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Formal Opening New Building at Woodland Church

The new brick vester building of Woodland Methodist Church, near B. F. Grady school, was formally opened Sunday at 11 A.M. Piano and violin music were furnished by Lena Chestnut, of Woodland, and Professor Hurst, of Goldsboro. Reverend Howard McLaughlin, pastor, preached to a capacity congregation. A bountiful picnic dinner was served and a service of Christmas readings and carols held in the afternoon.

Queer Christmas Accidents

A firecracker was lighted and thrown to the ground but failed to explode. A young colored boy saw the incident and ran and picked up the cracker and said that he was going to smoke it. He stuck it in his mouth and struck a match and lighted it. Result, a very bad mouth and a doctor's bill.

A new air rifle, left try out. The colored boy loaded it and aimed at the forehead of his companion and pulled the trigger. Result: the shot went through the skin, and settled against the boy's skull. The local doctor removed the shot.

A new air rifle and dad wanted to see how it worked. He knew that his aim was bad so he picked out a chicken in the yard and took good aim and fired. Result: unselected chicken supper.

Accident Victims Blame Road Hog

E. V. Wells, clerk of the court, suffered a cut over his nose which required two stitches and several other people involved received minor injuries in an accident on the Wallace-Kenansville road Thursday afternoon, when Mr. Wells was allegedly forced off of the road by a car driven by Sims Hammett, of Wallace, skidded and crashed into another car driven by Edgar Carter, of Garland.

Hammett was reported to have been driving in the center of the road when the accident occurred. Mr. Wells met him and was forced to take to a shoulder of the road which was slick from rain. His car skidded and crashed into the one driven by Carter.

Hammett failed to stop, but was overtaken by Patrolman Pierce after Wells described the accident. Carter informed Mr. Wells and the patrolman that he had been trying to get by Hammett's car for several miles, but was unable to get by him. When Pierce overtaken Hammett he was still driving in the center of the road.

Hammett had a preliminary hearing and was bound over to the county court for trial.

Harris to Hold Civil Court Jan. 10th; Jurors are Listed

Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, will hold court in Kenansville for the first time in five years when he convenes a two weeks' term of Civil Court on Monday, January 10th.

A list of jurors summoned for the term of court is as follows:
JANUARY CIVIL COURT
First week, January 10th: W. E. Smith, James E. Brown, E. C. Davis, Frank Wilkins, Floyd Sumner, E. B. Boone, Tom Taylor, E. J. Jones, Joe P. Johnson, Henry Tyndall, B. D. Brown, Arthur Whitfield, Emma Lanier, C. W. Brown, Ben Outlaw, D. D. Williams, Joe Powell, Homer Stanley, B. H. Quinn, Ed Kornegay, Edwin Weber, F. J. Farrier, W. J. Johnson, Louis T. Fountain, Jr., J. H. Sanderson, Jas. B. Wells, Thomas

BOY BADLY INJURED IN FALL FROM PULLEY IN TREE SAT.

Woodrow Boyette, about 14, grandson of Everett Boyette, was seriously injured when he fell from a log pulley fastened in a tall tree Saturday in Smith's Township. He suffered a broken hip, fractured skull and other serious injuries.

According to Ralph Smith, who went to the boy's rescue after the accident, Boyette was playing with several other boys about his age, Leland Smith, son of John Smith, and Aubrey Smith and his little brother, both sons of Alvin Smith. The boys had been pulling each other to the top of the tree by the pulley and letting themselves down by the guide ropes. The accident occurred when Boyette, who had been raised to the top, reached for the guide ropes and lost his hold. He fell a distance of about 50 feet.

Ralph Smith says that he went into the woods and carried the boy out after one of his playmates had breathlessly told of the accident. Another was sitting by him waiting for help. Smith says that reports that Boyette's playmates tied the pulley ropes and left him dangling in the air to fall are unfounded.

Boyette is in a hospital in Kinston, where his condition is considered as very serious.

Farm News Items From the County Agent

County Agent W. D. Reynolds has announced that on Monday morning, Jan. 3rd, at 9:30 Rufus Page, assistant extension forester at State college, will attend a demonstration of tree planting on the farm of Joe Wood, near Clinton.

One acre of Black Locust trees will be set out and used as fence posts. Growth of these trees has proved to be very favorable in this section. They are said to mature within eight or ten years, and are DECEMBER 30TH, 1937.

