

# Duplin Times

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## Chinquapin Murderer Sentenced From 25 To 30 Years In Prison

Twenty-nine cases were disposed of in the first three days of a two week criminal Superior Court calendar, with Judge John J. Burney of Wilmington presiding, in Kenansville this week.

With two cases of murder on the docket, one was disposed of on Monday when Graham Carroll Pickett, Chinquapin, was convicted of second degree murder and sentenced to from twenty-five to thirty years in the state prison. Pickett shot Cleo Highsmith to death in an affray in Chinquapin June 1 of this year when he fired a shot into a house full of people while he was intoxicated and happened to hit the Highsmith woman. Pickett at present is in Duplin County Jail where he will probably remain until this court session adjourns, at which time he will be taken to the State Penitentiary in Raleigh to begin serving his term of sentence.

Other cases disposed of early this week are as follows:

Earl Higgins, false pretense; prayer for judgment continued until October 6th.

A. C. Lockamy, speeding; plead guilty; fined fifty dollars and costs.

Gus Jefferson, possession of non-tax paid whiskey for sale; not guilty verdict directed by the court.

Thomas Gurganus, assault with deadly weapon; plead guilty; sentenced to six months on county road.

Thomas Gurganus, operating automobile while intoxicated; plead not guilty; found guilty by the jury and sentenced to six months on county roads.

Ernest Simmons, breaking, entering, and larceny; plead guilty, 12 months on county road.

Haywood Sykes, larceny of automobile; not guilty.

Haywood Sykes, operating automobile while intoxicated; not guilty.

Philander Falson, perjury, plead guilty; four to five years in State Prison.

Leslie Smith, assault on female, (two counts), guilty; 18 months sentence in each case suspended on five year good behavior probation plus costs.

George Leach, possessing and transporting non-tax paid whiskey for sale; six months, county roads, suspended on two years probation plus a \$100 fine.

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## F. H. A. Teachers Leaders Meet Here To Discuss Plans

On Saturday, August 23 Vocational Home Economics Teachers and Presidents of their Future Homemakers of America Clubs met in the Kenansville Home Economics Department for an all day meeting on Saturday. Plans were made for District 4 Rally which will be held in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Miss Mabel Lacy, State Home Economics adviser for this District, met with the group which included Teacher Advisers and their officers representing the following schools in this district of eleven counties: Miss Cornelia Quinn of Beaufort, Miss Thelma Dilday of B. F. Grady, Miss Jean Pinner of Wallace, Mrs. Kathleen Synder of Warsaw, Mrs. Marion Elkin of Chinquapin, Mrs. Alma Phillips of Trenton, Mrs. Clara Reid of Richlands, Miss Mary E. Ridge of Goldsboro, Mrs. Agnes Guter of Lucama, and Mrs. Carolyn Outlaw of Kenansville.

## Nicholson Case Scheduled Tomorrow

The case of Charles L. Nicholson, former deputy in the Duplin County Sheriff's office, charged with embezzlement of county funds, is scheduled to come before Superior Court tomorrow. There is speculation that the case will not get underway this week as a special venire is to be drawn which will probably take the remainder of the court week, officials said.

## About Duplin's New County Farm Agent

Vernon H. Reynolds, new County Agent for Duplin County, who took over the duties of his new job on August 1, succeeding Lacy Weeks, who resigned to work with Tobacco Associates Corporation, is not a new comer to this area as he has previously served for five years as the assistant County Agent.

A native of Jones County, Mr. Reynolds was educated in the Lenoir County Public Schools and graduated from North Carolina State College in 1946, with a B. S. degree in Animal Husbandry.

After his graduation from State College and prior to coming to Duplin County, Mr. Reynolds served as Assistant County Agent in Currituck County.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Reynolds served with the U. S. Army Ordnance Section for forty months. Twenty months of his army service was spent in the South Pacific.

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## Smith Brothers And Carr Open Appliance Store

Smith brothers and Carr, old well known Wallace hardware firm is opening today the new addition to their firm. On U. S. Highway 117, northern end of town, they are opening an appliance department with a full line of electrical appliances. They are featuring the Westinghouse line. Many prices are being offered and special merchandise bargains during Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Read their ad in this issue for details of the program.

## Ernest Bright Sentenced From 8 To 10 Years In Prison For Murder Of Wife

At noon today, the jury handed down a verdict of guilty of manslaughter in the case of Ernest Bright, charged with the murder of his wife last January. The jury's decision came after a fifty minute deliberation and Judge Burney sentenced Bright to from eight to ten years in the state prison. The attorneys for the defendant immediately filed notice of an appeal to the State Supreme Court, and the case should come before that body in October.

