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## Rapist Gets Gas Chamber; September 25th Death Date

Robert Hammer, 29, Negro, native of Laurinburg, was sentenced to die in the gas chamber in Central Prison on September 25, by Judge Henry L. Stevens, Tuesday, after a Duplin Superior Court jury returned a verdict of guilty of rape.

Hammer was charged with the rape of Mrs. Virginia Hatcher, 17, of Tin City, near Wallace, on March 25. The crime was committed shortly after Hammer escaped from a prison camp in Duplin County, where he was serving a 15-20 year term for attempted rape.

Mrs. Hatcher had only been married about seven months at the time of the crime and she lived with her husband on the second floor of a tenement house on the farm of Henry Register.

Mrs. Hatcher had been taken to the field about 400 yards from the house to carry water to her husband who was there working, and on returning to the house had gone to the bedroom. Hammer was hiding in the room and attacked Mrs.

Hatcher as she came in the door. Mrs. Hatcher testified that she fought off the Negro the best she could. He picked up a pair of scissors and threatened to kill her if she made an outcry. During this interval, Mr. Hatcher, hearing some unusual noises from the field where he was working came to the house. The man was gone, but he found his wife in a highly nervous condition with numerous bruises.

The jury received the case for consideration at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday afternoon and returned a verdict of guilty at 4:33 p.m., just a little over a half hour after retiring from the courtroom. Upon being asked, if any recommendation was made with the verdict, the jury replied, "no". In making his charge to the jury composed of 10 white men and 2 negroes, Judge Stevens had told them they could return one of five verdicts: rape, rape, with a recom-

## Couple Handed Prison Term On Perjury Charge

Mrs. Anelle Lutzon, 40, and Mr. Eddie Odomatt, 38, were both handed 3 to 5 year prison terms by Judge Henry L. Stevens in Duplin Superior Court, yesterday, after they had pleaded guilty to charges of Perjury and Adultery.

The prison term was the sentence dictated by the jurist on the Perjury count and the couple received a 12 months suspended sentence in Duplin County Jail on the Adultery charge.

Mrs. Eddie Odomatt, a 30 year old telephone operator was en route back to New York with her father and her three children whom she had not seen in over a year until last Friday. Her husband and the woman he ran away with last year taking his three children from her mother were to be taken to Central Prison today to start serving their terms of punishment. The couple was found not guilty of a third charge of neglecting their children.



GRADY-OUTLAW REUNION — Some of an estimated 200 persons gathered for the Grady-Outlaw reunion are shown above. It was the 23rd annual event for the two clans. —(News-Argus Farm Photo).

## The Need For Boy Scout Council Budget

Practically everyone is familiar with the fine program which has been carried on by the Boy Scouts of America for the past forty-three years. This program has made a distinct contribution toward the civic betterment of our country. It has been recognized by almost all of our National Leaders as a great factor in the training of our youth. More than three million boys and men are now enrolled in this great Movement which provides a program for city boys and country boys of every race and creed. Scouting is a Volunteer Movement, the success of which depends upon the thousands of men who give liberally of their time and talent to serve in positions of leadership. It receives no government subsidies, and makes no assessments upon organizations using the program.

While Scouting is a huge organization throughout the United States, it does not actually operate a single Scouting Unit. The program of Scouting is made available to churches, civic clubs, farm organizations and other worthwhile groups to use as a most valuable supplement to their own youth work. The availability of Scouting to such organizations is dependent upon a functioning Boy Scout Council in the area. Just what is such a Council? Your Local Boy Scout Council is an organization made up of youth-minded men, chartered by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. It is the duty of the Local Council to see that all boys in a particular area have an equal opportunity to enjoy Scouting as is prescribed by Congressional Charter and the National Constitution of the Boy Scouts of America. The Local Council maintains a headquarters office in the territory served, and employs a clerical and Executive Staff. This office keeps a detailed record of membership and advancement for every Cub, Scout and Explorer in the Council. It also facilitates the registration process for Scouting Units, and maintains a direct contact between the volunteer Scouters and the National Office. Obviously, the maintenance of a staff of trained Executives, the operation of a Council Office where volunteers can go for help, the keeping of records, and the promotion of a good Scouting Program requires a lot of money. Scouting funds are raised through participation in Community Chests or by independent finance campaigns. An adequately supported Council Budget is the only effective way to secure a good Scouting Program.

In addition to the services mentioned above, a Boy Scout Council handles many other details. It must

## EAST CAROLINA FOLK FESTIVAL

Sept. 25-26 will be another big day in Duplin. Bascom Lamar Lunsford, the Minstrel of the Mountains who hails from Turkey Creek, North Carolina, will again direct the second annual Eastern North Carolina Folk Festival.

