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COUNTY ASC COMMITTEE IS SUSPENDED

Wallace Market Opens Tuesday

No Racial Integration In Schools Of Duplin County When They Open Tuesday Says Board Of Education

Board Authorized Members Of School Improvement Committee To Study Segregation Problem And Advise It; In Meantime Schools Will Be Operated This Year As In The Past

BOARD IS COMPLETING EQUALIZATION PROGRAM

Future Of Program Rests With Parents Of Children

There will be no racial integration in the schools of Duplin County when they open next Tuesday, August 23rd, under the policy established by the Board of Education. Following the advice of Governor Hodges, the Attorney General and the Special Advisory Committee on Education, the Board authorized members of the School Improvement Committee to study the problem and advise it regarding the question of integration. Meanwhile the schools will be operated this year as in the past.

The School Improvement Committee, which is representative of all school districts in the county, has been in existence for four years and has co-operated with the University of North Carolina and the Kellogg Foundation in a program of school improvement in the county.

Since this committee has spent four years in studying school problems, it was felt by the board that its members would be able to render valuable assistance in meeting the problems raised by the Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954.

Superintendent O. P. Johnson, in commenting on the plans for this year, pointed out that the county has spent a large amount of money in recent years in building consolidated schools for the Negro children of the county. The most recent is the school at Kenansville, which is by far the most modern in the county. Charity school and Douglass school at Warsaw are the other two Negro high schools and they are also modern in every respect.

Among the new elementary Negro schools are Faison, which has recently been enlarged to provide for the Calypso Negro children and Branch, which is in the northeastern section of the county. They are also of modern design.

When the Supreme Court ruling was handed down the board of education had under consideration the plans for completing its equalization program. These plans include provision for the Negro children at Chinquapin, Rose Hill and Wallace elementary schools and renovation of Negro elementary buildings at Teachey and Magnolia. When this program is finished facilities provided the Negro children of Duplin county will be far superior to that offered white children at this time.

The opinion has been expressed that Governor Hodges' "voluntary separation" program should meet with acceptance in Duplin more readily than in some other school districts because of the existence of modern facilities which the board has been providing at a rate.

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Miss Hunt Back After Attending Week's Course

Miss Helen Hunt has returned after spending last week attending the Tax Collector's School at Chapel Hill.

The special one week course was sponsored by the Institute of Government. Those attending studied new laws of the legislature in connection with taxes. There was a period of license study for two days. Property taxes and listing of taxes came in for a goodly amount of discussion.

Miss Hunt said today that tax statements for the Town of Wallace will be in the mail on September 1st.

Five Duplin 4-H'ers Attend 4-H Club Week

On July 25, 1955, at 8:30 a.m. the Duplin County delegation left Kenansville to attend the 30th Annual 4-H Club Week.

The delegation consisted of Jane Wilkins, Mary Vann Wilkins, Barbara Heir, Douglas Turner of Rose Hill and Freddie Revelle of Warsaw.

We arrived at N. C. State College Campus in Raleigh about 10:30 a.m. We registered at the William-Neil-Reynolds Coliseum and prepared for a busy week.

In the free time we had Monday afternoon we could swim or play basketball in the Thompson Gym.

The week officially began at 7:15 Monday evening with G. K. Davis, State 4-H Presiding presiding. At 8:30 a.m. Tuesday reveille was blown to mark the beginning of a busy day which included four special interest groups: "It's time to know" by Mrs. Corinne Gansley, Extension Specialist in Family Relations. "There's music in air" by N. C. Lindsey. "Drive with care everywhere" by E. W. Jones, State Highway Patrol. Recreation Leadership by Mrs. Anne Livingston, National Recreation Expert.

We were divided in four groups: Head, Heart, Hands and Health, so each group saw one special interest program each day until everyone had seen all four programs.

There were also demonstrations given by the district winners which were very interesting.

Throughout the week, at night we saw "The State 4-H Dress Revue," "The Health Pageant," and the "4-H Parade of Talent."

The week was officially over after taps Friday night. We left for home about 10:00 a.m. We all enjoyed a very inspiring week.

Funeral Services Held For William Edson Bowden

Graveside services were held for William Edson Bowden, 48, of Faison, who died of a heart attack on Monday, August 8th, at the Faison Cemetery at five o'clock with the Rev. T. O. Bird officiating.

Mr. Bowden was a member of the Faison Presbyterian Church and was a retired produce buyer.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bowden; a sister, Mrs. W. M. Baugham of Faison; two brothers, M. C. Bowden of Faison and Dr. Beals Bowden of Jacksonville.

