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## Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Williamson Suffers Auto Accident Here

Mr. and Mrs. David S. Williamson of Kenansville, had a narrow escape from serious injury Tuesday morning when their car, driven by Mr. Williamson, overturned near Middleton's Mill on the Kenansville-Warsaw highway. It is understood that neither, aside from being shaken-up, suffered any injury. The accident happened while the highway was wet during a rain. It is said that a light pressure on the brakes caused the car to skid on

the wet, slippery road, and it overturned on the shoulder.

This accident brings to mind the bad condition of the Kenansville-Warsaw highway which is in dire need of resurfacing. The highway is rough and full of holes and this condition could have been, and perhaps was, a contributing cause of the accident. The traffic on this highway is heavy and it should be kept in good condition at all times.

## Wallace Girl Drinks DDT; Dies In Wilmington Hospital

By VIRGINIA RAY SIKES

Wallace, Nov. 22.—The first case on record in this section of death caused by a draught of a solution containing DDT was officially closed this afternoon when Duplin County Coroner C. B. Sitterson wrote "suicide" on the death certificate of Eloise Johnson, 15-year-old Wallace High School student, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson of Wallace.

The girl died in a Wilmington hospital Saturday afternoon about five hours after she drank the solution. Hospital authorities, after obtaining permission from Coroner Sitterson to perform an autopsy so they "could study the effects of the poison" officially declared that the death was caused "by acute hemorrhagic gastroenteritis apparently from ingestion of poison, probably DDT."

The girl drank the solution from an unlabeled fly-spray container, about 10:30 Saturday morning. She feared punishment from her father because she had been skipping school lately, according to Police Chief Norwood Boone who talked with her father and mother following the tragedy.

Chief Boone quoted Mrs. Johnson as saying that she had told the girl earlier Saturday morning that "your father is going to give you a beating" for skipping school. Shortly afterward, according to Chief Boone, the girl drank the

poison.

Dr. John D. Robinson, who attended the girl before ordering her to the hospital, said she admitted to drinking the poison, but wouldn't tell him the reason.

"She told me," Dr. Robinson said, "she'd drunk something with DDT in it. I asked her why she drank it, but she wouldn't tell me. I don't know whether it actually was DDT, or what. I didn't see the bottle."

Dr. Robinson said the girl was obviously in much pain when he attended her and that he ordered her rushed to the hospital immediately. She apparently was conscious until shortly before her death about 3:30 p.m.

The poison she drank apparently was a solution containing 5% DDT, according to accounts of neighbors.

Coroner Sitterson said the hospital wanted to determine the effect of such a poison on the human body when they sought his permission for an autopsy. Apparently, the case is one of the first anywhere in this section of a death so caused.

Coroner Sitterson, who examined the body after it was returned here from Wilmington, said it was "red and apparently blistered."

Dr. Robinson said it was the first case of death he's heard of caused by drinking DDT.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 in the Pentecostal Holiness Church with burial in Rockfish Cemetery.

## A Proclamation

WHEREAS, despite the remarkable progress made against the menace, tuberculosis remains a major cause of death in the United States. In 1947 it claimed the lives of 50,000 Americans of which 1056 were citizens of North Carolina. Public health authorities place the number of cases of tuberculosis in the United States at 500,000; one-half of these people do not know they have the disease; and

WHEREAS, science and technological progress have made the vast cost of tuberculosis in lives and property a sheer waste. For more than half a century mankind has known the cause of the disease, its methods of spreading and ways of preventing it. Tuberculosis can be eliminated by public action -- if individuals and communities take the necessary steps to detect, diagnose and treat it; and

WHEREAS, the tuberculosis association and committees throughout North Carolina are dedicated to the task of achieving this noteworthy goal;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R. Gregg Cherry, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the period from Monday, November 22 thru December 25 as the period for the 42nd Annual Christmas Seal Sale in North Carolina and do call on the people of our State to support this worthwhile fund-raising campaign of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and its 124 local affiliates. North Carolinians make use of a powerful weapon against tuberculosis every time they purchase Christmas Seals.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set My hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina to be affixed at Raleigh, this sixteenth day of November, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-eight.

