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Sheriff Ralph Jones Shoots In Self Defense

(As reported in Tuesday's News-Argus)

Condition of O'Berry Beaman, 17, Faison Negro, shot last Thursday night by Duplin Sheriff Ralph Jones as the officer and four deputies attempted to quell a disturbance at a cafe-store near the Faison Negro school was described by Goldsboro hospital attaches Tuesday as "fairly well". Beaman was shot several times.

Albert Wright, 27, was described as in fair condition. He is being treated for a shot through his foot, supposedly suffered at the same time.

Four Negroes of five arrested that night are awaiting trial in Duplin superior court on charges of assault with deadly weapons. Sheriff Jones said he also had warrants for Beaman and Wright.

Sheriff Jones gave the following version of the event to Bob Grady, editor of the Duplin Times:

About 11 p.m. a telephone operator in Faison called with a message there was "serious trouble" there. The Sheriff dressed and went to the carnival grounds at Warsaw where he rounded up Deputies Houston, Smith, Wagstaff and Byrd and went to Faison.

When the officers went in the store-cafe there were about 50 persons there apparently in a drunken brawl. One woman was putting on a scene and all the men appeared to be crazed by her act. Beaman appeared to be one of the more boisterous. Sheriff Jones said he walked up to Beaman and told him he was under arrest. Beaman then jumped up on an ice chest and was flashing a knife. A number of the others had rifles and knives.

Sheriff Jones had been told after his arrival that three shots had been fired from outside before the officers arrived. Another shot from outside barely missed the sheriff, the officer said.

Beaman, still standing on the ice chest stuck the open knife in his pocket. Sheriff Jones said he went up to him with his pistol in his hand and asked Beaman to take his hand out of his pocket. Beaman refused and Sheriff Jones said he shot at the pocket, knocking the knife out and severing the thumb, third and fourth fingers of the right hand. Beaman then jumped down and started at the sheriff. One of the deputies clubbed Beaman over the head but he still advanced. The Sheriff said he shot again low in the left side. Beaman kept advancing when the sheriff had backed to the door, announced he was going to shoot to kill if Beaman advanced further. Beaman continued and the sheriff fired again but didn't know where he hit him.

The sheriff said he and his deputies had taken one Army rifle in the crowd. He said they could have arrested 50 had there been more officers.

Beaman and Wright were brought to the Goldsboro Hospital. Wright was reported so disorderly at the hospital that he was sent to the Goldsboro jail for the night to sober up after a bandage had been applied to his foot. He was taken back to the hospital Friday.

19 Months Old Child Dies From Rat Poisoning

David Allen McDonald, age 19 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McDonald of Warsaw died in Memorial Hospital in Kinston late on Wednesday afternoon of Nov. 10 after having drunk rat poison at his home that morning.

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon at the Quinn-McGowan Funeral Home at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. G. Van Stephens, pastor of the local Baptist Church. Burial was in Pinecrest Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hubbard and A. A. McDonald of Wellesby Hill, Mass.

Eugene Middleton On Greenwich Bay

Eugene Middleton, stewardman, USN, son of Mrs. Beulah Middleton of Kenansville, is serving aboard the seaplane tender USS Greenwich Bay which recently returned to Norfolk, Va. after a tour of duty in the Atlantic.



Annie Kenion Is Named Supervisor Of Craven County Colored Schools

Annie Mae Kenion, a former member of the faculty of Kenansville Colored High School, has recently been appointed Supervisor of the Negro Schools of Craven County and will have her headquarters in New Bern.

She holds a B.S. degree from Fayetteville State Teachers College; a graduate grammar grade "A" Certificate; an Elementary Principal's Certificate; a Master of Arts degree in Education from Atlanta University; and a Master of Science degree in Public Health Education from N. C. College. A scholarship of \$2,000 was granted her by the general Education Board to study in the field of Public Health in 1946. She has taught in schools in both Duplin and Onslow counties, serving as both principal and teacher. Before her recent appointment she was employed as a Critic teacher in the Newbold Training School, State Teachers College, Fayetteville. For several months she worked in the VA Program of Kenansville Colored High School, and during the summer school session at Florida Normal and Industrial College, St. Augustine, Fla. as an instructor in the Field of Education.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Warsaw, Supervisor of the BTU of the Kenansville Eastern Association; Recording Secretary of the Sunday School Convention; a member of the American Association of University Professors; and is a member of the State and National Teachers Association. Her address is 411 George St. New Bern, N. C.

