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Hattie Gavin Case Thrown Out; Sentenced But Still Goes Free

Judge John Burney of Wilmington, presiding over a term of criminal court here this week, threw out the case against Hattie Gavin in court Tuesday morning. Solicitor Walter Britt of Turkey and Clinton, prosecuting his first court here, called the case Tuesday morning. Britt was prosecuting without the aid of another lawyer. Hattie was defended by Attorneys Rivers D. Johnson and E. Walker Stevens. Hattie was charged with manslaughter in the death of Katie Mae Moore, Magnolia Negro who died late last year in a Wilmington hospital as a result of an abortion. The prosecution was resting its biggest hope on a death-bed statement of the deceased in which she implicated Hattie Gavin. A Wilmington doctor was called to the stand and testified that Katie Mae was irrational at the time she made the death-bed statement. Judge Burney ruled that the statement could not be permitted as evidence and for lack of more evidence the case was thrown out of court. Judge Burney stated later in open court to Solicitor Britt that "you did all you could in the case today, you just didn't have the evidence."

At the afternoon session of court Judge Burney sentenced Hattie Gavin on an abortion charge of which she was convicted last May before Judge Frizzelle. Attorney Rivers Johnson first moved that the verdict be set aside. Judge Burney stated that a judge who did not hear the case could pass sentence but could not set aside the verdict. After a plea by defense Attorney Stevens Judge Burney sentenced the Gavin woman to 4 to 6 years in State Prison. Defense attorneys at once gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court. Appeal bond was set at \$250 and appearance bond at \$500. And again Hattie goes free. Just before passing sentence the judge stated that he had heard quite a bit about the case and remarked "This is a horrible situation." Several comment among the spectators later was that they were surprised at the sentence. They thought she would get the maximum.

Ladies Coats Stolen From Theatre In Warsaw; Returned

A few weeks ago two young ladies were attending the show in Warsaw. Sometime during the show they left the auditorium, leaving their coats in the seat. On return their coats were gone. No trace could be found of them. One day this week the Warsaw bus station called the theatre informing them of a package arriving on bus. When they went for the package they found in it the two coats. No names were on the package. It had come from Camp Lejeune. The ladies, Miss Jean Shackelford of Warsaw and Miss Dorothy Morse of Goldsboro were notified and came for their coats.

16 Patients From Duplin To Bowman Gray Hospital

Winston-Salem. — Patients from 16 of North Carolina's 100 counties visited the Outpatient Department of the Bowman Gray Hospital during 1949 and increased to almost 10,000 over the number reported the previous year. During the year Duplin County had 16 patient visits or 7.1 patient visits per 10,000 of white population.

Sgt. Tillman Now In Arizona

Sgt. James L. Tillman, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Taylor, 21 1/2, Kenansville, has recently been assigned to Davis Mountain Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona. Sgt. Tillman is a member of the 4888 Central Postal Directory.

Feb. 6 Is 40th Anniversary Of Boy Scouting In America

SUCCEEDS DOWELL



Thompson Greenwood, above, of Raleigh is the new executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association. He succeeds Willard L. Dowell, also of Raleigh, who has served the 7,000-member merchants' organization since 1927. Greenwood who has been associated with the association since June 1, 1947, as assistant secretary, will assume his new duties March 1.

News Briefs

Scout Banquet
All boy and girl scouts in the Kenansville district, together with their parents, will hold a banquet at the local lodge building Saturday night.

Hunting Season
Hunting season closed Tuesday and the time is here to oil and store away the gun for another year, according to game protector Ispock. No further hunting will be permitted until the season reopens in the fall.

Woman Held
Irene Dudley, County Negress, is being held in the Kenansville jail without privilege of bond in the shooting of her husband John Andrew Dudley five miles north of Wallace last Sunday. The victim is in the hospital.

Sentenced In Wayne
Woodrow W. Stroud of Goldsboro, Duplin native of the Holt's Store Community, was sentenced in Wayne County this week to 17 years in State Prison in connection with the "Fish Fry" robbery near Goldsboro several months ago.

