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## Faison Stores Entered Monday Night Escaped Convict Captured Next Day

State Patrolmen, stationed in Duplin County, aided by County officers, community officers, officers of adjoining county of Wayne and additional State men have captured one escaped convict, recovered a lot of stolen merchandise, one unlocked safe, and are on the trail of a second escaped convict.

It all began Tuesday morning about 2:30, on the Wayne-Duplin line about one mile south of Mt. Olive on U. S. 117, where Patrolman J. A. McColman of Warsaw, E. W. Whitaker of Mt. Olive, L. M. Harden of Kenansville and Inspector J. A. Lenon of Wilmington were operating a truck weighing station.

A 1947 Studebaker pick-up truck was flagged down. A few hundred feet from the station it stopped on the roadside. Patrolman McColman approached the truck and two men jumped from the truck and ran. The officer fired at them five times as they made their escape East, across the Coast Line railroad. On searching the truck they found a large amount of merchandise, including T-shirts, pants, shoes and under clothing that had been stolen from George Joseph's department store in Faison earlier in the night. All merchandise was recovered and the store owner said there was no money in the safe.

Officers immediately contacted Sheriff Ralph Jones in Warsaw who put his blood hounds on the trail. They followed the trail until about 7:30 when it was lost.

Other officers joining and assisting in the hunt were Cpl. Alexander and Patrolman Joe Harrelson of Goldsboro, Mt. Olive police chief Joe Johnson and policeman K. M. Nickerson, Faison police chief Murray Byrd and Wayne County Deputy Roy Percise. SBI agent James F. Bradshaw of Burgaw was called in for fingerprint work.

Later in the morning Ed Herring of Calypso reported the escaped convict had been seen on his farm and a little later a Negro tenant on the farm of Johnny Albritton of Calypso reported a strange Negro had been seen in the tobacco patch on Mr. Albritton's farm. Cpl. Provo of Wallace, who had joined the search and Patrolman McColman approached the tobacco patch from opposite directions and came upon the Negro asleep in the edge of the field. His rifle was propped against a tree. After disarming him they awakened him and placed him under arrest. He was brought to Kenansville and jailed. The Negro gave his name as Eddie Moore, escaped convict of Greensboro and admitted stealing the truck which belonged to the North State Hatcheries of Greensboro. He named his accomplice as Joe Smith also an escaped convict of Greensboro. Smith had not been apprehended at this writing on Wednesday. Moore said he was pulling a ten year term. He is now charged with breaking and entering and larceny. He denied the Faison robbery.

The Joseph store was entered through a back window. During the night another store in Faison belonging to a Mr. Brewer was also entered but nothing was reported missing.

## Japanese Beetle Traps Placed In, Around Here

Japanese Beetle traps have been posted in many places in and around Kenansville. The beetles which have so heavily infested the Calypso-Mt. Olive area seem to be spreading out in this section. If you see a strange looking object peered about a steel rod on your place don't get alarmed, and don't disturb it. It is to disturb the beetles.

## Headache

What with all the strange requests the State Advertising Division receives daily, asking for what-nots to where a place a couple can get married without all the "red tape", the inquiry clerk couldn't help having a soft place in her heart to day for the considerate individual from Troy, Ala. Without comment, along with his request, neatly attached to the top was a headache powder.

## Duplin County Girl Wins Regional Award For College Scholarship



MOLLIE ANNE BONEY

Chicago — Miss Mollie Anne Boney, Wallace, N. C., is one of six regional winners of a Parshad National Youth Week college scholarship award, it was announced here by Miss Helen Spaulding, associate secretary of the United Christian Youth Movement.

Miss Boney, who has been a student at the Wallace High School and will enter Peace College and Assembly Training School this fall, will receive \$250 a year for the four years of her college course.

The award will be made by the donor, Methodist Industrialist Alfred H. Avery of Maiden, Mass., at the Christian Youth Conference of

North America, which will bring 5,000 Protestant young people to Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 31 - Sept. 5.

A member of the Wallace Presbyterian Church, Miss Boney plans to prepare for work in religious education.