I THINK

By: TORQUEMADA

I THINK that since the national election all pollsters, prognosticators, etc., are in very bad standing - but, fools rush where angels fear to tread. This writer is, going to forecast that on next Saturday there will be one of the most thrilling football games of the year played at Kenan Stadium in Chapel Hill between Carolina and the Duke "Blue Devils". Undefeated Carolina will be there with a fine team to keep its record clean and

Messrs. Justice, Rogers and Company will fight to the last moment of play. It is only natural that Carolina will start the game a heavy favorite to win. However, any bets I take will be very carefully considered and if I bet on Carolina I'll give away no points - not one. I saw a crippled Duke team play Wake Forest and lose by only one touchdown. When the game was

over Duke was in scoring position and perhaps another play would have lithe the score. Last Saturday I saw Duke - with many of its wounds healed - take George Washington by a score of 62 to 0. Come Saturday Carolina will meet the strongest team Duke has been able to start this season. It will be a fighting team - determined to win. I predict a thrill packed hour of play with the last moments of the game played with the possibilities of a tie. I THINK THAT I'LL

Jr. Red Cross Report

So far the only schools in Duplin County have reported for the 1948 enrollment campaign to either Mrs. George Bennett, Jr. R. C. Chairman or Mrs. N. B. Boney, Executive Secretary are:

(White)
B. F. Grady \$10; Outlaw's Bridge \$5.22; Chinquapin \$300; Warsaw Elementary \$8.04. Total \$53.26.

(Colored)
Kenansville \$8.50; Beulaville \$2.00; Wallace Elementary \$6.41; C. W. Dobbins High School \$2.84; Total \$19.75; Grand Total \$73.01.

These schools are listed in the order in which they sent in their reports. Therefore it will be noted that B. F. Grady was the first to enroll for the white schools and Kenansville for the colored. It is interesting to recall that the Kenansville colored school was the first of any school to report, being several days ahead of the others. It is hoped that many of the other schools will report this week as we are anxious to close the campaign and not let it run into the TB Seal sales.

L. Boney, Ex. Sec. ARC.

Local Lions Sponsor Turkey Shoot Here

Plans for a turkey shooting match were made by the Kenansville Lions Club recently to be held on Saturday, November 20 from 10 A. M. until 4 o'clock P. M. It will be held beside highway No. 24, about 1/2 mile east of Kenansville.

This is to be a shotgun match with Leo Jackson in charge of shells; Oliver Stokes, target; H. D. McKay, marking off grounds; Mitchell Allen, turkeys. Judges will be Oliver Stokes, Fred Hardy, and Hallie Daughtry; ground steering committee, Lacy Weeks, A. R. Bland and G. E. Alphin.

"YOU-ALL"

"Come all of you from other parts, Both city folks and rural; And listen while I tell you this, The word 'you-all' is plural."

"When we say 'you-all' must come down, Or 'we-all' shall be lonely; We mean a dozen folks, perhaps, And not one person only."

"If I should say to Hiram Jones, For instance, 'you-all's' lazy; Or, 'will you-all lend me your knife?'"

He'd think that I was crazy."

"Now if you'd be more sociable, And with us often mingle; You'd find that on the native tongue, 'You-all' is never single."

"Don't think I mean to criticize, Or act as if I knew all; But - when we speak of one alone, We-all say 'you' like you-all."

Cards containing this bit of verse were distributed by the Carolinas Farm Equipment Dealers' recently in Chicago, Ill., during a national convention of Farm Equipment Dealers and Manufacturers. This one was handed to me by N. L. Vann of Wallace, N. C. - who thinks it a rather clever piece of literature. I think it is a clear and concise explanation of one of our many misused and misinterpreted Southern phrases of speech. Besides that, it is darn good poetry. What do you-all think?

Mrs. W. J. Weatherly
Wallace, N. C.
November 16, 1948

Pope Arrests Car Thief

Perry Walker, Warsaw Negro, is to be tried in Duplin court on charges of attempting to steal five automobiles.

Walker was arrested Armistice Day by Policeman James Pope. It is alleged the man was trying to wire around the switch of an auto when he was arrested. Some other cars had been pushed as much as a block from where they had been parked. Wires were found to have been cut in several of the cars.

Duplin Personalities



RALPH J. JONES

Ralph J. Jones, Duplin County's sheriff for nearly two years, has had a varied and colorful life, always fearless and courageous to stand for the right as he sees it. He was born and reared on his father's farm located in the Johnson Church community which was one of our best rural communities. His early schooling was at Lanefield School and later at Teachey High School. After the first World War he completed a two year short course at N. C. State College in Raleigh.

When World War I broke out and the call came for volunteers he was one of the first in Duplin to heed the call. After a few short months of training he was on his way overseas and was sent directly to the front of battle. He engaged in many heated battles and skirmishes in Belgium and France and in the trenches, cooties, gnawing and crawling were ever present.

On September 29, 1918, a date never to be forgotten and still very vivid in his mind, he was wounded while fighting on the Hindenburg Line. As he lay on the battlefield and his comrades advanced and before an ambulance could pick up the wounded, the Germans came over with poison gas and he was so severely gassed that his tongue swelled out of his mouth. He was later picked up and carried to a hospital where he was still on crutches when the Armistice was signed. A few months later he sailed for home and landed at Charleston, S. C. where all the boys were de-loused before final discharge.

