

Superior Court

A two weeks term of Superior Court will convene here Monday, April 7th. Judge Q. K. Nimmo of Fayetteville will preside.



Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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KENANSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1952.

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Rose Hill Presbyterians To Dedicate \$80,000 Church Building April 6th

Kenansville? I'm A Stranger Here Myself

Helen Caldwell Cushman What is Kenansville made of? Sugar and spice and everything nice, is that what Kenansville is made of? Magnolia trees and a warm southern breeze? Is it old, is it new, does it live in the past? I don't know all the ingredients that go into the finished product, nor can I judge how it would seem to you. I can only tell you how it looks to me, the flavor that I get from it.

If I were a painter, I might paint a picture of Kenansville as a study in light and shadow. The picture might not be what anyone else sees there, but it would represent the feeling of the town as I felt it, as I saw it through my eyes. Since I am a stranger here it is natural that I should see it with a different perspective. Its sharply contrasting characteristics may appear more vivid to me than to those to whom the place is so familiar that they are unaware of them.

I have lived in a new mushrooming boom town with no past, and in the deep forest of Maine on a lake in the wilderness with only deer and moose for neighbors, where no man has left his imprint. I have known the hustling, noisy gaudy town that is Chicago, and the quaint old world walled city that is Quebec. For several years I stayed in a Presbyterian manse in a small town in Georgia, and I have lived a longer time in a huge impersonal apartment on New York's East River. I found unspeakable beauty in the Canadian Rockies, hectic excitement in Hollywood. I have lived in Santa Fe and Klamath Falls, in Portland, Maine and in Portland, Oregon, in Boston, Miami, Charlottesville... and I have liked them all. Each has its own flavor compounded of the past and present, the climate, the industries, the scenery. Most of them are memorable to me because of the people in them. A town and its people are so closely related that each leaves its mark on the other.

Kenansville is an old town, deeply rooted in the proud history of its past; but it is a new town, too. Its ancient houses stand well back from its shaded streets, the new, modern ones near paved highways. It has one of the oldest churches in America, the Grove Presbyterian church, and it has a resplendent new brick one. It has a large up-to-date auditorium and a dignified stately courthouse. Soon ground will be broken for a completely modern hospital. The people are well aware of their history and tradition. They have seen it all enacted in the majestic and ambitious pageant that was the "Duplin Story." Yet the town is awake, too, growing slowly, but growing. That is the important thing. A static town can stifle life by refusing to live in the present, discouraging any vision of the future. A town that grows with its people has vigor, vitality, and is flexible enough to meet the challenge of a new tomorrow.

Life is leisurely here; there is none of the ulcer-producing pressure that you feel in New York or Pittsburgh. That is one reason why its people are friendlier, they have more time to be friendly. Often in New England you can see on the faces of its people a stern, tightlipped expression that is a reflection of the harsh hostility of its climate. In Kenansville, the air is warm and soft and the people are more relaxed and pleasant. Life is easier, the people more easy-going. If I might paraphrase a verse from Proverbs, I would say that her ways are ways of pleasantness, and in her paths lies peace.

Would you like Kenansville? I don't know... it would depend upon you. What you find any place is pretty much what you look for, isn't it? I have found the people kind and hospitable and sincerely friendly... all those I have met. I have found gracious charm and culture, and rich good humor, and warm laughter. Yes, I was a stranger here, but I like the town, and more than the town, I like the people.

MOTHER A. T. OUTLAW DIES IN BEULAVILLE

Mrs. Winifred Potter Outlaw, 79, of Beulaville, wife of the late J. H. Outlaw, died Monday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hampton Baker after a brief illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 3 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Baker conducted by the Rev. Sherman Barnes, pastor of the Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church of which Mrs. Outlaw was a member. Burial was in the family cemetery in the Outlaw's home community. Surviving are two sons, A. H. of Elizabeth City and A. T. Outlaw of Kenansville; two daughters, Mrs. Joel Kennedy of Pink Hill and

BPW To Sponsor Fashion Show In Warsaw April 4

There will be a Fashion Show in the Warsaw High School auditorium on Tuesday evening, April 4, at 8 o'clock. Miss Glenda Edwards of Clinton, recently made famous over the radio, will be guest model at the show. The show is sponsored by the Warsaw Business and Professional Women's Club. A small admission will be charged.

