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Two White Men Charged With Murder Negro Girl; July 3 Wreck

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An inquest into the death of Elizabeth Kenan, age 17, of near Wallace, who died in the James Walker Hospital, Wilmington, on Tuesday, July 5th, was held in the Court House here by Coroner C. B. Sitterton at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 12th. She had been taken to the hospital as the result of an automobile accident on the night of July 3rd after she had been struck by a car allegedly occupied by three white men, James Sholar, of Sampson County; David Lanier, and Broslah Lanier, both of Chincapah section of Duplin County. Sholar and David Lanier were arrested after the accident on a warrant charging careless and reckless driving and released on posting \$300 bond. Both were re-arrested after the Kenan girl died and James Sholar, who was reportedly driving the car at the time of the accident, was charged with murder and David Lanier, who owned the car, was charged with permitting his car to be driven in a careless and reckless manner and with aiding and abetting in the death of the Kenan girl. Coroner Sitterton set bail at \$2500 each for their appearance at the inquest.



Special To The Times
Master Sergeant Maurice B. Vance, of Hot Springs, Ark., and his wife, Dixie, formerly of Warsaw, N. C., were reunited in Germany recently. They reside in Schleissheim, near the Erding Air Force Depot, where M/Sgt. Vance is stationed.

IDENTICAL TWINS

Do not be embarrassed if you are unable to tell identical twins apart the next time you see them. Last week when Manly and Stanley Pollock, twin brothers, were in Warsaw visiting their brother Edgar, Manly's own three year old son couldn't tell uncle from his father. When Stanley drove up in front of Edgar's home little Jimmy came out and asked, "Daddy, where'd you get that new car?" and "Where'd you get those shoes?" The ten year old son said the way to tell them apart was by their voices. The children were confused during the entire visit.



Here are some of the goings on in Kenansville Saturday night. The pictures were taken by Winfred Lanier of Beulaville for the Times. Top left is the Beulaville Colonial Dames and their escorts. Left to right: Jane Bostic Allen Simpson, Dinah Eubanks, Dorine Nehercutt, I. J. Quinn, Joe Jackson, and Ruth Sanderson, at the piano. The young lady at the microphone in upper right is Miss Peggy Jones of Rose Hill who sang a number of solos. Middle left shows Gilbert Alphin, Duplin Tax Collector and President of the Duplin Historical Association showing Angela Daughtry and Celia Lanier of Kenansville how they used to do the Charleston when Gilbert was young—no, not quite in the Colonial days.

Local Windows Attracting Much Attention With Historical Displays

Passers by through Kenansville are beginning to be attracted by various store windows decorated with china, crystals, fire-arms, old currency and papers and many other items of interest that were in use in Duplin County one hundred to 250 years ago. The windows in Wac-camaw Bank and Kenansville Production Credit Association and Kenansville Drug Store are attracting particular attention. In these may be found Cobbs First Reader, used in this county and in Orange County in 1832; pistol used by Lott Rich during the War Between The States; Goblets made in England in 1795; single muzzle loader used in Duplin in 1760; colonial pistol, used in 1725; part of loom used in 18th century; wool cards used in 18th century; 18th century fly trap; col-lee pestle; spinning wheel; wool centerpiece hand woven over 100 years ago; bullet mold used in Civil War; sharp rifle used in Mexican War; old bank deed covering 50 acres of land from Sylvester Cave-naud to David Murray, dated April 24, 1799.

Other store windows in towns throughout the county are expected to be decorated within a few weeks. What apparently will be the most attractive and entertaining display will be at the home of Mr. Marshall Williams, widely known artist and club woman. Mrs. Williams expects to have on display an array of her paintings, some of which have been on display in art galleries throughout the country.

The occasion of the display is in keeping with the 200th anniversary celebration of the forming of Duplin County. Duplin County became a county in 1794. A pageant "The Duplin Story" will be presented in Kenansville September 22, 23, and 24. The play has been written by Sam Byrd, native son of Mt. Olive and grandson of Duplin. He will produce, direct and play the leading role. Byrd produced and played the leading role in "Tobacco Road" on Broadway for 8 successful years. He is nationally known as a writer and actor.

Construction of an amphitheatre with a seating capacity of 5000 is expected to get under way in the next two weeks.



CHARLIE HERRING
son of Duplin, native of the Grady Crossroads section, announces that this year he will be on the Georgia Tobacco Market which opens July 27th. Charlie has purchased the Brick Warehouse in Metter, Ga. Also he will operate the Big Star Warehouse in Kinston when the Eastern Belt opens and following the closing there he will go to Abington, Va., where he will operate the New Dixie Warehouse in the Old Belt.