She has been president of the youth fellowship of her local church and has been active in denominational youth work, including being president of the Presbytery Youth Fellowship and a member of the Synod Council.

She has attended four youth conferences, three synod leadership schools, and two Assembly leadership schools.

Miss Boney helped to organize the Christian Youth Council of Wallace and was its first president. She is now secretary of this inter-denominational youth group.

Ranking in the upper 10 per cent of her high school class, Miss Boney was president of her senior class, editor of her school newspaper, and participated in music, dramatics, and clubs.

"Our responsibilities as Christian youth of today are to be truly Christian in our every word, thought, and deed, to pattern our lives after the Master, and to serve Him with the best that is in us in our personal lives, in our homes, in our churches and in our local and world communities -- indeed in our every walk of life, for every action truly has its effect on our communities," Miss Boney said in her essay.

## Polio Strikes Again In Duplin County Parents Warned To Take Precaution

Polio has struck in Duplin! For the past several weeks mothers all over the county have been apprehensively listening for the first report and wondering if it would be in their neighborhood.

Sunday, June 27, little Alice Mae Howard, 9 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Howard was carried to the James Walker Hospital in Wilmington suffering from a suspected case of Polio. Tuesday Hubert E. Phillips received the following telegram from E. W. Grubbs, Comptroller of the James Walker Hospital:

"Admitted 6-27-48 Baby Alice Mae Howard, Rt. 2, Kenansville; age 9 months; race, white; Diagnosis, Polio, Father, John A. Howard." The Howards live on the farm of

Eddie Grady in the Wesley neighborhood.

Reports here are that White Lake has closed due to the epidemic. Reports from James Walker Hospital Wednesday say ten children have been admitted and diagnosed as Polio. The hospital has set aside a special ward for polio cases in anticipation of an epidemic and additional equipment and help is being added. The special was made possible through donations from Duplin and adjoining counties, it was said.

Parents are urged to take all precautions and not to expose their children unnecessarily.

The Howard baby is reportedly the first case of known Polio in Duplin in two years.

## Monday, July 5th Is Legal Holiday; Board County Commissioners Meet Tuesday

Monday, July 5th, will be a holiday for some since July 4th falls on Sunday this year. County court will convene as usual and all court house offices will be open but the Board of County Commissioners will not convene until Tuesday. Members pointed out that the Board would meet Monday as usual except for the fact there are certain duties to be performed that can-

not be handled on a legal holiday, and Monday has been proclaimed a legal holiday. The Board will meet in regular session on Tuesday.

Some of the merchants in Duplin will be closed Monday but the Times does not have sufficient information to advise as to all of the towns. It is reported that stores in Warsaw will be closed while those in Kenansville will remain open.

## Two Arrested For Robbery, Forgery; Skipping Hotel Bill

John (Buster) Pope of Kenansville and Johnny Cottle of Turkey are out under bond after having been arrested in Turkey and Wilmington respectively on charges of skipping a hotel bill in Wilmington, robbery at Carolina Beach and forging checks on Claude Scott of Duplin.

Pope was arrested in Wilmington while Cottle was arrested in Turkey by officer Thomas Rogers of Warsaw. Following their trials in New Hanover for robbery and hotel bills they will be brought to Duplin on charges of check forgery. They are not under bond.

## Phew, It's Hot! Crops Are Growing

The heat wave continues in Duplin. Last week brought the hottest June weather here in several years, and it is continuing. When some relief will come is unknown. One person in Kenansville reported a thermometer reading at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning of 112 degrees.

The thermometer was hanging directly in the sun. Postmaster Walter Bridgers of Warsaw reports the thermometer on his desk Tuesday afternoon registered a high of 108.

The hot weather seems to be agreeing with crops. Crops generally are looking good and tobacco housing is beginning to move into high gear. By the first of next week all tobacco growers in Duplin will be harvesting tobacco.

## NEXT GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA



W. Kerr Scott of Alamance County, who will succeed Governor R. Gregg Cherry in the Governor's office in Raleigh next year. Scott defeated State Treasurer Ghas. M. Johnson for the job.