Farmers of the county are asked to attend and ask questions they like of Mr. Page.

On the same day, at 2 P.M. Mr. Page will demonstrate the proper method of thinning forests for greatest gains in lumber and best second growth. This demonstration will take place on the farm of J. W. Grady, near B. F. Grady school in cooperation with E. A. Howton, vocational agriculture teacher at Grady. Farmers attending this demonstration are asked to bring their axes.

Another cooperative hog shipment will be made from Warsaw on Friday, Jan. 7th. Reynolds asks that farmers inform him of the approximate number of hogs they wish to sell.

County Deaths

JOHN L. GRADY

Funeral services for John Lewis Grady, 72, who died Sunday afternoon at his home in Duplin County near Mount Olive, were held at the home Monday afternoon. Burial was in the old Broadhurst Cemetery near the home. The Rev. Walter C. Benson, pastor of the Mount Olive Methodist Circuit churches, officiated.

Surviving are three daughters, Miss Belle Grady and Mrs. Mabel Faulk, who lived with Mr. Grady at the home place, and Mrs. Samuel Hudson. Mrs. Grady, formerly Miss Emma Hines, died several years ago.

Mr. Grady was a prominent citizen, active in all community affairs and an influential churchman. He was a member of the Bone's Chapel Methodist congregation.

A heart attack was the immediate cause of his death, although he had been in feeble health for several months.

PERRY SUMNER

Perry Sumner of Cabin, died at his home Friday afternoon after a short illness. He was a son of the late Asa Sumner and Barbara Hill. He married Miss Ellen Kennedy, who survives him with two children; Mrs. Herman Henderson, of Beulaville, and Mrs. Gardner Houston, of Pink Hill.

The following brothers and sisters also survive, Lafayette, Alexander, James, Samuel, John and Cigero Sumner, Mrs. Edith Thigpen, Mrs. Ida Turner and Mrs. Henrietta Miller.

He was a member of the Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted in the home by his pastor on Saturday afternoon with interment in the family cemetery.

MRS. JOHN W. WILLIAMS

Mrs. Almira Williams, wife of the late John W. Williams, of near Kenansville, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. T. Grady, last Friday afternoon. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Hallsville.

Mrs. Williams was the daughter of William Blalock and Betsy Miller. She was married to John W. Williams about 59 years ago. The couple celebrated the ir golden wedding anniversary in 1937. Mrs. Williams was a consecrated Christian woman being one of the first members of the Hallsville Presbyterian Church. Mr. Williams died on June 17, 1933, and since that time she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. C. T. Grady, near Kenansville. She was born June 1, 1857.

She was married Feb. 6th, 1879. She is survived by the following children: Tom Williams, of Wilmington, Clyde and Bland Williams, of Beulaville, Mrs. Alma Williamson, of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. C. T. Grady, of Kenansville. One brother, George Blalock, also survives, as well as one half brother Sam Blalock, of Rosehill, and two half sisters, Mrs. Ada Duff, of Sneed's Ferry and Ella Piver, of near Pink Hill. There remain 25 grandchildren and six great grandchildren, who cherish her memory.

The pallbearers were grandsons of the deceased: Neil and Jack Williams, of Wilmington; J. T. and Roy Grady, of Kenansville; Monroe Turner and LeRoy Petway, of Rocky Mount.

ARTHUR BLAND MILLER

Arthur Bland Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bland Miller, of Beulaville, died at his home Friday about noon. He was born May 27, 1928, and has been an invalid all his life.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 by his pastor, Rev. F. L. Goodman, and interment was made in the Rhodes Cemetery.

MECHANICAL TROUBLES SHORTEN AND DELAY TIMES THIS WEEK

THE TIMES staff regrets that due to mechanical troubles that were impossible to prevent the TIMES is late this week, also abbreviated in size. It was necessary to limit the paper due to the shortage of after-Christmas advertising space, as well as to the mechanical troubles. We wish to assure our hundreds of loyal readers in the county that the staff of THE TIMES has done everything possible this week to get you your favorite county newspaper promptly on time as well as to make it readable and interesting. We again assure you that this will be the policy of THE TIMES throughout the coming year, and THE TIMES staff from the "boss" to the "office cat" wish all of our readers, a happy and prosperous, 1938!

