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## Officers Arrest Witchcraft Teacher After Stealing \$575; Now In Jail

Duplin officers have arrested, and are now holding under a \$5000 bond, and alleged preacher, colored. Evidence dug up reveals that he was a witchcraft teacher who hails from South Carolina. His name, if he has one, is as follows: Riley Gasden; alias, Edward Gasden; alias, K. D. Wade; alias, Howard Gasden.

Owen Kenan, an elderly Negro near Kenansville had received \$575 from H. E. Phillips in settlement of a matter. He locked the money in a trunk. A few days ago when he went to get the money to pay off tobacco hands the money was gone. The story reveals itself, according to officers as follows:

We'll call him Riley. Riley was dating a daughter of Owen's and visited his home one night. On the third visit he decided to spend the night there. Owen thought he appeared respectable and agreed. Riley slept in the room with Owen. Three or four days later Owen went for his money and it was gone. A warrant was issued by C. B. Sitterton and Sheriff Jones' officers went to work. It was reported Riley was in Wilmington but they failed to locate him there. Later Norwood Boone went to Sitterton's house with the man. He was apprehended and arrested in Rose Hill. They then took him to the home of Owen and three people identified him as the party.

Riley told officers that he was a preacher. On examining his suitcase they discovered that he was a quack doctor and that his home was near Monk's Corner in South Carolina. He has been going over Duplin swindling our Negroes. Sitterton set his bond at \$5000 and he is now in jail awaiting trial. Owen is still out his \$575.

## News - Argus "Sidelights"

Neil Joseph will find a way. Some days ago he was in New York on business. A friend invited him to go for the weekend to the mountains of the state. He accepted.

Neil found the hotel one of those three-story wooden affairs that were the hotel style many years ago at mountain resorts. Neil's room was on the third floor. There was no fire escape.

Before he went to his room for the night he bought a rope long enough to reach to the ground below, which he tied to the leg of his bed.

Sidelights recall another occasion when Mr. Joseph showed forethought. It was about 15 years ago. Neil woke one night to find a man going through his trouser pockets. He decided that if he called out somebody might get shot and it might be Neil. So Neil lets go a snore that shook the house - simulated of course. The burglar dropped the pants like they had ants in them and flees.

## Babe Ruth Really Thought Of Kids

New York — Babe Ruth set aside part of his estate to be used for "the interests of the kids of America," his will showed Monday.

The will provided for the home run king's widow and daughters and left 10% of the remainder for "the kids."

It was filed in surrogate's court for probate.

Ruth's attorney, Melvin G. Lowenstein, declined to estimate the total value of the estate.

## Report On Auto Inspection

Through July, the Mechanical Inspection Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles inspected 215,979 vehicles.

Latest figures show that 393,253 motor vehicles are now registered in the State, so this means there are still 577,681 vehicles to be inspected.

Of the vehicles thus far inspected, 149,881, or 47.5% were approved on the first check, while the remaining 105,697 were found defective and had to be corrected before receiving their annual inspection tags.

## Services Resumed

Rev. Eugene Clarke of Warsaw says that services are being resumed at his church there and he cordially invites all to attend, particularly those who have not been attending.

## BOB GRADY SAYS

Crech was sentenced to the Death Chair today. Evidence showed, according to reports, that he was guilty of First Degree Murder. Do you really realize what First Degree Murder is? Have you ever seen a person put to death? I have. When man takes a life, even though it is in the course of so-called justice, there is something else to think about. I am assured that Crech killed his wife but from the evidence presented it occurred from a damaged mind, not drinking. To put a person to death on this basis is going a pretty long way. Society will have to pay for it. Yes, he deserves punishment. He should have life in the insane ward. I just don't approve of capital punishment and just as strongly I do not approve of the parole system. A man is sentenced to let him out on parole. When the public realizes this they will begin to act accordingly. It may result in injustices to some but how else are we going to arrive at a definite conclusion?

Proselyting? No. Prophesying? "The only thing that anger makes more perfect is the arch of the cat's back" by E. W. Chidester of Youngsville, Pa.

"Much can happen to what a man has, but nothing can happen to what a man is as long as he is anchored in God," by Mrs. C. W. Avery.

The above quotations were contributed by Rev. John M. Cline of Kenansville.

Grace Amundson, a noted writer, said "The personal immortality of influence over other people" is what the world is searching for. What do you think? Immortality is a contribution to mankind. If we can't contribute, then what is the point of existence?