Shoots Self
John Robert Reville, draftsman for Reid and Reaves Building Contractors in Wallace attempted suicide by shooting himself in the chest with a 22 rifle at the office of the construction firm early on Saturday. The bullet missed his heart about an inch, it was said. He is expected to recover.

New Fire Watchman
Alvin Smith assumed duties on Feb. 1st as watchman at the Smith Township forest fire tower. The tower has been without a watchman for some time. Forest Fire Warden Ralph Miller has been trying hard to fill the vacancy for some time.

Rotary Club
Faison McGowen was guest speaker at the weekly luncheon of Warsaw Rotary Club this week. He gave an interesting talk on Duplin's taxes and a general break-down of how they were spent. Following the talk the group went into a question and answer period with the speaker.

Builders Permit
Officials of the Town of Warsaw are calling attention to prospective builders that it is necessary to have a permit before any kind of building can be constructed in the corporate limits of Warsaw. This also applies to repairs when additions to a building is involved. Permits may be secured from Commissioner Askew.

The fortieth anniversary of Boy Scouting in the United States will be observed all over the land during the week of Feb. 6 to 12. The theme this year for Scout Week observance is "Strengthen Liberty". Troops and Packs everywhere are planning programs of re-dedication to the ideals of liberty and democracy.

In Tuscarora Council, Boy Scout Week will be ushered in by a huge Scout-Week Rally at the Community Gymnasium in Goldsboro. Two Troops from each of the four counties comprising the Council (Duplin, Johnston, Sampson, Wayne) will compete for Council Honors in a number of Scouting events. Such events as fire building by use of flint and steel, (also by friction method) first aid, signaling, pyramid building, song and yell contest, and tug of war, will feature the Rally. Large delegations of parents and friends are expected to accompany the teams to Goldsboro for the competition. Suitable awards will be presented to the winning Troops. There is no charge for the Rally — everyone invited.

Chapel Hill Professor To Speak In Rose Hill

Dr. Guion G. Johnson of Chapel Hill will make a public address at the Rose Hill Community Building on Thursday evening Feb. 28 at 8 o'clock. Her topic will be "America and World Peace". The International Relations Department of the Rose Hill Womens Club is sponsoring Dr. Johnson. The public is invited to attend.

Dr. Johnson is director of the department of International Relations for the North Carolina Womens Clubs and is in great demand over the state as a speaker. She is a professor in the department of Political Science, at the University of North Carolina.

The International Relations committee of the Rose Hill Womens Club is composed of Mesdames L. A. Wilson, chairman, E. L. Lanier, J. M. Barden and A. R. Bland, Sr.

BIDS RECEIVED ON 3 PAVING PROJECTS

The State Highway and Public Works Commission Wednesday received low bids for road paving on three projects in Duplin County. Work is expected to commence soon. The three roads are: paving on 1.27 miles from intersection of Pine Street and U. S. 117 and NC 24 in Warsaw north along Pine to US 117. Paving, to Exum-Cline Co., Rocky Mount, \$78,843.20; Moving buildings, to American Construction Company, Columbia, S. C., \$17,675.00.

Grading and hard surfacing on 7.6 miles from a point on NC 111 north of city limits of Beulaville north to end of pavement one mile south of Pink Hill, to Exum-Cline Co., \$77,478.50; structures, to N. E. Brewer Co., Raleigh, \$14,754.

Hard surfacing on 3.8 miles from Junction NC 41 at Chinquapin southeast 3.8 miles on county road, to Exum-Cline Co., \$23,956.00.

Nurses To Meet
Nurses of District 14 of the State Nurses Association will meet in Warsaw on Feb. 14. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock in the Home Economics room of the Warsaw High School. For further information contact Mrs. Eva T. Lewis in Warsaw.

Letter Of Thanks
Register of Deeds X. T. Outlaw this week received a letter from Col. Owen Rand Kenan of Wilmington expressing the family's appreciation for Mr. Outlaw's efforts in securing the Kenan Historical Marker and for his tireless efforts in preserving Duplin County's history.

