

3 Year Old Child Burned Fatally, Left Alone

G. I. Kills Self In Front Of Store At Tin City; Been Despondent

Ray Franklin Dixon, age 37, a veteran of World War II shot and killed himself instantly Tuesday night about nine o'clock at Tin City. Corporal C. B. Sitterton investigated and reported it a clear case of suicide.

According to officers Dixon was walking around the street in Tin City with a .22 rifle. He appeared

to have been drinking. He stopped in front of a store, placed the barrel of the rifle to his forehead above the eyes, just about the center, and fired. He was dead in a minutes.

Dixon served five years in the Army and was reported to have been in an extremely nervous condition since his discharge.

County Commissioners Propose Dividing Island Creek Township Into Two Townships

The Board of County Commissioners are considering asking our Senator and Representative in the General Assembly to pass necessary legislation dividing Island Creek Township into two townships - all of that area North of the run of Island Creek to be known as Island Creek Township and all of that area South thereof to be known as Wallace Township.

It is also understood that a recommendation will be made to the County Board of Elections that there be on voting precinct in each of the proposed townships.

If this township is divided Duplin will have 14 instead of 13 townships. This matter will be discussed by the Board Monday afternoon, March 17.

Tax Supervisor McGowen Issues Letters To Property Owners In County

County Tax Supervisor E. W. McGowen is now mailing out the 1947 letter to all real property owners in the county. The letter is for their information.

All Duplin County Real Property Owners should receive a letter from the Tax Supervisor, E. W. McGowen, Tax Supervisor, Duplin, N. C., dated March 10, 1947.

The 1947 Tax Valuation on Real Estate. All real property in the county has been recently reassessed under an equalization program as required by our tax laws. Every effort has been made to equalize land values. Property has not been put on the books at today's selling price. The appraised value is less than today's market value. The Board of County Commissioners has reduced the appraised value 25%.

The maximum assessed value existing under this equalization program is \$12,000,000 less than the total assessed valuation of the county in 1930, even though we now have on the books all the improvements that have been made during the past 25 years.

There had been no reassessment of all property in the county for the past 15 years. The law requires quadrennial reassessments. Values were not equalized. Land that today is good farming land was on the tax books as cut-over woods land. Many, many houses and buildings that have been erected during the past several years had never gotten on the

tax books. An increase in the total assessed valuation of the county is anticipated. This is essential in order to provide for necessary additions to school buildings, equipment and repairs. Our population has increased over 20% since 1920. Very little building has been done in the county for schools during the past 10 to 15 years. The twelfth grade has been added and this keeps pupils in school a year longer.

It is only fair that we should have a reasonable valuation with a reasonable tax rate, rather than a low valuation that is not equalized and a very high tax rate. The governing body of the county will surely endeavor to keep the tax rate reasonable. The Board of Commissioners has assured us that the 1947 tax rate will be reduced.

Your 1947 real property tax valuation is as follows:

Name	Address	Township	Acres or Lots	1947 Value
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If, after due consideration, you feel that your 1947 property valuation on any of your property is not equalized with that of your neighbors and with other similar property, kindly advise me by return mail, on or before March 25, and you will be notified of a date that the County Board of Equalization and Review will hear you in respect to the valuation of such property. Only errors or justified corrections can be made.

Body Senior Debate; PTA Meets

Mrs. J. E. DOTSON

Mrs. F. Grady PTA met Monday evening, March 10, 1947 in the school auditorium.

Harold Kornegay had charge of the devotional exercises. Then followed a debate: Resolved that the Federal Government should provide a system of complete medical care available to all citizens at a reasonable expense.

The affirmative were Alma and Evelyn Kornegay. On the negative were Irma Lee Turner and Ruth Wallace. The president of the PTA was Gaynelle Stanley.

Howard Eastmore. The declaration of the judges was 3 for the affirmative and 1 for the negative. The winners for the debate were Mr. J. Grady, Miss Lola Macdonald and Mr. Woodrow Taylor, Kenansville.

Maxwell gave a musical program consisting of songs and instrumental pieces.

Treasurer, Mrs. Earl Williams. Mr. Wells announced that a meeting for the purpose of organizing an American Legion post, would be held in the auditorium on Wednesday, March 12.

