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The Grass Roots Opera Here Monday

25 Cases Disposed Of Here In Superior Court Last Week

Superior Court was held here last week with Judge Harris as Raleigh presiding. The week was taken up with trial of criminal cases. The following cases were disposed of: William V. Bryant found guilty of false pretense and fraud. Sentenced to 12 months on roads. Sentence suspended on payment of the cost and \$50.00 per month in the court until sum of \$225.00 is paid for use and benefit of Johnson Cotton Co. Allowed to give bond in the sum of \$300.00 to guarantee payment. Charlie Henry Leach pleaded guilty of carrying concealed weapons, was 4 months on roads. Sentence suspended on payment of fine of \$25.00 and cost. George Ezell found guilty of possession of non-tax whiskey and public drunkenness. Sentenced to 4 mos. on roads. Earl Cherry found guilty of operating vehicle while intoxicated after license had been revoked. Sentenced to 12 months on roads. David C. Register alias Benny Register - remanded to General County Court for operating auto while intoxicated and careless and reckless driving. Larry Honey - assault with deadly weapon nolo contendere. Sentenced 12 months to roads. Rosetta Sellers - Possession of non tax paid whiskey for purpose of sale. Case dismissed. J. T. Alphin, Roosevelt Alphin and Ben Frank Alphin - Assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting bodily injury public drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Plead no lo contendere. J. T. Alphin 18 months on roads, sentence suspended on payment of fine of \$100.00 and cost and placed on probation for period of 3 years. Roosevelt Alphin given 12 months on roads. Sentence suspended on payment of \$100.00 and cost and defendant placed on probation for 3 years. Ben Frank Alphin - 12 mos. on roads. Sentence suspended on payment of cost and placed on probation for 3 years. Thomas Williams for larceny and receiving. Case not prosessed. Gordon Jones - disposing of mortgaged property. Remanded to county court. J. D. Brown pleaded guilty of battery. Ordered to pay the sum of \$300.00 for use and benefit of Eva Lee Stokes and for full support and maintenance of unborn child, and pay cost of action. James Franklin Cottle - Careless and reckless driving. Ordered to pay cost of action and \$100.00 for prosecuting witness. Edward Price - Braking and entering and larceny - found not guilty. Paul A. Grady - assault on female. Paid \$35.00 and cost. Sam Holman - Assault on female Defendant being on probation from State Hospital case was not prosessed. Defendant to be sent back to State Hospital for care and treatment. James Newkirk - True bill for rape and carnal knowledge of female over 12 and under 16. Sentenced to roads for 18 mos. Rufus Williams pleaded guilty of burglary. Sentenced to State Prison for 30 years at hard labor. John D. Newkirk found guilty of assault on female - Sentenced to term of 2 years on roads. William Murphy alias Bill Murphy - Plead guilty of manslaughter. Given 5 years at State Prison. Herbert M. Johnson - Careless and reckless driving and manslaughter - Case not prosessed. Norman Mathis pleaded guilty of reckless driving - Sentenced to 18 mos. on road - sentence suspended on payment of fine of \$100.00 and cost. Freeman Smith - Plead guilty of escaping from roads. Sentenced to 6 mos. on roads, term to begin on expiration of term now serving. Robert Lee Russell - transporting non tax paid whiskey - Case not prosessed. Miss Emogene Guter who will play the role of Nerina, in the Grass Roots Opera Company's performance of DON PASQUALE in two performances at the Kenan Memorial Auditorium on Monday, February 9. The tickets are on sale at school offices.

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Through the courtesy of Z. W. Frazzelle, Principal of Kenansville school, the Times gives this week the official standing of the Duplin County Basketball Conference through Wednesday night, February 4th. The standings will appear each week throughout the rest of the conference as of Wednesday night of the week of publication. Mr. Frazzelle requests that each school contact him following their last game preceding Thursday of each week. The conference closes February 24th. The annual County Wide Basketball Tournament opens March 2nd. (Attention - All who attend games or programs in Kenan Gymnasium in Kenansville please do not smoke on main or playing floor of building. Smoking is permitted in balcony.)