As we try to take an over-all look at the world and recall what history we can, we see this: The Empire of Great Britain has melted into the sphere of the American Republic. France continues a flabbergation of crossfire; Russia really has nothing to back it up as a great World Empire.

The German people have demonstrated a great ability in many fields. Whether we want to admit it or not the United States has copied them in many respects. The German race is worth world wide consideration. They have had leaders. They should be restored to power and the way the United States is handling it is pointing to success. They are an outstanding race.

I like a man, not because of his perfection but despite his imperfections. The imperfect is most likely to be most perfect. It depends on the way you look at it. After all, what is life all about? (originated by Emory Sadler).

"Suffer little children to come unto Me". The mind of a child is not polluted. Let's keep it unpolluted and live according to the idea of "doing unto others as we would like to be done unto." The idea is to stop and think and give in ourselves before we demand the other fellow give in to us.

I want a dog. I want a "Scottie". I've had quite a number of dogs but they won't stay off the highway.

On my wall I have a 10 X 15 plaque of two "Scottie" dogs. Every time I look at it I think of little black "Scottie" Mr. J. C. Russ has in Warsaw. Usually in the store Mr. Russ keeps an Irish potato for him to play with. When I go in I begin throwing the potato for "Scottie" to retrieve. A few days ago I visited our new Rev. Lauren Sharpe in Kenansville and he has a very pretty "Scottie".

They are friendly dogs, some think make a lot of noise. I imagine

## Kenansville Does It Again

The Lions Club Donkey Baseball Game went over fine Wednesday night. More than 250 paid admissions. Everyone had a good time and no incidents were reported. Again it shows that Kenansville can do it and do it in the right way.

## It's Registration Day Again In Duplin Next Monday

The new draft law goes into effect Monday. Here are the dates and regulations as proclaimed by the President of the United States:

"(a) Persons born in the year 19-22 after August 30, 1922, shall be registered on Monday, the 30th day of August, 1948.

"(b) Persons born in the year 19-23 shall be registered on Tuesday, the 31st day of August, 1948 or on Wednesday, the 1st day of September, 1948.

"(c) Persons born in the year 19-24 shall be registered on Thursday, the 2nd day of September, 1948 or on Friday, the 3rd day of September, 1948.

"(d) Persons born in the year 19-25 shall be registered on Saturday, the 4th day of September, 1948 or on Sunday, the 5th day of September, 1948.

"(e) Persons born in the year 19-26 shall be registered on Wednesday, the 8th day of September, 1948 or on Saturday, the 11th day of September, 1948.

"(f) Persons born in the year 19-27 shall be registered on Friday, the 10th day of September, 1948 or on Saturday, the 11th day of September, 1948.

"(g) Persons born in the year 19-28 shall be registered on Monday, the 13th day of September, 1948 or on Tuesday, the 14th day of September, 1948.

## School Opening Delayed Until Sept. 9; Polio Cases Reason

Kenansville, N. C., August 24, 1948

To The Principals, Greetings: Yesterday two additional cases of polio were reported to Dr. G. V. Gooding: A twenty year old boy near B. F. Grady, and another case between Wallace and Chinquapin. The boy is now in an "Iron Lung".

The Health Department recommends that we delay the opening of school until September 9. We will, therefore, delay the opening

## Estelle Shaffer Killed In Auto Wreck Near Mobile, Alabama

Ivey Bowden, brother-in-law of the former Estelle Shaffer of Kenansville received a telegram Tuesday stating that Estelle and her husband, and one other person, were killed in an auto accident near Mobile, Ala. It is presumed she was killed Tuesday. It has been impossible to learn any details

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Saturday, August 28th, the voters of Duplin County go to the polls to vote for or against the sale of Beer in Duplin. Being in position to know something of the problems of the Towns in Duplin and also the County concerning the financing of the many requirements required of these governing bodies the following are some figures which will give the voters something to think about when they cast their vote: This money received from division of taxes on Beer by the State:

Received for the months of July, August and September 1947: County \$16,455.00 Beulaville 295.00 Faison 378.00 Kenansville 388.00 Warsaw 391.00

Personally I am for anything that will make living conditions better for the people of Duplin County.

## NOBLE DR. G. ERICK BELL, Potestate Sudan Temple Wilson, N. C.

"(h) Persons born in the year 19-29 shall be registered on Wednesday, the 15th day of September, 1948 or on Thursday, the 16th day of September, 1948.

