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Norman Summerlin Drowned In Jones Mill When Boat Capsizes Sat. Night

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Norman Summerlin, 26-year-old resident of the Herring's Cross Roads section of this county was drowned Saturday night about 11 o'clock, when the boat in which he was riding with two friends capsized in the Jones' Mill pond.

Arthur Taylor and Garland Turner, other occupants of the boat managed to swim ashore.

A coroner's jury was empaneled at the mill site Sunday morning when the body was located, and an inquest was held at the funeral home Sunday afternoon in Mt. Olive. The jury ruled the death was by accidental drowning.

Summerlin was among a group attending a fish fry at the pond and with Taylor and Turner, had taken a boat ride.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Effie Summerlin; two half-brothers Arthur of Four Oaks, and James of South Bay, Fla.; four half-sisters, Mrs. Albert Turner of Mt. Olive, Mrs. Dempsey Bradley of Seven Springs, Mrs. Linton Miller of Clayton, and Mrs. Archie Kirkman of Mt. Airy.



DROWNED SUNDAY — Pictured above is Norman Summerlin, 26-year-old Duplin man, who was accidentally drowned in Jones' Mill pond five miles east of Mt. Olive Saturday night. The body was recovered just before noon Sunday.

O. P. Johnson Is Renamed Supt.

The Board of Education in regular session was unanimously renamed Superintendent O. P. Johnson for another two year term. Mr. Johnson came to Duplin as Superintendent in 1935 and our schools have shown steady improvement since, in spite of the war years.

The Board drove to Beulaville to look over the new school building under construction there and was well pleased they stated.

They decided not to convert the old Teachey school into a Negro school due to the protests of the white people in the community.

The following school committees were named for a three year term:

Kenansville - M. F. Allen, Davis Island; Warsaw - Caswell Moore, James F. Strickland; Calypso - D. J. Brock, H. B. Kornegay; B. F. Grady - J. D. Grady, M. B. Holt; Beulaville - Leon Quinn, J. E. Albertson; Chinquapin - William Dall, Billy Brinkley; Wallace - Arthur Dempsey, David J. Wells; Rose Hill - L. G. Teachey, Dr. C. F. Hawes; Magnolia - D. D. Williams, Linton Southerland; Outlaw's Bridge - Lewis Outlaw, J. H. Byrd; Potter's Hill - Freely Hall, Lawther Bostic, and Amos Jones.

After the usual routine business they adjourned.

Car Leaps Embankment 15 Ft. Does Not Overturn; Runs 75 Ft. Before Stop

According to a report in Kenansville last Friday a most amazing accident happened at Washington Creek, just below Wallace Friday morning.

As the story was told, Carl Bryant of Wallace was driving North, alone. As he crossed Washington Creek bridge the right side of his car scraped the bridge abutment. About 15 feet from the bridge it went off the high embankment, jumped clear of the ground, a distance of about 15 feet, practically tore down the right front wheel but kept on going. It ran for a distance of between 75 and 100 feet before stopping. Did not turn over. In its course it passed between two huge trees, with a clearance of not

more than six inches on either side. Passers-by, out of curiosity, a little later, saw the car and went to see how much damage was done to it. On opening the front door they found the driver crouched down in the foot under the steering wheel post. They took him out and carried him to a Wallace doctor. One arm was paralyzed. There was no evidence that he was drinking. Bryant said he blacked out about the top of the hill on the south side. He was carried to a Wilmington hospital. It was feared his back was broken.

About all the damage done to the car was the right front wheel which probably will have to be replaced.

Warsaw Merchants Want Produce Market To Help Community

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Warsaw Merchants Association was called by A. L. Cavenaugh, president, last Thursday evening. The purpose being to discuss plans for helping the farmers of this community.

Main topics of discussion, led by Mr. Cavenaugh, was the procuring of a produce market for this section. The merchants feel that a produce market would be a great asset to this community and are wholeheartedly in favor of having one here. There is already a hog market here and it is doing very well.

W. C. Blackmore, Farm Admin-

istrator, was present and offered suggestions to the Directors on what would be most beneficial to the farmer. Mr. Bill Hines also attended and gave helpful ideas on the procedure to follow in starting a produce market.