County Basket Ball

Table with columns: GIRLS, WON, LOST, TIED, PERCENT. Rows include ROSE HILL, CALYPSO, B. F. GRADY, WALLACE, BEULAVILLE, CHINQUAPIN, FAISON, KENANSVILLE, WARSAW, BOYS, WALLACE, BEULAVILLE, KENANSVILLE, B. F. GRADY, ROSE HILL, WARSAW, CALYPSO, FAISON, CHINQUAPIN.

Patterson and Harris to Lead Church Men Meeting in Wilmington Saturday

S. J. PATTERSON A. C. HARRIS S. J. (Jap) Patterson Jr. Secretary of Men's Work and Director of Adult Work, Presbyterian Church U.S. and A. Clinton (Clint) Harris Secretary, Executive Dept. of Church Relations, Presbyterian Church U.S. both of Richmond, Va. will direct a study course and inspirational meeting for the Presbyterian Men of Wilmington Presbytery, Tuesday, Feb. 10 beginning at 5:30 PM at the St. Andrews Covenant Church in Wilmington. The Ladies of the Church will serve dinner in the Church at 7 o'clock. Both Mr. Patterson and Mr. Harris are well known in the Wilmington Area and a minimum of 250 persons are expected to attend.

Branch Bank Directors Vote To Increase Capital Stock To One Million Dollars

According to an announcement this week by E. C. Thompson of Warsaw, cashier of Branch Banking and Trust Company in Duplin County, the directors of the Banking Institution in regular session Tuesday voted to declare a 100 per cent stock dividend, increasing its capital from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The dividend was provided from the undivided surplus, which had reached the sum of \$2,112,000 and after February 10, the effective date for the increased capitalization the surplus will be listed as \$1,512,000. The surplus stands at \$4,000,000 and unallocated reserves total \$1,000,000. The total capital account is \$7,800,000 while total resources of the banking firm exceed \$116,000,000. The directors expressed the view that the bank could better service the business interests of Eastern Carolina, if it increased its capital to the one million dollar figure. All local chairman and county officers are urged to be present. The public is cordially invited to attend.

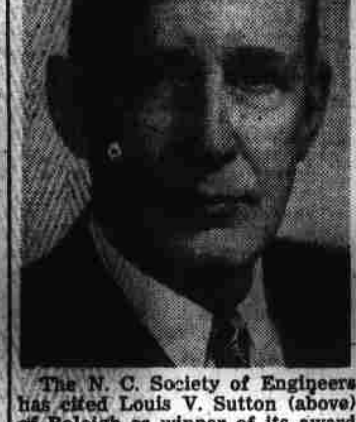
Red Cross Meets Thursday Night

The semi-annual meeting of the Duplin County Chapter, American Red Cross will be held in the chapter room here next Thursday night at 7:30. Basting president Harry Kramer of Wallace will

Attention Warsaw

Called East Owners of Warsaw are urged to be present at a meeting on Wednesday, February 10 a penalty will be charged.

Receive Farm Bureau Service Awards



Dr. J. H. HILTON Charlotte February 3 - North Carolina's largest farm organization the 71,000-member Farm Bureau, presented its "Distinguished Service to Agriculture" awards last night to Dr. J. H. Hilton, of Raleigh, dean of agriculture at State College and Mrs. Irby Walker of Greensboro Administrative Director of the Farm Bureau women. The awards were presented at the organization's 17th Annual Convention Banquet which was held in the Ballroom of the Hotel Charlotte.