The Festival this year will be held at the Grady High School instead of in Kenansville. The Grady P.T.A. is sponsoring the event.

Mr. Lunsford says the dancing folks from Asheville will be down again as will the banjo pickin' champion Joe Pegram. Remember the dates—Sept. 25-26. Watch next week's Times for a more detailed announcement.

## Warsaw High Tigers Open Season Friday Night Against Richlands

"Ready or not, here we come," say Richlands and the local fans hope that the '53 edition of the Tigers is plenty ready to start this season off with a win when Richlands invades the local field Friday night. Things should be very much of the football atmosphere around Warsaw Friday as there will be a Pep Rally uptown at 2:15 p.m. with the entire student body of Warsaw High School taking part and then from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. there will be a Fish Dinner served at the School Lunch Room. Anyone who has bought a season ticket from the Rotary Club or either one of the Drug Stores in Warsaw will be able to eat all the fish, hushpuppies, and coffee they want for free but anyone can get the same chance for a good meal for \$1.00. The football team hopes to be able to climax all this activity with a victory over Richlands and they have looked very good in practice since the first aches and bruises were ironed out. Of course the main trouble is still a severe shortage of good substitutes but the first team looks like they might be plenty tough this year and maybe the coaches nightmares of broken bones and multiple casualties will not come true. The Tigers have good size with a line that averages around 173 pounds with the lightest man being W. C. Tew, L. E. at 155 and the heaviest being Hugh Mitchell, C. at 210 pounds so the weight is very well distributed. In the backfield there is both good size and plenty of speed with a plus of driving power. The average weight of the backfield is 165 1-2 pounds with Gene Thompson the lightest at 145 and Hughie Lewis the heaviest at 192 pounds.

Charles Braswell is brand new at the Q.B. slot and is only a Freshman but has shown good possibilities in practice and Jesse Henderson is new to the backfield as a half back although he has been an outstanding Varsity guard for the Tigers for the past two seasons and he has shown some real running power in practice to team with Hughie Lewis.

## Fall Meeting Of Home Demonstration Clubs To Be Held Here Tuesday, Sept. 17

The Fall Meeting of the Duplin County Home Demonstration County Council will be held in the Kenansville Masonic Lodge Building on Tuesday afternoon September 17, at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. J. B. Torrance, Council President, will preside.

A special program to commemorate Constitution Day which is September 17, is planned. Plans-

graph speakers to take part on the program of "Our American Heritage" will be.

Mrs. C. C. Ivey, Sr., County Citizenship Leader.

Mrs. A. B. Lanier, County Family Life Leader, and Mrs. C. L. Sloan, Incoming Citizenship Leader.

Every club member is invited to attend this meeting.

## N. C. Farm Bureau Back Bond Vote

The North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation has thrown its full support behind the bond referendum for schools and mental hospitals, which will be held throughout the State on October 3.

Executive Vice-President R. Flake Shaw of Greensboro, speaking on behalf of the organization's 71,000 farm families, announced this week that the Farm Bureau plans to leave no stone unturned in the rural areas to obtain a record turnout at the polls in favor of the bond issue.

The North Carolina General Assembly during its last session authorized the election, which will give all citizens of the State an opportunity to vote on the issuance of \$50 million in bonds for public

school improvements and \$22 million for mental hospital improvements.

Shaw said the Farm Bureau is acting in accordance with its resolutions concerning schools and rural health in rendering its support to the bond issue referendum.

"Rural people recognize the need perhaps more than any other group for better school and hospital facilities in our state. When we look at the outstanding work now being carried on in other states, we find that the people of North Carolina must assume a greater responsibility for improving these institutions," he added.

The Farm Bureau chief pointed out that the schools of the State are

7,783 classrooms short this fall, which makes it necessary for 250,000 children to be crowded into inadequate or substandard classrooms.

Shaw emphasized that the population in North Carolina's mental hospitals has increased from 4,300 patients in 1945 to 11,300 in 1952. "Our facilities for taking care of these patients are far from adequate when we consider this 25 per cent increase," he added.

No special registration is required for voting in the school - hospital bond referendum on October 3. Citizens who have not already registered will have the opportunity of doing so on one of three Saturdays - September 5, 12, or 16.

## About 200 Attend Grady-Outlaw Meet

(Left out last week)

America's continued greatness depends on the education of the masses, Judge Paul Grady of Keny told approximately 200 persons gathered here Saturday for the 23rd annual Grady-Outlaw reunion.

