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EDITORIAL LET'S NOT VOTE!

What are we voting for? How many people really understand the issues?

Did you know that a vote on the question of having or not having liquor stores in Duplin will cost the taxpayers between \$2500 and \$3000? A small amount compared to what will be spent to influence voters. A careful survey of the county will reveal that practically every precinct will vote DRY. When we get up the morning following the election we will find Duplin just as dry as ever, or maybe just as wet as ever, but here will be no legalized sales in Duplin.

Our county budget is facing serious problems. Many counties have been able to raise salaries but Duplin is hardly able to pay current expenses, let alone raise any salaries.

Farmers are busy and as the summer weeks move along they will get busier. Most voters will not have time to participate in the election. So what are we to gain by going ahead with the vote? If it is deferred some may say it will be a dry victory. Maybe it will or maybe it won't but if we vote it is sure to be a dry victory. The dries do not want an election even though they are the ones who requested it. If no election is called they cannot object, and the wets know they are defeated to start with. Let's save our money, save our headaches and as the Japs say "save our faces."

The board of elections has in its power the authority to defer the election. The act of the general assembly only designated that they may "Call" an election. The act did not specify the date. If each town that would have called a vote will meet and take an action, recommending that the county vote be deferred until a later date, probably a couple of years, we feel sure such an action will be taken and folks can concentrate their thoughts and efforts towards making a better crop this year and give what spare-time and energy they have towards helping put over the Duplin Pageant. The pageant stands to make money and the profits will be spent in the interest of every taxpayer in the county. The election stands to lose money and the loss will come out of the pocket of every taxpayer in the county. Let's use our heads instead of the ballots this time.

J. R. GRADY

Mrs. Graham Phillips Joins Times Staff As Warsaw News And Business Representative

The Times is pleased to announce that Mrs. Graham Phillips of Warsaw will become our Warsaw representative effective Monday, June 20th. Mrs. Phillips will replace Mrs. Stacy Britt who has been the Times representative for the past ten years. We regret very much to lose Mrs. Britt but at the same time feel that we are fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Phillips. She has newspaper experience and we feel she is well qualified to carry on the work. She will report news, social and otherwise from Warsaw, accept advertising, subscriptions and job printing. At present there will be no uptown office. People may get in touch with her over the telephone at her home.

Mrs. Phillips will also report news from Warsaw for the state papers. Your cooperation with Mrs. Phillips will be appreciated by both the Times and Mrs. Phillips. Mrs. Britt, after ten years in newspaper work goes with the Town of Warsaw on July 1st as Town Clerk. She is well qualified to hold that position and The Times extends her good wishes and much success in her new undertaking. We want to thank the folks of Warsaw for their fine cooperation with Mrs. Britt. The Times will continue its same policy of covering Warsaw news and hopes to expand its services to the community.

Duplin Court Sends Several To Jail Including Mother, Son, Daughter

By EMORY SADLER
Judge Robert L. West had the unpleasant duty of sentencing a mother, her son, and the son's wife to jail on June 13. Mrs. Marc Winders, her son, Luby Winders and his wife Lillian Winders were each sentenced to six months in jail on a charge of soliciting alms without a license. The two women were ordered transferred to Central Prison, Woman's Division, Raleigh, and the son was ordered assigned to work the roads. Judge West also recommended to prison authorities in his verdict in the case of Lillian Winders that she be examined to determine if she was mentally unbalanced. Evidence in the case tended to show that Luby Winders had been arrested in another county and convicted on the charge of running a Bawdry House and that he had also been tried and convicted previously on another charge. All defendants were white.

Judge West also passed sentence on Louis Griffin, Negro, on a charge of abandonment and non-support. He was ordered to jail and assigned to work the roads for a period of six months after he had failed to comply with a former sentence directing him to pay his wife a stipulated amount for the support of children. Johnny Bartlett - charged on two accounts with assault with a deadly

Mrs. Gavin Named To State Board

Mrs. Vance B. Gavin of Kenansville this week was appointed by Governor Scott to the membership of the State Hospitals Board of Control which has management of all State Institutions for the care of mental patients. Mrs. Gavin's term of service will run for four years. She replaces Mrs. Rivers Johnson of Waraw who has served on the board for a number of years. She is one of the three members at large representing the entire State.

