



Garden Club Begins Contest To Select "Yard Of The Month."

Sponsored by the Warsaw Garden Club the yard of the month competition offers you an opportunity to win a one year subscription to the monthly magazine "Flower Grower" or for your yard any plant of the value of which is the amount of the subscription.

Any resident (other than members of the Warsaw Garden Club) of the town of Warsaw is eligible. An award will be given to the winner of the contest by the Beautification Committee, which is composed of: Mrs. George Bennett, Mrs. A. J. Jenkins, Mrs. E. C. Thompson, Mrs. Ed Swers, Chairman; and Mrs. Henry Stevens, President of the Club.

The contest will run for 8 months providing there is enough interest shown and enough homes registered. This means that 8 residents can win one each month from January through August.

The award will go to the homeowner whose yard due to its year planning is the prettiest in the town of Warsaw that particular month.

There is no need for the yards to have a great deal of color.

Your yards will be rated on: General landscape design, improvement, foundation planting, neatness, color.

While color is compelling and attracts attention to your yard, the award can go to an all green yard. Keep this in mind for January and February. You may wish to transplant or rearrange your present shrubbery in a more pleasing manner and enter this month's competition. Current magazines, catalogs and yards which you admire will furnish you with ideas; and with a shovel, wheelbarrow and a strong back you can do the rest.

Please watch the paper this month for other news regarding this contest. Now don't hesitate. Enter the race. Let's all try to make Warsaw a prettier place in which to live.

Wallace Native Burned To Death In Virginia Fire

Hal T. James, 53, native of Wallace, died this week from burns received in a fire which swept a tool shed at Good Hope Sanatorium near Richmond, Va. where he was caretaker and maintenance man.

The body of James was found badly burned in the tool shed a few minutes after he left the main sanatorium to investigate noises on the premises. Officials said it was presumed that the fire caused his death but an autopsy would be made on the body.

Pink Hill Man Succumbs; Injuries Suffered In Nov.

A man injured almost two months ago in a highway crash at Wooten Cross Roads in the Liddell section of Lenoir County died at 7:30 p.m. last Friday in Duke Hospital.

The victim was named as Nathaniel Kennedy, 32, white of Pink Hill, whose injuries included a fractured skull, possible spinal hurts, cuts and abrasions. He was taken to Duke almost immediately after the crash.

At the time of the accident at 3 p.m. November 8, police arrested William Bryant Miller, Negro, 23, of Albemarle, Route 1, on a charge of reckless driving. A charge of manslaughter was to be filed against him Saturday.

Highway Patrolman L. G. Pate said the wreck, which injured four others including Miller, who received a broken arm—occurred when a truck driven by Kennedy and a car operated by Miller collided. Kennedy was driving along Highway 11 and Miller along Highway 55. Miller allegedly crashed a stop sign.

Kennedy's death, though it occurred in 1957, will be listed against 1956 statistics. It brings to 10 the number of persons fatally injured in vehicular accidents in the county during the year.

Mr. Kennedy was a mechanic and salesman for the Hill Supply Company of Pink Hill.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday from the Sand Hill Baptist Church near Potters Hill with Rev. L. E. Bryant officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lella Mae Kennedy; two sons, Kenneth Douglas and Bobby Carroll; one daughter, Frances Elaine; all of the home; step mother, Mrs. Ruth Kennedy of Duplin County; three brothers, Ward, Floyd, and Sydney of Pink Hill; and eight sisters, Mrs. Flave Kennedy and Mrs. Louty Futrell of Pink Hill; Mrs. Joseph Rouse and Mrs. Carl Whaley of Magnolia; Mrs. Nathan Cummings of Kinston; Mrs. Lilly M. Quinn of Raleigh; Mrs. Joseph Brinson of Burgaw; and Mrs. Jimmy Cox of Morehead City. The body was taken to the church one hour before the service began.

Active pall bearers were Ethel Hill, Wilbur Tyndall, Bob Murphy, Whitford Hill and Jesse Pickett.

December Marriage Licenses Issued

Samuel Joseph Lambert, Jr., Broadnax, Va. to Joyce Lyle Whaley, Duplin County, Samuel Edward Terrell, Warsaw to Elizabeth Jewell Johnson, Turkey, C. Dillon Gaskins, Black Mountain, to Betty Ross Garner, Warsaw, Carl Ray Jones, Rose Hill, to Emma Frances Casey, Wallace, Herman Smith, Pink Hill, to Rebecca Evelyn Thomas, Beaufort, to Brian Brock, Rt. 2, Beaufort, to Mary Elizabeth Brinson, Rt. 1, Beaufort, to Joseph Howard Williams, Rt. 1, Beaufort, to Mary Alice Pickett, Beaufort, George A. Pollock, Jr., Beaufort, to Eileen Smith, Kenansville, Sari Conrad Sloan, Raleigh, to Molly Marvin James, Chincapin.