Judge Grady, recently returned from a tour of Europe, cited the failure to educate the common man as one of the chief causes of the fall of great European empires.

In Europe he said, "A genius born in a cabin was never allowed the opportunity to develop that genius... while a dullard born in the higher level of society enjoyed every advantage, notwithstanding that all efforts to make something of him was a total loss."

Judge Grady declared: "The capacity of every child is an American asset. He pointed out that unless talents of each individual are expanded and developed, America might travel the same road which has led to the downfall of European countries."

At the close of the reunion, members of the Grady-Outlaw clan voted to make Judge Henry Grady, and Albert Outlaw president and secretary emeritus for life, respectively. Both have served in these positions since the reunion was organized in 1930.

## Fish Dinners Warsaw School Friday Night

What might be called a "Season Ticket Sales Promotion Dinner" will be held at the School Lunch Room on Friday night from 6:15 to 7:30 preceding the football game in which Warsaw meets Richlands in the season opener. This dinner will consist of all the fish you can eat along with hushpuppies and coffee for \$1.00 with the money to go to the High School Athletic Fund.

Those who have bought season tickets from the members of the Warsaw Rotary Club or either one of the Drug Stores in Warsaw will be admitted for free to the fish dinner so this dinner is for sales promotion of the season tickets.

These season tickets are to be good for all home games of the Warsaw Tigers in football, basketball and baseball for the very reasonable price of \$10.00. There will be six home games in football, about ten in basketball and about eight in baseball so these season tickets are really a bargain even if you are not interested in the promotion of athletics at the local High School.

## Crusade For Christ Opens Monday Night In Clinton; Jew To Preach



DR. HYMAN APPLEMAN

Dr. Hyman Appleman, nationally known Jew Evangelist will open the two weeks Crusade for Christ Monday night, September 14 in the Big Sampson Warehouse.

Over 50 churches have joined in co-operative efforts to sponsor this campaign. For three months committees of over 100 people prepared, planned and worked for this revival meeting. This is the first meeting on a large scale basis to be held in Clinton since Cyclone Mac was here some 80 years ago.

The general chairman, J. C. Mitchell, pointed out that this town is extremely fortunate to have this man of national reputation. Dr. Appleman, a former lawyer converted in 1925, has preached in campaigns in some of our largest cities as well as in other countries and therefore is also known internationally as an evangelist. "This is the greatest spiritual opportunity that ever came to this city," Mr. Mitchell added.

The sermon subject for the first night is, "Think Fast America." This night is designated as all-church night and each church is making efforts to have a large percentage of its membership present. Also chartered buses will bring people from New Bern to this initial service. A similar campaign was conducted there this spring. On Tuesday night Dr. Appleman will speak on "Fire Worshippers" and on Wednesday "The World's Greatest Emergency". Other special nights include Men's night on Thursday, Young People on Saturday, and Sunday School night on the second Monday.

Dr. Appleman will also be heard over WRRZ each morning at 8:30. Transcriptions will be used up to the 14th and beginning Monday a live broadcast can be heard each of the campaign days.

One half an hour before the services each evening before the services are scheduled to begin at 8:00 P.M. there will be prayer for the Juniors, Young People, and Adults. Dr. Appleman will lead the audience in the room behind the warehouse and Earl Davis, the song leader will lead the young people and choir members on the choir platform. Rev. Paul Mull, Chairman of the prayer committee, asks that every church be well represented in these groups on the first night.

Seating arrangements have been made for 8000 people in the warehouse and an additional 1000 chairs will be brought in for overflow crowds, announced Clarence Ship, chairman of the housing committee. Felton Baggett, chairman of the ushers, will use a corp of 40 ushers from co-operating churches to seat the people each night.

## 14 4-H'ers Take Part In Poultry Sale Here

Fourteen farm boys and girls of Duplin County participated in the annual 4-H Club poultry show and sale at Kenansville, each club member showing 12 choice pullets. The event which attracted a large crowd of poultrymen, farmers and their wives, was held in front of the Duplin County Agricultural Building. As usual, it was sponsored by Sears Roebuck and Company, who donated \$100 as prize money.

Last February, 4-H Club members participating were furnished with 100 baby chicks each all New Hampshire shires. Records of feeding have been kept by the farm boys and girls and these were examined at the show by the judges, C. J. Maupin and Thomas Morris, extension poultry specialists from North Carolina State College.

Ten of the participants were awarded blue ribbons and \$5 each as prizes. They are: Morris L. Mercer, Pink Hill; Melvin F. Harper, Albemarle; Eddie Ray Maready, Wallace; Elwood Thigpen, Pink Hill; Carole Fountain, Chincapin; Polly Jones, Wallace; Bill Hill, Albemarle; Durren Sholar, Wallace; Louie Jones, Faison; Earl Henderson, Chincapin.