He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal and the Victory Medal with three clasps from our War Department and he had a personal citation from President Woodrow Wilson for distinguished service.

At the beginning of World War II, Sheriff Jones was called upon to serve in Civilian Defence and he was appointed District Supervisor of Ground Aircraft Service. Later he was asked to serve on the War Rationing Board and was appointed chairman of the Duplin Board. He worked untiringly for this necessary and important program, and his record is unexcelled. He is active in the American Legion and held the office of Commander for several terms. He has also been Adjutant and Service Officer and has done much good among veterans.

Sheriff Jones is a Mason and a Shriner and has given freely of his time, substance and assistance to any worthy organization or person. He not only gives his support but gets in and pushes when the need arises. His work is never done by half measure but each undertaking receives his best.

The first public office held by Sheriff Jones was that of Coroner, which office he efficiently filled for six years. He also served as Justice of the Peace at the same time.

At the insistence of his many friends and his desire to serve Duplin County in a greater capacity, he entered the sheriff's race in 1946. It has been his constant aim to maintain the very best and highest type enforcement organization to be had and it is his burning desire to see our county progress.

Soon after taking office, Sheriff Jones secured three bloodhounds from the State Prison Camp at Richmond, Va. These dogs have been a great help in tracking down criminals and have been used throughout Eastern North Carolina. The sheriff's office is filled by

BOB GRADY SAYS

REST BEGINS

And, suffice that we don't shirk,
The way begins to rest
As the evening sun goes down
The soul begins to rest
At the quietness of the sound.

A day's labor is done
And we return home
To reflect o'er our work
And suffice, that we don't shirk.

The fall leaves are soaring
And rest is calling,
We'll soon go to sleep
And await Bo Peep.

The Western sky
Thru the trees to eye
Is clear and glowing
A golden sunset
Sets me to rest.

Night brings memories
Of golden things,
And a hope for tomorrow
That we may sing.

Did you read the story on the front page of the Times last week, "Do We Need A Hospital?"

Kenansville is growing and growing more rapidly than the average person thinks. It is the logical location in Duplin for a hospital. The town has discussed the possibility of a bond issue to secure a building. There is one in town, sufficiently large for a starter.

Two surgeons in the Carolina General Hospital in Wilson and a resident doctor in Rex Hospital, in Raleigh are working with us in an effort to find a doctor for the town and a surgeon for the hospital if the hospital project can be put through. All local efforts are being held up, pending reports from the doctors. Let's keep our minds on this and our hands on our pocket-books. It can be done and I believe it will be done.

I want to tell you more about the Pageant but think I will wait until next week - after the executive committee meets.

Lacy Weeks Says - - -

An electrical wiring system is no better than its poorest part. An outlet, switch or light - any of these, if installed amateurishly, can make a safe wiring system dangerous.

The National Safety Council recommends that electrical wiring extensions as well as original wiring system be inspected by a qualified person. Even the best wiring needs attention now and then. There is too much power packed into electric wires to gamble with. Don't delay repair - it may cost a life. When you buy appliances, look for the "UL" label signifying that the appliance has been tested and approved by the Underwriters Laboratory.

Duplin farmers and others interested in agriculture have a new easy-to-read magazine available to them. Carrying the latest developments in crops and soils, published by the American Society of Agronomy. The magazine is designed to fill the gap between the scientific journal and the popular farm magazines. The first issue is available now. Anyone interested should write to L. G. Monthey, editor, 1910 Monroe St., Madison 5, Wis.

Alderman's In Rose Hill

Have you ever met "Red" Alderman? If you haven't it's time you did and right now - Friday or Saturday of this week - is the best possible time for you to meet him. Just go to Rose Hill to Alderman's Department Store and introduce yourself. There's a big sale on at the store and it will pay you to look at the bargains there. You will find a staff of courteous, friendly clerks to wait upon you. You'll be especially glad if you meet "Red" on Friday or Saturday of this week.

A friend of the people who believes in government "of the people, by the people, and for the people."



R. F. Gibson, of Wilmington, gas superintendent of Tide Water Power Company, has been appointed a member of the Liquified Petroleum Gas Committee of the American Gas Association, a national organization. It was announced by W. W. Bell, president of Tide Water. Gibson is a director of the Mid-Southern Gas Association and has been associated with Tide Water for 18 years.

Gov. Cherry Studies Duplin Case

Gov. Cherry refused to intervene in the case of James "Pete" West; so, according to law he died today in the gas chamber at Central Prison.

West was convicted here last April of slaying Walter F. Johnson, 64, year old, crippled filling station operator.

West was arrested in New York and officers testified that he admitted he struck Johnson with an axe and robbed him of about \$146.

