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## Patrolman Earl Whitaker Reports Three Near Fatal Wrecks; Careless Driving He Says

Patrolman Earl Whitaker, of Warsaw, reports three wrecks in the county last week end; either or all could have been fatal wrecks and each a result of careless driving.

The first wreck reported occurred about 9 o'clock Friday night in the town of Warsaw, when a 1938 Chevrolet coach, driven by Gurney Miller, colored, age 29, of Kenansville, swerved to the left on highway No. 24, knocked down a light pole and rolled forward 90 feet where it crashed into a pecan tree and made "a super-duper sandwich" out of the car and tree. Miller suffered a cut on the right arm and chest injuries; Josh Miller, colored, of Kenansville, suffered cuts and bruises; and Zeb Williams, colored, of Beulaville, suffered a broken nose, cuts and injuries. Gurney Miller was charged with careless and reckless driving, personal injury and property damage.

On Thursday evening about six o'clock Mrs. Lena Carter Brown, age 56, of Teachey, while driving a 1936 Ford coupe, east on highway 41 was making a left turn off the highway into a dirt road. She crashed into a 1948 Ford pickup truck, operated by Albert Franklin Lanier, of Chinguspin. The officer said Mrs. Brown cut in front of the truck, driven by Lanier. Donald Brown, occupant of the car, suffered an injured arm when the door handle penetrated into the muscle of his arm. Nine stitches were required to close the wound. Estelle Moseady, age 50, of Wallace, was a passenger in the truck and received back injuries and was carried to the James Walker Hospital in Wilmington. Mrs. Brown was charged with careless and reckless driving.

Patrolman Earl Whitaker observed that there is entirely too much careless and reckless driving on our highways among all classes of people, young and old. Possibly only a miracle saved the lives of the twelve people involved in the above three wrecks. Three of the cars were literally destroyed. The property damage, physical damages and time lost plus the costs of investigation, arrests, trials, and disposition of the cases will run into untold amounts in dollars and cents.

## About Fifty Attend Mass Meeting Held Here Sunday

The mass meeting at Kenansville in the interest of a home for our aged homeless men and women on Sunday was a very enthusiastic meeting but not such a large crowd present. Dr. J. F. Robertson gave a wonderful encouraging message and was given a hearty applause. He is 100% for this home and when he says such homes are needed he is in a position to know. If we have this home we will have several rooms for convalescents and for other needs for such rooms which will be a great blessing; as well as care for aged. It will be a thing that Duplin County needs and will be proud of. The very best people will rejoice to have it. Every body can have a part in it. Those present Sunday wanted another meeting right away. At this first meeting we could only find if our people want the home. Everyone present voted that they do. At the next meeting we hope to have more present to give expression and we can appoint a nominating committee who will nominate officers, and the election of them will be at a third meeting, but we do not have to wait till organized to

take pledges. The more pledges we have, the more we will be encouraged we will be to organize. Cut out the pledge on this paper and sign it and mail to me. This home will not be built with tax money, so instead of our taxes being raised, it will be built with free will gifts and have a board of directors. We can't tell all the good things about it in writing. Go to Kenansville again on fifth Sunday afternoon at 2:45 and we will tell you more about it. If you are interested in our old people, be there. We want the old and young, all ministers and all professional and business people there. Fill your cars, announce it in all churches and schools.

Miss Macy Cox, Magnolia Acting Chm. for Com.

### PLEDGE FOR HOME FOR AGED

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount, \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Not to be paid till later date

## Duplin Man Held For Tobacco Theft

Two youths were arrested in Lenoir County last week on charges of the theft of a quantity of tobacco from a Kinston warehouse.

Rodolph Sumner, 37, of Duplin County and Cecil Miller, 18, of Jones County are charged with the larceny of between 100 and 150 pounds of tobacco from the New Cavallias Warehouse.

Sumner was taken into custody Thursday by Deputy Sheriff W. O. Houston of Duplin, who located the stolen tobacco hidden in the woods near Sumner's home. Houston notified Lenoir County Sheriff Sam Churchill, who sent Deputies W. S. Clemens, Jr., and D. F. Wilcox, Jr. to meet Houston in Pink Hill Thursday night. The three deputies then apprehended Miller in Jones county.