Mr. Faison Smith announced that a dance would be given in the school gym on Saturday night, March 15, for the purpose of helping finance the lunch room.

Teachers having the most pupils' parents in attendance were Mrs. Katie Rowell, for Primary grade; Miss Beattie Kornegay and Mrs. Harold Kornegay (tied) in grammar grade; and Mrs. Faison McGowen for high school.

Son Of Duplin Going In Business

Robert G. Williams, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Zwick Williams of the Pink Hill section lives in Raleigh and is the wholesale automobile parts business. Robert was working with a firm in Raleigh when he decided to go into business for himself about 14 years ago. He ploughed out, opened first in Raleigh. His business was all cash and he had no employees.

DOG LOSES EYES IN EFFORT TO SAVE COW

It's the story of a dog, I believe they said it was a bull dog.

Last Friday night about 2 o'clock the stables of Homer Futrell, a tenant farmer on the farm of Will Hinson near Cabin, caught fire. Origin unknown. In the stable were a mule, horse, cow and a calf. The cow, mule and horse were burned to death but the calf escaped.

The Futrells and neighbors, on discovering the fire, rushed to the scene and found the bull dog in the cow's bin desperately trying to drive the cow out. The dog was badly burned, all the hair burned off and his eyes burned out.

Pink Hill Man Injured Here

Mortimer Maxwell, prominent Pink Hill salesman, was slightly injured yesterday morning when his car collided with one driven by D. M. Register at the intersection of the Kenansville-Wallace and the Kenansville-Magnolia highway. His injuries were slight. Register was not injured.

Announces Music Honor Roll

Miss Fannie Lewis, of Kenansville, who teaches music in Warsaw announces the following pupils, who made the music honor roll for the sixth music month: Thelma Jenkins, Elizabeth West, Jo Anne Britt and Annette Boyette.

Graduates From Refrigeration School

Harvey Clayborn Allen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allen of Richlands, formerly of Warsaw, arrived in Warsaw this week following his graduation from the Commercial Trades Institute, in Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Allen finished his prescribed course of study in refrigeration and air conditioning with honors. Prior to entering the school he served three years in the Marine Corps.

Bobby C. Gaylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gaylor of Warsaw, is also home with his parents after having finished his course of study in refrigeration at the Commercial Trades Institute in Birmingham.

cently enlarged the building and added new departments. Your attention is called to his ad in this issue.

Robert is brother of Fred, Lewis and Lehman Williams of Pink Hill.

Legion Post Being Organized B. F. Grady

An organizational meeting of an American Legion Post was held in the B. F. Grady school auditorium Wednesday night of this week. The movement is being sponsored by veterans of World War II. C. S. Thompson was elected commander; John D. Grady, Adjutant and Finance officer. 30 charter members were signed up.

The name of the post will be "North East Duplin Post of the American Legion." The next meeting will be held in the school building, Friday night, March 21st at 7 o'clock. All veterans are invited to attend.

Mrs. Sadler Is Now Matron O.E.S.

Results First Play-off Strawberry League In Wallace Is Reported

by H. F. RIVENBARK

The first game at 6:30 Chinquapin won over Kenansville by a close margin of 24-22. J. Jolly and R. Raynor were high scorers for the winners with 7 and 5 respectively.

At 7:30 Beulaville took a 27-12 decision over Calypso with Lanier scoring 12 and Parker ringing up 8 points for the winners while Hatch led the loser with two field goals and one free throw for Calypso.

Highlight for the evening was the Wilmington "Y" win over Deep Run. McKoy led the Wilmington five to a 32-27 victory scoring 16 points. Hardison of Deep Run scored 8 for the losers. Deep Run played a fast breaking game and led Wilmington in the first quarter. At half time Wilmington was in front by two points. In the third quarter the "Y" team worked up a five point lead and the fourth quarter found both teams playing hard but Wilmington managed to stay in the lead. This was the first appearance of the Deep Run Quintet on the local court, but local officials were impressed with their fine playing and we hope to see them much in action here next season.

