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## Eleanor Gay Herring Crowned Queen North Carolina Veterans Foreign Wars

Miss Eleanor Gay Herring, Queen of the Pink Hill post Veterans of Foreign Wars, stole the show in Hendersonville last week-end, when she won the state-wide beauty contest and now reigns Queen of the North Carolina Division Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary. The annual state encampment was held in the mountain town there last week and Miss Herring was chosen beauty queen from a list of fifteen contestants. Miss Herring became the center of attraction almost on arrival and it was soon apparent that she was a serious contender for the crown.

She will represent the North Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars, numbering more than 20,000 strong, at the national encampment in Chicago August 21 to September 1st and will compete with queens from all over the United States for the national honor.

The choosing of Miss Herring as queen followed a street parade climaxed by a beauty contest held at Laurel Park Lake. Closing the day for the delegates, their wives and the new queen was a dance at the City gymnasium Saturday night. In the contest, Dot Corpening of Hendersonville placed second and Ann Sheider of Hendersonville was third.

Judges were Jean Neal of Greenville, S. C., South Carolina azalea queen; Captain Jack Schmidt of the U. S. Marine Corps, Cherry Point, and Lt. Charles Moody of Fort Bragg.

At the Saturday morning business meeting Brig. Gen. Ridgeley Gaither, assistant commander of the 2nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, told delegates that our peace time army "is the best in my 25 years of experience, although small in size."

"The Army is young, intelligent and can certainly fight, although we hope it won't have to fight," Gen. Gaither said. The big question, he said, is what will back it up, and "that is where the veteran can help us."

The training of regular troops is complicated by the multiplicity of new and complicated equipment and this means a serious training problem, he said.

The report of the resolutions committee was approved. It included among 24 approved the following:

Opposition to decentralization of civil service control, a recommendation that World War II be declared officially ended for veterans preference purposes, opposition to any weakening of the present veterans preference law.

A restriction of civil service to United States citizens, opposition to any form of world government, approval of universal military training for six months, opposition to any change in the present immigration quota system, and opposition to any act which would take the control of veterans affairs from the Veterans Administration.

E. D. Knauff of Jacksonville took over as state commander. Mrs. Wade Franklin of Hendersonville was elected president of the Auxiliary and Mrs. Katheryne Zatkiewicz of Wilmington was elected senior vice president.

### Warsaw Bible School Commencement On Friday Night

Commencement exercises for the Daily Vacation Bible School of the Warsaw Baptist Church will be held Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the church auditorium. The school closed on Wednesday after having a week and a half of one of the most successful schools of this kind in many years. An average daily attendance of 101 pupils was enjoyed. One of the factors contributing to the success of the school was the interest and cooperation shown by the deacons of the church. Elbert Matthys served as Superintendent. Glenn Brown gave an hour's teaching each day. In all nine deacons visited and assisted in promoting this program.

Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock a picnic was held at White Lake. The WMU of the church furnished food and drinks for the occasion. A large number attended.

More than 10% of North Carolina's population are veterans of World War II.



MISS ELEANOR GAY HERRING Queen of more than 20,000

Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars, who will compete in Chicago for the honor of National Queen in late August. The winner will be featured in a new picture "Convention City" to be premiered in Chicago during the National Encampment of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Photo by Chas Kraft, staff photographer

### Queen's Ball Veterans Foreign Wars Be Held Pink Hill Saturday Night

Pink Hill Veterans of Foreign Wars, their friends from Duplin and Lenoir Counties and war buddies throughout Eastern North Carolina, will celebrate in Pink Hill Saturday night when the Pink Hill Post will play host at a Queen's Ball, a toast to their Queen, Miss Eleanor Gay Herring, Queen of the Pink Hill Post and of the North Carolina Division of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Miss Herring will be the honor guest and will be assisted by about 19 girls who com-

### TWO DUPLINITES AT CANCER CLINIC

Forty persons were examined at the Cancer Detection-Diagnostic Clinic held at James Walker Hospital in Wilmington Tuesday, according to a report just released by officials of the American Cancer Society. Thirty-two patients were referred to their physicians for medical attention. Fifteen cases were studied at the Diagnostic section which immediately follows the general examinations. Nine priorities were given for the clinic of June 13.