They Raised "All Grades Of Hell"; Jailed Now Face "All Grades of Charges,"



Earl Whitaker, Wallace Chief of Police, said that Wesley James, Jr., 19 of Chinquapin was charged with public drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and possession of non-tax paid whiskey about 7:30. Helping to make the arrest in addition to Whitaker were Police-men Hocutt and Butts, and Constable R. Marcy. James was found with a portion of a jar of white whiskey it was reported. Also lodged in the county jail was Hubert Martin Blanton, 25 of Burgaw, who was charged with driving drunk and possession of non-tax paid whiskey following an incident on the streets here.

Engineers Honor Louis V. Sutton

Charlotte, Jan. 30 - The N. C. Society of Engineers bestowed its annual award for "outstanding engineering achievement" upon Louis V. Sutton of Raleigh, president of Carolina Power and Light Company here tonight.

The award stressed the merger of Tide Water Power Company into CP&L (increasing its service area a third) and the consequent improved service abundant power and lower rates afforded port areas. The citation offered by Chairman George W. Gillette of the award committee read as follows: "For his contribution to agricultural industrial and community betterment; for his advocacy of the conservation of soil and natural resources; for his services to the electric industry of the nation while president of Edison Electric Institute; for administrative and financing abilities over and above his achievements as an engineer; for his tireless devotion to the lofty traditions of the engineering profession; for his broad vision in directing his company to foresee and meet the electric needs of two million Carolinians; for his outstanding service as president of Carolina Power and Light Company highlighted during 1952 by the merger of Tide Water Power Company into the Carolina system thus broadening its service area by a third; and for extending to North Carolina's port areas the advantages of abundant power improved service and lower rates in advancement of our maritime industrial development."

Pink Hill FFA Boy Attending Florida Fair

Miss Annie Lee Jones of Apex and Roger Post Hill of Pink Hill, have been selected to represent the North Carolina chapters of the Future Homemakers and Future Farmers of America at the Annual Florida State Fair at Tampa on February 5-8. The young couple will be the guests of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and joined representatives from five other southern states for an all expense paid tour of the city and the state fair. The tour, sponsored by the Coast Line, will be under the supervision of officials of the agricultural department of the Coast Line. The importance of development and education of human resources, left the selection of the boys and girls up to the officials of the two rural youth organizations and they were chosen for their outstanding contributions and achievements in the work of their clubs. Miss Jones has been active in FFA work for several years and has been outstanding in clothing designing activities. In addition to her FFA work she has served as a class officer in her school and has received many honors for her musical abilities. Miss Jones has also been very active in Glee, Beta,

Prominent Duplin Traveling Salesman Meets Tragic Death; Mr. Williams Was 79

Luther W. Williams, prominent Rose Hill business man and traveling Duplin style salesman known all over Duplin County, met what apparently was a tragic and shocking death on his farm at his home on Friday of last week. According to reports reaching the Times Mr. Williams and a colored helper went out to burn off some new grounds. The fire was set and both were working around the area keeping an eye out and keeping it under control. After some little time of burning the Negro helper suddenly came upon the burned corpse of an old crippled Negro woman known in the community as "Aunt Polly". Apparently she had been overcome somehow in the fire. Rushing away to give the alarm he ran up on Mr. Williams crumpled on the ground dead, a short distance away. It was reported Mr. Williams died from a heart attack, presumably after seeing "Aunt Polly" burned to death. The attack apparently hit him before he could reach home. An account of his funeral will be found on another page of the Times. Mr. Williams will be missed all over Duplin County. He was not just a Rose Hill business man but a "man of the county" who for most of his 79 years, has traveled the road of Duplin selling merchandise to stores in every nook and corner. In every community people recognized "Mr. Luther" and his ever present smile. He was not a high pressure salesman. Just always on the job offering his wares and always ready to do just a little something extra for his customers and friends. The passing of Mr. Luther Williams is the passing of another part of "Old Duplin." He will be missed. - J. E. Grady.

