

Editorial

Duplin High School Student Arrested Selling Marijuana; Parents Take Notice

By J. R. GRADY

Some newspaper reporters would classify this as a screaming headline story, but to me it is much too serious to sensationalize. In fact I wish we could just overlook it from a publicity standpoint and forget it happened. But when the moral character of our youth is beginning to be tainted with corruption and vice it is time for everyone in Duplin, regardless of race, color or creed, to sit up and take notice. When the vile face of vice and immoral corruption, smeared with the taint of filthy money, begins to take hold of one of our youths it is time for Duplin parents to be taking inventory. Wordsworth said "the child is father of the man" . . . and I could wish my days to be bound each to each in natural piety, meaning that the man is first a child and maybe as manhood takes its form and moves along the man begins to wish that he had been pious from the beginning. It's never too late for correction, it is said, but prevention training is much better.

Reports came from the B. F. Grady school that one of its seniors, Dulan Powell, age 20, last week was arrested by Federal officers at the school and carried away to a jail in Fayetteville where his father, Walter Powell, later went and bonded him out. The boy was caught red handed. The officers quoted a telephone conversation and produced his own letter, in his handwriting involving him in selling marijuana, one of man's worst dips or drugs. It is charged that Powell was receiving the dope cigarettes through a young Dail boy, son, Earl Dail of Mt. Olive, who is in school at E. M. I. It is further reported that Dail was receiving the cigarettes from a cousin, Jim Parker, of near Mt. Olive, a graduate of B. F. Grady and now stationed in the Navy in Oklahoma. The story goes that Parker was securing the stuff from Mexico. It is said he would secure the weed, send it to Dail and Dail would contact Powell. Powell would then secure the cigarettes and carry them to Ft. Bragg and sell them. Powell said, it is reported that he never sold them to students at B. F. Grady. He contended he did not use them, however reports say his parents said something about the boy has not been exactly normal lately.

It is reported that in connection with the arrests the story was told of a sex ring operating among young teen-agers in three white schools. Some brought out that this was not happening in Duplin County. Unconfirmed reports say the marijuana was being sold in other Duplin communities.

These reports are not yet all verified nor will they be probably until the boys are hailed into court and tried. But the mere fact that there are reports of this nature is sufficient warning to charge every parent in this county into some immediate action. We believe in giving young folks reasonable freedom of activity but too much freedom always leads to some kind of trouble and eventually may lead to severe incidents such as these. Superintendent O. P. Johnson, sensing the threat to the youths of this county, called together all the principals, many teachers and representative parents from every school district in the county here Wednesday and told them of the incident. The group discussed the whole matter very openly and seemed to realize the danger that is facing Duplin county. One parent stated that she had heard reports that marijuana was being flagrantly sold on the boardwalks of a certain popular beach resort not so far from Duplin.

Folks what we have just learned may be a small part of what is going on. Parents should not blame the youth, the age or the wars for our children falling prey to such corruption. The true responsibility lies with the parents in the home.

The schools cannot rear the child, nor can the church pour religious teaching down their throats. If the child does not get the proper home training; if the community atmosphere is not wholesome; if the child is not taught true life values in contrast to pleasures then what can be expected of the child? When young teen-agers find time on their hands on week-ends, during the summer, and no directional leading, what may be expected of them? The child has an active body and brain. We wouldn't stand by and see a child jump over a precipice—and I mean 18 or 20 year old child as well as a 10 or 12 year old one—but we might, or are standing by, watching them throw their life, their future, their very souls, over a precipice much more dangerous than a 100 foot cliff.

We parents of teen-agers today are not too far removed from that age and maybe life hasn't slowed us down enough to take up the necessary time with our children, if not then our children, more than us, are going to pay for the damage we are doing in years to come. Maybe here applies the Biblical teaching that the sins of the fathers will be visited upon the children. Remember the old axiom: train up a child in the way he should go and he will never depart there from. Let a care

District 11, Class A Basket Ball Tournney Is On

District 11, Class A. Basket Ball Tournney opened in Kenan Auditorium here Wednesday evening when Snow Hill, Newport, Acme-Delco, Walstonburg, Jones Central, Beaulville, Beaufort and Chadbourn began the play off contest. On opening night Newport dropped Snow Hill 55 to 40 and Walstonburg topped Acme-Delco 58 to 39. Thursday night saw Jones Central pitted against Beaulville for the second time in less than a week and Beaufort against Chadbourn. Winners in this group play winners in the Wednesday night plays here on Friday night and the finals to be played Saturday night.

