

Confession
If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1-9.

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Duplin County Hospital Site Selected

Three Fishermen Taking Drinks Results In Mill Pond Taking Two Lives Sunday

Two Mount Olive Negro men, Wilbur Raynor and David John Durham, were drowned in about eight or 10 feet of water Sunday afternoon when their small fishing boats capsized in the old Cook-Albritton mill pond in Wolfscrape township.

Gordon Merritt, white man of the Bear Marsh section, who operates the pond, saved their companion, Raymond McMillan, also of Mount Olive, from what might have been the same fate, when he rescued the exhausted Negro as he clung to a small tree limb.

Sheriff Ralph Jones and Deputy Sheriff Murray Byrd of Faison, investigated the accident and Corporal Gurman Powell ruled an inquest unnecessary.

According to Merritt the three men were alone on the pond, while he and a companion were standing on the dam. Merritt said he heard someone shouting up near the head of the pond, but figured at first one of the trio had either had a bite, or else had hung a fish.

In a few minutes, however, he distinguished the shouting as being calls for help, and he and his companion used a motor boat to reach the scene. When they arrived they found McMillan clinging by his finger tips to a small tree limb near where his companions had gone down.

Instructions to Merritt to hold on to the edge of his boat, Merritt eased to the shore where others who had arrived in the meantime dragged the exhausted man onto the bank.

While bystanders went to Mount COUNTRIES ON BACK



Roy Rowe Out For Lt. Governor

Burgaw, Jan. 18, Roy Rowe, of Burgaw, Duplin County, veteran North Carolina legislator, prominent businessman and farmer, today formally announced his candidacy for Lieutenant Governor in the Spring Democratic Primary.

He said he would conduct an energetic campaign, speaking or appearing in each of the state's 100 counties before the vote on May 31.

"I solicit the support of all North Carolina Democrats on the basis of my record as a member of the legislature during more than a dozen years of the state's greatest progress."

"The office of Lieutenant Governor is one of high responsibility. If elected, I will strive to continue the tradition, set by some of North Carolina's most able men, of dig-

KENAN MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

Another \$3000 For Auditorium
Last Saturday Supt. of Schools O. F. Johnson received three thousand dollars from the Kenan family towards completion of Kenan Memorial Auditorium. Mr. Wm. Kenan, Jr., his sister Mrs. Gessie Kenan and Mrs. Jessie Kenan also sent \$1,000 each. This brings to a total \$23,000 the three have donated towards the building. The Kenan family have been very generous in their thoughtfulness to give to their old home town new-works in recent years and are highly appreciated. Mr. Johnson says this \$3,000 will help in completing installation of water works, septic tank and dressing rooms. Any money left over will be spent towards completion of other parts of the project. The heating plant has been installed and is said to be working fine. A good deal more will be needed before the building is finally completed and now that the county has acquired all properties around it, the building is ready to be occupied. It is hoped that some time will not be too long before the building will stand on the corner of Highway 101 and Highway 201. The Kenan family is now in the process of preparing to move to their new home in Burgaw, N. C. Mr. Johnson says this \$3,000 will

County Ranger Miller Issues Burning Permit Order; List Of Permit Agents

County Ranger Ralph Miller would like to remind the citizens of Duplin County that beginning February 1, 1952, it will again be necessary to obtain a burning permit before doing any burning.

The following is a copy of Chapter 14-139 of the 1945 General Statutes of North Carolina providing for the Section I. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service or within five hundred feet of any such protected area, between the first day of February and the first day of June, inclusive, in any year, without first obtaining from the State Forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to set out fire or ignite any material in such above mentioned protected areas; no charge shall be made for the granting of said permit. Section II. This Act shall not apply to any fires started or caused to be started within five hundred feet of a dwelling house. Section III. Any person, firm or corporation violating this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than fifty (\$50) dollars, or imprisoned for a period of not more than 30 days. Section IV. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