A replica of the final game of the Duplin County All-Star Tournament was played at 9:30 in the last game of the evening when the Faison Red Devils again won over Magnolia. Their last meeting found the Red Devils ahead at the end by one point, last night they went ahead to win by a score of 30 to 23. Taylor with 9 and C. Warren with 7 led the Devils to their win while H. M. Pope led the losers with 8.

Wednesday night in the second round Chinquapin meets Faison at 6:30; A highly rated Ivanhoe meets Clinton at 7:30; at 8:30 the local aggregation (Wallace All-Stars) meet B. F. Grady and the flashy Wilmington "Y" quintet plays it out with the respected Beulaville five.

Thursday night at 8:00 the Chinquapin-Faison winner will play for a place in the finals against B. F. Grady-Wallace victors. 9:00 will find Ivanhoe-Clinton winners facing the Wilmington "Y"-Beulaville leaders.

Saturday in the final meet the losers of Thursday night's contests will play a consolation game at 8:00 while the winners will come together for the final battle at 9:00 o'clock.

Rev. Stephens Teaches Study Course; Warsaw

The Rev. G. Van Stephens, pastor of the Warsaw Baptist Church, has this week been teaching a Sunday School Study Course for officers and teachers in his Sunday School. It has been a most needful and helpful course of study, teaching "The Improvement of Teaching in the Sunday School," edited by Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, Professor of Religious Education and Church Administration at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Louisville, Ky.

Warsaw To Have New Weekly Newspaper

Warsaw will have a new weekly newspaper beginning March 20, with the first edition, edited and owned by Emmett Roark, who with his family have recently moved to Warsaw for establishment of the weekly, "The Duplin Citizen".

Mr. Roark, a young linotypist, was employed in West Virginia for some time before his entry into the Army, in which he served 18 months, part of which time was in Germany. Since his discharge a year ago he has been affiliated with the Sampson Independent, in Clinton.

Mr. Roark begins the new paper in Warsaw with much enthusiasm on the part of the merchants and growing population. His office is over The Warsaw Drug Co., but printing will be done in Clinton each Thursday. Mr. Roark's wife, a Warsaw girl, the former Miss Doris Stephens, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. G. Van Stephens, will assist her husband in his new undertaking.

following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Worthy Matron, Mattie S. Sadler; Worthy Patron, Rodolph Davis; Associate Matron, Thelma Stroud; Associate Patron, Dempsey Smith; Conductress, Essie Maxwell; Assoc. Cond., Nellie Eva Tyndall; Secretary, Ruby G. Newton.

The Worthy Matron elect did not complete her appointive offices and Committee Appointments. These will be completed at her installation which will be on March 25th.

Six candidates were elected to receive the degree of the Order and will be installed into the Order on March 25th.

Body Burned Over About 75 Percent Died During Night Goldsboro Hosp.

A three year old child, daughter of Lee Faison, Negro, of near Turkey was fatally burned, it was reported, Wednesday evening about six o'clock, when her clothes caught fire as she got too close to a stove. Her parents, it was said, had both just left the house with the little girl inside alone. They returned before she was burned completely to death. All her clothes were burned off.

She was immediately rushed to a Warsaw doctor and from there to the Goldsboro Hospital where she died during the night. A doctor reported that her body was burned over about 75 percent. Her arms were burned so badly he could not find a spot to insert a needle. Her face was burned to almost a pulp, he said.

The name of the little girl was not learned.

Warsaw PTA Met Wed. Night

The Warsaw Parent Teachers Association met Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium with the President, Mrs. L. A. Brown in the chair and opening the meeting with "Onward Christian Soldiers" after which Mr. Ross Wadkins, high school faculty member, led in prayer.

The meeting was turned over to Mrs. M. A. Smith, Vice-President and program chairman, who introduced a round table discussion for planned and organized recreation for the town. School Principal, J. P. Harmon led the discussion, assisted by representative groups of the town. J. C. Page represented The American Legion, Mrs. L. E. Huie and Mrs. George Bennett, the churches, Mr. Whelan, the High School, Mrs. Jesse Stewart, the "Teen Age Club", Litch High, the Boy Scout Troop, and Mayor A. J. Jenkins for the Town of Warsaw.

