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Warsaw Gets Doused With Liquor Officers Pour Out 87 Gals. On Street

By RUTH P. GRADY
On Sunday morning, Oct. 20, at about 8:00 A. M., Sheriff Ralph J. Jones, Night Policeman James Pope of Warsaw, Deputy Sheriff Kissner of Magnolia and Deputies Perry Smith and Charley Wagstaff, really made a haul on bootleg whiskey, 194 half gallon jars of bootleg liquor and two 1939 Fords were confiscated.

Deputy Sheriff Kissner of Magnolia and night watchman Pope had been on the alert all night and had kept the house of Harry Smith (colored) under observation, when at about 8:00 A. M. two 1939 Fords drove up to the home of Harry Smith. Harry stood in the yard watching while Solomon Sutton, R. T. Sutton and Clyde Pickett carried sixteen cases of whiskey to a hay stack beside Harry's home to hide it. Officers on guard got in touch with Sheriff Jones, Deputies Smith and Wagstaff and they made a dive for the negroes. One negro jumped and ran and was chased six blocks by night watchman Pope who got his man. Solomon Sutton, R. T. Sutton and Harry Smith of Warsaw, Clyde Pickett of Rocky Point were arrested. Eddie Brown of Wilmington, owner and operator of one of the 1939 Fords that transported the whiskey to the scene, ran and got away and another negro ran also. Clyde Pickett of Rocky Point owned and operated the other 1939 Ford.

Sheriff Jones stated that was the most whiskey he had ever seen at one time since he has been in office, so while he held the culprits on the scene he called County Court Judge Robert L. West to witness the monstrosity which was almost in the center of Warsaw.

The whiskey was then taken to the main street of Warsaw and about 150 people watched while it was poured into the gutter, about \$1000 worth of boot leg liquor. Mr. Street Kornegay washed his rheumatic hands in the stream, whether or not the cure was effective, we have not been able to ascertain, and many of the negroes who were present used it to shampoo their hair. Sheriff Jones said it was so strong that he was afraid that it would take his hair out.

Judge West ordered Sheriff Jones to auctioneer the jars which were bought by Y. L. Smith for \$4.80 which went into the Treasury of the General County Fund. The two confiscated Fords will be sold upon order of the court and will bring around another \$800 for the general county fund. So really bootlegging is much more costly than profitable.

Ships To Visit Wilmington This Week-end Open To Visitors

The Navy Department has announced that ships will visit Charleston, S. C., Wilmington, N. C. and Savannah, Ga., during Navy Day Week, and that in most cases these ships will be open to visitors from October 25 to 28.

Ships have been assigned to areas in which they normally would be operating. The destroyer USS Gyatt is scheduled to be at Wilmington; the USS Shannon at Savannah; and the destroyer Ware; an ocean going tug, the ATF; a patrol craft, the PC 882; and four minicraft: the Humboldt, Peregrine, Wheatear and Crackle.

Memorial services for members of the armed forces who lost their lives at sea will also be held at Charleston and Wilmington, on Sunday, October 26. The services which have been designated by the Navy League, sponsors of Navy Day as a memorial and tribute to those in all the services who lost their lives at sea and in the air over the seas will be conducted by Navy Chaplains, and flowers memorializing those who lost their lives will be taken to sea and strewn on the ocean.

All residents of Georgia or the Carolinas who desire to send flowers for the ceremonies should address them either to the District Chaplain Headquarters Sixth Naval District, Naval Base, S. C., or to the District Representative for Naval Base, Ocean House Building

HARRY COOKE'S NEW THEATRE



OPENING NIGHT CROWD — Theater-goers in Mount Olive and Duplin braved stormy weather Tuesday night of last week to attend the opening of the New Center theatre on the corner of Center and James streets. The theatre was built from the ground up, and is said to be one of the finest in eastern North Carolina. — Tribune Engraving from Kraft photo.

