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Fire Victims Are Showered Friends Come To Rescue

Eighteen sheets, as many pillow cases, five wool blankets, a country hams, homemade canned goods, linens, and home utensils were just part of the approximately 100 gifts showered on the J. L. Summerlin family of Rosewood, near Goldsboro Thursday night of last week.

A community shower for the family whose home recently burned, with nothing saved, was held at the Rosewood Home Ec cotta by the good-hearted people of the community. Mrs. H. L. Hooks, in telling of the affair, said that there were "no certain persons acting as hosts" for the affair, it was everybody. Refreshments were served to between 75 and 100 persons attending the shower.

The Summerlins are residing temporarily in a small house at the lot of the H. L. Hooks residence, the old homeplace of the Crawford family. The gifts are on display there.

J. L., better known around here as "Jack" Summerlin is the son of B. P. Summerlin of Summerlin's Crossroads. He recently moved to Goldsboro.

When his home caught fire Mrs. Faison McGowan, accompanied by Jimmy Johnson and other youngsters of Kenansville were passing and were the first to get there. No one was home and the fire had gotten so well under way that it was too late to save any of the furniture.

Wallace Using DDT Spray

A DDT spraying program began in Wallace April 15. One hundred and 50 gallons of DDT solution have been delivered by the State Health Department for spraying places which might breed flies and increase a possible polio menace, said J. H. Butler, superintendent of streets. Wallace has a garbage collection once a week, said Mr. Butler. Plans are being made for a collection twice a week.

Local Students Visit Camp LeJeune

A group of 25 freshmen from Kenansville high school enjoyed a guided tour of Camp LeJeune and were served lunch at the hostess house at Hadnot Point last Friday. The group was under the supervision of the Rev. A. D. Wood, civics teacher at the school. William Kohl, public relations officer at the base, conducted the students on the tour. They saw the azaleas, the Catholic and Protestant chapels, Wallace Creek boat house and Marston pavilion, among other points of interest.

O. F. Kennedy Dies In Beulaville

Owen Franklin Kennedy, 66, died early Friday morning of last week at his home near Beulaville after a short illness and several years of declining health.

Funeral services were held the following Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home. Burial was in the Kennedy family cemetery near the home.

He is survived by his wife, the former Sarah Bishop of the home community; five sons, Ivey and Robert C., both of Beulaville, Johnnie of Deep Run, Hampton of Mt. Olive and Chancey of Faison; three daughters, Mrs. Mattie Horne and Mrs. Laura Edwards both of Beulaville and Mrs. J. C. Craft of Perine, Fla.; forty-two grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren; and one half brother, R. W. Kennedy of Beulaville.

Mrs. Audrey Alphin Butler will present her Rhythm Class Spring Show at B. F. Grady on Friday night, April 29 at 8 o'clock in the auditorium. Quite an elaborate program has been arranged and the proceeds will be an extension to the school.



In Washington, D. C., Mrs. Adolphus Wilkerson Wells, 88, a Duplin native and charter member, cuts the 20th anniversary cake of the Asha Faison Colwell Williams Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, named for her mother.

Children of the Charles M. Stedman Chapter entertained include two of her grandsons, Livingston Vann, III, (back row, left), and Kenneth Mann, 11, (back, right).

"Miss Sudie" Wells, Native Of Duplin 88 Years Young, Likes To Remember Duplin; Maybe She'll Come In Sept.

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The above picture, featuring Mrs. Adolphus Wilkerson Wells, 88, former Duplin native, appeared recently in The Duplin Star, Washington, D. C. daily. Over fifty years ago Mrs. Wells and her late husband, "Miss Sudie" and "Mr. Dock", were outstanding characters in the life of the Oak Plain Community near Rose Hill and Magnolia.

Staunch supporters of Oak Plain Presbyterian Church where Mr. Wells was an elder, the family made special preparations for the monthly preaching services and then on Sunday rode from the home in a buggy down through the lane of pecan trees planted by Mrs. Wells and then on out to the road toward the church.