Each representative spoke concerning recreation for children, adults, and the town in general, citing the fact that there is a decided need of organized and supervised recreation among the children of the town. Also that even in every day walks of life a certain amount of recreation is needed by everyone in order to carry on ones work to the best advantage. Summing up the entire program it was resolved that planned and supervised recreation was needed for all Warsaw and a delegation was appointed to appear before the Town Board of Commissioners at their next meeting in this interest.

Following the informal program Secretary Graham Phillips read the minutes and gave the Treasurer's report, adding that the recent Games Tournament realized \$97.50. Various committee reports were given. Thomas Rogers, Grounds committee chairman, reported that he appeared before the County Commissioners and was assured an appropriation would be set aside for the Warsaw School grounds at their July meeting. Plans are in order to level and grade the grounds of the grammar school before the next school terms begins.

Miss Maggie Bowden, chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported as follows the findings of said committee: President, Mrs. M. A. Smith; Vice-President, Mrs. Glenn Rollins; Secretary-Treasurer, Graham Phillips. A motion was made and carried to accept the nominations and Mrs. Brown turned the meeting over to the new incoming president.

Mrs. George Bennett thanked Mrs. Brown for her loyal and efficient work throughout the year and a rising vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Brown by the body.

Miss Maggie Bowden's first grade won the \$1.00 attendance of parent's award from the grammar school and Mrs. J. W. Farrior's eighth grade from the high school.

Following a brief talk by Mrs. Smith the meeting adjourned.

Church Bulletin

Preaching Services at Beulaville Presbyterian Church Sunday evening, March 16th, 7:30, Rev. J. G. Morrison pastor. Sunday School at 10 o'clock A. M. You are cordially invited to attend.

Church Bulletin

The preaching schedule for the Duplin Methodist Circuit for Sunday, March 16, is as follows: Friendship, 11:00 A. M. Wesley, 7:00 P. M.

Layman's Day will be observed at both of these services with Mr. O. P. Johnson, Duplin County Superintendent of Schools, delivering the message.

Fred Baars Says Write Him

The U. S. Civil Service Commission today announced examinations for the positions of Medical Officer, Food and Drug Inspector, Photostat Operator and Microphotographer.

Medical Officer positions are located in various Federal agencies, in Washington, D. C.; in the U. S. Public Health Service and the Indian Service, throughout the United States; and in the Panama Canal Service in the Panama Canal Zone. Salaries range from \$4,160 to \$5,905 a year, with higher salary rate for the Canal Zone positions. No written test will be given for these positions. To qualify, all applicants must be graduates of a medical school of recognized standing and must also meet requirements which include experience and training in the field of medicine.

Food and Drug Inspector positions, at salaries ranging from \$3,644 to \$4,169 a year, are located in the United States. Applicants should file with headquarters office of the district in which he resides. A written test is required of all competitors. In addition to the written test all competitors must have completed 4 years of appropriate college study or experience, or a time equivalent of education and experience. Applicants for the higher grades must have had additional experience of a responsible nature in the enforcement work of a Federal, State, county or municipal agency charged with the enforcement of a food or drug law.

Photostat Operator and Microphotographer positions are located in Washington, D. C. and vicinity. Competitors will take the same written test. In addition to passing this test, applicants for the three highest grades must have experience as a photostat operator or microphotographer. The salaries range from \$1,756 to \$3,304 a year.

Information and forms may be obtained from Mr. Fred J. Baars, located at Warsaw Post Office or from U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

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New Sunday School At Alum Springs

Rev. Gilmer Beck, Associational Missionary, Baptist Eastern Association announces that during the month of February the members of the Alum Springs Baptist Church made a religious survey of the Alum Springs Community, near B. F. Grady School. This survey revealed that there were approximately one hundred and thirty prospects for a Sunday School. Plans were made to organize and take care of these prospects, and the school was organized on March 14 with forty-three present.

Mr. Emmett Kelly was elected Sunday School Superintendent and three fine classes met for the first time. The church members were faithfully the following week and on March 9th were present.

West Sunday, March 16, the regular preaching service will be held at the Alum Springs Baptist Church. The service will be held at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The church is open to all who desire to attend and worship.

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