Summary Shows No Traffic Deaths In District Five

No traffic deaths were reported in District Five, Troop B, for the period of August 8th through August 14th, it was learned today from an accident summary received from Cpl. T. G. Brooks of the State Highway Patrol. Duplin, Sampson, and Wayne Counties are included in Troop B.

A total of 27 accidents, eight injuries and \$6,990.00 in property damage was reported for the three-county district. A breakdown by Counties follows:

Wayne County was the scene of the greatest number of traffic accidents, 7, with two injuries and \$2,065.00 in property damage.

Both Duplin and Sampson Counties had the same number of accidents, 5, as well as the same number of injuries, 3. A total of \$2,300.00 in property damage was reported in Duplin, while Sampson reported property damage amounting to \$2,625.00.

The arrest summary showed a total of 76 traffic violations in the district with speeding and driving violations the cause of the most arrests, 19 each.

Wallace Market Looks Toward Best Year In History As Sales Of Flue-Cured Tobacco Begin On August 23rd

Sales To Begin At 9 A. M. On Largest One-Sale Bright Leaf Tobacco Market In The Whole World

ALMOST MILLION FEET OF FLOOR SPACE HERE Warehousemen Will Work Hard Getting High Prices

The prevailing spirit in Wallace now is optimism. This optimism, shared by the growers, warehousemen and merchants of the town alike, has to do with the opening of tobacco sales here on Tuesday.

Opening sales have a great influence on the lives of people in the community since anyone living in the heart of the tobacco belt feels some direct or indirect influence from tobacco sales.

Here in Wallace, opening sales have particular significance. Wallace has, through the years, acquired the title: "The World's Largest One-Sale Bright Leaf Tobacco Market." This impressive, though a bit cumbersome, title means simply that with one set of buyers Wallace managers each year to chalk up more tobacco sales than any other market similarly equipped.

Gaining this prominence did not come easy to the local market. It has resulted only from hard work on the part of individuals and groups of individuals.

It is not surprising then, that the Wallace market has become known to growers in still another way too, as a farmer's market. In no other market in the Eastern Belt is there to be found a better spirit of cooperation between the tobacco men and the farmers. The tobacco men work hard to try to get the best price for the farmer and the farmer expresses his confidence in the local market by bringing in more tobacco to the local market.

This situation has the fortunate effect of adding to the success of the town itself. It is small wonder, then, that Wallace has gained the reputation of being a friendly town for tobacco growers.

The men who operate these warehouses have impressive records of many years of service and success in getting the highest prices for growers who sell here. They know that the farmer can not be paid too much for his months of hard work reaping his tobacco crop for the market.

With the sales not yet open, it is a bit early to attempt predictions concerning the results of sales to be here this year. Wallace warehousemen and growers alike feel that prices will be about the same as last year and the bumper crop harvested this year will make the total amount in the pocket considerably more than last year.

"We have an excellent buying staff assigned here by the ten major companies, all the major companies I might add, and also a capable and experienced staff of government graders," a warehouseman said today.

Sales this year will be conducted at Blanchard and Farrior's Warehouse No. 1, Sheffield's Warehouse No. 1, and Hussey's Warehouse No. 1. Sheffield's is a new house opening this year for the first time although the owners, John and Granville, have much experience in growing and handling tobacco and know their product well.

Bill Hussey, Sr., Bill Hussey, Jr., George D. Bennett and Gib Buck of Warsaw are partners in the operation of Hussey's. All have much experience in the warehouse business. The firm has four warehouses and is leasing the Joe Bryant Warehouse although all sales will be conducted at Hussey's No. 1 on Highway 117. All three selling houses this year, incidentally, are located on the west side of 117 north of town. The house Hussey's will sell in is the second largest warehouse in North Carolina and possibly the world. It contains 250,000 square feet of floor space.

Hussey's No. 1, it will be remembered, was destroyed by Hurricane Hazel last fall. It has been built back bigger and more modern than ever.

Blanchard and Farrior's Warehouse will be operated by O. C. Blanchard, Sr., O. C. Blanchard, Jr., William H. Farrior, Tyson Lanier and R. H. Lanier. The firm

has another house immediately to the rear of No. 1. A modern building with concrete walls was built back within two months after the passage of Hurricane Hazel through these parts last October 15.

All of the warehouses to be operated this year are brand new and in addition there are two others which will be used for storage. Wallace offers growers a total of just short of one million square feet of floor space. This gives the growers plenty of room to unload and sell and each house provides the best in service and help to make farmers who sell here comfortable and their trip pleasurable.