Cecil Gray Atkinson, Kenansville to Evelyn Bland, Kenansville; James David Webb, Raleigh to June Alice Quinn, Wallace, Nanton Parsons, Kenansville to Ethel Gray Moore, Kenansville, Edgar Glaspie, Jr., Kenansville to Mary Frances Grady, Warsaw, Daniel Brinson, Hampstead to Primmie Lee Sloan, Rose Hill, John Robert Moore, Kenansville, to Lillie Velma Dobson, Rt. 1, Magnolia.

Notice

Women's night will be held at Johnson Baptist Church Friday night, January 18. An interesting program is being planned. All members are urged to attend.

Youth Is Arrested In Duplin County For Alleged Attack Upon Pikeville Man

The 16-year-old Negro escapee who allegedly bludgeoned Ray Smith, prominent Pikeville citizen on December 30, has been apprehended by Duplin County officials.

Charles Lamb was arrested on Saturday afternoon in Duplin taking corn from a truck stolen earlier from the Jones - Pender Milling Company of Pikeville.

The youth is being held in the Duplin County Jail for possession of non-tax paid whiskey. He will be returned to Wayne to face charges growing out of the attack on Smith and the theft of the Jones - Pender truck.

Hosea Bryant and Norman Bryant of the Warsaw area were also arrested by Warsaw Police Chief W. E. Coombs and Deputy T. E. Revelle for taking corn from the stolen truck. They have been transferred to Wayne County authorities for questioning.

Lamb, the son of one of Smith's tenant farmers, broke away from Adamsville, State Prison Camp where he was serving a term for stealing one of Smith's trucks last spring.

Smith told investigating Wayne County Deputies that December 30 the attack occurred at his machinery storage shed about noon.

He had stepped there to assist one of his workers in starting a tractor.

When Smith returned to his car and got in, he said Lamb raised up from the back seat, pushed a shotgun in his face and declared he was going to kill him.

Smith said that he and the masked youth tussled over the gun. The struggle moved from inside the car to the ground outside. Chief Deputy Roy Percise reported. And as one point the gun discharged but no one was struck by the pellets.

Percise said Smith tripped on some parked farm machinery and Lamb struck him several times with the 12 gauge shotgun. The gun was broken in the fight.

Lamb then took Smith's pocketbook which contained about \$120 and drove off in Smith's car.

The car was found abandoned on the following day.

Superintendent Roy Sasser of the Adamsville Prison Camp said that at the time of escape, Lamb was awaiting transfer to a first offenders camp for boys.

Magnolia Boy Radio Director

New radio director at Campbell College is John William Kilpatrick. John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kilpatrick, Route 1, Magnolia, North Carolina. The college has a weekly program featuring a variety of music, news and nonsense.

Briefs

BOOKS NEEDED
2500 Pocket Edition books are needed for Camp Lejeune. Anyone having any of these type books, please contact Mrs. N. B. Boney or forward them to the Duplin County Red Cross Office.

BOB GRADY HOSPITALIZED
J. R. (Bob) Grady, owner of The Duplin Times was hospitalized the past week end for treatment before undergoing surgery.

HOUSE BURNS
Flames were extinguished in the early hours Monday morning. The home of Anna Washington, a paralytic, was completely destroyed by fire. Quick work on the part of local firemen saved two houses that were in danger.

DON'T BUILD YOUR HOPES
Today is as balmy as any spring day but don't let it fool you. Predictions are that cold weather is heading our way.

HOSPITALIZED
Local people in Duplin General Hospital are Shannon Brown, Mrs. Margaret Dail, J. R. Grady, Mrs. Sadie Grady, T. J. McGowan, Mrs. Daisy Merritt, Mrs. Christine Sanderson, John Williams and Clark Helton.

BIRTHS
Births at Duplin General Hospital during the week were: Mr. and Mrs. James Norris, Chincapin, a daughter, January 8.
Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, Kinston, Rt. 4, a daughter, January 8.
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Morrissey, Warsaw, a son, January 10.

Magistrate Cases Heard By G. S. Muldrow

Steve B. Futrell, operating a motor vehicle upon the highways of North Carolina in a careless and reckless manner. Cited to County Court.