You can obtain burning permits from the following permit agents: G. R. Cawan, Beaulville, R.F.D.; Edgar English, Wallace, R.F.D.; Chingquapin Fire Tower, A. C. Hall Hardware Store; Wallace, Leland Sheffield, Rose Hill Tower; Farmers Hardware Store, Warsaw, H. A. Parker, Bowden; Jessie Grice Store, Calypso; John W. Waters, Mt. Olive, R. F. D.; C. E. Stephens Hardware Store, Kenansville; Graham Chestnut Store, Warsaw, R.F.D.; Thurman Evans, Rose Hill, R.F.D.; Alvin Smith, Pink Hill Fire Tower; Woodrow Smith Store; M. R. Oats, Faison Hardware Store; James Miller, Hardware Store, Beaulville, N. C.; Ralph Miller.

Magnolia Negro Held Without Bond In The Pistol Slaying Of His Wife

Ernest Bright Magnolia Negro, is being held in jail without privilege of bond, as ordered by the coroner's jury, in the murder of his 25 year old wife, Inez, at their home Monday morning about 12:15. According to officers the Sheriff was called from a doctor's office in Rose Hill telling him there was a dead woman at his office. Jones

Representatives State Health Dept. Visit And Advise Local Health Workers

Duplin County Health Department had as guest from the State Board of Health last Friday Miss Anne Lamb, nurses consultant, Miss Sarah Goggins, field director of clerical staff and Dr. Robert F. Murphy, Pediatric consultant.

The purpose of their visit was to help in the planning of the department's activities for 1952. Dr. Murphy put a special stress on the importance of promoting better care of prenatals and infants, emphasizing the fact that Duplin's infant death rate last year was among the highest in the state 61.3 as compared with that of the state which is 34.7. The alarming maternal death rate in Duplin County is 4.7 as compared with State maternal death rate of 1.2.

Of 1002 births in Duplin in 1951, 5 per cent were delivered in the home and 43 per cent in hospitals. This statistical fact rates Duplin along with the state average, thus assuring us that Duplin mothers had as good as average care at delivery, but leaves an unanswered question as to how much prenatal care these mothers had, and how well their babies were cared for after birth.

Recent scientific studies show that mothers with the proper prenatal care enjoy better health, have fewer birth complications, and give birth to healthier babies, better developed, and with greater resistance to disease.

The Duplin Health Department is working in coordination with private physicians and midwives in urging all expectant mothers to begin prenatal care as early as possible in pregnancy.

Special maternity and infant clinics are held at the health department in Kenansville each 4th Thursday afternoon at the health department, with Dr. John F. Powers, part time health officer in attendance.

Miss Mary Lee Sykes and Mrs. Helen Ballard of this department attended a two day meeting at James Walker Hospital in Wilmington last Wednesday and Thursday. The meeting was sponsored by the State Board of Health and James Walker Hospital, cooperating. The purpose of the meeting was to give public health nurses some instructions in the most up to date methods of caring for premature babies.

Mr. J. L. Higgins, from the Division of Sanitary Engineering, State Board of Health visited this department last week and assisted our local sanitarium in making plans for a new abattoir in Duplin.

Mrs. Louise C. Bullock, from the State Blind Commission, Raleigh, visited this department Tuesday in the interest of an eye clinic for Duplin's school children.

Two group meetings were visited by Mrs. Gordon Korngay of this department last week with health movies. A movie on mental health was shown at Warsaw P.T.A. meeting and one on the activities of a health department was shown at the monthly meeting of Franklin Home Demonstration Club.

Dr. C. C. Applewhite and Dr. Coker from the division of local health administration State Board of Health, were recent visitors to Duplin County in the interest of hiring a full time health officer for Duplin County.

Home From Korea

Mrs. J. Robert Jones has received word from her husband, Capt. J. Robert Jones who has been in Japan that he is enroute home from Korea. Mrs. Jones is the former Helen Parker of Outlaw's Bridge. She and their two children, Donna Lou and Bobby reside with her parents at Outlaw's Bridge.

New Drive - In Theatre Opens In Beulaville Thursday February 7th.