R. Gregg Cherry, Governor.

## From Our Readers

Please publish this article in next week's issue of the Duplin Times:

### "THINK TWICE"

We are very fortunate indeed to have freedom of speech here in America, but so many times we express our opinions too freely without first considering the feelings of others. In other words, we seldom think even once before we speak. Often we make remarks about our very best friends, and afterwards, when we have time to think it over, we are sorry; but too many times we think only after it is too late to make amends. A loose tongue will lose many friends.

The issue of The Duplin Times for the week of November 1st carried an insulting and disgusting article concerning the recent election. It really goes to prove that politics are rotten. The article stated that if Mr. Thurmond and Mr. Wallace were worthy of aspiring to the presidency of the United States, they should take their Dixiecrats and Wallaceites, make a pilgrimage to Washington, and with their heads uncovered, their shoes removed (so as not to defile his house) and with humility in their hearts, stand before Mr. Truman and assure him of their support for the next four years.

Of course, Mr. Truman needs and must have the support and prayers of every true American if the next four years are to be successful ones, but I think that such remarks as these will often cause a person to lose support of the people instead of gain. I wonder if the same remarks would have been made in regards to Mr. Truman making a pilgrimage to Washington if the Dixiecrats or Wallaceites had won the election. Why not take this for a motto: "Think Twice Before You Speak."

Thank you, Louise Bostic, Pink Hill, N. C.

Hot Dog! Come on Folks, pour it on to these rabble-rousers.

# Thanksgiving

By EDGAR A. GUEST

Thankful for the glory of the Old Red, White and Blue,  
For the spirit of America that still is staunch and true,  
For the laughter of our children and the sunlight in their eyes,  
And the joy of radiant mothers and their evening lullabies;  
And thankful that our harvests wear no taint of blood to-day,  
But were sown and reaped by toilers who were light of heart and gay.

Thankful for the riches that are ours to claim and keep,  
The joy of honest labor and the boon of happy sleep,  
For each little family circle where there is no empty chair  
Save where God has sent the sorrow for the loving hearts to bear;  
And thankful for the loyal souls and brave hearts of the past  
Who builded that contentment should be with us to the last.

Thankful for the plenty that our peaceful land has blessed,  
For the rising sun that becons every man to do his best,  
For the goal that lies before him and the promise that he sows  
That his hand shall reap the harvest, undisturbed by cruel foes.  
For the flaming torch of justice, symbolizing as it burns;  
Here none may rob the toiler of the prize he fairly earns.

Today our thanks we're giving for the riches that are ours,  
For the red fruits of the orchards and the perfume of the flowers,  
For our homes with laughter ringing, our hearthfires blazing bright,  
For our land of peace and plenty and our land of truth and right;  
And we're thankful for the glory of the old Red, White and Blue,  
For the spirit of our fathers and a manhood that is true.

## DRIVE IN! B. JOHN SIKES

Wallace.—  
Dear Robert G. ---  
Maybe you wonder why I've not sat down and written you letters these past two weeks instead of just coming on out and beating out a colyum for you like any self-respecting colyumist would naturally do.

Well, it's this way: There're so many things I'd like to ask you personally that I never get around to thinking about when you come through with one of your telephone calls and I keep so busy looking out the window I just don't seem to find time to write you a private letter. Thus, I'm killing two birds with one stone, if you'll permit me to be so highly original by coining that phrase.

First off, do you want me to write pieces about what goes on around Wallace, --- in addition to this coluhw?  
Second off, I've got to hand it to you on this Bi-Centennial Deal. You've got big ideas. But I never could see any use having Little Ideas if you're going to summon the mental energy and time to have any Ideas at all.

Looks to me like the deal to have Sam Byrd stage something in keeping with the County's background should kick up a lot of interest over the county and draw a lot of people here.

The thing to do is keep on pushing it, yourself. Why, I don't believe you'd have heard of Paul Green's "Lost Colony" this side of Kitty Hawk if it hadn't been for my old friend, Brad Fearing -- rest his soul! --- and his single-minded efforts to get the "Paj", as we used to call it in the Albemarle section, across.