Warsaw is an up and coming town and this is indeed a good opportunity for some group of energetic men. The people of Warsaw are anxious to help the farmer make the most of what they have and feel a produce market would be of mutual benefit.

Other meetings are scheduled to map out further details on the matter.

Rabies Inspectors Named For Duplin County

The following persons were appointed to serve as Rabies Inspectors in the several townships of Duplin County by the Board of Commissioners the first Monday:

Warsaw - R. F. Wadkins; Faison - Morris Sutton of Calypso; Wolfscrape - H. J. Summerlin of Mt. Olive; Glison and Albertson - J. H. Dotson of Seven Springs; Smith - Paul Williams of Pink Hill; Limestone - Stephen Raynor of Beulaville; Cypress Creek - Wilber Leland of Chinquapin; Rose Hill -

Revival

Beginning Sunday, April 20 revival services will be held in the Warsaw Baptist Church for one week. The pastor, Rev. G. Van Stephens will preach at the Sunday morning and evening services with the visiting minister, the Rev. M. L. Bannister, of the Oxford Baptist Church preaching each evening at 8 and each morning at 7:45.

A most cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this series of meetings.

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The preaching schedule for the Warsaw Methodist Church for Sun-

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Dr. J. Allen Esley, a member of the Board of the Department



MRS. KATIE VEACH MIDDLETON
A Tribute By Mrs. Ella B. Womack

Katie Veach Middleton died on Wednesday night, April 9, after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage at Bear Marsh Baptist Church, at 1:00 P. M. just as she had finished delivering a memorial address at the Eastern Associational W. M. U. meeting.

She was the daughter of the late S. J. and Mrs. Betty Rhodes Veach and was born and reared in the Friendship Community, in Duplin County; her parents were well known and prominent citizens of the county. She attended the Friendship school and Littleton Female College and taught one year at Calypso.

She was married to Henry M. Middleton, of near Warsaw on May 5, 1905, and as a bride came to live in the old Middleton home - one of the ante-bellum homes in that community, which dated back to the first settlement of Duplin County. The house was destroyed by fire several years ago and though she was stunned at their great loss her faith and indefatigable energy helped to build again a home of comfort and convenience.

Soon after her marriage she joined the Johnson Baptist Church and since then had entered into all phases of the work of the church. For twenty-five years she served as teacher of the Junior Class in the Sunday School and also served for several years as President of the Woman's Missionary Society. She gave most liberally of her means and her services; no task was too great to attempt and when once attempted her efforts never failed of accomplishment. She was the inspiration and leader of all the activities of the church. Her enthusiasm was an incentive for others with the resultant effect of work well done.

Mrs. Middleton was an able speaker with the rare magnetism that attracts and holds the attention of the public. Her last words in her memorial address were heart touching and revealed the deep soul thought of a noble woman.

One of her heart's interest was her nursery, which was a dream come true. She began it about twenty-five years ago, when a friend gave her cuttings from her shrubbery; her only assets were faith, courage and ability and a love for green growing things. For years she struggled through adverse seasons, but continually added new plants to create fresh interest. Her accomplishment is well known throughout Eastern Carolina. She studied arrangements and designs and learned the art of fitness for the particular place where the plants were to be used and her landscaping showed remarkable artistic ability.

She always gave freely of her advice to help others and no stone monument can perpetuate her memory more than the gardens and yards throughout Duplin and other counties.

Words cannot paint her loyalty and devotion to her Lord, to her husband, to her children, and her friends. Her life was enriched by books, literature and the love of flowers and those who came in contact with her were made better by knowing her and having her as an associate.

To the family and loved ones we know that their loss is irreparable and that their devotion and deep

age and knowing that her wish would want them to carry on can sustain and help them through their sorrow. May God's word, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden," give them strength and courage to mold their future as she would have them live.

The following poem was a favorite of hers and was used at the Bear Marsh Church meeting when she delivered her talk:

"On The Twenty-third Psalm"
In "pastures green"? Not always;
sometimes, He
Who knoweth best, in kindness
leadeth me
And by still waters? No; not always so;
Off-times, the heavy tempests
round me blow,
And o're my soul the waves and
billows go.