The Wells family moved to Washington in 1895, joining Mr. Wells who had accepted a government position in the capital in 1893. Retaining the Duplin homestead, they returned often to supervise the farming, until the time of World War I when they sold the house and farm. They kept contacts with old friends until recent war years. Mr. Wells died in 1935 and is buried in Oak Plain Cemetery.

Reared in Rockfish township near Wallace, Mrs. Wells is one of eleven children of the late David Henry Williams and Asha Faison Colwell Williams. "My mother had three sisters and she named me for all of them", Mrs. Wells explains. She was educated by private teachers and in the community schools, afterward teaching in one of these schools.

A successful mother and devoted church member, she has found time in her busy life to develop original hobbies and assist worthy organizations. She is a member of Central Presbyterian Church, which is the church of the late President Wilson. On her sixty-second wedding anniversary, January 23, she was in her place at Sunday School and church as usual.

She is a charter member, past President and present historian of the Asha Faison Colwell Williams Chapter of the U. D. C., organized by her sister, Mrs. Charles Fisher Taylor, and named in honor of their mother; charter member of the David Williams Chapter of the D. A. R. in Goldsboro, N. C., named for her great-grandfather; charter member in Florida and later in Washington of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century; past State President of the North Carolina Society of the Daughters of 1812. She received the historical medal for her work in the U. D. C. chapter and frequently is the recipient of honors in the other societies. She has served as directress of the Children of the Confederacy in Washington.

As a letter writer she is most unusual, her recent collection of souvenirs including notes from the late President Roosevelt, President Truman and Miss Margaret Truman. In 1944 and 1945 she sent out letters and cards to her friends and relatives.

Wells had a big family connection and so do I: I mailed two letters and five cards this morning -- the postman thinks it's wonderful", she said a few days ago.

Painstakingly she has collected valuable genealogical data on her family history. She has her genealogical scrapbook as well as her scrapbooks on the church and patriotic organizations.

A child of the sixties, she vividly recalls the time the Yankees went through Duplin. There was the Yankee with the lighted torch, threatening to burn the home and asking for money. "Ma give him the gold piece that grandpa gave me", ventured one scared child. The heart of the Yankee was touched and he relented. This incident Mrs. Wells related to the children in the Washington, D. C. picture.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wells, six splendid daughters, are Mrs. Swift Boykin, New York City, Mrs. Enoch Vann, Mrs. Livingston Vann, Jr., Mrs. Robert Johnson Swingle and Mrs. William McSparran, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Omar Bailey Buchannon, Wilkesburg, Pa. She has thirteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Swingle, but is often on extended visits in the homes of her other daughters and sons-in-law.

Two of her sisters are living, Mrs. Thomas Preston Johnson, Thomasville, Ga., and Mrs. Charles Fisher Taylor, Seattle, Washington. One sister, Mrs. Goodwin Ellsworth, died last year in Washington at the age of 91.

"How I would like to be down there for the big Duplin celebration", she says in reference to the forthcoming county pageant. The history of her family is interwoven with that of Duplin.

Mrs. Wells is from a family of hunters. "My father killed forty-nine deer and thought he had killed the fiftieth but it got away in the river and never was caught", she tells. Her early environment in Duplin may have contributed to her happy philosophy and long years. Hints of old ways and graces are caught as, with shining eyes and earnest face, she recites "To Forgive and Forget", verses she learned in her Duplin girlhood: "The fondest, the purest The truest that met Have each found a reason To forgive and forget."

"Oh then, the fond hopes we

Grady Principal Heads District Assn.

One of our local principals, H. M. Wells of the B. F. Grady School, was signally honored when he was elected president of the District Principals Association of North Carolina. Mr. Wells received this honor in Asheville on April 8 during the annual convention of the North Carolina Education Association.

The North Carolina District Principals Association has more than 1000 members and is composed of District Principals. This includes

all white principals of the State except a few in our larger cities. This is a great honor to Mr. Wells and Duplin County, and we believe the first time in recent years that one of our folks has been so honored by a statewide educational organization.

Others attending the State Convention were O. P. Johnson, and J. P. Harmon. Mr. Harmon is president of the Southeastern District of the North Carolina Education Association.