Harry Cooke Is Proud Of His New Theatre In Mount Olive

By CLETUS BROCK
Harry C. Cooke, operator of the Center and Wayne theatres in Mt. Olive for the past several years, Tuesday of last week realized fulfillment of an ambition he has cherished since going to Mt. Olive, he said, when his new Center theatre, reputedly "Eastern Carolina's finest", opened in a new, handsome, tailor-made building on the corner of Center and James streets.

The building, constructed of steel, brick and block material, is completely fireproof, Mr. Cooke said, and represents the architect's latest improvements in acoustics, seating arrangements and over-all design. A Goldsboro contractor Mr. Taylor, built the theatre building, while various well-known theatre supply houses equipped it with the latest in moving picture projection and

sound equipment, Mr. Cooke said. Opening with the new technical production, "Fiesta," the theatre enjoyed congratulatory telegrams from various celebrities, including Lana Turner, Ava Gardner, Greer Garson, Margaret O'Brien, Van Johnson, Judy Garland, and from English and Oliver of Mt. Olive.

In addition, many citizens there have extended their congratulations to Mr. Cooke upon completion of his theatre. Brief opening night ceremonies were held before the show began Tuesday, with I. F. Witherington and R. L. Cox making short congratulatory addresses. In addition the audience gave Mr. Cooke a rising vote of thanks for providing such an elaborate theatre for Mt. Olive theatre-goers.

Names Of Pink Hill Veterans To Be Engraved In Washington Shrine

Pink Hill, Oct. 21 — (Special) — Names and war records of men and women of the Pink Hill area who have served in the nation's military forces will be perpetuated in the Washington Cathedral, a project sponsored locally by the Willard Smith post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Arrangements for enrollment of local records were announced recently by John S. Albright, commander of the Pink Hill unit. Official forms for submission of information may be obtained by writing to the Pink Hill post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in

Pink Hill. Officers of the Pink Hill post consider it an honor to accept local sponsorship for memorializing the dead of all past wars and of preserving the records of the living veterans, VFW officials have stated. Post Commander Albright said that while the Willard Smith post is sponsoring the enrollment of all its members, deceased and living, "it is our hope to include the names and records of all men and women of the Pink Hill area who served the nation's armed forces in the recent and in all past wars."

Calypso Merchant Talks On REA

At the October 16th meeting of the Mt. Olive Rotary Club, Byron Bryan presented Hervey Kornegay of Calypso. Mr. Kornegay is one of Duplin's leading merchants as well as a very successful farmer. He is intensely interested in the progress of Eastern North Carolina.

Mr. Kornegay told the history of R. E. A. He told of the first North Carolina grants for rural electrification in 1917 and how the movement progressed after President Roosevelt approved the national R. E. A. program in 1933. He pointed out that at the present the miles of R. E. A. lines is almost equal to the number of miles of

Peeping Tom Caught Pink Hill

A fifteen year old Negro boy was caught peeping into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wiley in Pink Hill Monday night about 10:30 Mr. Wiley had stepped across the street for a few minutes when Mrs. Wiley called him over the phone and told him that some one was outside. A neighbor had discovered the prowler and notified her.

Bloodhounds were brought from Kenansville and soon trailed the negro to a pack house where he lived. He was in bed and denied all charges at first, but later admitted his guilt and said that several others were involved. He said the peeping had been going on for some time. Two Negroes are in

LOYD COURTNEY

Rev. Lloyd Courtney, D. D., will be the speaker over the Presbyterian Hour next Sunday, Oct. 26, at 8:30 A. M. and can be heard over Station WPTF, Raleigh, in this section.

Dr. Courtney is a native Tennessean. He was a registered pharmacist for ten years before going to Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. With the exception of a short pastorate at Story Point, Tenn., Dr. Courtney has given his life to one congregation, the Old Stone Church, in Lewisburg, W. Va. His subject next Sunday will be "What Is Man's Way To God?"

BOB GRADY SAYS

Duplin School Bus Drivers

There's going to be a serious and probably tragical wreck, killing school children in Duplin, and not in the too far distance, if some more coaching isn't given to school bus drivers or drivers changed. I don't intend this to single out the negroes in particular. It's probably that I haven't had a chance to observe enough white drivers.