Jones Central Takes Sect. 11 Dist. 11 Tournney

Jones Central high school of Trenton took the final game of Section 11, District 11, basket ball tournney here last Saturday night in Kenan Memorial Auditorium when they defeated Beaulville 43 to 42. Ray Taylor fired the winning goal for Jones Central with 7 seconds to go. For the winners B. Sasser was high scorer with 14 points and D. Brown second with 11. Defense leaders were A. Mallard and A. Taylor with six points each. For Beaulville L. Dobson was high with 14 points. Defense leaders were D. Simpson with 8 points and W. McDowell with 7.

Church Names Rose Hill Men

At a recent meeting of the men of the church, Wilmington Presbyterian in Wilmington, Dallas Herring of Rose Hill was elected president, succeeding L. B. Hule of Warsaw. J. A. Scott of Wilmington was elected vice-president and Hugh Johnson of Rose Hill secretary-treasurer. L. C. Kerr, Jr. of Clinton was named chairman of the Warsaw Clinton division.

Charlie Grady In Critical Condition

Charlie Grady of the Wesley neighborhood is in a Kinston hospital with little hope held for his recovery, according to late reports here. Charlie was seriously injured in a wreck last Saturday night about 3 miles north of Kenansville when his car went out of control on a dirt road and turned over. Charlie was thrown from the car and lay beside the road some little time before he was discovered. He was riding alone. Reports say two vertebrae in his back were crushed and several ribs pulled loose.

Millie Burch Wins 2nd Place

Miss Millie Burch, Kenansville high school junior, won second place Tuesday night in the district elimination contest at Elizabethtown. The annual contest is sponsored by the American Legion. Miss Burch was winner of district 9, including Duplin and Pender counties. She was defeated by a one point margin, it was reported at Elizabethtown by Miss Frances Beman from Laurinburg. The contest at Elizabethtown involved districts 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13. Schools represented there were Kenansville, Jacksonville, Whiteville, Laurinburg and Aberdeen.

The winner will go on to compete in the state-wide contest, next year.

DUPLIN 4-H JUDGING CONTEST



Pictured above are the Duplin County 4-H club members who competed in the Southeastern Junior Dairy Cattle show in Wilmington last fall. Left to right Terry Cording, Wallace; prize-grand champion in showmanship and blue ribbon; Remus Creel, B. F. Grady prize-blue ribbon; Stanley Harrell, Rose Hill, prize-red ribbon; and Bill Quinn, Kenansville, prize-red ribbon.

This show will be held again this fall. Any Junior who is interested in showing a dairy animal in this show should contact your County Agricultural Agent.

Terry Cording of Wallace was winner of the grand championship in showmanship for the third straight year at the Junior Dairy Cattle Show in Wilmington. This past fall Terry is shown with his prize-grand champion Jersey calf which won a blue ribbon in the competition.

Duplin County Board Commissioners Appoint Assistant To Tax Collector

William E. Craft of Kenansville Attorney, has been named Special Delinquent Tax Attorney for Duplin County. G. E. Alphin, Jr., Duplin County Tax Collector, announced that Mr. Craft was employed to start legal proceedings against all delinquent taxpayers. Alphin says, "For several years there has been a tendency on the part of some taxpayers who list only personal property to disregard all tax notices. The Tax Office has been giving them ample warning of the action that must be taken, if their taxes are not paid.

Sheriff's Cars and Police Chief's To Be Equipped With Two-Way Radio

Duplin county will soon equip Sheriff Ralph Miller's car and cars of two deputies with two-way radio communication. The base communication center will be located in the jail here. It is reported that several town chiefs in the county will have their cars equipped with similar type radios so they will be in constant touch with the sheriff's office here. The local station will be tuned with the highway patrol station in Elizabethtown which will give a connection with all state patrol cars. A remote control unit will be installed in the sheriff's office in the court house also. The equipment will cost the county about \$65.00 it is reported.

Psychological School Clinic to Be Held Kenansville Next Week, Welfare Project

Kenansville School has another first. On March 11th, and 12th, psychologist, Miss Marjorie Standland, from the State Department of Public Welfare will be in the school for a Psychological School Clinic. This is another service offered by the Duplin County Department of Public Welfare. Its purpose is to help pupils, parents and teachers in their understanding of each other's problems. Only three pupils can be seen at one clinic and lucky are those chosen. Miss Standland expects to see the three lucky children on Thursday morning March 12th, and their parents on the afternoon of the same day.

God Helps Them Who Help Others

By Rev. L. O. PRATER

God helps those who help others. "God helps them who help others." This challenging truth comes to us with a new power of meaning as we "Answer the Call" of the American Red Cross for 1953. God can help those people who help others. It is difficult for him to do the maximum good for others. The Red Cross calls on us to "Give." And this call suggests to many making sacrifice. Even in times of peace, there are many who are not willing to sacrifice for people whom we may never see and know. So often we will give freely if we can see whom our gift is going. In our service through the Red Cross, we can see whom our gift is going. We can see the faces of the needy and the service rendered in the spirit of that law and thereby that Christ Jesus showed on the battlefield. For the Red Cross is a universal expression of that ministry which Jesus commended so highly in the story of the Good Samaritan.