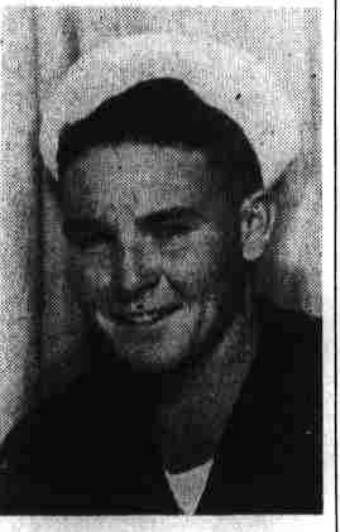
What is said to be the largest drive-in theatre in Duplin County is scheduled to open Thursday night February 7th. Twilight Drive-In Theatre, all new in every detail, has been attracting the interest of passing motorists as it has been under construction on highway 201 about one mile East of Beulaville towards Kenansville. The theatre covers several acres of ground on the northern side of Highway 201. The owners are Messrs. Archie Lanier and A. Y. York, have gone all out to bring the very latest in equipment to theatre goers of Duplin. Parking space and loud speakers have been provided for 200 cars with room to add more as the demand increases. A new 30-41 ft. screen has been put up. Simplex projection equipment has been installed. Four modern sanitary rest rooms have been provided.

For the opening night the operators have purchased orchids for the ladies and the first 250 to enter the gate will get an orchid. Bal-

Lady, have you lost A Week End . . . Bag?

Mondy, the Sheriff's office received an attractive lady's week-end bag and a nice top-coat. The bag was packed with adequate week-end clothing of some, apparently young, lady. Night clothes, toiletries etc, a dress or two.

The bag was sent in by Robert Lee Russell of 507 Pollock Street, New Bern, saying he found it 3 miles East of Richlands on highway 258. The bag, it was said, was on the side of the road just as if it had been placed there. No identification was found on the bag or clothing. Not even a trade mark or dry cleaner's name or number.



Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Torrans received word this week that their son, Thomas Grey Torrans of the U. S. Navy, was leaving San Diego, California for the State of Washington, having completed his training there. Thomas leaves with the honor of being the outstanding man of his company. Says his Commander E. C. Raymond, "If all the boys were just like Thomas, we would have nothing to worry about. If he continues on as he has during my association with him the past three months, I am sure he will be a credit and of great service to his country. I am very proud of him."

Home Dem. Women Asked To Write Recipes Of Colonial Days; Story Forest Fires Due To Carelessness

Forest Ranger Ralph Miller reports that many farmers are being too careless with burning tobacco beds and new ground. On last Friday he was called to five fires. Large fires he said were on Warsaw Rd. 2 Kenansville, Rt. 1, Pinhook, near Teachee, Anos Lanier's and Walter Rhodes. The Rhodes fire was small.

Warsaw Man Buys Wallace Business

Henry Rivenbark, formerly with the Duplin Supply Company in Warsaw, has recently purchased the business in Wallace known as Mac's Farm Supply. Mr. Rivenbark has affiliated with the FCX and the business now goes under the name of Wallace Farmers Exchange, located next to the Minchew Buick Company.

The new business is equipped to supply the farmers in seeds, feeds, fertilizers, baby chicks, and groceries.

Henry especially invites his friends in the area covered by the Times to visit his place on their next trip to Wallace.

Rivenbark was born and raised in Warsaw and was with the Duplin Supply Company for four years. He attended school in Warsaw. During the war he saw 27 months service in the army 24 months of which were spent overseas in the Pacific area. He is living in Warsaw at present but expects to move to Wallace as soon as living quarters are available.

County Purchases Entire Home Site Of H. D. Williams; 31 Acres In Town; Plan School Expansion

Dr. Gooding Case Not To Grand Jury

Solicitor Walter Britt announced this week that the case against Dr. G. V. Gooding, former Health Officer, would not be presented to the Grand Jury this week as expected. Mr. Britt said he had hoped to have it prepared and ready but heavy court cases in the winter and since Christmas have not permitted time for sufficient preparation. He hopes to be able to present it to the April Grand Jury.