Four others were awarded red ribbons and prizes of \$5 each as follows: Donald Weeks, Faison; Jake Dawson, Pink Hill; Glenda Thomas, Pink Hill; Bobby Raynor, Wallace.

Al Howard, agricultural agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, acted as auctioneer and the sale netted an average of \$2.48 for each pullet.

## Men Of Church To Hold Supper Meet Pink Hill

Members of "The Presbyterian Men of the Church" in Rev. N. P. Farrer's charge at Pink Hill are being invited to a meeting at the church in Pink Hill Friday night, September 11. Supper will be served at 7:30 sharp. The speaker of the evening will be Dr. W. C. McBane of Wilmington, N. C. All men in this charge are invited and urged to attend Dr. H. A. Edwards is president of the organization.

## 3rd Annual Boyette Reunion Held Near Warsaw

The 3rd annual reunion of the family of the late Hiram Shaw and Annie P. Woodward Boyette of Warsaw, Duplin County was held Sunday September 6th, 1953 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Boyette, 3705 Market St., Wilmington, N. C. There were 64 members of this family attending.

Of the original family of ten children, there are seven living, they are Mrs. A. B. Cook, Clinton, N. C.; Mrs. L. P. Kennedy, Raleigh, N. C.; H. Spencer Boyette of Norfolk, Va.; Ernest W. Boyette, Kingston; Mosley G. Boyette of Carthage, N. C.; Mrs. C. F. Peterson, Brunswick, N. C. and C. Wiley Boyette of Wilmington—all these attending.

Long tables were set up on the lawn under tall pine trees, where an abundance of traditional food was enjoyed by all.

After the picnic luncheon, an interesting program was entered into. Manly H. Cook of Asheville, N. C. was master of ceremonies, Mrs. L. P. Kennedy, was program chairman.

M. G. Boyette delivered the principle talk of the afternoon, followed by several short talks from members of the family.

There were several old fashioned songs sung by the group led by Mrs. Betty Sue Morrison of Norfolk, Va.

The present officers were re-elected to serve another year.

Manly H. Cook of Asheville, president; Mrs. George Dennis of Norfolk, Va., secretary; and Mrs. L. P. Kennedy of Raleigh, corresponding secretary.

## Last Week's Highway Report

Duplin experienced a rather quiet Labor Day week and with no fatalities reported and only one or two wrecks. No one was seriously injured in either wreck. The report for District "B", August 31 through September 6 as given by Col. T. G. Brooks of Wallace is as follows: Duplin Co., Acc.-2 K.-0 In.-2 Property Damage - \$400.00. Sampson Co., Acc. 13 K.-1, In. 6-Property Damage, \$5,000.00. Wayne Co., Acc. 5-K.-0 In.-2-Property Damage \$3,025.00. Total for the district, Acc. 22 K.-1 In. 10 Property Damage \$6,425.00.

## Gospel Singers To Be In Wallace

All plans and arrangements have been completed to bring to Wallace High School two of the nation's best Gospel Singing Quartets from Atlanta, Ga.

The Sunshine Boys Quartet and the Blue Ridge Quartet have traveled throughout the nation singing Gospel songs, new and old, thrilling the hearts of its large audience everywhere they go.

Plan now to attend this four hour concert. Bring the whole family. Advance tickets will be on sale in Wallace at the Wallace Drug Store, Richard's Esso Station, Western Auto Store and Gowan's Drug Store.

The doors will open at 7:00 p.m. for the program begins at 8:00.

## Grady P.T.A. Meets Monday

The B. F. Grady P.T.A. will meet Monday Sept. 14, 1953 at eight o'clock in the school auditorium. Plans for the year will be discussed followed by refreshments in the lunch room.

## Cousin Minnie Pearl And Troupe Dines on Barbecue at Kenan Auditorium

Through the courtesy of "Ken & Len" of the Fannie Leonard Enterprises, who are sponsored by the Kenan Theatre Market, the W. C. Cousin Minnie Pearl and her troupe will dine on a barbecue at the Kenan Auditorium.

"Little Red Wagon" sure was handy to have around," said Minnie Pearl after she completed their good old North Carolina barbecue.

"They were so grateful to the boys who always try to take advantage of OPPORTUNITY that the stars asked Ken & Len to please on over to W. C. M. sometime but we can't come down there now of that good food."

Incidentally, the "Little Red Wagon" lost one of its two big load-makers that night in a sudden and quick wind.

By George Gessner, Jr.