Charlie is a veteran tobaccoist and is well known by tobacco farmers in Duplin. He now makes his home in Kinston. Herring, in talking with a member of the Times staff, says he realizes that Georgia is a little far to haul tobacco but from reports he is getting, many farmers are planning to carry some of the weed to Georgia Markets. Considering the amount of tobacco that one can haul on a large truck now he said the cost becomes nominal when two or three growers carry their tobacco on one truck. They save money in costs of grading and tying and the fact that a son of Duplin will be on a Georgia Market is proof that Duplin farmers will get undivided attention. Charlie says he has passed the word along to his warehousemen that growers from Duplin County, North Carolina, MUST get EXTRA special attention and he will personally see that their tobacco will bring the high dollar. For much needed money now, Charlie says plan to carry your first load to the Brick Warehouse in Metter, Georgia, and when the Georgia market closes Charlie will be seeing you in Kinston.

Warsaw Woman Now Residing In Germany; Husband With U. S. Army

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

ERDING, Germany — Dixie Vance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Wiggs, of Warsaw, following reunion with her husband Master Sergeant Maurice B. Vance overseas, now resides in Schleissheim, Germany, not far distant from the Erding Air Force Depot where Sgt. Vance is stationed.

Sgt. Vance, of Hot Springs, Ark., is a non-commissioned officer in charge of the machines services branch, 32nd Statistical Service Unit of the Erding Air Force Depot, supply and maintenance center for the U. S. Air Forces in Europe.

Under his supervision, this unit compiles various stock balance and consumption reports for the U. S. Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) Headquarters. This information affords USAFE is utilized in considerations and complement, in turn, of military budgets and estimates established to supply the needs of Air Force installations maintained in Europe.

Sgt. Vance entered the Air Force in 1942. Following cadet training at Shepherd Field, Texas, he departed overseas in January, 1945 with the 441st Bomb Squadron, reunion with her husband, Masters Tactical Air Force (Provisional). As a bombardier aboard the old type Douglas B-26, he flew 21 missions in Italy and Germany before re-CONTINUED ON BACK

Tobacco Curing Now At Peak

Tobacco curing in Duplin is going in high gear. Most farmers are in the peak of their season. Scattered reports say that some fields will be cleaned by the latter part of next week. Most housing will continue in full swing over another week before they begin reaching top primers and tips.

Some damage has been caused by rains but the rain let up for the past week and helped materially and less scorched tobacco has been reported than was expected.

Reports coming to the county seat indicate that more tobacco than usual will go to the Georgia markets this season.

Calypso Organizes Ruritan Club

The Calypso Ruritan Club was awarded its national charter at a meeting held there last Thursday night. The meeting was held in the school lunch room. Louey V. Hearne of Fayetteville, District Governor of Ruritan, assisted by C. W. Patterson and M. L. McClellan of the Eastover Ruritan Club presented the charter and installed the local officers.

Ruritan officers installed were: Hayes Hurdle, Pres.; James Dickson, Vice Pres.; Ben Sellar, Secy. and Reporter.; H. E. Grubbs, Treas.; Paul Grice, Sergeant-at-arms; C. R. Best, Chaplain; and H. C. Cook, Ed Lewis and Robert Farrior, Directors.

This brings to eight the number of civic clubs in Duplin, including Pink Hill, which is partly in Duplin County. Two Civitan clubs, at Calypso and Rose Hill; three Lions clubs at Kenansville, Faison and Wallace; one Rotary club at Warsaw; the Civics club at Beulaville and the Civics club at Pink Hill. Each club is doing a good job in its respective community.

Mr. Ralph W. Turner, Farm Management Specialist from Raleigh, will be here July 20 and 21 to work with farmers who purchased farms through the FBA, on selling alfalfa for hay crops and tobacco closer for permanent past-

Fiddlers Convention and Square Dance Big Success; Colonial Dames Steal Show

Kenansvillites, Duplinites and visitors from afar turned out 3000 strong last Saturday when Duplin's capital held its second annual street dance. Featuring this year's program was a fiddler's convention and an hour's presentation of the Colonial Dames of Duplin. In case you don't know the Colonial Dames are groups of young ladies from various communities of the county who are making appearances before civic clubs and other organizations in Duplin and adjoining counties advertising "The Duplin Story."

The day's program opened on the main street in front of the East entrance to the court house at four o'clock in the afternoon. A number of musicians appeared to take part in the fiddler's convention. Emory Sadler acted as master of ceremonies during the afternoon and night. Judges were the audience. First prize went to Charlie Thigpen of near Pink Hill; second prize to James Murphy of Kenansville; and third prize to Ervin Leary of Beulaville. Following the fiddler's contest a hog callin' contest was held with Ervin Leary taking the prize. The following prizes also were awarded: fattest woman, Mrs. Gurman Powell, who topped the scales at 245 pounds; oldest man, Mr. Bob Sykes, who can count 86 birthdays.

At seven o'clock the Capital theatre put on a special stage show with the Kenansville Kut-Ups.

At eight o'clock in front of the East entrance to the court house, on an improvised stage the Colonial Dames gave an hour's program demonstrating dances, costumes, and historical sketches of old Duplin, and many songs. About fifty young people took part.