Brad gave just about his whole time putting it across. Yet, I don't believe he ever got a dime out of it. That's what the Bi-Centennial is going to take. And I don't care if you have 500 people on your committees. You're just going to have to keep whooping things up, yourself. If you need any additional whoops from me, let me know.

You know about Wallace's Second Annual Christmas Festival. Well, we're getting things all lined up so the festivities ought to be an improvement over last year. And a lot of the folks say it was okay last year.

We're hoping to round up as many as 500 singers to carol the old Christmas favorites in the musical part of the three-weeks-long celebration. Last year we had nine chairs with a total of 350 to 400 singers.

Kenansville was represented

In his bright red pajamas, Francis Louis Lambe, Jr., four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lambe of 1206 Brooks Ave., Raleigh, N. C., officially opened the 1948 Christmas Seal Sale by selling the first sheet of seals to Gov. R. Gregg Cherry.

## BIG SALE IN KENANSVILLE

The Duplin Mercantile Company will begin a gigantic sale on Wednesday, December 1st. The entire stock of groceries, hardware, electrical appliances, men's, women's and children's ready-to-wear, shoes, rubber boots, etc., will be reduced to the lowest possible prices. This will be a clearance sale in every sense of the word. It will give you a chance to buy things that you want and need at prices which will

leave you with money in your pocket, which you never dreamed you would have after buying the things you want and need. It isn't often that the buying public has an opportunity to buy what they want at a price they are glad to pay. Be sure and visit Duplin Mercantile Company in Kenansville on December 1st and save money. You won't get another chance like this in many a moon. It's the sale of the season.

### YOU PEEP

Little Child, little child,  
I see you in your crib.  
You need a bib  
But you're not so wild.

You cry, yes, you cry,  
As all children do.  
For your mother dreams  
For a future for you.

Margaret  
Sometimes you plague us  
But we hope that your fuss  
Will give pleasure to us  
In the days afore.

At times you sleep  
But mostly yop peep,  
As your eyes explore  
What has gone before.

Jr. Red Cross Report

## Duplin Boy Missing From Methodist College In Central, South Carolina

It is reported that Russell Murphy, age 16, of the Charity section, who has been attending Wesleyan Methodist College, Central, S. C., left the school on November 11th, and has been missing since then. It is understood that he called on a girl friend in Raleigh on November 22nd, but has not been seen since

that time. It is believed that he may have gone to Richmond, Va. as he is said to have mentioned going there.

His father died in 1940 and his mother died some two years later. His sisters and brothers are very anxious that he return home.

## FHA Guarantees Farm Loans

Farmers Home Administration will guarantee loans for non-veteran tenant farmers or sharecroppers to buy a farm on which they plan to live and operate as a family-type farm up to 90%. The applicant must make a down payment of 10%. The applicant pays 4% interest on this type of loan and also pays the insurance on the farm and the taxes. FHA administration provides supervision for this type of loan.

To date approximately 50 loans of this type have been made in Duplin County. Of this number 24 have been paid in full; none are behind payment and most of them are ahead of schedule on their payments.

Persons interested in obtaining this type of service should contact either of the committeemen, David Lane, Beutancus, Albert Lanier of Charity Cross Roads, H. S. Tyndall, Rt. 1, Seven Springs, or the Farmers Home Administration Office located over the Warsaw Drug Store. This office is open each week day except Saturday.

body in that community in getting themselves up a singing group and coming over here to be with us? Rose Hill and probably Penderlea will be with us this year besides nine others and I certainly would like to have the County Seat represented. See what you can do.

Off-hand, that's about all I know this week. Except: Maybe you saw a piece I wrote about you for the Wilmington papers last week and another my new Editor-in-Chief did for some of the other State papers. If you didn't you ain't reading enough.

Slavishly,  
John.

## A Final Appeal

A final appeal to farmers to attend their Township Committee election was issued today by Joe E. Sloan, chairman DCACC.