The report shows that the 2146 miles of grading, paving and structures from a point on NC 24 in Kenansville through Beulaville to junction NC 24 and US 258, and bridge over Middleton Mills Creek approximately 3 miles west of Kenansville. Roadway, Eum-Cline Construction Co., Rocky Mount, \$367,544.00; structures, Grannis & Sloan, Inc., Fayetteville, \$135,905.10; and moving buildings, Bailey & Phillips, Selma, \$15,300.

### DUPLIN SQUARE DANCERS GOING TO CHAPEL HILL

The Duplin Square Dancers will meet in the auditorium here Tuesday night for a final practice before going to Chapel Hill Tuesday, June 16th to participate in a state-wide square dance contest at the University that night. The contest is under the direction of Lamar Lunsford, director of folklore at the University.

### CONTRACT LET FOR LOCAL ROAD WORK

Contracts were let Tuesday for construction of a new bridge at Middleton Mill run on the Kenansville-Warsaw highway and for widening and reconstruction of highway from a point in Kenansville near Grove Presbyterian church to Beulaville and the Onslow County line. This project includes straightening out the snake curves around the courthouse and will require the moving of some buildings. Also curbs and gutters and sidewalks will be built in town.

A round and square dance will be held from 8 to 12 o'clock with music furnished by the Frazier Band of Kinston. A feature of the evening will be the grand march led by the queen. The public is invited to attend the celebration.

**HUBERT "PEPSI COLA" MERRITT OF WARSAW, FAILED IN HIS THIRD SUICIDE ATTEMPT SATURDAY NIGHT WHEN HE TOOK 300 GRAINS OF ASPIRIN AFTER HAVING DRUNK A SOLUTION OF BEAN BEETLE DUST, ACCORDING TO OFFICERS OF WARSAW.**

Merritt went into a service station near the high school building and ordered five boxes of aspirin tablets, telling the attendant that his child was sick. He then ordered a bottle of Pepsi Cola and took the aspirins, a box at a time. He would dump a whole box of tablets into his mouth and wash them down with the cola. Witnesses attempted to stop him but to no avail. He was carried to a Warsaw doctor and rushed to the Goldsboro Hospital in an ambulance. He was unconscious on leaving Warsaw. Ambulance attendants said he vomited most of the way to Goldsboro and his stomach was apparently empty on arrival. He soon recovered.

It is said this was his third attempt to take his life. He is about 28 years old and served as janitor in the Warsaw high school the past season.

**HOT COLA EXPLODES  
SIX STITCHES TAKEN**

Last week Ralph Lanier of Warsaw suffered lacerations about the face requiring six stitches when a Cola bottle exploded as he was placing hot drinks into a vending machine. When the hot bottle came into contact with the freezing part of the machine it exploded.

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**BLOODSHED BOXSCORE  
ON N. C. HIGHWAYS**

Killed June 2 - 5  
Injured same dates 145

Killed thru June 5, 1950 360

Killed thru June 5, 1949 315

Injured thru June 5, 1950 4,748

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## Kenansville Town Meeting Monday Night

## Farm Bureau Conference, Work Shop

Be Held In Raleigh June 13-14

There will be a called meeting of every person residing in the Town of Kenansville for Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in the court house here. This meeting is very important and may effect the pocketbooks of every person in town. The matter of adequate fire fighting equipment for the town and addition of new and larger water mains and more fire hydrants, will be discussed. Every person in town is urged to be present and as near on time as possible so as not to delay the discussions.

### Rose Hill Boy Needs Help; May Be Question Of Life And Death

Welford Teachey, young Rose Hill boy, now a patient at the Kabat-Kaiser Institute in Washington City, is facing the possibility of leaving the hospital and undoing everything that has been accomplished in his behalf and resulting in his death in the not too far distance if some needed cash is not forthcoming.

Welford is 18 years old and is afflicted with a rare type of disease that affects his muscles. Six months ago he was carried to the Kagat-Kaiser Institute, one of the only two such institutions in the country that could help him. When carried off he had no use of his hands or legs. His muscles were so weak he could hardly swallow. A late report from the hospital states that his progress is fine. He is able to swallow normally, feed himself and even push himself around in a rolling chair. He can now write legibly.

