber in the section and destroyed a store building belonging to J. F. Bradshaw.

The fire is said to have originated on the farm of Charles Bowden where grass was being burned off a field preparatory to plowing. Reaching the woods nearby, the flames soon took hold of the tinder dry grass and underbrush and soon the whole woods was a raging inferno as a stiff breeze drove the flames before it. The Bradshaw store, located at the intersection of the Teachey road and State Highway No. 40, was in the path of the flames and was ignited by a spark carried approximately 100 yards by the wind.

Estimates of the damage done by the fire are not available but they will probably run into several thousands of dollars. The Bradshaw store, which contained miscellaneous items of merchandise not disposed of prior to the closing up of the business several years ago, was valued at \$1,000 and was only partially covered by insurance.

## LIBRARY HERE TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE JUNE 26

Public Invited to Inspect New Plant At Formal Opening Here

The local library, which until just recently was operated by the Woman's Club, will be officially opened to the public on Saturday, June 26th, it was announced this week. On this day, from 5:00 to 6:00 P. M., open house will be held when the public is cordially invited to come by and inspect the large number of volumes now available to citizens of the community for the first time. A silver offering will be taken to help finance the project and purchase new books which are to be added as rapidly as possible.

The library is located at the home of Mrs. W. F. Murphy where it is planned to have a W. P. A. librarian in charge. More than 500 volumes are now in the library, including reference books of great value in addition to a large number of the latest novels and books for children.

## Final Warning For 4-H Reservations

Necessary Fee Should Be Sent Farm Agent Office By June 22nd

A final warning to 4-H club members to send in their reservation fee if they expected to attend camp was issued this week by Miss Janyne Martin, home agent, who stated that it would be necessary for the \$1.00 fee to be in either her office or that of the Farm Agent on or before June 22nd.

The encampment, it was announced, will be held at White Lake during the first week in July and it is thought that at least 75 club members from this County will attend. The camp will accommodate 100 easily but Columbus county clubs have requested reservations for 25 or 30 and this will necessarily reduce the number from this County. G. E. Jones, assistant county agent, and Miss Martin will accompany the young people to camp and help direct activities there along with other trained recreational leaders.

Last year 4-H club members from this County numbering 88 attended the annual encampment at Swannanoa, near Ashe. (Please Turn To Page Ten)

## Congratulatory Messages Still Pour In On Our Special Edition

Publishers And Staff Deeply Appreciate Words of Praise Received

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## Duplin Clubs Cop Honors In District Meet

Won Attendance Prize For Third Successive Year At Meeting Held At Wrightsville Yesterday.

APPROXIMATELY 250 ARE PRESENT FOR MEETING

Eleventh District Made Up Of Duplin, New Hanover, Pender and Brunswick

Duplin County pulled another first yesterday when her 4-H and Home Demonstration clubs walked away with the attendance gavel at the annual meeting of the Eleventh District held at Wrightsville Beach. Approximately 250 men, women and children forgot their household and farm worries and cares for a few hours to enjoy a day of entertainment, speech making and pleasure at the seaside resort.

Opening their meetings at 10:30, the Home Demonstration clubs at Lumina, and the 4-H at Harbor Island, the large number present heard interesting reports from their own officers, district and state officials, transacted such business as was brought before them, enjoyed a number of entertainment features and then adjourned for a picnic lunch. The afternoon was spent in surf bathing.

This marks the third successive year that Duplin clubs have walked away with attendance gavels at the district meetings. The Eleventh district is composed of Brunswick, Duplin, New Hanover, and Pender Counties with Mrs. J. L. Wells as president of the 4-H clubs.

## Local Police Make Excellent Report

In passing out the many and various laurels, and recording the phenomenal records set here during Festival week, at least one, and an outstanding one at that, rightfully goes to Chief L. F. Boone and his local police force . . . or rather, more so, to the conduct of the thousands of visitors, and home folks in attendance upon Wallace's big show of 1937, if police records during that period can be taken as a basis by which to judge.

According to Chief Boone, from Monday morning, June 7th, until the last curtain dropped on the 1937 Festival program, not a single arrest was made by him or any of his regular or emergency policemen. This is no evidence that the peace-officers were loath in their duties, but, rather, very creditably reflects. (Please Turn To Last Page)

## Section of Rockfish Closed to Anglers

Another Duplin stream has been closed to anglers for an indefinite period, it has been announced by D. J. Williams, county game warden. A section of Rockfish creek extending from the North East river to the railroad trestle has recently been designated as closed waters and no fishing of any kind will be allowed until the ban has been lifted.

Several other streams in the County have been closed for some time now and are expected to be kept closed until after the spawning season is over. Sportsmen are requested to observe the law in regards to closed areas in order that the sport might be enhanced during the years to come.

## MRS. ROOSEVELT IN WALLACE



Above the First Lady is shown stepping from the train on her visit to Wallace last Friday—Picture courtesy of Wilmington Star.



Here we see the famous Roosevelt smile as the First Lady acknowledges the thunderous ovation accorded her as she approached the speaker's stand.—Pictures courtesy of Wilmington Star.

## Strawberry Festival Was One Of Most Successful To Be Held Here

### Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples by the Register of Deeds in this County during the past week: white, Posey Shepard and Miss Deanie Williams; Horace Hawes and Miss Irene Rivenbark; Alex Southerland and Miss Pearllella Hall; Tom Winstead and Miss Vida Worley; Rodolph Harper and Miss Erma Cunningham. Colored, Edward Pearsall and Olivia Smith.