Capistrano Swallows Keep Annual Spring Date

San Juan Capistrano, Calif.—The swallows are back at Capistrano, and on a mission to wipe out the winter. They are expected to arrive in large numbers on the 24th.

Rosehill, N. C., March 25—The new Mount Zion Presbyterian Church, complete and debt-free, will be dedicated Sunday morning, April 6th. The dedication date is the church's "Church Day," equivalent to homecoming for the congregation, and lunch will be served on the grounds.

Rev. Samuel G. Harness, of Durham, pastor of Mount Zion from 1926 to 1942 will preach the sermon. Rev. R. Murphy Williams, of Greensboro, and pastor of Mount Zion from 1897 to 1904 has been invited to take part in the service, along with Rev. Stacy Farrow and Rev. Norman Farrow who entered the ministry from Mount Zion. Dr. L. A. Taylor, of Wilmington, will represent the Presbytery.

Built of split face Ohio sandstone in the traditional Gothic style of Scottish parish churches, the building was nearing completion when it was destroyed by fire during January of last year. Reconstruction began a year ago and the Sunday School plant was ready for use by June of last year and the first worship service was held by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Allison, in the nave of the church last August. The installation of stained glass windows, an organ, chancel furniture, lighting fixtures and new pews completes the church and readies the \$80,000 plant for the dedication.

The divided chancel is finished in Walnut, similar to all woodwork in the nave, whose characteristic exposed trusses carry out the Gothic motif of the structure. Three richly colored stained glass windows in the chancel, with traditional religious symbols, cast a soft light over the south end of the nave, whose focal point is an altar behind which hangs a heavy green and gold dossal cloth.

The organ console is located in a recess at the rear of the chancel and divided choir occupies the area to the rear of the pupil and lectern. The stained glass windows are made of handblown glass imported by the designer from various European countries, each having a different religious symbol. In the fellowship hall above a large stone fireplace hangs an oil portrait of the late Rev. E. M. Bam, beloved pastor of the church who passed away last April. The engraved silver Communion Service book, purchased in 1898 and also displayed on the stone mantle.

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Pink Hill To Be "One Of The Finest Towns" In The State Says Folks

The citizens of Pink Hill met in the school auditorium Monday night and took steps to make their community one of the finest in North Carolina during the coming year, Lynwood Turner reported. The group named a steering committee and a number of project leaders to begin work at once to make the plan: for competing in the Carolina Power and Light Company's "Finer Carolina" contest for this year.

R. E. Wall To Speak To Local Masons

R. E. Wall, prominent Warsaw merchant, has recently returned from a tour of the Old country, the site of King Solomon's Temple and other places of Bible interest, will address the local Masons on Thursday evening, April 3rd. Every Mason is invited and urged to attend. Mr. Wall has some interesting sidelights on Masonry to tell about.

Pink Hill Civic Club Will Hold Ladies Night Friday

The Pink Hill Civic Club will meet Friday night March 28, at 7:30. All members are urged to attend. The ladies night will be discussed. Supper will be served.

Bailey Brothers Coming Beulaville

The Beulaville Lions Club announced the coming of Bailey Brothers and their String Band with all the frills attached to give folks in and around Beulaville the very latest in Hill Billy music. Chas. and Danny Bailey now appear over the radio station in Roanoke, Va. For several years they were on WPTB in Raleigh. They will appear in the Beulaville school auditorium on April 5th. This will be their last appearance for some time in this section.

Beulaville Man USS Kenneth Whiting

On the crew of the recently recommissioned seaplane tender USS Kenneth Whiting, is Stanley E. Cote, ship's serviceman, third class, USN, of Beulaville, N. C.

The Whiting, brought out of mothballs at San Diego, Calif., is undergoing training maneuvers in the San Diego area. She was put into "hibernation" in January, 1947. During World War II the tender served with the Pacific Fleet and tended patrol bombers in the Eniwetok and Saipan areas.

Freak Storm Wrecks Heavy Damage In Wallace The Produce Market Hit Hardest; Ready To Open

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Two Beulaville Recruits Now In San Diego, Calif.

Undergoing recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. are Elvin G. Carter, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Carter of Bowden, N. C. and Dallas H. Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rhodes of Beulaville, N. C. Both are Seaman recruits. Carter entered the Naval service Jan. 22, and Rhodes entered Jan. 20, 1952. This initial training includes instruction in such fields as seamanship, fire-fighting, gunnery, signaling, and other courses designed to make the recruit well-versed in every phase of Navy life. Upon completion of their 11-week training period at the training center, graduates are assigned to duty stations with the Fleet or at Navy shore stations, or are sent to service schools for advanced technical training.