County Basket Ball Tournney Under Way

Funeral Services Held For The Late H. D. Williams Here; Buried in Smith's

By J. R. GRADY

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the local Methodist church for Hampton Durant Williams who died in Rex hospital, Raleigh Saturday night. Rev. C. D. Barcliff, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, Durham and former superintendent of the Wilmington dist. had charge, assisted by Rev. T. W. Lee, retired Methodist minister of Durham. Active pallbearers were O. P. Johnson, D. S. Williamson, Gilbert Alphin, Ralph Miller, R. V. Wells and L. H. Quinn. Honary pallbearers were members of the Duplin County Bar. Mr. Barcliff paid high tribute to Mr. Williams as a man of great ability, simple and humble in life and a lover of his fellow man. Following services in the church the funeral transferred to the family cemetery on his farm in Smith Township where last rites were in charge of St. John's Lodge No. 13, A. F. & A. M. of which he was a Past Master.



H. D. WILLIAMS

Mr. Williams was born on his father's plantation in Smith Township, July 23, 1878, the son of the late Durant and Elizabeth Newkirk Williams. He was the last of eleven children. He received his elementary education under the late Clay Stanford in Smith Township, who exerted great influence on Mr. Williams. In 1898 he attended Thompson's School and Business College in Selar City. Following this he entered the University of North Carolina where he studied law and received his license to practice in this state. In 1900 he came to Kenansville and entered law practice where he remained the rest of his life. On June 20th 1901 he married the former Erma L. Williams, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams of Martin County, who survives him, along with one daughter, Mrs. Erma W. Goover of Durham and one adopted daughter, Miss Susie Lee Childs of Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams first lived in the house now occupied by Mrs. William Fickett which at that time belonged to the late Herbert Smith of Smith Township. He and Mr. Smith were close friends and worked together in many business ventures. In 1912 he bought the old Chapel home where he lived until his death.

In addition to being a Mason he was a member of Smith Township Methodist Church, the Duplin County and North Carolina Bar Associations. In 1935 he retired from active practice of law and devoted the remainder of his years to looking after his farm in Smith's.

Mr. Williams led an active public life. His law practice was lucrative for years. In 1912, when the present court house was built, he was county attorney. He represented Duplin County in the State Legislature in 1905, 1907 and again in 1913. He was actively interested in better roads for Duplin County and North Carolina in the first quarter of this century and with the late Frank Page of Aberdeen, the State's first highway commissioner and W. A. McCurt of Wilmington who were his close friends, aided in crystallizing thought and later a movement for better roads throughout the state. Mr. Williams became alarmed when the movement began to take shape and retired from the program because he feared too much money was going to be spent recklessly. He liked to recall in his later days. One of his crowning glories, he felt, was making available the site for the Duplin General Hospital for which he made great sacrifices by selling his home site and expecting to live to

Duplin County's 1953 High School Basket Ball Tournney for boys and girls got under way here Monday night as near capacity crowds piled into Kenan Memorial Auditorium. The first two rounds of play were held Monday and Tuesday nights and play will resume next Monday night.

On opening night in the boys division Chiquapin defeated Faison boy a score of 61 to 51. For the winners Faison was high scorer with 26 points and defense leader were Sanderson and R. Cottle. For the losers, Lee scored high with 16 points and Cottle and Hollingsworth were defense leaders.

In the second boys game B. F. Grady toppled Calypso by a 52 to 44 score. For Grady, Sutton was high scorer with 19 points and Tynndall and Wells lead the defense. For Calypso, Harris was high with 23 and G. Sloan and H. Swinson were defense leaders.

In the girls division on Monday night Kenansville outscored Warsaw, dropping them 56 to 44. W. Sumner was high with 29 and J. Teachey was second with 25. F. Brock and L. Parker were defense leaders. For Warsaw, Gore scored high with 25 and Blanchard and Allen lead the defense.

The Wallace girls dropped Calypso in the second game by a 51 to 41 score. For the winners Currie scored high with 25 points and Sheffield and Sykes lead in defense. For Calypso Grubbs was high with 20 points and J. Roberts and F. Roberts lead in defense.

In the Tuesday night boys rounds Kenansville toppled Warsaw 36 to 28. T. Outlaw lead for the winners with 15 points and D. Murphy and J. Alphin lead the defense. For Warsaw, F. Carleton was high with 12 points. D. Lanier and T. Rogers lead the defense.

Wallace dropped Rose Hill-Magnolia 60 to 58. High scorer for Wallace was Joe Wallace with 24. B. Saimo and W. Carlton lead the defense. T. Fussell was high with 19 points for the losers with J. Parker and Lanier leading in defense.