Aslan Kennedy, operating a trailer on the highways of North Carolina without license. Defendant suspended upon payment of \$5.00 fine and the court cost.

Avon Griffin, operating a motor vehicle upon the highways of North Carolina, in the town of Beaufort and did fail to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic. Suspended upon payment of \$5.00 fine and the court cost.

Sammy Collins, inflicting serious body injuries upon the minor son of plaintiff, with a deadly weapon to wit a pocket knife. Plaintiff withdrew the warrant and paid the court cost.

Jim Judge, drawing a check for \$8.00 on the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company payable to C. W. Jarman with knowledge he did not have sufficient funds on deposit nor said credit with said bank to pay same. Defendant suspended upon payment of check and the court cost.

Columbus Judge, drawing a check for \$9.88 on the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company payable to C. W. Jarman with knowledge he did not have sufficient funds on deposit nor credit with said bank to pay same. Suspended upon payment of check and the court cost.

George E. Miller. Attempting assault on plaintiff with a deadly weapon to wit a piece of wood, also cursed and abused his family. Plaintiff withdrew the warrant and paid the court cost.

Youth Wants To See Father But Meets Difficulties On His Trip To Texas

James Bassett, a 15-year-old youngster was wondering why he had not heard from his father, who is stationed in Texas.

So, he, with his new bicycle which was given him for Christmas decided to begin the long trip. But in Duplin County he was stopped. He had failed to get any lights for night riding.

Between 10 and 11 p.m., Sunday night he was picked up by the Duplin Sheriff's Department for not having lights on his bike. He was put in jail, but has been released without charges being officially filed.

James does not know anymore about his father than he did before he left Jacksonville. But he still wants to know.

But how does this ease the desire of a 15-year-old boy who wants to see his father bad enough that he will peddle a bicycle 1,500 miles—and starting in the rain?

Duplin County To Again Participate In Spelling Bee Contest In 1957

The Wilmington Star-News today made plans for conducting its annual Spelling Bee contest in the nine southern North Carolina Counties.

Al Dickson, executive editor of the paper, said contests will be held in the local schools between April 1-15.

Then, a County-wide contest to determine the County Winner will be conducted between April 15 and May 3.

The Regional finals will be held in Wilmington on May 10. May 18 has been set for the deadline for sponsors to notify the National Spelling Bee contest in the nine southern North Carolina Counties.

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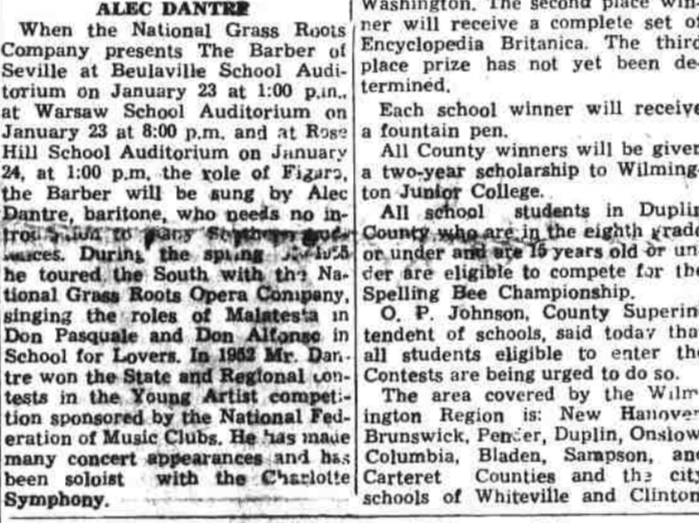
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Finalists were chosen on the basis of progress in the following areas: desirable adjustment in agricultural practices, community improvements, improved homemaking and family living, better opportunities for rural youth and cooperation with all agencies, groups and individuals.

The State Committee on Rural Progress will visit each of the counties during late January and early February for a final evaluation.

Winners in previous years include Hertford, 1952; Orange, 1953; Sampson, 1954, and Nash, 1955.

Duplin participated as a finalist in 1952, 1953, and 1954.



Dan Fagg, Jr., Is Named Dean Mount Olive Free Will Baptist College

Daniel W. Fagg, Jr., Mount Olive native and instructor in history at Mount Olive College, has been named dean of that institution.

This announcement came today from W. Burkette Raper, president of the College.

The post of dean had been unfilled since the school opened its doors in September 1954.

Fagg will continue his teaching duties on a part-time basis and will devote three days each week to the college's student recruitment program.

Under the recruiting plan, as outlined by Raper, the new dean will visit any high school group or prospective student interested in learning of the college program.