Grady FHA Students Attend Convention

Miss Thelma Dilday, Home Ec teacher at B. F. Grady school and the following members of the F.H.A. convention held in Raleigh Friday at Saturday: Peggy Grady, Songene Smith, Jeanette Kelly and Betty Smith. Miss Dilday was in the receiving line at a tea given at the Governors mansion, to honor members attending the convention, and she is the newly elected F.H.A. advisor for District 2.

Tractor Crushes Onslow Farmer

Jacksonville, March 25—A tractor he was riding turned over backwards and crushed William Murphy Mazingo, 67-year-old Onslow County farmer early Monday. A coroner Talbot Jones termed the death accidental and said Mazingo was using the tractor to uproot a tree on his farm.

Duplin's First Woman Deputy Sheriff Joins Law Enforcement Organization

On Tuesday evening, March 25, the Duplin County Law Enforcement association met at the shooting range on the Red Stone Road with Corporal Brooks making high score after which they all went to Whittaker's Cafe in Warsaw where they enjoyed dinner. Those present were Ralph J. Jones, Perry Smith, Oliver Horne, W. O. Houston, Miss Helen Hunt, H. J. Summerlin, R. M. Byrd, N. D. Boone, E. R. Norton, J. S. Briley, W. E. Wamba, T. G. Brooks, W. W. Evans and W. R. Proctor. The minutes were read and approved. Reports of bullets sold was given, and money in an amount of approximately \$78.20 was turned over to the secretary by N. D. Boone. Motion was made as to the amount to be charged for membership fee. H. J. Summerlin made a brief talk on fees for the organization.

Goshen Negro Fails In Effort To Kill Wife; Awaiting Trial Here Next Month

Sunday night around 12 o'clock, Jerry Whitehead, colored who lives in forks of Goshen and Nahanga Swamps, returned home after being away a week or so because of a quarrel with his wife. She would not let him in the house so he sent another colored man with him to the woods for his gun he had hid here. He took the bottom of his shoe and shot at the wife through the door. Finally he got the door open and went in and shot another hole through a buffet as his wife ran out the back door to the home of Charles Smith for safety. She was not hit. Whitehead hid behind the smokehouse with his gun. When Deputy Sheriffs Perry Smith and Herbert J. Whitehead arrived he threw down his gun and ran 500 yards across a plowed field. The deputies caught him as he entered the woods at Goshen Swamp. He had a bottle of spirits of turpentine in his pocket. The officers believe he was going to put this on the bottom of his feet to keep the blood hounds from picking up his trail. Whitehead was jailed. At a preliminary hearing his bond was set at \$2,000 for appearance at Superior Court on April 7. He failed to give bond. He is charged with assault with a deadly weapon, shot gun, with intent to kill his wife.

Two Weeks Criminal Court Scheduled For Next Month; 14 Persons Are Now In Jail

Superior Court will convene here Monday, April 7th for a two week term. It was originally scheduled for one week criminal and one week mixed term but Solicitor Walter Brant has asked and secured permission to devote the entire two weeks to trial of criminal cases. Judge Q. K. Nimmo of Fayetteville will preside. The local jail is about full, with 14 inmates. Officers say there are more prisoners awaiting trial on felony charges than at any other time in the history of the jail. The two weeks term promises to be one of action and interest.

Wave Recruiter To Seek Wilmington High School Graduate Recruits March 26-28

William H. Freeman, local Navy recruiter announces that young men between the ages of 18-28; High School Graduates; and without dependents are eligible to enlist in the Waves. If you are interested in obtaining first hand information pertaining to the Waves, Mary Lake Driver, FBI, USN, Wave recruiter will be in the Post Office, Room 208, Wilmington, to explain in detail the many career jobs the Navy has to offer young women today.