County Accountants To Meet At Blowing Rock Next Week; Duplin Man State President



F. W. MCGOWEN

The State Association of County Accountants will hold its annual meeting, next Monday at Blowing Rock in conjunction with the State meeting of County Commissioners. Faison W. McGowen, popular auditor of Duplin County is president of the State Association. He will preside over the meeting which is to be held at Mayview Manor Monday, June 20th. W. E. Easterling, secretary of the Local Government Commission will discuss matters affecting county government. The Institute of Government will conduct a panel on matters of interest to county commissioners and accountants passed by the 1949 General Assembly. Among the subjects to be discussed are appropriations, school laws, welfare, fiscal matters, alcoholic beverages, court matters, roads, election laws, and public health.

Mr. and Mrs. McGowen and some, if not all, members of Duplin's Board of Commissioners are expected to leave over the week end for Blowing Rock.



Miss Barbara Jeanne Thompson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson of Warsaw, who is attached to Camp Traltee for girls near Goldsboro this season. Miss Thompson is assistant counselor on the water front and teaches swimming and life saving. She will be at camp for the full seven weeks period. Miss Thompson is a student at Greensboro College for Women during the school season.

About 60% of American farms have motor cars, while less than 50% have telephones.

General Kenan, Duplin's Revolutionary Leader

By: A. T. OUTLAW

The Kenans of Duplin have often been described as a race of gentlemen, highly esteemed, and always prominently identified with questions concerning the public welfare.

From the family name has come a long list of distinguished soldiers, legislators, statesmen, philanthropists, in North Carolina and in other States. Thomas Kenan the founder of this branch of the family in America, was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, and married Elizabeth Johnston, an English woman of noble ancestry, and they were among the early settlers in Duplin. He was a man of considerable means and prominence and took an active part in public affairs. He was a member of Colonel Sampson's colonial militia and was in active service during the Spanish Alarm at Wilmington in September, 1748, and also served as a member of the County Court in company with Doctor Houston, Colonel Sampson, Captain Hicks, and other leading citizens of that time. He died during the year 1766 and his wife died in 1789.

General James Kenan, one of several sons of Thomas and Elizabeth Johnston Kenan, was an outstanding Revolutionary patriot whose name is familiar to most students of North Carolina's early history. Born September 23, 1740, and educated by private tutors, he was elected Sheriff of his County when only 22 years of age and served from 1762 to 1766 and again in 1785 and 1786. He led a company of volunteers to Wilmington in 1765 to oppose enforcement of the British Stamp Act of that year, even though a very outstanding citizen of his home county. Dr. William Houston, had been appointed Stamp Master for North Carolina. He was a member of the Colonial Assembly and of the Provincial Congress at various times from 1773 to 1776, and served as a member

of the Wilmington Safety Committee and as Chairman of the Duplin committee. He participated actively in the Revolution as Colonel of the Duplin regiment and did conspicuous service in the vicinity of Fayetteville, Pee Dee (S. C.), Wilmington, Rockfish, and elsewhere. He has often been described as a brave and energetic leader. About the close of the War he was chosen Brigadier-General of State Militia, Wilmington District, and was highly honored by the people of his County and State. At various times he was a member of the State House of Commons and of the State Senate and was a member of the State Constitutional Conventions of 1786 and 1789. He was also a Councilor of State and a Trustee of the State University, as well as one of the original trustees of the Grove Academy, the first established educational institution in Duplin. He was also the first Master of St. John's Lodge No. 13, the original Masonic Lodge in Duplin.

General Kenan's wife was Sarah Love and their descendants have been conspicuous and outstanding for public service in the County, State and Nation. General Kenan died May 23, 1810, and his wife died March 22, 1819.