Bright was charged with having shot his wife on January 11 of this year in a tussle at their home near Magnolia. There were no witnesses and Bright claimed that in the tussle the gun went off, fatally injuring his wife.

He carried his wife to the home of Dr. Matthews in Rose Hill, who came out to the automobile to examine the woman and she died shortly after he first saw her. The shot entered her body below the left breast and came out near her hip, thus indicating that it was not fired directly at her, claimed the defense.

The state asked for a Second Degree Murder or Manslaughter Conviction to the charge of which Bright plead not guilty.

## Three Year Old Son Killed By Father Last Week

Walter Thomas Highsmith, three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Highsmith of Wallace, was killed instantly on the afternoon of August 21, when his father accidentally knocked him down with his truck in his yard.

Mr. Highsmith told authorities that as he started to get into his truck he had seen his son playing over on the right hand side, several yards away, and that he had walked around to get into the truck and left. The child evidently walked into the path of the truck while his father was getting into the other side when he couldn't see him.

No charges were preferred.

Funeral services were held last Saturday at 3 p. m. at Wells Chapel Baptist Church and burial was held there at the church cemetery.

The child is survived by his parents of Route 1, Willard; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Highsmith, his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Williams of Autryville, Route 1.

## Pink Hill Lumber Mill Was Destroyed By Fire Around Midnight Tuesday

The largest of two saw mills at the plant of the Wrenn Bros. Lumber Co., located just outside Pink Hill on the Kenansville road was destroyed by fire about 11:30 Tuesday night. Persons living near-by discovered the blaze and called the Warsaw fire Dept. headed by John Johnson, who responded immediately, after the Kinston fire dept. had refused to come because of the location outside of the county.

The origin of the fire is unknown the damage of which is estimated at several thousand dollars. Mr. Seth King, supervisor of operations there, was in New York, attending an American Legion convention, at the time.

## Couple Banned From State For Changing \$2 Check To \$200; Buying Auto In Wallace

Claud Frank and Ruby Overby, charged and convicted of forgery in Duplin Criminal Superior Court this week were given four days to leave the State of North Carolina this morning by Judge Burney as he handed them their sentence which he had deferred earlier.

The couple, charged with changing a two dollar check to read two hundred dollars, and buying a used car from E. G. Paddison, Wallace, for \$125 and making off with the remaining \$75 and the car, were given a three to five year prison sentence which was suspended by Judge Burney on the condition that they pay Mr. Paddison \$100 and leave the State by September and not return for five years, at least.

## Mrs. Pauline Sloan Johnson Is New Home Demonstration Agent For Duplin County

Mrs. Pauline Sloan Johnson took over her new duties as Duplin County Home Agent on August 21, coming to this county from Meadow School, Johnston County.

Having served ten years as an active home demonstration club member and being a farmer's wife, is a big aid to Mrs. Johnson in her professional duties. She has served in Johnston County as County and District Chairman of her Home Demonstration Club, and also she served on the North Carolina Executive Board of Home Demonstration Clubs as chairman of the Jane S. McKinnon loan fund. Last year, Mrs. Johnson served as home agent for Onslow County. She is a graduate of Flora MacDonald College.

Mrs. Johnson, her husband, Norman Johnson, and their three children: Luther, Paula Anne, and Cara Lynne, are living in Kenansville, in the living.

**BRUSH BROTHERS**  
Morehead City—When Thomasville's Brothers of the Brush staged a special night at the Morehead City dog track Saturday, August 23, they were greeted by the largest crowd of the season. About 120 of these bearded brothers made the trip here.

## Duplin County Future Homemakers To Be Hostess To District 4 Rally October 18

Duplin Co. Future Homemakers of America chapters will be hostess to the District 4 Rally on Saturday Oct. 18. Teacher Advisers of the hostess chapters met in the Kenansville Home Economics Department Wednesday afternoon, August 27 for a follow-up planning meeting to make detailed plans for the rally. The hostess chapters are Kenansville, Warsaw, F. Grady, Beaufort, Chinquapin and Wallace.

## Irvin Rivenbark Is New Duplin Service Officer

Irvin E. Rivenbark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Whitman Rivenbark of Wallace, has been named Duplin County Service Officer, succeeding Joe Wallace who resigned to become postmaster in Kenansville. Mr. Rivenbark is located in the Commissioners room in the Court House. Also he is working with county auditor Falson McGowan.