But when the storms beat loudest,
I cry
Aloud for help, the Master standeth by,
And whispers to my soul, "Lo, I
am here."
Where He leads me, I can safely go,
And in the blest hereafter I shall
know
Why, in His wisdom, He hath led me so.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Katie Veach Middleton from the Johnson Baptist Church Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock with her pastor, the Rev. G. Van Stephens, assisted by the Rev. Gilmer Beck, the Rev. R. C. Foster, of Leaksville, former pastor, conducting the rites. Each of them giving expressions of the beautiful Christian life she had lived. Music was furnished by the Warsaw Baptist Church Choir, with Mrs. Glendora Brown at the piano. The choir sang her favorite songs, one that she had requested be sung "Shall We Gather At The River", following the memorial address at the Associational meeting the day she was stricken.

Interment was in Pinecrest Cemetery where her grave was blanketed with flowers which was an expression of love and esteem from her numerous friends.

Surviving are her husband, Henry M. Middleton; two daughters, Mrs. Katie Mae Bell, of Durham and Mrs. Helen Piner, of Wilmington; two sons, Henry M. Jr., of Hickory and George W., of Warsaw and State College, Raleigh; three sisters, Mrs. Rosa Danforth of Lynn, Mass., Mrs. H. F. Johnson of Chelmsford, Mass., and Mrs. Park Pridden of Warsaw; three brothers, Henry Veach, of Willard, F. R. Veach, of California, and Ralph L. Veach, of Warsaw; also five grandchildren.

MRS. MIDDLETON SUCCESSFUL
RURAL HOME MAKER
Compiled by Hilda Clontz,
Home Dem. Agent

A winning personality and the happy faculty of always looking on the bright side of life was one of the fine things about Mrs. Henry Middleton. Mrs. Middleton comes from one of Duplin's oldest families, dating back to Revolutionary days and had the courage and bravery of her pioneer forefathers. She was born and reared in the

Warsaw Negro Victimized By Film-Flam Pair; Culprits Now In Jail

Hattie J. Parker, Warsaw Negro, was recently relieved of over \$1,000 by two negroes, using a clever pocketbook ruse.

According to Chief of Police Rogers, Hattie J. Parker, in the employ of prominent Warsaw citizens, advised her landlady of her loss and the Police Department was notified. Upon investigation it was revealed that on Friday, April 4, Hattie Parker was approached on the street by a man claiming to know her relatives and asking about them. Presently they were joined by a negro woman, claiming to have found a pocketbook in front of the pair containing a sum of money. She told Hattie and the negro man that since they had seen her pick up the purse she would divide the contents. It being necessary for them to make change, suggestions were made that they get off Front Street onto a back street. Hattie gave the negro woman \$70 but they were still unable to make the correct change. To this the pair said they would take a check from Hattie, accompanied her to the local bank, where she withdrew \$1,000 as a security. Then the strangers still unable to make change, said they would meet Hattie on a certain street corner at a set time, and departed. Hattie filled the appointment on time, but saw nothing of her new found friends, supposedly to have the money for Hattie, who was deeply interested in funds since her home was recently completely destroyed

by fire. A week rolled by and Hattie, depressed and blue, finally reported the whole story. Police Rogers was baffled. Last Saturday afternoon he thought of having read in a recent issue of the News & Observer of a like incident in a neighboring county. Immediately trying to contact officers in Franklin and Edgecomb counties. Tied-up telephone facilities prevented this until Sunday afternoon. Officers who were holding a film-flam pair, who had victimized a number of citizens in Eastern Carolina, gave descriptions apparently fitting those given by Hattie. At once Sheriff R. J. Jones and Chief Thomas proceeded, with Hattie in company, to Tarboro and Louisburg jails. Here all inmates were lined up and Hattie was asked to identify the robbers. Without hesitation she identified the woman, Juanita Peake, 44, of 1501 Mountman St., Baltimore, Md., as the woman who relieved her of her money, and James R. Bedmon, 55, alias Chappie, of 308 Hogan St., Goldsboro, as the man who assisted her.

Immediately warrants were sworn out for each of the negroes, who now await trial in Franklin County for similar charges. Numbers of these slick film-flam tactics involving the old pocketbook ruse have been reported throughout Eastern Carolina, and they will be turned over to Duplin County officers in the near future for trial.