CHOCOLATE NEWS

Well, Christmas has come and we are still celebrating. We all have so much for which to be thankful, so let's continue to count our blessings.

Miss Ruby Mae Maxwell came from her work in Wilmington to spend the holidays with her family, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Maxwell and children.

Those visiting Mrs. Mabel M. Holt during the Christmas holidays were: Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Richardson of Stanhope; Mr. and Mrs. J. Leo Watlington and Mr. Alvin Watlington of Reidsville; Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Holt of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Buster Smith; Mrs. B. H. Stokes; Miss Oma Fay Stokes of Kinston; Mr. Carol Waters of LeGrange; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Holt, Miss Nena Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Holt, Morris Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Brennon Holt, Mr. Hugh Maxwell and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith went to Canada for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stroud and Mr. and Mrs. Denny Smith went to Florida for the holidays.

Miss Nena Holt, who is in school at Greenville, spent the holidays with her family here, with her family here.

Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Watson and son, Billy, of New York, spent the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. B. G. Maxwell and others visited his brother, Mr. J. C. Maxwell and family Xmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. John William Gooding visited their families during the holidays.

Mrs. J. K. Sutherland's relatives of Charlotte and Gastonia visited them during Christmas.

Miss Lucile Sutherland, who is a student at Wilmington, visited her family during holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Smith and Mrs. Mabel Holt attended the midnight show in Kinston last Friday night.

FAISON NEWS

Miss Sarah and William McColman, of Washington, D. C., spent their Christmas vacations with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McColman. Sarah returned to Washington on Sunday and William on Tuesday.

Lewis Latham is a patient at Duke Hospital.

Charles Decker returned to his home at Rutherfordton, N. J. on Wednesday. Mrs. Decker, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Bell will follow a few weeks later.

Mr. and Mrs. Addis Cates are in Rochester, N. Y., visiting Mrs. Cates' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis.

ACCIDENTS TAKE HEAVY COUNT IN DUPLIN DURING HOLIDAYS

Preaching Sunday Honeycutt Elected Grove Church Financial Manager

Rev. F. L. Goodman will preach twice Sunday. In the morning the service will be at the Hallsville Presbyterian Church and in the afternoon the service will be at Stanford. The evening program will be directed by J. J. Grady, of Hallsville, at the Hallsville church Sunday night at 7:00. All men are invited to attend this special program.

Magnolia Near Top in Christmas Decorations

Homes and business establishments in Magnolia showed a bright front to visitors during the Christmas holidays, due to the effective beautification program launched for the season by the Magnolia Woman's Club, which sponsored a contest for the best decorations.

Mrs. J. E. Hamilton's home was adjudged most beautiful, with Mrs. J. A. Smith and Mrs. L. E. Pope taking second and third places respectively.

The most beautiful business house was Lester Matthew's Barber Shop, although several other stores vied with him in the estimation of the viewers.

Townpeople of Magnolia declared the contest a great success, especially since it was the first to be sponsored by the Woman's Club.

Presbyterian Young People

The Presbyterian Young People's League met in the church of the Covenant in Wilmington on last Thursday in the mid-winter rally. Young people from all over the presbytery were present for the meeting. Grove Church opened the rally with a devotional program built around the Christmas thought. Addresses were made by Miss Mary Louise Woodson, State director and by Dr. G. A. Wilson, local superintendent. Dinner was served in the church recreation hall.

Young people report that the visual conferences were the high lights in the day's program. So important did this feature become that one half hour will be given at the next rally.

The spring rally will be held in Clinton the last of April.

MAGNOLIA Celebrate 59th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rackley, of near Roschill, celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 26th.

Mrs. Rackley before her marriage was Sallie McNeal, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John C. McNeal, of Raeford. Mr. Rackley was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William S. Rackley, of Fayetteville. At the respective ages of 84 and 80 they are enjoying excellent health and are very active.

Mr. and Mrs. Rackley are the parents of six children and four teen grandchildren, all of which were present for the celebration.

The children are: Mrs. L. J. Sanderson, Magnolia; James A. Rackley, Warsaw; Walter A., John F. and Mary, of Rosehill. Some of the grandchildren attending the celebration were: Ivy and Freeman Page, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Ruth Page, Wilmington; Norwood Page, Oak Ridge College; McClure Rackley, Charlotte; Felton Rackley, Raleigh.