While it is too early to conjecture as to the volume of sales here this year it appears altogether likely that despite acreage cuts in tobacco allotments production has been better than in many years and the total will well exceed last year's operation.

At any rate, one thing is certain and that is that the spirit of cooperation among the citizens of Wallace, which has led to such fame for the town as a market town, will be present this year as in years past to insure that Wallace will retain her title of which her citizens are justifiably proud: "The World's Largest One-Sale Bright Leaf Tobacco Market."

For the absolutely highest prices farmers are this year urged more than ever to place their offerings in big piles. "These sell better because it costs as much for a buying company to buy a small pile as a large one," a spokesman for the local market pointed out. "Bookkeeping, handling and all factors remain constant. Most buyers want large piles and appear to pay slightly more per pound for them. It costs the farmer less in charges, too. Figure it out for yourself and make your piles as large as possible this year," he concluded.

Little Damage Results From Hurricane Diane

Farmers who had already finished harvesting green tobacco for this season probably breathed a sigh of relief as they viewed their fields following the downpour accompanied Hurricane Diane this week.

Although very little wind damage by Tuesday's storm was reported in this area, the wind-flattened tobacco and corn fields left by "Diane's" big sister "Connie" weren't in any better condition after the soaking rains, making it very difficult to harvest the tobacco, especially with tobacco harvesters. Most farmers over the county are through gathering or only have one or two more croppings of the bright leaf before calling it quits in the tobacco fields for this year.

"There wasn't much to it, but I was a little scared at first," was the usual comment heard following the hurricane, classed by most folks as about like a "Northeastern". The absence of high winds brought relief to local citizens, remembering Hazel and Connie's exploits. Another relieving fact was that there was no long waiting period before the storm hit as predicted.

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State Official Of Eastern Stars To Visit Area

The new Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Mrs. Hilda S. Halliburton, will pay Pat McGowan Eastern Star members an official visit on Friday night, August 19th, it was announced today by Mrs. Helen J. Sumner, Secretary.

Mrs. Halliburton will arrive in Garland, N. C., at eight p.m. All local Eastern Star members of Pat McGowan Chapter are invited and urged to attend. Those who are planning to attend are asked to please meet at the Wallace Masonic Lodge at seven p.m. Mrs. Sumner concluded.

All Three County ASC Committeemen, Two Alternates Receive Registered Letters From State Committee Saying Are Suspended From Duty; Local Committee Protest

Funeral Services For Vann Norris Held Friday

Vann Norris, age 77, of Bowden died early Thursday morning in Duplin Memorial Hospital at Kenansville after several months of declining health.

Funeral services were conducted from Northeast Free Will Baptist Church near Wallace at 3:00 o'clock Friday afternoon by Rev. Vann Rich, pastor, assisted by Rev. H. N. Baker of the Warsaw Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Cavenaugh Family Cemetery.

The body was carried to the church one hour prior to funeral service. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. H. B. Carter, of Washington, D. C., Mrs. W. C. English and Mrs. R. E. Henderson, both of Bowden and Mrs. Ross Tea-chey of Rose Hill; four foster children, Willie Norris and Horace Norris of Wilmington, Kenneth Norris of Wallace and Jack Norris of Anderson, Ala.; one brother, Ira Norris of Wallace; fourteen grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

Beulaville Man Kills Wife In Sunday Incident

A Beulaville man silently went about the business of murder yesterday morning as he killed his wife, the mother of their seven children, the youngest still on a bottle.

Being held without bond pending an inquest tomorrow night at 7:30 at Gordon Muldrow's office is Stacy Edwards.

The couple lived across the highway from Penney's Store, two miles west of Beulaville.

According to witnesses Minnie W. Edwards, 40, was in the store to get something for Sunday dinner and was seated on a bottle crate waiting for service when her husband came to the door.

He allegedly looked in, saw his wife, said nothing but went back to his car, got out a single barrel shotgun and returned to the door. Still without murmuring a word, he threw the weapon to his shoulder. The first shell tore into Mrs. Edwards' buttocks. The second entered her back between the shoulders. She died instantly.

The incident happened about 10 a.m. Sunday morning. Coroner Garland Kennedy said she still had \$1.15 clutched in her hand to get her groceries.

The coroner's jury will consist of R. W. Kennedy, R. S. Basden, Bailie Thigpen, Jessie Brinson, Lis-son Marcas and George C. Lanier when the hearing is held tomorrow night.

Funeral Rites For Mrs. Lee Held Sunday

Funeral rites for Mrs. Julia Faircloth Lee, 76, were held from the Faison Methodist Church on Sunday at three p.m. with the Rev. Stills, Methodist minister of Rocky Mount, officiating.