The Institute is not endowed suf-

ficiently to take care of such patients free. It costs \$450 per month to keep young Teachey there. The account is now \$1600 behind and he has been notified that unless some money comes forth he will have to leave on June 15th. The Rose Hill Civitan Club, Wallace Lions Club and churches in Rose Hill and Wallace have raised between \$100 and \$1500 that has already been spent on him. People of Rose Hill are calling for help throughout the county.

Doctors at the hospital say that another six months and Welford will be able to return home and help support himself. If he is dismissed now he will soon be back where he was six months ago and will continue to get worse.

Anyone wishing to donate are asked to send their donation to Mrs. L. D. Brunnitt, chairman, Welford Teachey Fund, Rose Hill, N. C.

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### Sam Byrd To Present Historical

Play In Charleston Next November

### Premiere Showing "Bright Leaf" Here Next Week

Sam Byrd's "For Those Who Live In The Sun," a two-act historical play, with music, will be presented November 21, 22 and 23 at the Memminger auditorium in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of organized Jewish community life in Charleston, South Carolina, the Charleston Jewish Community Bicentennial Committee announced today.

Mr. Byrd, whose unusual pageant, "The Duplin Story," met with such success in eastern North Carolina last summer that it is being repeated this September upon popular demand, has been at work on research and background material for the Jewish drama for the past three months. Designed to portray the history and contributions of the Jewish community, the two-act, 16-scene play will be fictionalized history, with actual characters called by name and true events in real places.

Among leading characters in "For Those Who Live In The Sun" there will be such figures as Francis Salvador, the Revolutionary patriot who was the first Jew to hold elective office in the modern world; Moses Lindo, whose development of the indigo industry was the basis of the colonial prosperity of Carolina; Judah P. Benjamin, "the baron of the Confederacy" who spent his formative years in Charleston, and one blind Penina Moise, considered the most inspired hymn-writer English speaking Jews have produced.

Mr. Byrd, whose Broadway productions under his own management, has also been engaged in his own play. He was born in Mt. Olive, N. C. educated at the University of Florida, and is well known in the theatrical experiences which include 1151 consecutive performances as "Dude Lester" in "Tobacco Road," two years in the Pulitzer Prize Play, "Street Scene," and the role of "Curley" in the Critics' Prize play, "Of Mice and Men."

Mr. Byrd has had considerable success as an author. His first book, "Small Town South," won him a Life-in-America Prize and his second, "Hurry Home to My Heart" was based on personal wartime combat experiences while serving as a beachmaster in the Normandy invasion. The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation awarded him a fellowship in creative writing in 1946, and renewed that fellowship in 1948. At present he is Lecturer in Sociology at the College of Charleston.

In discussing the forthcoming play, "For Those Who Live In The Sun," Mr. Byrd said, "Over the past two hundred years the Jewish community of Charleston has left a tremendous impression on the cul-



WILBUR A. PIKE

of Pikeville, N. C. is a candidate for Dist. 1 Governor of Lions International, Southeastern Division of District 31-C, subject to vote of delegates at the State Convention in Charlotte on June 18-20. Lion Pike is at present Deputy District Governor of Region 4, Dist. 31-C.

### Duplin Warehousemen Attend Myrtle Beach Meet

Myrtle Beach, S. C. — Warehousemen from the five states which grow flue-cured tobacco gathered here Monday to make plans for the 1950 auction season.

They are attending the annual convention of the Bright Leaf Warehousemen — composed of warehousemen from Georgia, Florida, Virginia, North and South Carolina.

A major item of business was a set of regulations for the sale of tobacco which were proposed several months ago by a committee composed of representatives of farm organizations, warehousemen and buying interests.

These regulations will deal with rate of sales, hours of sales, size of piles of tobacco, and others.

In addition the delegates left to their board of governors the matter of fixing opening dates for the various flue-cured tobacco belts.