## County Court Jurors Drawn

The following named persons were drawn for Jurors - County Court - November, 1949:

John D. Horne, D. L. Cherry, A. P. Williams, Warren Brown, W. F. Taylor, F. R. Carr, G. H. Blanton, George R. Cowan, Mrs. Clara I. Wells, N. V. Johnson, Shelton Carr, M. J. Kelly, W. N. Bostic, Theodore Rous, Vauge Maready, Mrs. Myrtle Harrell, Samuel P. Jones, W. J. Thomas, Walter Bright, Clyde Stroud, Richard Reuse, C. H. Caudell, J. A. Wilson, C. S. Scott, D. P. Moore, and W. T. Brock.

## Rev. Miller To Be At Hallsville

A week's revival will commence at the Hallsville Presbyterian church Monday night at 7:30. Rev. J. W. Miller, former pastor at Hallsville and Kenansville, will do the preaching. Morning services will be held at eleven o'clock. Everyone is invited to attend. Rev. Miller is a member of the local church.

## Duke Prepares For Weekend Of Inauguration Ceremonies

Durham, N. C. — University officials, faculty members and students at Duke University are busy with last minute preparations for the three-day inauguration program to be held this weekend in honor of their new president, Dr. Hollis Edens.

The ceremonies will be attended by distinguished guests from all over the Nation and representatives from over 350 leading educational institutions. Included are some 60 college and university presidents, 35 deans and vice-presidents.

Oldest educational institution to be represented will be Harvard University founded in 1636.

To be held on Duke's Main West Campus Quadrangle, the General Convocation, entitled "Education for the Atomic Age", starts at 2:30 p. m. Oct. 21. Speakers will include The Honorable Sir Oliver Franks, British Ambassador to the U. S., and Dr. Raymond B. Fosdick, advisor to the Secretary of State and former President of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Norman Cousins, Editor of "The Saturday Review of Literature" will deliver an address at the Formal Opening of the Duke University Library Addition at 8:30 p. m. Scheduled for Saturday are the Inauguration Ceremonies, installing Dr. Edens as President of Duke University. Beginning with a carillon recital at 10:30 a. m. by Anton Brees, University Carillonneur, the program will include an academic procession and messages from Gov-



DR. HOLLIS EDENS

## Christmas Seal Sale Drive Now Under Way; Chairman Appointed

Mrs. Gordon Kornegay, Executive Secretary of the Duplin County Tuberculosis Association announced today that the 1949 Christmas Seal Sale drive is all set and getting off to a good start. Chairmen for the drive in each community have been contacted except Chinguspin and she is sure they will be moving there by time this issue of the Times reaches you.

Mrs. Kornegay and other officials are hoping for an increase in contributions this year over last. The drive last year was considered successful but the more work found in the county the greater the need for additional funds. The drive this year, coming before other planned drives for money is expected to be in favor of those who are suffering from the White Plague.

Communities and their chairmen contacted are as follows:

Warsaw - Mr. Sterling Marriner; Bowden - Mr. H. A. Parker; Faison - Mr. Jack Davis; Calypso - Mr. James Strickland; Bantancus - Mrs. Dayid Lane; Rones Chapel - Mr. Al-dine Whitfield; Summerlin X-road - Mrs. Edd Goodman; B. F. Grady - Mrs. Zollie Kornegay; Outlaw's Bridge - Mr. Lewis Outlaw; Holts Store - Mr. M. B. Holt; Smith's - Mr. Clarence Shepard; Sarecta & Cabin - Mr. Roland Thomas; Potters Hill - Mrs. Naomi Bostic; Beulaville - Mrs. Margaret Brown, Miss Catherine Waller, Mrs. Lula Parker; Hallsville - Mr. James Miller; Kenansville - Womans Club; Magnolia - Mr. Clarence Thomas; Laneville - Miss Sadie Bennett; Charity - Rev. A. D. Wood; Rose Hill - Womans Club; Wallace - Dr. H. W. Colwell; Chinguspin - (to be contacted); Rockfish - Mrs. Graham Williams.

## Sheriff Jones Attributes Decrease In Murders In Duplin To Less Liquor

Sheriff Ralph Jones is calling on the good people of Duplin County to continue to assist him in stamping out the manufacture of illegal whiskey for sale in the county.

A statewide meeting called in Raleigh by Governor Scott last Wednesday packed the Hall of the House and was attended by 79 sheriffs, 14 deputies, 11 police chiefs, 69 ABC enforcement officers, 8 Highway patrolmen, several Federal Alcohol Tax Unit agents and a number of State and local officials, among them Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw, Atty-Gen. Harry McMullen, Highway Patrol Commander C. R. Tolar and SBI Director Walter Anderson.