A. Brooks Holds Anniversary Sale

The 35th anniversary of the founding of A. Brooks Department Store in Warsaw is being celebrated this week with a sale that no one can afford to miss. Everyone knows the high quality merchandise and the courteous and friendly service always found in this well stocked store. For this sale all prices have been slashed to a new sale low. Don't fail to go in and see the bargains offered.

The Times congratulates Mr. Brooks on his 35th anniversary as a successful merchant and wishes for him many more years of service to his community.

Stores Robbed Here And Warsaw

Thieves broke into the store of Pete Quinn here Thursday night by prying the bars apart on a rear window to affect an entrance. They looted the cash register of some \$18 or \$20. The thieves broke into the steel lock box of an unlocked safe, apparently believing it contained money and other valuables. Mr. Quinn states that there was nothing at all in this compartment. Apparently nothing else was taken. When asked why he thought the thieves did not take any merchandise Mr. Quinn informed the writer that his stock was marked so low that the thieves didn't consider it worth their while to steal it.

In Warsaw, thieves entered the Wholesale home of the Quinn Wholesale Co. on the Wallace road and escaped with about \$70 in cash. The money had been taken from a Coca Cola dispensing machine and rolled up in preparation for deposit.

Shoppers Look

The Warsaw Appliance Co.'s manager Fisher, says they are going to put on one of the biggest sales in Warsaw and it will continue thru Christmas. Look for their ad, a full page, in this issue. The store is located in the Homestead Building at the rear of Warsaw Drug.

DRIVE IN!

By JOHN SIKES

Dear Robert: Here's my solemn promise, with only two fingers crossed on each hand, that hereinafter I shall not only provide your estimable journalistic organ each week with whatever fulminations come to my mind and typewriting fingers but that I shall also be prompt with said fulminations.

I would say, Brother Grady, that I will turn over a new leaf and cause you no more moments during which recourse to profanity, directed at my bowed head, might be your only safety valve to prevent you from becoming apoplectic because of my waywardness. However, I've long since torn the book up and there's, alas, no more leaves to turn.

Well, things are looking up in Wallace, as they usually are. Just passed Jerry Southerland, another whom I cause many moments of unrest because of my procrastination on account of his Secretary of the Wallace Tobacco Board of Trade and Wallace Strawberry Exchange and the good Lawd only knows how many other things and I'm always putting things off so he can't bring his books up to date. - Just passed him on the street and he told me the Wallace Tobacco Market sold 11 300,000 pounds of tobacco during the season recently closed. (The reason I, always sticking around with local tobacco figures, didn't know myself was I left here the day before the 1948 season ended on account I had what I consider a very important date at an altar and just got back the other day.)

Well, Editor Robert, that's more than 3,000,000 pounds less than we sold in 1947 when we became the World's Largest One-Sale, Bright Leaf Tobacco Market. But, when you take into consideration that the crop was short this year by some 35 to 40%, that 11,300,000 ain't to be figured as us being short. If we'd been cut proportionately - proportionately to the crop cut, I mean - we wouldn't have sold but about 9,500,000 pounds. As it is, so far as I'm able to find out that 11,300,000 still makes us the World's Largest One-Sale, Bright Leaf Tobacco Market.

Let's see now: Wallace Associates, Inc. - that's the organization that started out in November, 1947 to keep prodding Wallace along on its natural bent of progressiveness - is all full of vim, vigor and vitality these days.

They got themselves a new bunch of officers and directors the other day. Well, not entirely new on account of many of them served in some official capacity or other last year. Harry Kramer, who was president during the 1947-48 term, sticks around as member of the board of directors and Roy Carter, who was a director last year, keeps on being that and is also vice-president this year.

John Dieffell, who was on last year's board is now Boss because he was elected president of the group. Wayne Jordan, the banker, continues as Treasurer, and Harry Oswald, the newspaper fellow, was reelected to the Board. Guess Louis Shields, the druggist who's also president of the Wallace Jaycees, and Melvin Cording, the cowman, town councilman, lay reader, and - oh, name a lot of other vocations and avocations - are about the only new officials this year.

One thing Wallace Associates did for its 1948-49 operations: It streamlined its board of directors. Last year there were 17 members of the board. And, if you follow me, try getting 17 men, even a quorum therefrom, out to a meeting in a place that's forever and eternity got something going on like Wallace. They're only 7 members of the board this year. Under the rules, we could conduct official business with only 4 men, that being a quorum, but at the two meetings we've held up to now all 7 directors have been present. Incidentally, the regular meeting night for the directorate is the second Tuesday in each month.

I reckon you'd say these seven men are powerfully interested in shouldering the burden of Wallace's forward march. Anyway, at one session last week they voted no less than seven different "events" during the coming fiscal year. These are: The Second Annual (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)