## Changes In Duplin School Principals

E. D. Edgerton Goes to Faison; C. B. Miller Accepts Warsaw Post

Another new face will be seen in Duplin school ranks this year when G. B. Miller takes over leadership of the Warsaw unit succeeding L. R. McCall, who goes to LaGrange. Formal announcement of the election of Miller who comes to Duplin from Spencer, was made this week. E. D. Edgerton, former principal of the Brogden school in Wayne county, was selected some time ago to succeed J. S. Fleming at Faison, Fleming having accepted the principalship of the Jacksonville school in Onslow county.

New principals will also head the schools at Wallace and Chino. (Please Turn To Page Ten)

## Farmers Requested To Plan Hog Sales

Farmers who expect to participate in the next swine shipment to be made from this County at an early date are again being requested to notify the County Agent's office of the probable number of animals they will have for sale in order that a date for loading might be set and other details attended to. It is thought that at least two more cars of hogs will be dispatched this season and the County Agent is anxious that farmers who expect to ship at this time make their reservations as quickly as possible.

## Crowd Estimated At 10,000 Greets Mrs. Roosevelt On Her Visit Here

### MANY PRAISE CONDUCT OF THE FESTIVAL

Governor Hoey Among Those Voicing Approval Of The 1937 Festivities

Many favorable comments on the way in which the Strawberry Festival was conducted this year have been heard since the festivities ended, and especially the part in which Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was the leading figure. Mayor Harrel has received numerous letters of commendation from all sections of the State but none more highly appreciated than that from Governor Hoey and Henry L. Stevens, Jr., past National Commander of the American Legion.

Writing to Mayor Harrel this week, Governor Hoey said:

"I wish to thank you for the many courtesies extended to me while visiting Wallace, and I desire to warmly congratulate you upon the success of the whole occasion. It was well planned and perfectly executed and I think everybody enjoyed the day from beginning to end. Wallace, North Carolina

## Pension Checks Arrive For Vets

Total of \$1,765.00 to Be Distributed Among Veterans and Widows

Pension checks from the State totalling \$1,765.00 were received by the Clerk of the Superior Court on Monday to be distributed to Confederate veterans in the County along with widows of veterans who are also remembered twice yearly. These are the first pension checks received this year, the payments being made on June 15th and December 15th.

While records show there are only two veterans of the gray still living and drawing checks from the State. Classified in accordance with their physical condition, records show there are two Class A widows who draw \$150.00 semi-annually and 22 Class B widows who receive \$50.00 semi-annually. The veterans receive \$182.50 twice yearly.

The gray line in this county, which up until just a few short years ago was so conspicuous at the annual reunions held at Kenansville, is rapidly thinning out and it is only a question of a few short years until it will be no more. The two surviving. (Please Turn To Last Page)

## FSCC Seeking To Boost Irish Potato Prices In This Section

Potatoes Will Be Bought And Given Needy If Fair Prices Are Not Received

The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation is seeking to boost Irish potato prices in Eastern North Carolina this season by removing surplus spuds from a crop more than twice as big as in 1936.

Surplus potatoes will be purchased in an endeavor to stimulate the market and assure the growers a fair return above production costs, said A. E. Mercker, who is supervising the purchases.

With prices down to \$1.50 a barrel, and even lower in places, growers were not getting back the cost of producing their potatoes and were on the verge of ruin when the FSCC was asked. (Please Turn To Page Eight)

First Lady Wins Warm Spot in Hearts of All With Whom She Came in Contact While Here.

VISITS PENDERLEA AND COASTAL PLAINS FARM

Receives Honor of Having New Strawberry Variety Named for Her

Bringing a message of hope and cheer at her every public appearance in this section last Friday, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the First Lady of the Land, returned to Washington that night leaving behind thousands of thrilled and delighted North Carolinians.

Arriving in Wallace on the early morning train, Mrs. Roosevelt was escorted to the home of Dr. and Mrs. John D. Robinson for a brief stop before proceeding to the Coastal Plain Station where she, together with approximately 100 others were the guests of the director in charge, Dr. Charles Dearing, at an old fashioned North Carolina breakfast served at small tables on the lawn. Here she also received the honor of having a new variety of strawberry named for her. This variety, formerly known as No. 337, will now be called the Eleanor Roosevelt.

From the Station the party was driven to Penderlea Homesteads where a very interesting pageant entitled "From Settlement to Resettlement" was presented by the homesteaders under the direction of Miss Margaret Valliant and Nick Ray of the Resettlement Administration. Here too the First Lady showed her metal when she participated in an old fashioned square dance which was put on by the homesteaders for her entertainment. In a brief talk to the several thousand who braved the stifling heat and swirling dust to witness the pageant and catch their first glimpse of the First Lady, she impressed her audience with her simple dignity and radiant personality as she preached the doctrine of cooperative effort.

Returning to Wallace following an inspection tour of the homesteads project, Mrs. Roosevelt and party were guests of Dr. and Mrs. John D. Robinson at lunch, following which the First Lady made her appearance. (Please Turn to Last Page)

## COUNTY COURT HEARS 24 CASES

Twenty-Four Of 26 Defendants Tried Are Found Guilty

Only one case was aired before County Court Judge A. J. Blanton this week. In this action Willie Bryant Southerland, charged with possessing and transporting whiskey on which the tax had not been paid, agreed to waive the term and entered a plea of guilty. He was sentenced to six months on the roads with judgment being suspended for two years on good behavior and payment of a \$20.00 fine and costs.

Something of a record was hung up by the Court at the regular session held at Kenansville last week when 24 out of 26 defendants hailed before Hia Honor were convicted. Cases tried and disposed of at the term were as follows:

Veria Moore (alias Veria Arrington), was adjudged guilty on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and received a four-months road sentence.

Found guilty on a charge of operating an auto while intoxicated, Herman Dixon was sentenced to four months on the roads. Judgment was suspended, however, on payment of the cost and a \$50.00 fine. He is to remain of good behavior for two years. (Please turn to page three)