POLIO DRIVE PICTURE



The above window in the store of James Miller in Beulaville shows part of the merchandise that was contributed to the March of Dimes cause and auctioned off in the Model Theatre there. All receipts from the auction were donated to the Polio Drive. See story in this page.

Calypso Lions Have Largest Charter Night In North Carolina Lionism

The people in Calypso, and especially Patrolman Earl Whitaker were happy Wednesday night, and justly so, for on that night the Calypso Lions Club received its charter at the biggest charter night for Lions Clubs ever held in North Carolina. The club with 64 members received its charter from District Governor L. K. Day of Rocky Mount.

The meeting, in banquet form, was held in the Calypso school gymnasium with nearly three hundred people in attendance from clubs from Rocky Mount to Wilmington, from Kenansville to Raleigh.

The meeting was called to order by N. A. Sloan, president. Calypso Lions Club. Invocation was given by Rev. T. K. Woody and Lion N. L. Crumpler of Clinton introduced the Tail Twisters.

Roy Cates, member of the Faison Lions Club, introduced the master of ceremonies, Neil Hester of Raleigh who took the chair and presided from there out. Mayor B. C. Sellars of Calypso extended a word of welcome to which Robert Farrior of Calypso responded. Lion Hester

Rose Hill Children Ready For Concert

Don't be surprised if your child comes home from school whistling or humming snatches from a Bisset Symphony.

It may sound something like child prodigies do, but it really is quite likely in North Carolina where children hear the North Carolina Little Symphony. The children of Rose Hill and vicinity have been studying Bisset's Symphony and hearing it on records for the past several weeks in preparation for the concert the Little Symphony will play for them on Feb. 13th.

In the Rose Hill schools, Mrs. H. E. Latham has been preparing the children for the concert. With materials sent out from the Symphony office in Chapel Hill -- preparatory notes for teachers, and Symphony Stories for the children -- the schools have been getting ready for the concert.

Mrs. Fred B. McCall, who heads the Children's Division in Chapel Hill, knows that children must be familiar with music to enjoy it. With this in mind she has issued

Coastal Breeders Association Of Duplin And Pender Meet Wallace Monday Night

The second annual meeting of the Coastal Breeders Association, Inc., serving Pender, Duplin and portions of adjoining counties will be held Monday night, Feb. 6, in the Wallace High School Auditorium. The meeting will be called to order at 7:30 by Melvin Cording, president. The report of the secretary C. A. Dillard will be heard after the election of officers and directors.

Beulaville Auction Brings \$165.35 Gov. Scott's Cigar Sold; Sen. Hoey's Tie

The Model Theatre, in cooperation with the Beulaville Civics Club, staged an old fashioned "Country Store Auction" in the current drive for the March of Dimes. Forty-two local merchant-donated gifts to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Having the merchandise displayed a week in advance brought a good crowd out and all items brought more than retail value.

Highlights of the evening was the spirited bidding on a cigar and a plug of chewing tobacco given for the occasion by Governor W. Kerr Scott and a necktie from U. S. Senator Clyde R. Hoey, the tie being bid in by Bob Demorest (who got bidding experience in Wallace buying hand mules) and the cigar and cut plug going to Murphy M. Thigpen.

Proceeds from the auction were one hundred sixty five dollars and thirty-five cents (\$165.35) another forty-four dollars and fourteen cents (\$44.14) brought from audience collection during the week brought the total to two hundred nine dollars and forty-nine cents (\$209.49) passing the two hundred dollars which had been set as a goal.

Proceeds from coin collectors and other activities have yet to be counted.

The auctioneer was Bud Miller, representing the Civics Club, assisted by James Miller, and Bob Demorest.