Mrs. Lee died at 1:10 p.m. in a Nursing Home in Rocky Mount following an illness of three months.

She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dan Faircloth of Duplin County but had lived in Rocky Mount for the past eight years. Interment followed at the Faison Cemetery.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. B. E. Ingram, Mrs. J. J. Andrews, and Mrs. W. F. Mason of Rocky Mount; Mrs. C. W. Wynn and Mrs. D. C. Bass of Clinton; Mrs. H. V. Brewar of Faison; four sons, Lemmie Lee, Jr., of Rocky Mount, L. C. Lee of Mount Olive, H. D. Lee of Warsaw, and W. M. Lee of Virginia; one sister, Mrs. Ozzie Wheeler of Cary; 30 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Autopsy records of the Poultry Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at State College show that Erysipilis has been occurring more frequently in recent years.

Harvey Arnold And Committee Instantly Return Letter Rejecting The Suspension And "Requesting And Urging" An "Investigation Of The ENTIRE Duplin County; Arnold Claims A Number Of Fields Of Hidden Tobacco, Particularly Among Large Growers Found This Year, Thinks One Put Pressure On State Committee For Suspension, Terms The Action "Political Subterfuge"

"WE WANT HEARING BEFORE ELECTION TIME SO THAT OUR NAMES CAN BE CLEARED," SAYS ARNOLD

Chairman Says Committee Not Eligible For Re-Election As Things Now Stand, Thinks Political Angles Involved

The three county ASC Committeemen and two alternates have received registered letters from the State Committee announcing their suspension from duty.

Most of the letters were received Saturday or Monday from the Raleigh office. Suspended are Harvey Arnold of Rose Hill, chairman, Coy Hall of Beulaville, vice-chairman and J. C. Blanchard of Warsaw, regular member as well as alternates D. N. Brinson of Kenansville and Henry Carter of Wallace.

The suspension notice advised that a hearing would be given if requested. The entire Duplin County Committee instantly returned a registered letter rejecting the suspension and "requesting and urging" an "investigation of the entire Duplin County" and underlined the word "entire."

"We don't know what all this is about," Arnold, the chairman, told this newspaper today. "However, I think it is because we caught the wrong man."

Without being specific Arnold pointed out that a number of hidden fields of tobacco have been found this year, particularly among several large growers. He said some were in well enough placed positions to bring pressure on the State Committee resulting in the suspension action.

"We will stick with this thing," Arnold declared. "Those in Duplin County and elsewhere who would destroy our tobacco program for politics or personal animosity have created a lot of hullabaloo about nothing. If it continues it will wreck the program in Duplin County."

"The action of the state committee is in reverse of rights granted all citizens by the Constitution. This says a man is innocent until proven guilty. Under the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture the opposite is true. A man is guilty until proven innocent."

In requesting an immediate hearing Arnold said, "if the state office has anything justifying this outrageous action which could destroy our program in Duplin we want to know about it and that right early."

Commenting on rumors about the county Arnold said that he and every member of the committee would like for any and every body to visit and check on their farms. "I have no hidden tobacco and none of the committeemen have," he declared. "This is a vicious lie and we will fight the charges, whenever the state committee is courteous enough to tell us what we have done wrong. IF ANYTHING."

Arnold went on to quote J. C. Blanchard as saying a rumor had said that he, Blanchard, had six acres of hidden tobacco on his farm. "I would like the state to spot-check this to prove to themselves I have no excess acreage," he said.

The action this week followed hearings in the agriculture building last week and also three weeks ago.

The county committee chairman said there were 40 applications for new growers allotments this year. Of these 23 were checked and recommended by the county committee. Three others were later approved by a Review Committee, making a total of 26. 51 acres were applied for on these 26 applications. All were approved by the state committee. Three weeks ago as the growers neared the harvest conclusion the state committee suddenly cancelled out all but four of the original 26 applications, including the three of the Review Committee. This resulted in the July hearing and last week's hearings.

Nineteen of the twenty-two made appeals and were heard during the two separate hearings. As a result of the hearings eight got their allotment back. Those who failed have the right to appeal further

Citizens Thanked For Aid Given During Hurricane

When a job is well done, expressed appreciation is in order. During the passing of the two hurricanes of the last two days, a number of our local citizens have gone all-out for us. They have stayed up at night, using their time and cars and phones and safety-shelters in our behalf. To those officially connected with our town's administration, and to the Volunteer Units, we thank you. And I am personally grateful to Claude Hepler, Captain of our Auxiliary Police, who has taken over for me in my absence. William Hood, Director Wallace Civil Defense.