Fagg received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wake Forest College and holds a Master of arts degree in history from the University of North Carolina.

The new dean joined the Mount Olive faculty in the fall of 1955. During his period of service with the college he has been full-time history instructor and has headed the student recruitment program during the summer months.

The expanded recruitment program now headed by the dean is part of a college drive to boost enrollment.

Members of the North Carolina College Conference recommended during its annual fall session in November that a dean be named to the faculty and the school's recruitment program be stepped-up.

Raper commended Fagg's service to the school and said that it was on the basis of his outstanding contribution to the growth of the school that he was named as the institution's first dean.

Duplin Banks To Sponsor Two Farmers To Short Course At N. C. State College

Two young Duplin farmers will have their way financed to a short course at N. C. State College by the banks of Duplin County.

The announcement came today from E. C. Thompson, vice president of Branch Bank and Trust Co. of Warsaw.

The short course to be held February 11-22 on the subject "Short Course On Modern Farming," will give the two young farmers a better insight into the problems of financing and how to best cope with them.

Vernon Reynolds, County Farm Agent, said today that applications are now being accepted by his office. Application blanks can be secured from the Farm Agent's office, in Kenansville, or the vocational agriculture teacher's, throughout the County.

Farmers between the ages of 18 and 30 are eligible to make application for the all-expense paid short course.

These young farmers should have graduated from high school and have made the decision to remain on the farm—not having attended college.

Applications must be received by January 15.

Duplin Man Kills Self

Albert Blackman Chambers, 53, of the Peasall Chapel Community near here, died at 10 a.m. Tuesday of a self-inflicted gunshot wound in the head.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Alice Parker Chambers, one son, Alvin of Kenansville; three daughters, Mrs. J. B. Chambers of Magnolia, Mrs. Everett Dail and Miss Bernice Chambers of Kinston; three brothers, Paul of Mt. Olive, Pickett and D. F. Chambers, both of Kenansville, Route 1; four sisters, Mrs. J. Benson, Mrs. B. A. Houston, Mrs. Tom Grady and Mrs. Johnny Benson all of Kenansville; six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Wednesday at 3 p.m. by the Rev. L. L. Parker, Free Will Baptist minister of Folkstone. Burial was in the Loftin family cemetery near the home.

Duplin Coroner Garland Kennedy of Wallace investigated and ruled the shooting suicide.

Plans For Duplin March Of Dimes Campaign For 1957 Are Completed

Duplin County Is One Of Finalists In 'County Of The Year Award In State

Duplin County has been named as one of six finalists for the 1956 County of the Year award which goes each year to the county making the greatest Negro farm progress.

This is the fourth time Duplin has been selected as a finalist in competition for the \$500 award.

Duplin Negro Farm Agent said this morning members of the Progress Committee were pleased with selection and feels that its chances to win the award are better this year than in the past.

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Dick Byrd, Warsaw; Baptist Vote To Purchase Home For Missionary

In a called meeting on January 4 in the Grove Park Baptist Church, Clinton, the Executive Council of Eastern Association voted to proceed with plans for the immediate purchase of a home for use of the Associational Missionary.

Eastern Association is composed of 41 Churches in Duplin, Wayne and Duplin Counties. Warsaw is in the approximate center of the area. It is likely that Warsaw will be the place selected for purchasing the property.

A report will be brought by February 1 with reference to specific property by a Committee appointed for this purpose which is headed by Mr. Charles O. Whitzky of Mount Olive.

After the vote of the Council with reference to a particular site, effort will be made to enlist the support of the Churches. A special Committee has been appointed to study the ways and means of enlisting such support and raising the necessary funds.

Richard H. (Dick) Byrd has joined Carolina Power and Light Company as assistant to the publicity director. It was announced here today. He previously was managing editor of the Observer - News Enterprise at Newton, and editor-manager of the Valdese News, Valdese, N. C.

Byrd is a native of Warsaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Byrd, Route 2, Warsaw. He graduated from Warsaw High School in 1942, entered Lenoir Junior College in September, 1942, and then went into the Navy in July, 1943, where he served for three years as combat aircrewman on a patrol bomber. He re-entered Louisiana in 1946 following his discharge from the Navy, and transferred to the University of North Carolina school of journalism in September, 1947, where he graduated in 1950. He was named editor-manager of the weekly Valdese News in January, 1950, and then served as managing editor of the Observer News Enterprise in Newton until he joined Carolina Power and Light.