A lady in Kenansville said it was all she could do to avoid hitting a loaded bus a few days ago after running far off on the left shoulder. I had a similar experience last week — and you know I'd do everything possible to protect that Kaiser of mine — Ha. I think probably the trouble is our old roads are so bumpy and rough that the driver of a loaded bus automatically pulls to the center of the road. But the automatic part will be too late when some kids are killed.

School officials, we suggest you look into this immediately. We're not trying to dictate but just giving you our observation and reports.

Driving

Speaking of driving, it seems that we have more courteous drivers on the roads in Duplin than we once did especially on the roads around Kenansville, B. F. Grady section, Warsaw and Belaville.

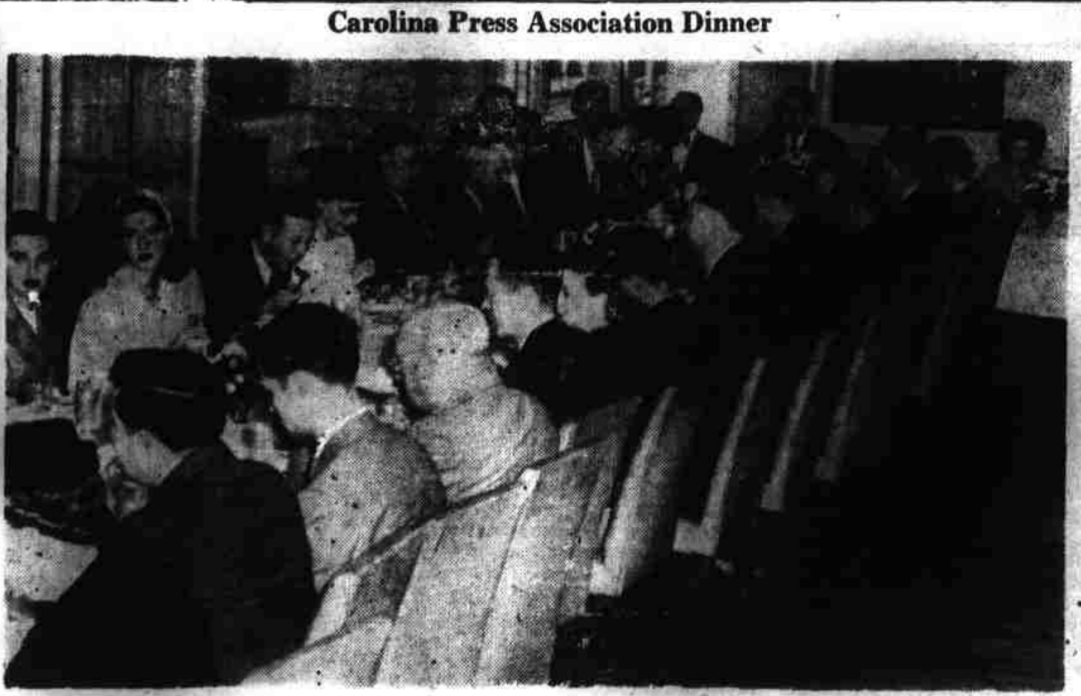
Can't say about the Southern end of the county as I get there very seldom. I've observed when you are approaching one of our narrow bridges (for instance Middleton Mill Run) that the driver approaching from the opposite direction will slow down if you do and see who is nearest and not attempt to pass on the bridge. I am told by a highway engineer that it wouldn't cost much to widen these bridges. What are we waiting for, someone to get killed?

Prominent Negro Suffers Stroke

Mr. Herbert Branch, prominent Negro farmer and merchant of Lenoir and Duplin county, who lives near Pink Hill, suffered a stroke early Tuesday morning and was rushed to Memorial General Hospital in Kinston. Latest reports say that his condition is very critical.

Warsaw Boy Makes ACC Frat.