Mrs. J. N. Horne and son, Norwood, Miss Louise Croom and John Hunter are spending the week in Florida.

The Woman's Club held a Christmas tree during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Thomas, of Wilmington, spent last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Treadwell. Mrs. Thomas remained over this week.

Misses Dorothy King, of Wilmington, and Mary Emily, of Lenoir, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. King.

Billie Frank Sutton, spent last week with his mother, Mrs. J. S. Sutton.

Frank Chestnut left Sunday a. m. for the B. R. Hospital in Rocky Mount. He was taken sick with typhoid fever in September, and it left him in a very feeble condition, setting in his joints and he can walk very little even with crutches.

Rev. Mr. Andrews, of Warsaw, the new Methodist pastor, preached here Sunday morning. Rev. K. D. Brown preached in the Free Will Church Sunday A. M. and night. All the services were well attended and the Christmas messages enjoyed.

Duplin county experienced more than its quota of serious accidents over the holiday, the worst of which was near Chingtaquin; where 8 negroes were drowned when their car plunged over the guard rails to a bridge over the North- east River. In Kenansville two men barely escaped drowning when their auto turned over in a canal, pinning them both. Other accidents resulted in serious injuries, the worst being the plight of William Boyette, a Smith Town- ship boy, who fell from a log pul- ley while playing and crushed sev- eral bones.

The mass drowning occurred Sunday when Alonzo Whitehead; a relative of the victims; who was driving the auto, became blinded by the lights of an approaching car. The auto plunged through the heavy rail of the bridge and fell 30 feet, to turn over into the river.

Two white men of the vicinity helped the driver to shore and recovered six of the bodies of the victims. The dead were Hubert Sharpless, 18; Alberta Pickett, 28, and her children, Mammie, 11; Ruby, 8; Lonnie, Jr., 6; Claude, 13; and Onetis, 9; and Alberta's sister, Mary Lilly Brown.

The accident in Kenansville occurred when Noah and Harrison Clark, brothers, of Richlands, lost control of their car and overturned into T Branch, where both were pinned in the car.

Harrison discovered a means of exit, but not until his brother had lost consciousness and had to be held above water in the car to prevent his drowning. Harrison stayed in the auto and cared for his brother until they were rescued, although it was subsequently discovered that he had suffered 2 broken ribs and severe cuts about the head. Noah received no serious injuries other than results of shock and exposure.

Boy Scout Court Tonight

The district Court of Honor for the Boy Scouts of Duplin and Sampson will be conducted in the Agricultural Building tonight at 7:30. Chairman Parker will have charge of the program of awards. High ranking Scout of the Kenansville Troop will direct the Scout activities. There will be parade-songs-scout features, awards of advancements, talk by the new Scout Executive, Harold Westin, and the social hour. You will want to attend. All parents of Scouts are urged to be present for the Court.

Boxers Reach Semi-Finals In Golden Gloves Tournament

Wallace, Dec. 30.—Directors and promoters of the Wallace Enterprise Golden Gloves tournament are making preparations for staging the semi-final round of the tourney scheduled to be in the high school gymnasium on Tuesday night, January 4th.

Winners of the quarter-final matches, which were held in the gym on Dec. 21st with some 700 enthusiastic fans cheering to the rafters, will be matched to determine the participants to battle in the finals of the tourney which is scheduled to be held on Jan. 18.

Promoters have arranged a card of 8 fights among the winners of the first night of fighting, along with several special attractions, including a five-negro "battle royal." Clinton, Warsaw, Richlands, Penderlee, Wallace and Wilard produced winners in the quarter-final matches and these winners will battle it out for the

right to fight in the finals and the Southeastern Golden Gloves tournament in Wilmington.

Several re-matches have been made in the pairings upon the request of fans from all sections of the five-county territory, and these will be added attractions.

Some of the best fights are yet to come and fans are expected to turn out en masse for the second round of the tourney.

Several Golden Gloves officials from Wilmington and other cities are expected to be present to help with the classing and to officiate at the exercises.

Handsome gold filled medals will be awarded to those who are declared winners in their classes on Tuesday night. Some of the classes will be carried over to the 18th by virtue of their being filled with several matches which will necessitate another night of fighting.