Local Magistrate Hears 61 Cases In January

From January 12 through January 29 61 cases were heard before the Justice of Peace. Nine were speeding and careless and reckless driving. They were: Carl James Jones arrested by Patrolman C. C. Hester for speeding, cited to County Court. Charles J. Anderson arrested by Patrolman C. C. Hester for speeding, cited to County Court. John Will Outlaw arrested by

Monday Night, February 9th will bring to Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville for its second straight year, North Carolina's Famous Grass Roots Opera. The cast will present the opera DON PASQUALE, in two performances, one in the afternoon and one at night. Mrs. Wm. Teachey Duplin School Supervisor, who has charge of the opera locally says this years production promises to be even bigger and better than the one last year. Tickets are now on sale in every white school in the county. The auditorium is in all readiness except the new sound system, which the engineers have promised will be installed and operating on Monday night. The floors have been finished and the entrances tiled. It is worth a trip to the building to see these floors, finished just like the floors in State College's Coliseum and Duke University's gymnasium. Trustees of the auditorium have asked the Times to remind everyone that no smoking is permitted on the main floor of the building. Smoking is permitted in the balcony seats. In another story on this page will be found a more detailed account of the opera.

Mule Was Killed Car Badly Damaged Man Escapes Injury

The mule was killed, car badly damaged but driver escaped with minor injuries when a 1950 Oldsmobile struck a mule late Saturday night about 4 miles east of Wallace. According to Patrolman Wallace Amos Smith 17 was driving along the wet road when a huge mule, belonging to Russell Stokes ran out in front of his car. The Olds was damaged about \$700. William received only minor lacerations the mule was killed instantly.

Mother of Rev. L. C. Prater Dies

Word has been received here that the mother of Rev. L. C. Prater, of Outlaw's Bridge, died in Brownwood, Texas Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Mr Prater was with her with death came.

Joyce Grady Moved to Goldsboro

Miss Jo Joyce Grady has been removed from a Clinton Hospital to a Goldsboro hospital. She is recovering nicely. There will not be any permanent injuries or scars.

Notice

You are cordially invited to attend a meeting to be held in the Magnolia School Auditorium Friday February 6th at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to further the promotion of the Magnolia Sweet Potato Corporation. The speakers will be Attorney C. W. Everette and Mr. J. P. Harris president of the potato market of Bethel N. C.

Lee Han, Ma'am The housewife was having her second cup of coffee in the breakfast nook. She heard the back door open and thinking it was her young son called out, "Here I am, darling." After a moment, a rather embarrassed voice replied, "This is not the regular ice-man, Ma'am."

Grand Jury Finds Schools Complying

The following Grand Jury report was made in Superior Court here last week. Out of the ordinary, no complaint was found against the schools. The report is taken as follows: W. C. HARRIS, Presiding. Acted on 17 bill and found 17 true bills. In checking the Grand Jury Report of Oct., 1952 we find that all recommendations as to the public schools have been taken care of or are in the process of being taken care of as reported by Mr. Willard Johnson, County Reipairman. The Rose Hill colored school toilet has been repaired. The Wallace white elementary school stairway has been braced temporarily. The repairs are to be done soon. Wallace colored school roof has been repaired. The Teachey colored school toilet needs have been taken care of. Crosses trap at Magnolia White school has been taken care of. The Magnolia colored school water fountain has been taken care of and new toilets are in process and repainted. The Kenansville Garden Club through its committee, Miss Margaret Williams and others are commended for their project to beautify the courthouse grounds. The old shrubbery has been removed and beautiful shrubbery has been planted in accordance with a plan for beautifying the grounds. The Clerk of the Court reports that all accounts are in fair condition and that he expects all accounts to be in good condition by April 1, 1953. Since the last Grand Jury visited county property, we did not deem it necessary to re-visit all of the property at this time. We hereby express to Judge Harris and Solicitor Britz our appreciation for their splendid cooperation with us in our duties during this term of court. This the 27th day of January, 1953. J. M. Barden, Foreman Andrew Outlaw, Secretary