Calypso Negro Held Here Without Bond TOBACCO MOSAIC

A Duplin coroners inquest Tuesday of last week recommended that Nathan Williams Negro of Calypso, be held without bond on the charge of murder of his wife, Lucy. The jurors heard that Lucy Williams "came to her death by a shot gun blast in the hands of Nathan Williams and recommended that he be held without bond for grand jury investigation."

Williams was arrested following the shooting Saturday morning in Calypso by Deputy Sheriff Murray Byrd. The woman died in the Goldsboro Hospital Monday.

Coroner C. B. Sitterson, presiding over the inquest, the jurors were: Harold J. Jones, E. J. Johnson, Woodrow Brinson, Cecil A. Bostic, Earl Hardy and G. Powell.

Red Cross Fund Drive Still Lagging

The Duplin Chapter of the American Red Cross reports that the Red Cross Fund Drive is still lagging. They are anxious to get all reports in by April 15 and urge each chairman to get his report in to the Secretary not later than Friday. The Duplin County quota is \$4483 and to date only \$1517.14 has been reported.

Reports by districts are as follows:

Bowden, \$10.00;
Beulaville, \$18.00;
B. F. Grady and Outlaw's Bridge, \$161.29;
Chinquapin, \$64.00;
Kenansville, \$260.05;
Magnolia, \$59.00;
Potter's Hill, \$61.52;
Rose Hill, \$297.28;
Teachey, \$61.00;
Wallace, \$600.00;
Warsaw, \$232.00;
Calypso, No report.
TOTAL \$1817.14.

Potter's Hill is the only community that has raised its quota.

Never let them decay;
But let us love one another
As long as we stay,
(Ed Note: I'll bet she can sing the old song, "Sweet Kitty Wells." JRG)

Duplin County Steer Reserve Champion In Kinston Fat Stock Show Last Week

By: V. H. REYNOLDS
Assistant County Agent

Victor Taylor of Faison, 4-H Club member won 2nd place in the Kinston Fat Stock Show with his 1022 pound Angus Steer. Duplin County 4-H Club members entering steers were Victor Taylor, 1022 lbs. and Kenneth Taylor, 1022 lbs. each; and Kenneth Taylor of Warsaw with one steer. Lenoir and Jones Counties entered 6 steers each, Craven 3, and Onslow and Green 1 each. The Grand Champion steer was a 1210 pound Angus shown by Fred and Billy Abernethy of Lenoir County. Judge Paul Weaver, Animal

husbandry Specialist with State College Extension Service, said that the decision between the Taylor and Abernethy steers was difficult. Taylor's calf was better type but Abernethy's had better finish and won first place. The 24 steers sold for an average of \$31.08 per hundred pounds. Ray Victor and Julia Taylor competed in the County Group of 5 fat steers with their five best calves and won over Jones and Lenoir Counties.

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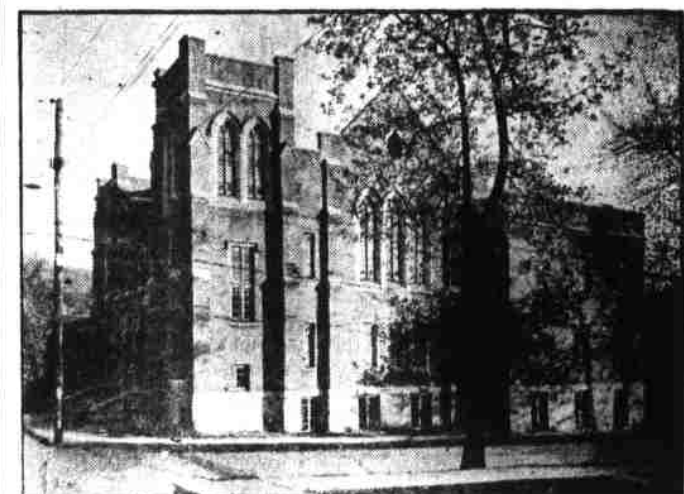
Bills introduced by Outlaw from Mar. 17 through April 7:
HB 920
Mar. 7. (Wallace Liquor Stores)
Apr. 5, reported favorably as amended by House Committee; Apr. 8, postponed in House to Apr. 12.
HB 1065
(Warsaw Liquor Stores)
Same as above.
HB 1066
(Kenansville Liquor Stores)
Same as above.
HB 1081
(Faison Liquor Stores)
Same as above.
HB 1235

Apr. 7 - To amend Chapter 174 of the Private Laws of 1905 so as to provide a two-year term of office for the mayor and commissioners of the Town of Magnolia. (As 1906 indicates; present term is one year.) To Counties and Towns.