W. Kerr Scott of Alamance County, former Commissioner of Agriculture in North Carolina, defeated State Treasurer Chas. M. Johnson of Pender County in a runoff Primary for Governor of North Carolina last Saturday. Nomination in the Democratic Primary in this State is tantamount to election. Scott carried over 50 per cent of the counties and defeated Johnson by nearly 40,000 votes. In the first Primary Scott trailed Johnson by nearly 9,000 votes.

Duplin Voting Johnson carried Duplin County by 789 votes after leading Scott better than two-to-one in the first Primary. The final count was, Johnson, 3422 and Scott, 2633. The vote by Precincts was as follows:

Kenansville - Johnson, 292; Scott 280. Charity - Johnson, 79; Scott, 36. Calypso - Johnson, 88; Scott, 44. Chinquapin - Johnson, 223; Scott, 47. Cypress Creek - Johnson, 174; Scott, 57. Cedar Fork - Johnson, 100; Scott, 71. Rose Hill - Johnson, 210; Scott, 103. Glinn - Johnson, 24; Scott, 203. Magnolia - Johnson, 279; Scott, 42. Wolfscrape - Johnson, 16; Scott 372. Hallsville - Johnson, 231; Scott, 56. Smith - Johnson, 134; Scott, 10. Warsaw - Johnson, 319; Scott, 265. Albertson - Johnson, 30; Scott, 237. Beulaville - Johnson, 257; Scott, 432. Cabin - Johnson, 91; Scott, 80. Wallace - Johnson, 487; Scott, 143. Locklin - Johnson 47; Scott, 16. Rockfish - Johnson, 169; Scott, 5. Faison - Johnson, 122; Scott, 154.

## Exterminating Company Opens Here.

Vore Exterminating Company, with main offices in Goldsboro, opened an office in Kenansville this week. The business is specializing in fly and insect control. They also specialize in termite and tree insect control. Their place of business is in the old Post Office building across from the Court House in Kenansville.

Mr. J. H. Perkins, local manager, is originally from Goldsboro. He and his wife have moved in the apartment at Mrs. Emma Quinn's. See their ad on another page in this issue.

town. Mr. Best urges all car and truck owners to have their cars inspected immediately. The law requires this be done. During July he will operate the lane in Kenansville, Warsaw, Faison, Mt. Olive and Wallace. The following schedule is given:

Kenansville, July 1st through 5th, (Saturday morning only). Warsaw, July 7 through 10th. Faison, July 13 through 15. Mt. Olive, July 17 through 22. Wallace, August 10 through 12.

## Testing Lane Open Here

George Henry Best, supervisor of the State Automobile Testing Lane, has moved his equipment to Kenansville and is now set up at the usual place in the southern end of

## Education Com. Sets Opening Dates For County Schools

Superintendent O. P. Johnson announced this week the opening date for schools in Duplin. The

## Clabber Girls Go On Rampage; Negro Man Sprinkled With Lye Water

Lye water seems to be growing in popularity in the southern edge of Duplin County when family brawls wind up in assaults with intent to kill among some of the colored sets.

Last Sunday four colored women, Georgia, Mattie Lee, Annie Frances and Beatrice Clabber approached the home of Frank Williams, colored, in Rockfish township, dead-set on making away with Frank, according to officers. It seems the dispute between them began on the previous Saturday. As they approached Frank's door he grabbed his gun to head them off. They were carrying a rake, hoe, knife, and water in which lye had been dissolved. One threw the lye water at Frank, striking him on the arm. The water hit the side

of the house and some splashed back and hit Mattie Lee in the face. Frank's arm was seriously burned and Mattie suffered still more serious burns on her face. They were arrested and given a hearing before Magistrate C. B. Sitterson in Kenansville Monday on charges of assault with deadly weapon, with intent to kill, maim and injure with lye water. Each of the Clabbers were indicted separately on the same charge. They were bound over to county court under bonds ranging from \$200 to \$500. In the final culmination of the hearings a warrant was sworn out against Mattie Lee for throwing lye water, however, evidence showed she had gone to a nearby store to call for officers.