While in Valdese and Newton, Byrd was active in the American Legion, 40 & 8, Lions Club and church work. He taught Sunday School at First Baptist Church in Newton two years prior to coming to Raleigh.

He's married to Juanita Sharpe of Valdese, and they have two daughters, Susan, 2-1-2, and Connie, six months.

Clarence Warren Elected Head Of Ag. Workers

Clarence Warren, vocational agriculture teacher at Warsaw, has been elected president of the Duplin County Agriculture Workers Council.

Other officers to serve the organization during 1957 are: Ed Simpson, assistant county agent, vice-president; Mrs. Annie Lois Britt, assistant home agent, secretary.

Summary Hospital Audit Report

The report on the audit of the Duplin General Hospital, Inc., for the nine months period ended September 30, 1956, has been received by the Board of County Commissioners from A. M. Miller & Company, certified public accountants.

The balance sheet shows assets of \$37,787.55, consisting of cash in banks of \$5,135.96; accounts receivable (less doubtful accounts of \$17,346.62) \$14,077.01; inventories \$14,987.14; prepaid insurance \$98.11; equipment \$3,046.33. The liabilities of \$37,787.55, consists of accounts payable of \$15,490.64; and a fund balance of \$22,296.91.

Adjusted gross earnings from patients for the nine months period amounted to \$113,942.53. Department operating expenses was \$153,109.99, leaving a net income loss from operations of \$39,167.44. Other receipts including county appropriations of \$28,853.80, amounted to \$47,541.45, leaving \$3,742.02 net income—operating fund.

EDITORIAL

BY MARGARET TUCKER

The alertness of the Duplin County patrol force and the Duplin County Sheriff's Department quelled what could have been disastrous to some of our teenage boys, Saturday night. These teenagers were committing a felony, that of 'Drag Racing.' Involved were 12 teenagers and one minor in five cars.

Luckily all were apprehended. Had they not been caught and saved from this mad race, many of them might not be living today.

These boys will stand trial and justice will be dealt but will that be the end to drag racing?

It is the concern of everybody to try and help these teenagers from destroying themselves and others. Highways are only as safe as we make them and allowing our young folks to run at top speed will cut the safety of the highways and endanger the lives of those who must travel the roads.

No drag race is worth the cost of even one life.

It would be to the good of everyone to practice the North Carolina slogan, 'Drive Safely.' It is the wish of everyone to live, but unless we come to our senses and drive within the speed limits none of us will have the assurance of arriving safely at our destination.

Reports are that not only drag racing is creating a menace but public property is being tampered with, such as reversing road signs and knocking down mail boxes. Such vandalism is creating a cost to the people and the state. This should definitely be stopped. I feel that the curbing of such acts should be started at the homes of the guilty parties and then if need be let the enforcement officers step in and see that justice is administered.

Lorenzo Price Is First Fatality In Duplin In '57

Lorenzo Price, 27-year-old former of Seven Springs, was killed instantly when his car overturned on Highway 111 near outturning of the bridge.

Sam Price, son of Route 1 Seven Springs and an uncle of the driver, and Sam Price, were transferred Monday to the Veterans Hospital in Durham. His condition is reported as critical.

Duplin Deputy M. D. Shivar said that Price's 1956 Ford plunged from the road at 9 p.m. and the driver was found dead when rescue personnel arrived at the scene.

Funeral services were held from the home at 3 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Lemuel Taylor, Free Will Baptist minister of Beaufort, officiating. Burial was in the Price cemetery near the home.

A farmer, Price was unmarried and lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Price of the Drummondville community.

Surviving are his parents; three sisters, Mrs. Bobby Jean Price and Miss Iris June Price of the home, treasurer.

The Agriculture Workers Council was organized in order that a better program could be presented under Duplin County's Challenge Program.

Give to the March of Dimes Drive

Duplin Committees are as follows: Kenansville, Rev. Stradford Snively, Cabin, Mrs. Walter Rhodes, Wallace, Mrs. John Newman and Mrs. John Montroy, co-chairmen; Magnolia, Mrs. C. J. Guy, Rose Hill, Mrs. Eldon Brown, Albertson, Mrs. Ambrose Smith, Lyman and Cedar Fork, Mrs. John R. Brinson; Charity, Mrs. A. B. Lamer; Windsor Johnson of Rose Hill will have charge of the colored sections of Duplin County. Committees for the colored will be announced later.

When contacted by any of the above committee, think of the thousands of polio victims who are in crutches, wearing braces or in iron lungs. Think of your self in one of these conditions. It is your contributions that will help to eradicate these handicaps.

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