MERCHANT



HENRY M. WEST, JR.

son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry West of Warsaw and West Siding who will open a new, modern self-service grocery store in Kenansville about March 1st. The name of the new business will be "YOKE STORE". Young Mr. West has just completed his college career at Wake Forest College, having completed all his work at mid-term, on January 27th. He will receive his diploma in B. S. in business science at the regular commencement exercises in the spring.

Mr. West is a graduate of Kenansville High School (1944). He attended Mars Hill Junior College in the summer of '44 going from there into the Army where he served two years. He was given an honorable discharge with the rank of Infantry Technician. Following his discharge from the Army he entered Wake Forest.

Negro Tonsil Clinic Started In County

Last week the Duplin County Health Department inaugurated the Negro Tonsil Clinic here. It will operate for several weeks in the health department building on Wednesdays, just as the white clinic has been doing. The white clinic has been suspended for the time being. Dr. Parker of Clinton is doing the operating. Patients operated on last week were:

Margaret Faison, Shirley Stallings, John McGowan, Ida Pitta, Katie Dobson, Elijah Bryant, Bobby Bryant, Evelyn Barden, James Satchell, Lillian Hatcher, Geraldine McKiever, Charlie McKiever, Martha Monk, Christine MacMillan and Morris Murphy.

A Big Hog

J. F. Bryan of the Bryan-Pearsall neighborhood recently butchered one of Duplin's largest hogs. The hog weighed over 800 pounds. He was so heavy he broke the lift at the Warsaw Abattoir. Bryan said he cooked out over 200 pounds of lard.

Kenans Contribute More To Auditorium

Supt. O. P. Johnson received two checks totaling \$2,000 over the week end to be applied on the Kenan Memorial Auditorium. The first check, for \$1,000 was sent by Wm. Rand Kenan, Jr. of New York, received on Saturday. On Sunday Mr. Johnson received another check for \$1,000 from Mrs. Graham Kenan of Wilmington, sister to Wm. Rand. This brings to a total \$2,000.00 the Kenan family has donated towards completion of the building.

The last two checks made possible resumption of work which was stopped a few weeks ago when the money ran out. Work was started Monday on the north side seats. The two thousand will not complete the seating section but will make possible usable seats in time for the basketball tournament. Another one thousand dollars is necessary to complete that side and Mr. Johnson is hoping that amount will show up so that it may be completed without stopping.

Duplin Choir Holds Meet

The Duplin County Choir met in the Kenansville School Auditorium Friday night January 27, at 7:30. The following communities were represented: Teachey, Rose Hill, Kenansville, B. F. Grady, Calypso and Chinquapin. Around thirty-five were present.

Mrs. Margaret Reynolds was elected Community Chairman for Kenansville; Mrs. L. R. Lanier for Rose Hill; Mrs. Bertha James for Chinquapin; Mr. Edgar J. Wells for Teachey.

The next county-wide meeting will be held in the Kenansville School Auditorium on February 24, 1950, at 7:30 P. M., at which time a report will be given by the Music Selection Committee concerning musical selections and programs to be given by the choir.

We again urge all communities in the county who were not represented to attend our next meeting and become a member of the choir.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE

Killed Jan. 24 thru Jan. 26	7
Injured same dates	65
Killed thru Jan. 26, 1950	57
Killed thru Jan. 26, 1949	51
Injured thru Jan. 26, 1950	728
Injured thru Jan. 26, 1949	493
Killed Jan. 27 thru 30	9
Injured same dates	161
Killed thru Jan. 30, 1950	66
Killed same dates last year	57
Injured thru Jan. 30, 1950	889
Injured thru Jan. 30, 1949	620

Auntie's
Husbands' words get sharp from trying to get 'out in odorous'.

JANUARY

- 28—Kansas admitted to Union, 1861.
- 30—Franklin D. Roosevelt born, 1882.
- 31—Quarterly O.A.R. payroll tax return due.

FEBRUARY

- 1—First session, U. S. Supreme Court, 1790.
- 4—Northwest settles Japan, 1793; 20,000 killed.
- 8—Nevada Grants born, 1811.
- 4—Social Hygiene day.