"(i) Persons born in the year 19-30 after September 19, 1930, shall be registered on Friday, the 17th day of September, 1948 or on Saturday, the 18th day of September, 1948.

"(j) Persons who were born on or after September 19, 1930, shall be registered on the day they attain the eighteenth anniversary of the day of their birth, or within five days thereafter."

Registration will be held in the Grand Jury room of the Court House, located on the second floor, to the right as you go upstairs. All veterans of World War II are requested to bring their discharge papers.

There will be only one Board in Duplin this time and members are: J. B. Rhodes, former member of the Kenansville Board; R. E. Wall, former member of the Warsaw Board and W. H. Fussell, a committee composed of R. V. Wells, F. W. McGowan and O. P. Johnson has been selected to solicit volunteer workers to aid in the registration. Anyone interested in helping out is asked to see one of these men.

Whenever tried. Those who advocate it must be blind to the facts if they cannot see that it defeats the very ends it seeks to attain. We had a National Prohibition Law — but it didn't prohibit. Anyone who wanted whiskey could buy it. Rum Running and bootlegging were flourishing businesses. Gangs were formed all over the country to handle whiskey, dope, white slavery and every other form of vice. Murder was an everyday occurrence. Every form of crime multiplied many times. Our courts worked overtime to fill our prisons far beyond their capacity. Thousands of young boys and girls were sucked into the maw of crime. Many went to prison and many others suffered a worse fate. How anyone who lived through the crime filled years of Prohibition could want it back is beyond my poor powers of comprehension. NO! Prohibition is not the answer. Duplin County has Prohibition now — we also have whiskey and will have beer if we prohibit its legal sale.

I think it is the duty of all newspapers and the policy of most, to give the facts both pro and con of any controversial question. Have you forgotten — or did you ever read Voltaire? "I don't agree with a word you've said — but I'll fight to the death for your right to say it." Let's have the facts from both sides. Facts need no frills or furbelows of oratory to hide their nakedness — let them trot across the pages of your paper — naked and unashamed. Do not arrogate to yourself the power of arbiter: as to which is right or wrong in this matter by basing one side from the privilege of advertising in your newspaper.

I think that there never was a greater failure of any law than that of the Prohibition Law. It failed once and will fail again

## Pinyatellos Will Go On Trial Tuesday Judge Stevens Orders, Period

## Rev. Lineberger Returning To Town To Preach In Revival Next Week

Rev. J. W. Lineberger of Chadbourn will deliver a series of sermons in the local Methodist church beginning Monday night, August 30. Hour of services will be 7:30. He is coming to aid the local pastor Rev. John M. Cline. Services will continue through Friday night. Mr. Lineberger served the Ke-

nansville church for four years and was very popular among the people. Many will be glad to see him again and hear him preach. He is recognized as an outstanding minister in the Methodist Church of Eastern North Carolina. The public is cordially invited to come out and hear him.

The Pinyatello boys of Bowden will be tried next week. Judge Stevens, who will preside over a one week term of criminal court, has ordered that the case begin Tuesday, according to Rivers Johnson, defending attorney. Mr. Johnson says everything is set and the case will come up. Assisting the defense is Vance B. Gavin, prominent attorney of Kenansville. Aiding in the prosecution will be Atty. P. D. Herring of Clinton, J. A. Powers of Wallace and E. Walker Stevens of Warsaw. The case promises to be a rather drawn out affair and will require several days.

## Cletus Brock Writes About The Spirit Of Children

By Cletus Brock In The Mount Olive Tribune

If the unselfish spirit which is exemplified in little Betty Lou Kennedy of Rt. 3, Mt. Olive, and her playmates could be manifested by adults throughout the world, then daily papers would not have the crises in international relationships for blaring headlines each day.

Betty Lou, her smaller sister, Myrtle, and their next-door neighbors, Janet and Eleanor McCullen, are now denied the pleasure of attending Sunday School each Sabbath day, so, with the aid of Mrs. Kennedy, they have arranged a Sunday School of their own, held in the Kennedy home each Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The home-grown Sunday school is the aftermath of a ban placed on children attending inside gatherings by the Wayne county health department, in an effort to prevent further spread of the dread disease, polio, which has already struck three children in Wayne.

That fruit is being borne by the weekly Sabbath schools, conceived in Betty Lou's bright, pretty, little head, is revealed in a letter which The Tribune received yesterday from the Wake County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., in Raleigh.