In a formal ceremony on Saturday night, Oct. 18th, Joe Lee Costin, of Warsaw, was initiated into The Sigma Alpha Fraternity of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C. To become a member of the fraternity one must possess a high scholastic average, character, leadership and dependability. Another member from Duplin County is



EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA newspaper editors and publishers are pictured in attendance at a luncheon given Friday at the Cape Fear club by the Wilmington Star-News at which former Governor J. Melville Broughton told them of the necessity of developing state ports to effect a better balance of industry in the state. (Star-News Staff Photo)



WOODMEN ENTERTAIN — Mt. Olive Woodmen of the World entertained their wives and sweethearts at a banquet in the Mt. Olive gym Wednesday night at 7:30, when barbecued chicken and pork were served to over 200 persons. Camp Commander Frank Hollowell presided, and introduced the main speaker, S. A. Johnson of Rose Hill. In the picture above Woodmen are shown lining up to receive plates for themselves and their wives. After the meal round and square dancing was enjoyed. The Mt. Olive Camp has a number of Duplinites as members. Why don't we have a camp in Kenansville? — Tribune Photo-engraving. Outlines FRONT

Rose Hill Planning Big Day Thursday, October 30th

Congressman Graham A. Barden Be Main Speaker; Highway Commissioner Bridger Will Also Speak.

Rose Hill celebrates "Progress Day" on Thursday, October 30th. Reason: Celebrating completion of paving of approximately 2 1/2 miles of streets and a number of sidewalks. Also at that time the paving on the road from Jerry Teachey's Store to Charity, to Rose Hill, to Duplin fork on No. 42 will be completed.

The celebration is not just a town get-together but for everyone in that area and for that matter, everyone is invited. The celebration will begin at 2:30 with a parade, band leading, followed by official cars, after which comes more cars, floats of Rose Hill, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and all children are invited to participate in the parade with pets from goldfish to elephants, decorated — no contest.

At 3:45 dedication ceremonies on vacant lot adjoining theatre. Carl Goerch will be master of ceremonies. The guest speaker will be Congressman Graham A. Barden. Also on the program for a short talk is James A. Bridger, of Bladenboro, our highway commissioner. There will be plenty of band music and other entertainment.

The program committee are anticipating 3000 people from all parts of the county. Barbecue sandwiches and drinks will be plentiful. At 8:00 P. M. there will be a square dance on one of the new streets, music to be furnished by a Rose Hill String Band.

T. Gordon Smith Dies At Home

Front Center Smith died at his

Warsaw Restaurant Changes Hands

Francis Fussell, of Clinton, formerly of Warsaw, and F. A. Mitchener, formerly of Franklinton and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fussell of Warsaw, this week bought out the Restaurant and fountain service at the Warsaw Bus Station from Oliver Jones.

Messrs. Fussell and Mitchener will continue to operate the restaurant and expect to add several new features as soon as possible including curb service and barbecue at all times. Toasted grill sandwiches and fresh do-nuts are now available.

Mitchener will take over the management of the business in the next few days. Mr. Fussell will continue to operate his Soda Shop in Clinton.

The restaurant will serve Sunday dinners, beginning Sunday and barbecue pronto.

B. H. Oates Turns Farmer. Believe It?

Kenansville farmer sells the largest single load of tobacco ever sold in Kinston, according to Kinston reports. He is B. H. Oates (did you know he was a farmer?) of the Wells-Oates Lumber Company.

The following story appeared in the Wednesday Kinston Free Press: The staff of the Farmers' Warehouse, Louie Pollock and John Jenkins, Kinston, on Tuesday was amazed at the sight of a huge load of tobacco rolling into the sales house. Their amazement was justified when the truck-trailer load weighed out 21,362 pounds of the golden leaf and brought the owner, Wells-Oates Lumber Co. of Kenansville \$10,124.10. The tobacco, the most ever to be brought into the sales house in a single load and reportedly the largest in Kinston, represented about one fifth of the crop grown on the old E. V. Webb farm in Jones County. The gigantic load of the weed was accompanied by A. D. Kornegay, superintendent of the lumber company's farms, who brought with him a smaller truck load as well.