Marley Merritt Not Guilty Of Killing Father

Marley Merritt, 15 year old Magnolia white boy was exonerated in the killing of his father Creto Merritt in Superior Court here this week. A jury was called but never empaneled for the case. Judge Q. K. Nimmocks heard the evidence in the matter and ordered the plea of nolo contendere which had been entered by the boy's attorney, be struck out and a directed verdict of not guilty be entered. Judge Nimmocks said he had never had a case before him just like this one. Quoting the law that a man had the right to protect his home and himself he said the boy was protecting the home and his mother, as well as himself, from a drunker father. Evidence showed the mother and the boy had been threatened by the father at other times. When the boy entered the house on Saturday night, Jan. 12th, he found his father unmercifully beating up his mother and he secured a gun and shot him.



PRESIDENT AND MRS. J. ROBERT PRICE of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints who are leaving

Church Group Bid Farewell To Mission President And Wife At Colfax Meeting

By MRS. MELVIN POTTER
Sunday January 27, a mission conference was held at the Colfax Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Colfax is located 11 miles out of Greensboro, N. C. on the Winston-Salem highway. President J. Robert Price and his wife, who have presided over the Central Atlantic States Mission for the past four years, have been released and a new mission president and his wife have come to reside over this mission.

The chapel at Colfax has been built since President Price came to this mission. It is a beautiful building and beautiful flowers were arranged for the occasion. There were over 1000 in attendance at the first session which began at 10:00 a.m. and over 1100 at the second session which began at 1:30 p.m. Of this number 175 were missionaries.

The Central Atlantic States Mission includes North Carolina, Virginia, and part of W. Va. The mission is divided into districts and a district president resides over each district. Talks were made by these district presidents and also by others.

During the second session Pres. Price read a letter he had written to the First Presidency of the Church in Salt Lake City Utah asking them to consider the building of a Temple in this mission. The Church now has 3 Temples and those who have seen these Temples or pictures of them will agree that they are very beautiful.

Pres. Price was known as the little dynamo. He has really had a building program underway and under his leadership there have been 26 new chapels built or are under process of being built.

Just before the second session of conference was closed Pres. David Hyatt first counselor to Pres. Price, presented President and Sister Price a book from the mission. It includes names and home addresses of all missionaries who have served under their leadership and many pictures of new chapels and a brief history of the branches and districts in the mission. They will always be remembered and

Snow Was Pretty But Tough On Kids

It was tough on the kids as well as some older folks with kid's ideas Tuesday when old man winter brought a nice snow fall to Duplin. In Kenansville snow began falling about mid-morning and continued pretty generally until well on in the afternoon. At times large flakes would come whirling down and at others small snow drifting in the wind. But warmer weather the night before brought rain and it didn't turn cold enough to freeze the ground before the snow fell. So all we had was a pretty snow fall not enough sticking to turn the roof tops white.

Tuesday and Wednesday nights brought hard freezing weather. The thermometer in Kenansville each night registered about 18 degrees.

Carnival Man Goes Free

Irvin John Talmage, carnival worker, who has been in jail in Kenansville since the week following Armistice celebration in Warsaw, was freed this week when the Grand Jury failed to return a true bill of indictment against him. Talmage, reportedly from New Jersey, thanked the Sheriff for all he had done for him and said everyone in Duplin had been very nice. When released he asked permission to spend the night in jail as he had no immediate plans. He visited the Times offices and expressed his appreciation to the public in Duplin and especially the sheriff and Deputy Sheriff and Jailer Oliver Home. He said he had gained 20 lbs. while in jail on the good food served him.

He was locked up on charges of abducting Evelyn Blackburn, young Warsaw high school girl. When the case came before court the girl her father wished to prosecute so it died for lack of evidence.

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After about two hours of discussion and visiting three approved sites in the town of Kenansville for the new Duplin County Hospital Monday afternoon the Board of County Commissioners decided to purchase the home place of H. D. Williams.