## Now You Tell One Floyd Smith

Armand "Bill" Usher of Route 1, Rose Hill told last week a genuine snake story and showed the rattles to prove it. He killed 16 rattlers in one day. Not only that but they were all in one place.

The event occurred, Usher said, as the crew was cutting through right-of-way for a 110,000 volt line from Burgaw to Ward's Corner. Usher found a log from which a rattler came. He killed it and the 15 other rattlers that followed the leader.

Fifteen of the snakes were believed to have been babies, being only two feet in length. The 16th one, however, was four feet long and had 15 rattles in addition to the button.

Usher said he believed another rattler killed a few days before in the same vicinity was the "papa" of the ones he dispatched later.

## Local Methodist Minister Leaving; Being Replaced by Rev. Goodwin, Duke Student

The Duplin Circuit of Methodist Churches, composed of Kenansville, Magnolia, Unity, Friendship, and Wesley Churches have a new pastor.

Reverend Robert Collins retiring pastor, accepted work in his home State of Alabama, and moved from the parsonage at Kenansville on Tuesday, August 26. The congregations of the various churches, having had no notice that such a move was contemplated, immediately called Reverend C. D. Barcliffe, District Superintendent of the Wilmington District. Reverend Barcliffe began work on finding someone to fill the vacancy.

Wednesday representatives of three of the Churches were informed that Reverend Ray Goodwin, a student in the Duke Divinity School would move to Kenansville and that he would hold services in the Kenansville Methodist Church Sunday morning, August 31, and at

## Alphin Urges Good Attendance At Local P.T.A. Meet Mon.

President Gilbert E. Alphin of the Kenansville school Parent-Teacher Association announces the first regular meeting of the Association on Monday night, September 1st at 7:30. All parents and teachers are urged to attend. Important matters will be taken up including just what is expected of the Kenansville group before and during the Eastern Carolina Folk Festival to be held here on September 12 and 13.

## L. L. McLendon Retires From Extension Work

CAMDEN, Aug. 21 — L. L. McLendon, Camden County Farm Agent, who has been connected with extension work since 1917, and came to Camden County in 1947, will retire September 2. No replacement has yet been announced.

McLendon said the first thing he is going to do after retirement is to go to California to see his two children. They he said he would sit down awhile in his home at Seaboard.

McLendon started work in Berkeley County, S. C. in 1917 and shifted from there to Duplin County, N. C. in 1922. He left that county in 1938 to go into Farm Security work in Halifax County and stayed there until 1944. He then became attached to the Agricultural Division of N. C. State College and stayed there until 1947 when he took the Camden County farm agent position.

## Corinth Church To Dedicate Baptistry

The Corinth Baptist Church will have a dedication service Sunday, August 31 at 11:00 a. m. for the new Baptistry painting presented to the Church in memory of the late Mr. Roy Johnson by the family of Mr. Johnson. The canvases

## Annual Street Dance Here Friday Sept. 5th.

Mayor Amos Brinson announces that Duplin's annual street dance will be held in front of the court house here on Friday night, September 5th. The dance will get underway about dark. Good music is scheduled for the occasion and square dancers can have their fling way into the morning hours if they wish to.

The annual street dance here at the end of the tobacco season has become a tradition in Duplin and square dancers from all over the county look forward to the event each year. Remember the date, Friday night, September 5th. This may be called the prelude to the East Carolina Festival here on Sept. 12-13.

## Grady-Outlaw Reunion Is All Set; Sat. Is The Day, Folk Music On Agenda

The Gradys and the Outlaws, their wives and friends are all set for the 21st annual Grady-Outlaw reunion to be held at the B. F. Grady school Saturday. From all reports it promises to be one of the largest attended reunions since the first one at which 5,000 people attended.

Judge Henry A. Grady, president of the Grady-Outlaw Literary and Historical Association, will preside. Governor-elect Wm. B. Umstead, will deliver the principal address. Bascom Lamar Lunsford, Chairman of the Eastern Carolina Folk Festival will be introduced. Lt. Wm. H. Grady of Washington City will tell of his experiences in Korea and Japan.

Charles Carrol, North Carolina's new superintendent of schools

## P.M.A. Chairman Announces New Policy For Organization During '53

One of the important new features of the 1953 Agricultural Conservation Program will be the contact of individual farmers by their elected PMA community committee members, says J. W. Warren, Chairman of the Duplin County PMA Committee.