The nominating meeting in each township will be held at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2 and voting will start at 9 o'clock a.m. and close at 6 p.m. Sloan states he would like to urge farmers to attend the nominating committee and elect people of their choice to administer the 1949 Farm Program. Each of the 13 Townships in the county will elect three committeemen and two alternates, as well as a delegate to the County Convention where a three-man County Committee will be elected.

Article III of the Articles of Association has been amended, under date of November 17, 1947, to read as follows:

"Any person who is participating or cooperating in any program administered during the current calendar year through the county agricultural conservation association, including an owner, operator, tenant, or share cropper on a farm on which any of such programs are being carried out, shall be a member of the association and entitled to vote in the community election until such time as it is determined (1) that such person has no crop insurance contract with the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, (2) that no payment or grant of conservation materials or services can be made with respect to such farm, and (3) that such person is not eligible for a cooperator's loan or other price support with respect to any commodity grown on such farm."

This Amendment will permit owners, operators, tenants, or share croppers to vote in the community elections provided they are participating or cooperating in any of the programs administered by the county committee or are on a farm on which any of such programs are being carried out, and provides that such individuals shall continue to be association members until they are disqualified under all three of the provisions named in the amendment. The effect of the amendment is to make the owner, operator, tenant or share cropper

## EDITORIAL

### World Crisis

A prophet in his own right, who lives in Kenansville, once predicted that Russia would march to the Atlantic and take over the British Isles. That prophet is L. A. Beasley, a scholar of the old school, and a man of knowledge of world history and of human nature.

Turmoil today in the world compares itself with a century ago. The Bible tells us there will always be wars and rumors of wars. The struggle between the United States and Russia is for world dominance. The United States is slowly losing the democracy that Washington and Jefferson, Patrick Henry and John Randolph of Roanoke and John Paul Jones of Halifax, helped to develop.

The mind of the common man today, in the United States, is building a country comparable to the old British Empire which dominated the world. Marshall Stalin is straining to combat us. There is not going to be an immediate war. But the United States is moving forward to become the dominant world power.

Abraham Lincoln led a war to free the Negroes, he won and justly so. But as we reflect over history, back to the days of Rome, if the world does not slow down the United States is going to suffer another "fall of Rome"; so will Russia.

In history you will find the British Empire had its ups and downs. The "Spanish Amada" attempted to put an end to Britain. Stalin has said that there will "always be an England". Britain is being more or less quiet, but developing rapidly new territories in Africa. They are exploring new horizons and they will arrive.

America, which is usually recognized as "The United States" in the Western Hemisphere, is a son of Britain. America is the melting pot of the world. We need to slow down. Discontinue this laborite revolution and build results on a staunch foundation, then we really can lead the world.

J. R. GRADY.

## READ---

If your last name begins with the letter "E", "F", or "G", you'd better visit your nearest driving license examiner right away.

You only have until midnight of December 31 to take a new driving examination, according to the Motor Vehicle Department, and if you don't get it now, along with your Christmas shopping, you may find that the lines get awfully long near the end of December.

It was stated that the E, F, and G group of drivers had been slow to report to the examining stations. This group began taking exams on July 1 and will be given through December 31.

After that date, in any E, F, or G driver is caught on an old license, he will be found guilty of a misdemeanor and will be fined not less than \$25, or imprisoned for 30 days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Beginning on January 1 and continuing through June 30, 1949, the H, I, J, and K drivers will be re-licensed. Other examining periods: L and M - July 1 thru Dec. 31, 1949; N, O, P, and Q - Jan. 1, thru June 30, 1950; R, S, and T - July 1 thru Dec. 31, 1950; U, V, W, X, Y, and Z - Jan. 1 through June 30, 1951.

## Death and Funeral

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kennedy, Edmond, aged 19 months of Cabin, died Saturday, November 20. Funeral services were held Sunday with the Rev. J. G. Morrison officiating. Interment was in the family cemetery near Cabin. Mrs. Kennedy is the former Mary Ruth Rhodes, daughter of Edward Rhodes of the Cabin section.

loan under any of the loan programs or who is eligible for price support under any of the price support programs now eligible to vote