The name of the county seat town and a new memorial auditorium in Duplin, as well as a handsome stadium and a professorship in Chapel Hill, honor and perpetuate the family name.

Square Dance

There will be a square dance in the Pink Hill High School Gymnasium Saturday night, from 8:45 till 12:30. Music by Davis Ridge Four. Dance is sponsored by the Willard Smith Post No. 9514, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

1st Barn Tobacco Housed In Duplin

George Hall of Faison is curing his first barn of tobacco from the 1949 crop. The barn was housed Tuesday, June 14. Hall, who grows three and a half acres of tobacco on his 40 acre farm, barned 120 sticks of green tobacco.

Hall said the tobacco, which was set out April 10, was well-developed for his first priming.

Highway Allots Street Maintenance In Duplin Towns

A total of \$26,428 has been allotted for highway and street maintenance for towns in Duplin and adjoining counties for the next fiscal year by the State Highway Department. In the county, Warsaw leads with a total allocation of \$6,500 with Beulaville running second with \$3,770, and Kenansville with \$2,926. Allocations are based as follows: 1-3 on population, 1-3 on highway mileage, and 1-3 on engineer's recommendation.

The following is the breakdown: Kenansville, \$2,926; Calypso, \$2,222; Faison, \$2,668; Warsaw, \$6,500; Wallace, \$2,340; Magnolia, \$1,247; Rose Hill, \$1,364; Beulaville, \$3,770; Pink Hill, \$9,600; Seven Springs, \$572; Mt. Olive, \$7,443; Chiquapin, zero; Bowden, \$2,340; Tea-hey, \$845; Deep Run, \$1,250; Havel's Store, \$1,340; Turkey, \$490.

NATIVE OF DUPLIN COUNTY Miss McIntyre, First A. C. L. Employee Dies In Rocky Mt.; Started In Warsaw

Duplin Included In Highway Letting

The State Highway Commission has called for bids on State road projects for June 28th. Bids on road construction totaling 117.63 miles of primary, rural and urban roads in 21 counties will be let. Included in the group is Duplin for sand asphalt base and surface course or bituminous concrete binder and surface course on N. C. 24 and U. S. 117; from a point on NC 24 in Warsaw west and north along NC 24 and US 117 to Wayne County line - 14.64 miles.

Road Equipment Allotted Duplin

Highway officials announced that Duplin County has been allotted \$86,000 for road equipment for heavy construction work. It will probably be near the end of the year before equipment can be obtained. Also it has been stated that plans are underway for construction of a 42 foot street, including curbs and gutters through Kenansville from a point near the town line on the West to about the town line on the East. Also a similar construction project on highway 11 from Grove Swamp near the school house to the point of intersection of highway 24. More detailed information is expected on this project shortly.

Negro Child Struck By Car

Evelyn Newkirk, 7-year-old negro child, was struck by the car of William Bryan Gaddy, Insurance Adjuster, of 703 S. Audubon Ave., Goldsboro, N. C., and was instantly killed about one-half mile north of Rose Hill at about 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday on Highway 117. Coroner C. B. Sitterson reports that evidence of three eye-witnesses, all negroes, tended to show that Gaddy was headed south and that another car headed north was approaching him. The child had been to a mail box and as the north bound car passed her she immediately started running back across the road. She ran into the side of the Gaddy car and her head struck the door handle and broke it off. The broken piece of the handle remaining on the door cut her head open behind the right ear - killing her instantly. Mr. Gaddy had not seen the child until she dashed from behind the north bound car.

A coroner's jury was empaneled by Coroner Sitterson and after viewing the body and hearing the evidence returned a verdict of "Unavoidable Accident" was rendered.

Held For Murder

By EMORY SADLER
Gerald Merritt, negro, age 22, is being held in the Duplin County jail on a charge of murder as a result of the death of Walter Raleigh Hall, negro, who died in the Community Hospital, Wilmington, Monday night last.