In the girls-division B. F. Grady dropped Faison 54 to 43. S. Herring was high scorer with 32 points for Grady and L. Smith and J. Miller lead the defense. For Faison, Bowden scored 20 points and J. Taylor and McCullin lead the defense.

Beaulville dropped Chiquapin in a close one by 56 to 54 score. The winners E. Brady, S. Herring and K. Boggs and S. Griffin lead in defense. For Chiquapin L. Futrel was high with 12 points and J. Judge and N. Norris lead the defense.

Work On Rural Telephone Line In County Started

Work for the extension of telephone lines into the Rome's Chapel community has begun.

According to E. C. Casey, one of the leaders in trying to get the lines into the community, the telephone company has started its survey for the staking of poles in the Rome's Chapel area. At the same time, Casey said that the signed contracts granting the telephone company right of way across his farm had been received here from Dr. L. L. Jones and his associates. Jones had demanded and received \$100 per pole for each of the seven poles that are to be placed on his property. His demand, in contrast with the usual one dollar paid for permission to install such poles, had brought the drive to get telephone lines into the section to a lag.

Telephone officials had left it to the citizens of the community to secure the right of ways, and when Jones, an absentee land owner, of Portsmouth, Va., had presented his demands the residents held a mass meeting to determine what

B. F. Grady P. T. A. Meets March 10th

The B. F. Grady P. T. A. Meeting for March of Dimes has been postponed until Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 P. M. due to a conflict with the County Basket Ball Tournney now in progress. All interested persons are urged to attend as this promises to be the best meeting of the year. Mr. Morrison Agricultural Teacher and his group will present a program and will have some of their shop work on display. Mr. Dallas Herring, chairman of the county board of education will be present and make a talk. Mr. D. B. Teachey, Jr., and Mrs. Susie Teachey, Supervisors in the Duplin School will show film strips made in Duplin Schools. Come and see the kind of work being done in our Agricultural Department and see and hear what progress is being made in your county school system. Your time will be well spent.

Mt. Olive Minister to Preach During Revival Services Hallsville Church

The Rev. B. D. "Buddy" Dotson, minister of the Presbyterian church of Mt. Olive, will be the guest speaker at a series of Revival services to be held at the Hallsville Presbyterian church. The services will begin on Monday evening, March 9, and will be held each evening.

Judge Harris To Preside Over Two Weeks Civil Court Beginning Monday

A two week term of criminal superior court for the trial of civil cases will convene here Monday, March 9th. Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh is scheduled to be here. Jurors chosen are as follows:

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W. B. Fussell, Jr., Amos Jones, Clinton Campbell, R. S. Basden, Harry M. Teachey, Harvey R. Harper, James O. Carr, J. L. Wallace, Jesse Sullivan, Clyde Stroud, J. W. Evans, Harold Freyrie, C. B. Usher, William James Miller.

R. G. Quina, Joel E. Whaley, George K. Mazingo, J. E. Blanchard, D. D. Norris, J. J. Matthews, O'Neal Britt, Johnnie Dixon, Ben Sutton, C. E. Brewer, Roscoe R. Dail, J. E. F. Hall, Kenneth G. Grady, D. J. Simmons, L. C. Sholar, E. R. Pope, J. E. Ezzelle, Murphy Simpson, B. F. Maroney, S. H. Quinn, J. E. Bonham, Daniel L. Pate, L. F. Jones, Marion Bradshaw, J. H. Sheffield, W. L. Floyd.

James R. Carr, Gibson James, Jr., Ellis Marceady, J. S. Sellars, R. C. Gresham, Chauncey Carlton, J. F. Whaley, James Whitfield, L. H. Sutherland, Geo. R. Korngy, J. H. Wallace, J. T. Knowles, A. W. Carter, Homer Winstead, H. C. Brogden.

Negro Farm Bureau Members To Meet Here Monday Night

A meeting for Colored farm bureau members of Duplin County has been called for Monday night, March 9 at 7:30, at the Colored high school in Kenansville according to the county organization's president, Mr. Leroy Simmons. This meeting has been called to make plans for the state convention at A and T College Greensboro, Friday, March 11. It is hoped all Farm Bureau members will attend.

Speaking Contest

Negro high school students of Duplin County are now preparing for the school elimination of the "Marching" speaking contest. The contest is sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association. Last year in Duplin, the Wallace's Banks of Kenansville, Rose Hill and Beaulville sponsored the contest, in which one of the participants Miss Rebecca Henry won the District event and took third place in state competition at Greensboro.

Four high schools are participating in the current contest, Kenansville, Warsaw, Magnolia and Chiquapin. School eliminations will be held March 12th, county elimination March 16 at 1:00 p. m. at Magnolia and the district elimination March 18 at 1:00 p. m. at Kinston.