This letter, which is self-explanatory, follows in part: "Editor, Mount Olive Tribune, Mount Olive, N. C.

## I THINK By: TORQUEMADA

Dear Bob:

It is now and shall henceforth be my intentions, in these frequent or infrequent epistles to Ye Editor, to write what I think about such subjects as tickle my fancy or for more obscure reason incite me to thought. It has been said that "Thought feeding on Thought destroys the mind, atrophies the brain." In the future when recurrent Thought disturb my peace of mind I shall pass these thoughts on to you. What those who read think about what I have to say matters nothing — that they think matters much.

## CRITICISM

I think ye editor has slipped a cog somewhere along the line in the fight for and against the sale of beer in Duplin County. I am surprised that you have become a dry, but I am absolutely amazed, astounded, confounded that you find the moral issue involved to be of greater importance than money, and have refused to accept advertising from the wet side. Read your Bible Bob, "A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all things." — Ecclesiastes 10:19.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find two letters addressed to the Polio Fund from two children in Mount Olive, one enclosing \$1, and the other \$1.50. The contributions made by these children rightly belong to the county in which they live . . . . It should be an inspiration to others. Please turn the funds over to the county chairman for the National Foundation. . . .

Also enclosed were the letters which the little girls wrote when they sent in their contributions.

Betty Lou wrote as follows: "Polio Fund, Rex Hospital. I am nine years old. Mama, my sister, Myrtle, and I had Sunday school at home today. We are sending our collection to the children who are sick with polio."

Janet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman McCullen, who live next door to the Kennedys, wrote: "We had Sunday school with the little girl who sent you money last Sunday. Here is our collection to help you."

Regular attendants at Smith Chapel Methodist church, of the Mount Olive Methodist circuit, the children listen avidly to the lesson as taught by Mrs. Kennedy, and do not feel their Sunday is complete without their Sunday school class.

Maybe the attitude of these four little persons is what Jesus meant when He said, "Except ye become as little children . . . ."

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I think that the answer can be found in the Churches, the ministers and all real Christian people. Let them lead rather than seek to drive, to force, by law. Preachers must become salesmen and sell God, Christ, religion to his flock. He must preach for God and his teachings, and not against dancing or anything else which - per se - is not evil. Teach that overindulgence in any form is a sin not only against God but against one's self. It is only in this way that evil can be conquered. Laws cannot be the final answer. In fact, the Prohibition law was proof of its own fallacy. It was worse than no answer at all.

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## Anonymous

We have a new columnist this week. The writer insists that the identity be kept anonymous so we are doing so. It may or may not appear every week, just as the writer feels. The composer has some good ideas, and like all of us some bad ones. This week the author is jumping on Ye Editor. Well, Ye Editor can take it and we are giving it to you as is. Read the column and express what you think of it. It is called "I Think."

Pro-Russian said Tuesday that Russia is not a country of peace. If we are going to have peace the politicians and the government must turn to Christianity and the Church.

The story goes back to the alleged murder of Harry Anderson in Bowden in February. It is charged that one of the brothers held Anderson in Kornegay's Service Station while the other shot him. One is accused of murder and the other accused of an accessory.

It is expected a large throng will crowd Kenansville during the week.

The have been in jail here since the so-called murder. While talking with them they expressed satisfaction with the way they have been treated. It is assumed they will be glad when it is over with and know their fate. Moral: Murder under any circumstances, doesn't pay.

## Editorial---

Experience, they tell me, is the best teacher. It is evident that beer and wine is harming our people. In fact it is doing more harm than whiskey is. I can see the economic side and see reasons from that standpoint why it should be legalized in Duplin. But as I observe the conditions it should be outlawed. Maybe some of you will call this hypocrisy, if you do, then that is your opinion and I have mine. I have had the occasion this week to refuse enough advertising that may have run into the hundreds of dollars. I took my stand and I stick to it. There is something more to life than money. If we don't view life from that angle I think we are in a poor state of circumstances. Yes, we all have our weaknesses and we are going to continue to have them but that is a personal problem we will have to work out within ourselves. Go to the polls Saturday and vote. Vote as you please. That's what we are going to do.

Bob Grady.

## Rev. Rogers To Speak In Warsaw

Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor of the Rose Hill Methodist Church, will speak in the Warsaw Baptist Church Friday night, Aug. 27 at 8 o'clock. He will discuss the wet and dry issue in the interest of the entire community. Everybody is cordially invited to come out and hear him. You may not agree with everything he says but you will enjoy his address.

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