Governor Scott made a thirty minute speech and appeal to the officers of N. C. to conduct a campaign in their respective counties to stamp out illegal liquor traffic which he described as having grown big and arrogant over the state.

After the Governor's appeal the meeting was turned into open forum and officers discussed their problems and many cited the need for the courts to deal out stiffer sentences to convicted bootleggers. The sheriffs particularly cited the lack of sufficient deputies as one of the main draw backs.

Sheriff Jones came to his feet with the answer in more help. He said he was from one of the best counties in N. C. and that Duplin County has as fine a set of County Commissioners, General County Court Judge and Solicitor as in the state. The sheriff's department gets 100 per cent cooperation from them and they have provided 14 deputy sheriffs for law enforcement in Duplin County, he pointed out.

During the 34 months Sheriff Jones has been in office, he has worked with many of the

had destroyed 172 illicit moonshine stills which turned in approximately \$65,000.00 in court costs and fines which went into the General County School Fund.

The first year Jones was in office there were 14 murders in the county of which 13 directly resulted from illegal whiskey. The second year there were 5 murders and during the ten months of the present year there have been four murders.

Sheriff Jones attributes this decrease in murders as result of their constant fight against illegal whiskey and he is calling on all the good people of our county to continue to remember the high ideals and integrity of our forefathers and have a clean place to raise future generations.



Date	Killed	Injured
Oct. 11-14	4	48
Injured same dates		630
Killed thru Oct. 14, 1949	537	
Killed thru Oct. 14, 1948	7,005	
Injured thru Oct. 14, 1948	5,856	
Killed Oct. 15-17	9	95
Injured, same dates		689
Killed thru Oct. 17, 1949	548	
Killed thru Oct. 17, 1948	7,100	
Injured thru Oct. 17, 1948	5,788	

Until recently, potato diseases were of only minor importance to Atlantic farmers. Now, however, some of the diseases have become serious and many farmers have

## Little Steve Jones Loses One Eye

Children please play carefully. If you don't, well, look what happened Monday:

Little Steven R. Jones, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Jones of Kenansville, was in the Memorial General Hospital, Kinston, Monday evening suffering an eye injury he received when he accidentally stuck a knife in his eye.

Doctors said young Steve's eye had to be removed. There was no chance of saving it. The cornea was sliced all through the center. Steve had been visiting his aunt nearby with other children to look at some young puppies and was returning home when the accident occurred.

Other children in the party said Steve had a knife in his hand and they thought his elbow might have been struck by some member of the party accidentally.

## Fellowship Supper

There will be a Fellowship Supper at the Baptist Church the 5th Sunday evening at 5:00 o'clock. Everybody is invited to come and bring a basket.

## Three Arrested In Pink Hill Robberies

Three men were being held Saturday by Kinston police under a \$7,000 bond each on charges of breaking and entering, larceny and possession of burglar tools. The men were charged with robbery of two Pink Hill firms on Tuesday night and a Beulaville store on Monday night, it was reported by Kinston Police Chief Manian Hawkins. James C. Sutton of Kinston Rt. 5, and Henry C. Stroud were arrested by Detective W. S. Clements, Jr., on Thursday and Landon N. Hanley of Burlington was picked up by Burlington police on Friday.

Investigation of a parked car which contained burglar tools in Kinston Tuesday night led to the arrest of the three men. The car was discovered by Capt. B. W. Dall and other members of the police force. Some of the merchandise found in the car was identified as coming from the stores of W. H. Jones and Tom Davis in Pink Hill, safe of the Farm and Home Equipment Company were rifled and scattered over the office. The safe was not locked.

## Clinton Cafe Destroyed By Stove Explosion

Damage caused by an explosion which wrecked a Clinton cafe and damaged other establishments on Tuesday was estimated unofficially at \$100,000.

Cafe employee Early Bryant was in a Fayetteville hospital where doctors said he had a good chance to recover.

## Warsaw To Have School Boy Patrol

The Warsaw Grammar Schools, both white and colored, are proud to announce that plans are underway to begin a School Boy Patrol organization in their schools Monday, Oct. 24. Patrolman Earl Whitaker and the Warsaw Police Department will oversee the organization and give instructions.

The school grounds and had crossings adjoining the schoolyard will be patrolled. A walking zone will be patrolled. A walking zone will be patrolled. A walking zone will be patrolled.