Infant Dies

Rebecca Kay Powell, three-day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jennie Powell of the Snow Hill section of Duplin county, died in a Kinston hospital Friday night of last week. Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday from the graveside in the family cemetery. She is survived by her parents.

Rev. J. G. Morrison Accepts Call To W. Va



Picture above is the Presbyterian Church Building in Ronceverte, West Virginia to which Rev. J. G. Morrison, has been called as full time pastor. Before accepting this pastorate Rev. Morrison was pastor of Grove Presbyterian Church here in Kenansville.

By: L. A. BEASLEY

On April 10, Rev. J. G. Morrison, with his wife and two children, left Kenansville for Ronceverte, West Virginia, where he has accepted a call as full time pastor of the Presbyterian Church there. Ronceverte has a population of 5,000, an air field and a hospital. Mr. Morrison is a very fine preacher, an enthusiastic sportsman, and an aviator of rare skill, having received his pilot's license recently. He came to Kenansville about eight years ago, and in his second year obtained a leave of absence and volunteered as Chaplain in World War I, with the rank of Second Lieutenant. He was transferred to Sandhills Islands, and then to the Philippines and to Japan, having officiated at the burial of more than 2,000 of our boys who gave their lives a sacrifice to the cause. He then came to the States.

Rev. Morrison was held in universal esteem by the people of the county and will be an addition to the town to which he has gone.

Ronceverte is in the midst of the Alleghenies, ten miles south of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. We miss them.

Duplin To Be Represented At N. C. Tuberculosis Meeting April 18-19

Mrs. Gordon Korman, Executive Secretary of the Duplin County Tuberculosis Association wishes to remind those interested in tuberculosis control that the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina TB Association will be held in Winston-Salem this year on April 18-19 at the Robert E. Lee Hotel. This hoped that Duplin County will be well represented at this meeting.

Some of the out-standing authorities on TB, its diagnosis, treatment and control, on the program will be: Dr. Kirby S. Howlett, Jr., As-

sistant Superintendent of Connecticut State Hospital; Dr. Herbert R. Edwards of the New York TB and Health Association; Drs. David T. Smith and Elijah E. Menefee, both members of the Duke University School of Medicine staff; Drs. H. S. Willis and J. S. Hiatt of the N. C. T. B. Sanatorium; Drs. J. W. R. Naxon and William A. Smith of the N. C. State Board of Health; Mr. Frank Webster, Executive Secretary of the N. C. T. B. Association and several County Executive Secretaries.

Three hundred and sixteen fat hogs were in the show and sale, 107 of these were exhibits by 4-H and F. F. A. members and the others by adults. Kenneth Taylor of Warsaw and Jim Parker, F. F. A. member of B. F. Grady entered

two individual pigs placed 4th and 5th and his pen of 3 pigs placed seventh.

The Grand Champion pig was a 288 pound poland china shown by J. C. Tomlinson of Wilson County and was bought by Kingan & Co. for 80 cents per pound. The 316 hogs weighed 71,224 pounds and sold for an average of \$19.23 per 100 pounds.



pasture of Ed Joyner of Mt. Olive. Kneeling, left to right are, County Agents Lucy Weeks of Duplin County, E. J. Morgan, Sampson County, and C. S. Mintz, Wayne County, and Mr. Joyner, stooping is instructing Tatum Odem of the school, next, R. E. McCullen, veteran whose pasture received second place, and James E. Lindsay, whose pasture was judged finest. — Staff Photo by Vaden Brock.