Coroner C. B. Sitterson reports that Merritt is reported to have cut Hall with a knife on the left leg upward from rear of ankle to shin and to have beat Hall terribly. While Hall was down it is reported that Merritt kicked him several times and got into his car with others and drove off leaving Hall on the ground and that one of the men in the car insisted that Merritt return and get Hall, but upon returning they found Hall had walked to a nearby home and had been taken to a doctor. Coroner Sitterson's examination of the body revealed a broken left shoulder and other wounds on the back.

Three negroes, William Carr, Bill Peterson and Charlie Merritt, brother of Gerald Merritt, were eye witnesses to the fight.

A Coroner's Jury has viewed the body and an inquest will be held here Friday, June 17.

An average of \$1.37 per bushel was received by N. C. farmers for corn sold on local markets during the month ending May 25.



Courtesy Rocky Mount Telegram
Rocky Mount — Miss Lillie McIntyre, first woman employee of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, died here Wednesday night, June 2, after a period of declining health. She was 43.

Funeral services were conducted from the First Presbyterian Church at 11:30 o'clock the following Friday morning. The Rev. Norman Johnson, pastor officiated. Burial was in Pineview Cemetery.

A native of Duplin County, Miss McIntyre embarked upon a school teaching career at the age of 18, but a year later in her spare time had mastered the art of telegraph and went to see top Coast Line officials in Wilmington about a job. Her interview was successful and she landed the telegraph operator's job at a tiny outpost in Warsaw.

At Warsaw, she related years later, "Folks would come to town and peer through the hole in the window at me as if I were some sort of freak in a museum. To them, a woman working for a living at something other than school teaching was indeed a curiosity."

Miss McIntyre went to work at Warsaw in 1887 as the first woman employee of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad. She was transferred to Rocky Mount as a telegraph operator in 1891 and in 1908 was promoted to the general superintendent's office as a pass clerk. Ten years later another promotion placed her in another man's job, that of assistant accountant in the general superintendent's office.

She retired in 1930 after 43 years of service and had lived quietly at her home here since that time. She had been a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church and also had been active in the work of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Rocky Mount Research Club.

Miss McIntyre was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David M. McIntyre of Duplin County. Survivors include a brother, J. A. McIntyre of Auburndale, Fla., and two nephews, both of Rocky Mount.

Local Men Attend Meeting In Asheville

Mr. Eugene R. Carlton, President of the Kenansville Production Credit Association, and Mr. L. P. Wells, Mr. Arthur Kennedy, Mr. Fred Outlaw, and Mr. M. W. Sutton, Directors and Garland P. King, Secretary-Treasurer have returned from a group conference of the 27 Production Credit Association in North Carolina held at Asheville, June 8th and 9th.

According to Mr. Carlton, the program included a keynote talk by Julian H. Scarborough, President of the Production Credit Corporation, who emphasized the responsibilities of Directors' strength in the affairs of their respective associations for better service to members and to farmers of the future.

Representatives of the various associations discussed association problems and methods for promoting association efficiency.

E. Hervy Evans, of Laurinburg, a member of the Farm Credit Board, discussed the "Farm Credit Board's Viewpoint on Objectives of PCA".

Dr. J. H. Hilton, dean and director of North Carolina State College, gave a talk on "What North Carolina Faces in her Future Agriculture."



LAW ENFORCEMENT officers training school held in Kenansville had these men in attendance: front row, C. B. Sitterson, W. E. Currie, S. E. Williams, Sheriff Ralph J. Jones of Duplin and Perry Smith; second row, Oliver Horne, A. R. Marley, William Carter, H. J. Sumnerlin, E. W. Sadler and C. W. Was staff; third row, J. F. Feutrell, C. L. Nicholson, Foster Holland, Rivers Rouse, John Butts and Roscoe Daniels; fourth row, R. M. Byrd, W. O. Houston, Earl Cromb, Fred Parker, Bertis Fussell, N. D. Boone and W. L. Hocutt. Seated in front is James Blakney, handler of the "Bloodhounds of Duplin." The five-day class was held in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.