## 13 Year Old Summerlins X-Roads Boy Found Dead; Hung With Rope Tuesday

Thomas Summerlin, Jr., age 13, was found dead, hanging by a rope, in the second story of his father's packhouse Tuesday afternoon. Corner Sitterson was called and ruled death by suicide. No inquest was held.

Young Summerlin, one of two children of Mr. and Mrs. James Summerlin, of the Summerlin Cross roads section, was found in the packhouse late in the afternoon after his parents returned home and found him missing.

According to information received Wednesday morning Mrs. Summerlin went to Mt. Olive soon after dinner on Tuesday and the boy's father went to the tobacco field to top and sucker tobacco. He told his son, James, to go into the packhouse and move some corn to make a place to store tobacco. Later in the afternoon he returned to the house but did not see James. Recalling James had remarked about going to a nearby fishpond he assumed that was his whereabouts and returned to the tobacco field. Later in the afternoon when the

family returned home they missed James and began searching for him. They found him in the packhouse, on the second floor, hanging by a rope. Apparently he was dead at the time. A rope had been thrown over a joist, one end tied around his neck, the other tied to a post. A handkerchief had been wrapped around the rope where it was tied about his neck. The boy's knees were on the floor. The packhouse was extremely hot and the window ventilator on the second floor was closed. They immediately rushed him to a Mt. Olive doctor where he was pronounced dead.

The family doubt that it was suicide. The rope, made of cotton and hemp, was a play rope young James had owned for some time. He liked to play cowboy and it is thought that he was playing in the packhouse and probably fainted. His neck was not broken, it was said.

Funeral arrangements had not been made at this writing. He is survived by his parents and one sister, Janice.

## Lost Colony Production Is Built Up Around Greatest Of American History-Mystery

Paul Green Drama Goes Into Its Eighth Big Season This Year On Roanoke Island

By AYCOCK BROWN Manteo—When Pulitzer Prize Winner Paul Green wrote "The Lost Colony", he used as a basis for material the recorded facts surrounding one of the greatest mysteries of all times. Immediately upon its presentation here at The Waterside Theatre in 1937, the drama became a tremendous hit and through popular demand it has been shown each year since

its premiere -- except during the war period, 1942-45.

The Lost Colony opens for its eighth season here in Manteo on July 1 at 8:15 o'clock and will continue Wednesdays through Sundays until and including Labor Day September 6. Samuel Selden, who has directed the show since its premiere has been busy for several weeks. Manager John Parker has the task of operating the business end of the production. The company is made up of 237 persons, more than any other outdoor production presented for such a long period in this country.

Those who see The Lost Colony are witnessing a show that is built around the beginning of this great English-speaking nation. Specifically the show is woven around the following historical facts:

After the exploration of Roanoke Island and the adjacent coast by Captains Philip Amadas and Arthur Barlowe in 1584 for Sir Walter Raleigh, three attempts were made to establish an English foothold in the island in furtherance of Raleigh's charter from Queen Elizabeth.

Sir Richard Greenville brought a colony of 108 persons to the Island in 1585. After building a fort and houses, this group returned to England with Sir Frances Drake in 1586. Greenville left a second party of 15 men on the Island in that same year to hold the country for Queen Elizabeth. Apparently these 15 men were soon killed by the Indians. The ill-starred "Lost Colony", under John White as Governor, arrived in 1587. Virginia Dare was born on the Island in August of 1587. White returned to England for supplies, but because of the Spanish Armada attack on England, relief could not be sent immediately. When White returned to Roanoke Island, the colonists had all disappeared. The only clue to their whereabouts was the word "Croatan" carved on a tree or post at the settlement site where the houses had been taken down and the place fortified.



Here you see Charlie and Edwin Sheffield, proprietors of the Sheffield Motor Company in Warsaw. They are standing beside the new 1948 Ford in front of their garage in Warsaw. The Sheffield brothers have one of the most attractive garages and show rooms in this section. The Service Department is number one in every respect. They service any make of car. (Photo by Kraft)