## Armistice Day Celebration For Warsaw Taking On Life; New Plans; New Group

The boys in Warsaw, that is the World War II veterans and members of the Chas. B. Gavin Post, American Legion, are taking a leading hand and going ahead shaping up plans for the 1949 Armistice Day Celebration, scheduled for the usual day, Friday, November 11th. The young vets say they are going to have something different this year. They will of course be the usual parade, speakers, carnival, ball game and dance but these fellows have something up their sleeves. They believe it is going to work but are not ready to give out any information until everything is all set. According to J. C. Page, Jimmy Strickland and Woodrow Blackburn, they should be in a position to give us some dope by next week's paper.

One thing sure at this writing they are going to have one of the best dances they have had in many years, not only just a round dance, but under the direction of Otos Swinson, they are going to give the dancers of Duplin, old as well young, a chance to show themselves in real old time square dancing in the school gym on Saturday night after hte round dance. The boys are asking the Dunlap Square dancers, under the direction of Mrs. L. A. Wilson of Rose Hill to lead off the dance that night. Our dancers will be back from the State Fair tomorrow and we will know what kind of a showing they made there in competition with the hill billies from the mountains of N. C.

The committee for the Armistice Celebration are working night and day on plans and are promising something really different this year. Keep your eye on the Duplin Times for more information.

The average yield of lint cotton per acre in N. C. last year was 447 pounds. The estimated average yield for 1949 is only 277 pounds.

Milk cows on N. C. farms produced an estimated 150 million pounds of milk during August.

Devaluation of monetary units by Great Britain and other foreign nations in September is not expected to have a marked effect on production of U. S. farm products in the near future.

## EDITORIAL

### Sam Byrd Is Willing

Since our editorial of two weeks ago suggesting Sam Byrd for Duplin's new Welfare Officer a lot of interesting questions have been asked. At first thought hardly anyone believed that Sam would be interested in taking this job. But, as the Times believed, Sam is interested. There are many reasons why but the important reason to us is that Sam Byrd likes Kenansville and Duplin County. He left here after the pageant with high hopes of some day making Kenansville, or some spot in Duplin, his permanent home. Sam Byrd is our type. He belongs, he fits, he is needed here, and maybe we should add that Sam needs Duplin.

Mr. Byrd's work is in the field of Sociology. Welfare work is the field of sociology, so, well, -- they just fit, that's all.

The only obstacles in the way now, if there are any obstacles, is favorable action on the part of Duplin's Welfare Board; Duplin's Board of County Commissioners, who after all must be considered for they are the gentlemen who pay the bills, that is, after we taxpayers give them the money; and the State Board of Public Welfare. It is believed that Sam meets all qualifications but the State Board must pass on and accept his qualifications.

It is expected that the County Welfare Board of Commissioners will meet in a joint session on the first Monday in November, or soon thereafter and take action. Following that the State Board will act and it is hoped that Sam Byrd will be not just an honorary citizen, but a legal citizen of Duplin County after January 1st. The Times is yet to hear the first breath of opposition to Mr. Byrd becoming Welfare Officer; in fact, we believe we can say from the reports we have heard, that it is almost becoming a demand on the part of the people.

J. R. GRADY.

## Initial Meeting Opens Drive For Little Symphony Members

On Oct. 14th an organizational meeting was held in Rose Hill to open the 1949-50 drive for memberships of the local chapter of the North Carolina Symphony Society.

Mr. H. E. Latham, chairman for the drive, presided. Committees for the drive are H. E. Latham, Drive Chairman; Mrs. W. H. Saunders, Secretary; D. J. Fussell, Treasurer; Mrs. L. W. Williams, Arrangements Chairman; Ben Harrell, Ticket Sales Chairman; and Bob Herring, Publicity Chairman.

Reports from committees will be made public in the course of the campaign. The goal is 400 memberships in order to bring the Symphony to Rose Hill for both children's and evening performances.

During a discussion there was presented a comprehensive picture of the work of the Symphony throughout the state, stressing the importance of membership drives in making possible the concert season. The Little Symphony is made up

of 23 professional musicians. It is scheduling concerts for the coming season now, and a place is being reserved on the itinerary for Rose Hill. The final date for the concerts will be announced early in January after the fifth annual tour schedule is complete.

Membership in the Society may be purchased next week from members of the Rose Hill Music Club or the Rose Hill Civitan Club; or they may be obtained by sending \$2.00 along with your name and address to Ben Harrell, Rose Hill, N. C. A society member receives a real bargain for he may attend every performance sponsored by the society throughout the state for the price of just one concert.

Duplin County has never been honored by a concert by our own State Symphony, presented within the county, and it is felt that this would be a deeply appreciated addition to our cultural life and entertainment.

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