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Rose Hill Pickle Packing Plant Is Sold To A. P. Cates Of Faison; Plan Future Packing Pickles; Expansion Anticipated

A. P. Cates of the Chas. F. Cates and Son pickle packing plant in Faison announces that he has purchased the Rose Hill Pickle Packing Company, a pickle packing plant in Rose Hill. The plant has been in operation for several years and was owned and operated by a New Jersey concern. Little packing has ever been done in Rose Hill. It served chiefly as a cooling station and storage place for the New Jersey packing house. Mr. Cates, in a statement this week, announcing he had purchased the Rose Hill outfit, said that at present it will be used for brine storage but preliminary plans call for future packaging of pickles at Rose Hill. It is expected that the Chas. F. Cates and Son Company will take over the Rose Hill unit in a few months and it will become a branch of the Faison plant. The move is in anticipation of a period of growth and expansion for Duplin's first cucumber pickle plant. "Cates" pickles over a period of years have succeeded in becoming a nation-wide brand and the demand for the Duplin County product is on the increase. When the planned change-over takes place "Cates" pickles will be packed in Rose Hill and Faison, it is planned. At present Mr. Cates is anxious to contract with farmers in the Rose Hill area for growing of around 150 acres of cucumbers this season. Your attention is called to his ad in this issue.

E. Walker Stevens Dropped From List Of Duplin County Election Officials

The North Carolina State Board of Elections somewhat reversed its form last week and ignored a general practice of long time standing in appointment of county election officials. Duplin's recommended officials came under the axe E. Walker Stevens, who has been chairman of the County Board of Elections in Duplin for a number of years, was replaced by Carlton Precythe of Faison. The County Democratic Executive Committee met recently and recommended Stevens, H. D. McKay and Lewis Precythe. The custom in the past has been for the State Board to name the first two listed, who were in Duplin's case Stevens and McKay. Stevens being named first it would have been customary for the local Board to have named him chairman. In naming the two Democrats the State Board listed McKay first and Precythe second so it would be assumed McKay will be named chairman due to the listing and also due to the fact that he will be the only member with experience and seniority. The Republican named was Albert Price of Calypso. The Board will meet April 12th and organize, under the law, it is said. They will serve for a period of two years. Candidates have until April 19th to file for candidacy with the board.

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Miss Helen Hunt was taken in the organization. She is the first woman in Duplin County to ever be sworn in as a deputy sheriff. Sergeant Leasing made a brief talk on law enforcement work, their duties and cooperation together. Earl Coombs and W. W. Evans were thanked for the fine supper. It was agreed that the next meeting be set for April 22 at the jail. Oliver Horne and W. O. Houston were named on the feed committee. At the close of the meeting four members paid their dues, making a total of \$88.20 deposited in the bank.

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The winds apparently hit the Produce Exchange with a rising and falling motion, damaging buildings on either side of the block-size market area but not damaging other buildings in the area. Joseph H. Bryant, president of the Produce Exchange, made the damage estimate. He said that the exchange would be repaired and would definitely be in operation when the produce season opens about May 10.

The empty trailer was parked beside a shed and today officials had not been able to determine the owner. The trailer was blown on its side. A large plate glass window, valued at about \$200, was blown out of Blanchard Pontiac Company. The roof of the home of J. T. Carter was damaged.

Trees about one-half mile away from the market were uprooted but no other damage had been reported tonight.

Five buyers' offices at the exchange were wrecked by the winds. The buildings were built of cement blocks. Several produce crates under the weighing shed were demolished.

Wreckage from the tornado was scattered over a wide area. There were no injuries.

Glenda Edwards Beulaville Winner Speaking Contest

Beulaville High School had 17 entrants in "The Green Pastures" contest sponsored by the Bankers association. The following were winners: (1) Glenda Edwards \$10 prize (2) Lou Ann Nethercutt, \$5.00 (3) Dewitt Miller honorable mention.

The following high school students entered the contest. Glenda Edwards, Mona Batchelor, Nancy McWhorter, Murphy Thigpen, Lou Ann Nethercutt, Dewitt Miller, Evelyn Panny, Gloria Cummings, Pearlina Whaley, Iris Azaline Kennedy, Margaret Mercer, Carolyn Brinson, Janice Bostic, Sue Lanier, Ervin Dobson, Ann Gresham and Peggy Williams.

Pink Hill Man To Be Instructor Kinston Air Base

Mr. Frederick Simpson returned from Craig Air Field, Selma, Ala., where he has been taking a refresher course in pilot training for the past six weeks. Mr. Simpson, a Naval pilot during World War II, will serve as an instructor at Stalling Field, Kinston. He is a recent graduate of the Law School at Carolina and expects to take the State Bar examination in August. He married the former Miss Geraldine Stroud of Pink Hill and the couple have two children. Mrs. Simpson teaches in the Pink Hill school and they reside there.

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