The soil and water conservation practice, or conservation measure, to be carried out by Duplin County farmers under the 1953 ACP will be those which the individual farmer and his community committee man determine are the most needed for the farm.

In the chairman's opinion this important step in program development can be expected to result in increased acreage with needed

## Boy Scout Fund Raising Campaign Gets Under Way In Duplin County Monday



The family of Lt. Larry B. Bostic of Beaufort are on their way to join him in Japan where he is stationed with the U. S. Army. They sailed from California on August 22nd. Mrs. Bostic is shown above with her two children Mary Frances and "Butch".

## Beaufort Family Sails For Japan

The Boy Scout "Fund Raising Campaign" gets underway in Duplin County Monday. The campaign is being conducted to raise money to meet the 1952 Tuscarora Budget of \$30,007.40.

According to Bruce Boyer, Scout Executive of Tuscarora it will take an average of \$12 per Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Explorer Scout in each county to meet the budget as set up by the Executive Board of Tuscarora.

The campaign will last for two weeks and will be conducted simultaneously in Johnston, Wayne, Sampson and Duplin counties, counties making up Tuscarora Council.

B. E. Bryan, Chairman of Financial Committee, said, "We must meet this year's budget if Tuscarora Expenses are high and too, we did not meet last year's proposed budget. We cannot operate if we continue to go in debt."

Bryan continued, "We need the financial assistance of every person in the Council. A contribution does not have to be large to be appreciated."

Roy Carter, Wallace, is chairman of Duplin county's campaign. He will be assisted by Edgar Pollock, Warsaw; H. B. Korngay, Calypso; and Robert Holt, Albertson. Other chairmen throughout the county will also assist in helping raise Duplin's quota.

J. E. Bolton, principal of Warsaw Negro Schools, will direct the Negro campaign in Duplin county.

## Annual Fox Hunt In Albertson To Be On Labor Day

Bill Sutton of Albertson, ace fox hunter, announces the annual Albertson Fox Hunt on September 1, Labor Day. Mr. Sutton says the hunt will start at his store as it has in the past. Hunters will follow the dogs until about noon when a picnic lunch will be spread. After dinner the hunt will be resumed and continue until nightfall. All fox hunters are cordially invited to attend.

## Leslie Boney Suffers Back Injury In Wreck

Leslie Boney, Sr., architect of Wilmington and native of Duplin suffered a broken back in an auto wreck near Wilmington last week and according to reports. He is in the James Walker Hospital there.

Mr. Boney and his sons are architects for the Duplin General Hospital.

## Officers Destroy Two Liquor Stills

Sheriff Miller, assisted by Robert Fields, Norwood Boone, Oscar Houston, Marley and Murray Byrd destroyed a large copper still Saturday in Faison township and 12 barrels of mash were poured out. The still was cold. No one was arrested.

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## STRICTLY FRESH

A CALIFORNIA judge ordered that 50 bottles of liquor, held as evidence since 1925, be poured down the drain. At least it means a few more "cases" off the docket.

## few more summers like this should bring out the toppers.

A Hartford, Conn., truck driver stopped to see if the dog he'd hit was hurt. The dog bit him. The police he summoned arrested him for driving without a license. Now he probably feels that the country's going to the dogs.

A 23-year-old Londoner stole a kiss from a beautiful blonde who turned out to be a pollockman. The \$5.00 fine may make a hernia of the boy.

**JACKIE BUTLER**, 13 year old Ballad singer from Clinton who will be one of the more than five hundred East Carolina Folk Lore artists who will perform on the stage of Kenan Memorial Auditorium here on Friday and Saturday nights, September 12 and 13.

Bascom Lamar Lunsford of Turkey Creek, director of the Kenansville, Asheville, Chapel Hill and State Fair Folk Festivals, is letting go grass grow under his feet down here in East Carolina's grass roots country in his search for East Carolina Folk Lore artists. He is seeking county after county and every time he reports his findings he adds several more names to the list who say they want to appear in North Carolina's First Folk Festival.

performance in the school auditorium there on Friday night, Sept. 5th. Bailey Brothers and well-known in this section. They were formerly on radio station WFLY in Raleigh. Now they broadcast over WVA in Winston, N. C.

**Bailey Brothers**  
Beaufort  
The Beaufort family which are being to Beaufort last week. The family consists of Bailey Brothers and their children.