Ninth District United Daughters of Confederacy Meets In Warsaw

The Ninth District United Daughters of the Confederacy meeting was held in the Warsaw Methodist Church in Warsaw on Tuesday, April 15, with the James Kennan Chapter as hostess and Mrs. Annie M. Price of Jacksonville, District Director, presiding.

Miss Barbara Thompson, of Warsaw, organ, played for the processional march, "Rise, Crown With Light," followed by the invocation by the Rev. A. M. Williams, pastor of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Price led the ritual, which was given responsively, followed by the pledge to the United States flag and salute to the Confederate flag.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Henry L. Stevens, Jr., president of the James Kennan Chapter; Miss Mary Emma Giddens of Goldsboro, responding. After the minutes by Mrs. Gordon L. M. Locks, secretary, of Jacksonville, appointments of committees were made: Invitations, Mrs. Guy Ross, of Clinton; Courtesy, Mrs. Ray Merrall, of Swansboro; and nominating, Mrs. N. B. Boney, of Kenansville. Mrs. Price, director, made her report, and Mrs. J. W. Farrior presented the Division President, Mrs. Albert Lee Thompson, who made a most inspirational address emphasizing the objectives for the year in UDC work. She also stressed in detail the great need of keeping in time the Divisional motto, "Lest We Forget," in that we instill the thought in the hearts of our youth, "forever the memory of gallant Confederate soldiers, and to perpetuate the fame of their noble deeds."

Mrs. Harvey Boney, of Rose Hill, presented the Division officers: Vice-Pres. Mrs. W. L. Johnson, of La Grange; Historian, Mrs. Jeannette C. St. Amand, Wilmington; Registrar, Miss Jeannette Biggs,

Oxford; and Mrs. Dewey Hunt, of Goldsboro introduced the past year's Miss Jane Langston, also of Goldsboro. Mrs. Price introduced the Division chairmen, Mrs. Z. A. Bechelle, UDC Magazine, Durham; Mrs. C. I. Shipp, Publicity, Durham; and Mrs. Seth L. Smith, monument and memorial, Whiteville. Also being recognized as a distinguished guest was Mrs. W. D. Pollock, of Kinston, who is president of the A. W. Waddell UDC Chapter and a daughter of the late General R. F. Hoke, of fame. She is also the mother of Mrs. Robert L. West of Warsaw.

Mrs. C. L. Bragg, of Wilmington, conducted the memorial. As names of deceased daughters were called three tall candles, placed on an altar table were lighted by the page, as were 12 candles lighted in the memory of sons of UDC daughters, who lost their lives in World War II. The program was interspersed with appropriate music by several selections by Misses Janice Draughon and Mae Brock, accompanied by Miss Thompson at the organ. Following adjournment a luncheon was served at the American Legion but, which was artistically decorated in flags and red and white flowers. A turkey dinner was served to the 75 daughters and delegates present.

Little Misses Diane Matlocks, Vicky Lee Simpson and Shirley Simpson, of the Young Onslow Confederates, accompanied by Mrs. E. S. Buss, pianist, delighted the guests with several "Dessert Dances."

The following chapters, which comprise the Ninth District were present: Clinton, Faison, Goldsboro, Jacksonville, Mt. Olive, Warsaw, Whiteville, and Wilmington.

National Guard Recognition

Monday evening was an event of interest to the Warsaw National Guard, which has a company of 45 active men, with two officers, now drawing regular pay, in that they were officially recognized by high ranking Army Officers. Col Henry Peirce, of Raleigh was the recognizing officer, accompanied by Col. Fitz, Col. Hall, Col. Bowers, Major Blaxton and Captain McDonald, all general officers representing the

Third Army. Following the service an informal fried chicken supper was served, with the entire company "M" as hosts.

Commander W. M. Buck announced that the next drill will be on Friday evening, April 19 at the Armory in the Jenkins building strictly at 7:00 o'clock. All members are urged to be present in order to draw pay.

Several Petty Robberies Committed In Warsaw Over Week End

Saturday night and Sunday morning it was reported that three

er's Hardware Co., The Duplin Trading Co., was entered and so