At nine o'clock "Les" Williams called for the crowd to scatter and an old time square dance on main street got under way. Music was furnished by the Kenansville Kut-Ups. Along towards eleven o'clock the street was so filled with dancers that it was almost impossible to dance a figure. It was estimated that more than 200 were swinging their partners at one time.

The crowd was orderly. Not a single incident marred the occasion. No drinking was to be found. Traffic was orderly. The only good

crowd in good wholesome fun. Many of the elders said it was probably the largest crowd to gather here in the town's history. Plans are already underway for a second street dance to be held the latter part of August when everybody has finished housing tobacco.

The annual street dance in Kenansville has now become a permanent event. The first held last year attracted about 1500 people. Post master Les Williams is the spearhead of the program. To many it is somewhat of a revival of the Old Soldiers Reunion. Only this time it is young soldiers instead of old soldiers.

Lions Host To District Governor-Elect Alphin Installed Zone Chairman

The Kenansville Lion's roared Wednesday night when District Governor-elect, Sidney Gordon of Goldsboro was present and had charge of the program. Governor Gordon brought along as guests, Wilbur Pike of Pikeville, zone chairman of Region 4 and Lincoln Kan, member of the Goldsboro club and reporter for the Goldsboro News Argus.

18 Lions were present. President M. F. Allen opened the meeting. Past President Gilbert Alphin was installed as Zone Chairman of Region 5, composed of Kenansville, Kinston and Wallace.

Tobacco Farmers Will Vote On 1950 Crop Control July 23rd

Voting in the national referendum on tobacco quotas for the 1950, 1951 and 1952 crops will take place at community polling places Saturday, July 23, Lacy Weeks, County Farm Agent, said this week. Mr. Weeks urges all tobacco farmers to cast their ballots.

Marketing quotas furnish growers with a method of adjusting supply to demand and help them obtain fair prices for the tobacco crop.

Wallace Negro Held For Murder; Result Of Wreck

Tom Davis Named To Welfare Board

Tom Davis, partner in the Farm & Home Equipment Company of Pink Hill and for a number of years mayor of that town has been named a member of the Lenoir County Board of Welfare. Mr. Davis is an enterprising young man of Pink Hill and gives of his time and service to matters pertaining to the betterment of his town and community.

Warsaw Town Board Meets

The Board of Commissioners and Mayor of the Town of Warsaw held a meeting Monday night in the Town Hall. All members were present. The business for the evening was the completion of the yearly budget.

Warsaw Man Is Robbed Of Cash; Checks

Ellis Torrains of Carlton's Crossing, near Warsaw, was robbed on Sunday morning about two o'clock just beyond the Moseley Phillips farm west of Warsaw. Ninety dollars in money, a \$57 check and pepper tickets from the Wallace Produce Market were stolen. A State warrant is out for Earl Pope, the one believed to have done the robbery. No arrest has been made.

By: EMORY SADLER
Coroner C. B. Sitterton, of Kenansville, has ordered the arrest of William T. Herring, Wallace negro, on a charge of murder as the result

Herring was arrested Wednesday and released after posting a fifteen hundred bond. The charge now against him is "manslaughter." The bond was signed by Mr. L. B. Thomas, Sr.

of the death of Johnathan Roach, 26 year old negro, in the James Walker Hospital, Wilmington, on July 13th. Roach was taken to the hospital July 2nd suffering head injuries sustained in a wreck while riding with Herring in a pick-up truck. The accident occurred seven miles west of Wallace and it is reported that the truck turned over several times. Autopsy showed that Roach had a fractured skull.

Herring had been arrested on a careless and reckless driving charge and released under \$500 bond. Date of inquest has not been set.



Killed July 5 - July 8	5
Injured July 5 - July 8	28
Killed thru July 8 this yr.	381
Killed thru July 8, 1948	328
Injured thru July 8 this yr.	4,295
Injured thru July 8, 1948	3,561
Killed July 9 thru 11	6
Injured July 9 thru 11	116
Killed thru July 11 this yr.	391
Killed thru July 11, 1948	332
Injured thru July 11 this yr.	4,449
Injured thru July 11, 1948	3,621

Home Destroyed Fire Monday Eve.

The home of W. G. Blanchard, Rt. 1, Warsaw, was completely destroyed by fire Monday night about 7:30. The family had been at a nearby tobacco barn putting in tobacco when Mrs. Blanchard went to the house to prepare supper. After lighting an oil cook stove she returned to the barn only to turn around and see her home in flames. She ran back believing a child to be in the house. She suffered slight burns and singed hair and eyebrows. The child was outside. A curing and a half of tobacco was lost in the house, also money, and all wearing apparel. The house was not covered by insurance.

V. D. Specialist Joins Health Dept.

Wade Underwood of Albemarle has joined the Duplin Health Department for one year's work. He is a special Venereal Disease Investigator with the Public Health Service. Mr. Underwood is making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Westcott.