Attending from Duplin: Charlie Herring, Star Warehouse, Kinston; A. C. Blanchard, Blanchard and Farrior, Wallace; W. M. Hussey's Warehouse, Wallace.

### UNIVERSALISTS PLAN PARLEY NEAR BURGAW

Young people and church school leaders from North Carolina Universalists will gather from June 9 to 23 at their summer meeting ground at Shelter Neck near Burgaw.

The North Carolina Universalist Youth Fellowship, led by President Bryant Balkcum, Clinton, Vice-President Maybelle Outlaw, Seven Springs, Secretary Peggy Ward, Rose Hill, will be in charge of the youth portion of the program.

The Rev. Ora Eads, Rose Hill Universalist Church is dean of the meetings assisted by Virginia Ward of New Hanover; the Rev. Maurice Cobb, Chapel Hill, the Rev. Leonard Prater, Outlaws Bridge, and the Rev. Thomas Turrell, Kinston.

Denominational leaders from headquarters in Boston, Mass., will be Alice Harrison, director of youth activities for the denomination and Mrs. Jean Fry, Children's Division, head of the Universalist department of education. The two leaders will conduct courses in youth work, churchmanship and religious education. They will report on the new work with German refugees to be undertaken by the Universalist Service Committee in the British Zone of Germany!

### FAISON LIONS CLUB

The Faision Lions at their regular meeting last Friday evening installed the new set of officers for the coming year. The new officers will take over their duties the last Friday night in July.

Friday night is the last time the club will meet in June and the next meeting will be the last Friday night in July. It is customary during the produce season for the club to eliminate their last meeting date in June and the first meeting in July each year due to the fact that many of the members are connected with the market and are not able to attend.

With a twinkle in his eye, the Dean replied, "Well, you say that your son has a gift of gab, and continually makes promises that he doesn't keep. Why, with those qualities, our great college will add a bit of knowledge, a bit of culture, and we'll turn you out the finest first class politician that you can well be proud of."

North Carolina's Farm Bureau's first presidents and secretaries conference and third annual Associated Women's Workshop will be held at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, June 13-14, President A. C. Edwards, Hookerton, has announced.

Executive Vice-President, R. Flake Shaw, Greensboro, will give the opening address at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 13. Commodity problems will be discussed after Shaw's talk.

A banquet Tuesday night will have H. L. Wingate, Georgia Farm Bureau President and American Farm Bureau Federation director, as principal speaker. There will be special musical entertainment during the dinner.

Wednesday morning's conference will be in two sections, with county FB leaders discussing problems facing farmers and going over Fall membership drive plans with B. C. Mangum, Henderson, campaign chairman. The second section will have Associated Women considering county and community needs, with Mrs. B. B. Everett, Palmyra, AW chairman, presiding.

O. R. Long, AFBF representative in the Southern Region, will address the whole group at 12 noon. Adjournment will be about 1 p.m. Tuesday's commodity sessions will have the following discussion leaders: Dr. J. H. Hilton, State College Experiment Station director, livestock; Carl T. Hicks, Walstonburg, tobacco; Thomas Cornwell, Shelby, cotton; J. F. Turner, Jackson, peanuts; and J. V. Whittle, Burgaw, fruits and vegetables.

Some 500 members are expected to attend this first joint session of Farm Bureau presidents and secretaries and the Associated Women. The Sir Walter Hotel has earmarked rooms for those planning to attend the meeting, but each member should make reservations directly with the hotel.

### DRUNKEN DRIVER HITS PEDESTRIAN

Pete Matthews, white man, ran down a friend Saturday night just after offering to give him a ride. According to Warsaw officers, Pete was driving down Main Street when he stopped and offered to pick up Jeff Britt. Britt told him he didn't want to ride with no haul anyone when they were drunk. Jeff walked down the street towards an intersection. Reaching the intersection he attempted to cross. When he reached about midway his would be chauffeur, driving down the street in a zig zag manner, struck him and knocked him to the pavement. Britt suffered scratches and bruises.

Matthews continued driving. Britt reported the incident to the officers and when they arrived at Matthews' home to arrest him he had arrived home safely and completely passed out. He was given a hearing and bound over to county court under a \$300 bond.