Sites offered for the Duplin County Hospital were: E. A. Newton site on Beaulville Highway—3 acres, price \$4,000; Ben Stroud site on Beaulville Highway—6 acres, price \$6,000; D. S. Williamson site on Chingquapin Highway—8 acres, price \$6,400; D. J. Murray site on Warsaw Highway—8 or 10 acres, price \$1,000 per acre; C. E. Quinn—James Sprunt School site—7 6-10 acres, price \$5,000 and tear down one old building and remove another; Bowden, Heirs, J. J. Bowden home site—64 acres price \$15,000; and H. D. Williams home site—about 31 acres, price \$22,500 and remove house.

On January 4, 1952, Staff Members of the State Medical Care Commission inspected each of the sites that had been offered. On January 14, the State Medical Care Commission recommended approval of either of three sites, viz: the James Sprunt School site, the Bowden property site and the H. D. Williams site.

The Town of Kenansville had agreed to put up either of the three sites tentatively approached by the State Medical Care Commission, and to enlarge the Town water tank and put down another well.

The estimated cost of a sewerage treatment plant is \$10,000. The cost of 8-inch sewer outfall is estimated at \$2 per foot.

Monday afternoon the Board of County Commissioners met with the Hospital Building Committee and the Hospital Trustees. Thirteen members of the Board of Trustees were present and one member who was absent sent in his vote. The three sites tentatively approved by the State Medical Commission were discussed. The Trustees and Building Committee inspected the sites and afterwards were each asked to recommend their first, second, and third choice of the three approved sites. The tally of these recommendations showed: James Sprunt School site, first choice 7, second choice 5, third choice 1; H. D. Williams property first choice 7, second choice 7, third choice none.

After discussion the Board of County Commissioners decided to purchase the Williams home property for the hospital site in accordance with Mr. Williams' offer. The original Resolution appointing the Duplin County Hospital Building Committee provided that "The Board of County Commissioners, with the advice of the Hospital Building Committee and the Executive Director and staff of the State Medical Care Commission, will select the site for the County Hospital including related facilities."

Mr. Williams' site that was selected by the Board consists of about 31 acres of land, and is his entire home in the Town of Kenansville. He reserved all of the trees and timber on that part of said tract of land lying in the Grove Swamp; with the right to cut and remove the same from the land at any time prior to the 1st day of January, 1960, with the usual rights-of-way and other easements for the purpose of cutting, manufacturing and removing said timber.

The offer further provides that Mr. and Mrs. Williams reserve to themselves and to the survivor of them a life estate in the house in which they now reside, together with a lot not larger than one hundred and fifty feet square surrounding it, all of which house and lot shall revert to the County upon their death as aforesaid. It is expressly understood that said house may remain at its present site, but if it shall be found to interfere with the most desirable use of the remainder of said land for the purposes for which it is being purchased, it may at the election of the County be removed to any other suitable place on said land with like use and revision as above set out, the cost and expense of such removal shall be borne by the

Hospital Trustees Meet Next Week

The Board of Trustees of the Duplin County Hospital will meet in the Court House here on Friday night of next week and formally organize. A chairman will be elected and various committees will be appointed. Regular meeting dates will be decided. By-laws of the hospital require that the board meet at least once every three months. Probably a major subject of discussion at next week's meeting will be a program of membership drive for a Blue Cross Hospital-insurance.

About Mr. Williams

Mr. H. D. Williams of Kenansville all of his life has been a public spirited citizen. He was one of the promoters of our public road system when it was in its infancy.

When the question of a site for The Duplin County Hospital was being discussed, Mr. Williams was one of the promoters of the site, free of charge, and was a loyal supporter of the Paganet.

In working out a trade with the County Commissioners on the hospital site he said he was giving his office building, situated just above the Spring, to the county for use by the County Library. It will probably be moved.

Several years ago he says he received the idea of a County Hospital and convalescent home and endeavored to get something started. Then when this hospital building program developed he and Mrs. Williams took an interest. They first offered to give a tract of land 150 feet by 1000 feet for the hospital site, and coupled this with a statement that they would sell any part or all of their home site if needed. Mr. Williams said that he would like to be able to give all of the site but that he was not a wealthy man.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are making a real sacrifice to give up their home, but feel that they are being compensated by the thought of doing something for their county and of relieving the suffering of our people.

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