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County Polio Drive Collects \$6082.69 Mercer & Lanier Do Excellent Job

Grady Mercer and Russell Lanier Co-Directors of Duplin County Polio Drive announce the following report. The total collection during the drive was \$6082.69. This is the most that has been raised in a Polio Drive in Duplin County. It exceeds last years total by about \$1800.00, the Chairmen of the Drive contribute this to the splendid cooperation of the workers who helped put the drive on and the citizens of Duplin County who contributed freely to this worthy cause. The Co-Chairmen want to take this opportunity to thank all the workers who helped put the Drive across in such successful manner and all the people who contributed in any way financially or otherwise in this Drive. The totals from the various communities were as follows, and the person or Club that sponsored the drive.

- Rose Hill, N. C. Womens Club, Mrs. D. J. Fussell, Pres. - \$250.00
- Kenansville, Afternoon Card Club - \$3.00
- Kenansville, Contract Club - \$5.00
- Rose Hill, School - \$90.00
- Kenansville, Monday Night bridge Club - \$5.00
- Warsaw, School - \$76.25
- Kenansville, School - \$110.00
- Chinquapin School - \$93.00
- Cabin Community, Mrs. Panny Rhodes - \$12.01
- Long Ridge Church, Mr. Jonas Dail - \$18.25
- Calypso, School - \$112.30
- Faison, Garden Club, Mrs. L. D. Groom, Pres. - \$213.46
- Faison, Ricky Bell - 60c.
- Potters Hill, School - \$54.85
- Beulaville, U. D. C. - \$167.67
- WPTF, B. J. Shaw - \$2.00
- Calypso, American Legion - \$55.71
- Magnolia, School - \$55.65
- Outlaw's Bridge, School - \$36.87
- Kenansville, Polio Boxes - \$13.52
- Beulaville, Polio Boxes - \$19.15
- Beulaville, School - \$250.50
- Warsaw, B & P Womens Club, Cleo Hobbs, Pres. - \$418.96
- B. F. Grady, H. M. Wells - \$342.87
- Ward, Rose Hill, N. C. Mr. Mrs. W. L. Law, Pres. - \$76.45
- County Colored division, Johnson - \$603.24
- Magnolia, Civic Club, Mrs. L. E. Pope, Pres. - \$43.65
- Wallace, Sorosis Club, Mrs. Sam Glasgow, Pres. - \$320.83
- Miscellaneous - \$12.91
- TOTAL - \$6082.69

In addition to the above named clubs and their officers for their valuable assistance in the drive, I would like to thank the following persons for their assistance in the drive: J. B. Grady, Mrs. Winfred Wells, E. C. Sanderson, Mrs. Christine Williams, Tom Boney, Duplin Times, Wallace Enterprise, Warsaw-Faison News, Edna Konegay, Byron Teachey, David N. Henderson.

Duplin County Negro Schools Hold Music Festival

The Duplin County Negro Schools will hold their First Annual County Wide Physical Education and Music Festival on Thursday, April 22, at eight o'clock in the Douglas High School Auditorium. This program will feature the various physical education activities taught in the schools and will show representation of each of our schools. The activities will consist of pupils from the first through the ninth grades. The music will be given by the High School Glee Club. They are as follows: Charity, Warsaw, Kenansville and Magnolia. Parents and interested citizens in the schools throughout the county are urged to be present. There is no admission.

District H.D.C. Meeting - Stedman

Duplin Home Demonstration Club members will don their new Easter dresses and corsages to attend the twenty-seventh District meeting to be held in Stedman on Thursday, April 22. Registration will begin at 10:00 A. M. The morning session will be a business session followed by a fashion show in the afternoon. The registration fee of \$1.00 will take care of each person's

Duplin Man Kills Self

Ivan Rouse, 37, of Calypso died at 12:10 a.m. April 12, in Wayne Memorial Hospital, Goldsboro, from rifle wounds self-inflicted at his home Sunday night. Surviving are Mrs. Rouse, the former Geraldine Barwick, of Duplin County, and one daughter, Edna of the home; his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Rouse of Albemarle; eight brothers, Laddie, Fletcher, Clayton and Rigg, all of Albemarle; Claude of Calypso; Richard of Deep Run; Cleber, of Ft. Brass; and Daniel of Raleigh, Route 4; and one sister, Mrs. Pete Kosonovitch of Rome, Ga. Funeral services were held in the Calypso Baptist Church Tuesday at 3 p.m., with the pastor, the Rev. M. M. Turner, officiating, and burial was in Maplewood Cemetery, Mt. Olive.

Rouse was in the bathroom at his home when he shot himself through the head with a .22 rifle, the bullet entering behind the left ear, officers said. He had been unemployed for several weeks and members of the family stated that he had seemed nervous and despondent for the past few days. Deputy Sheriff Murray Byrd of Faison investigated and Duplin County Coroner Gurman Powell ruled the death suicide.

Annual Fish Fry

The Magnolia Lions' Club announces the beginning of their annual fish fry, April 21 to run through September on each Wednesday night from six o'clock on. Plates: adults \$1.00; children 50c. These suppers will be held at Cartons Pond, south of Warsaw.

Albertson Square Dance Team On T.V.

The Duplin Square Dance Team, of Albertson township, met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Faison Smith Thursday night, April 8. They had as their special guests, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins of Kinston and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perkins of Pink Hill. These guests are considering sponsoring the Duplin Square and Folk dancers on television. After the supper the square team did a few numbers, then every one joined in the fun and had a good time.

Those attending were: Mr and Mrs. L. B. Jenkins, Mrs. Flora Warren, Mr. and Mrs. John Jenkins, Bill Rhodes, Bill King, all from Kinston; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stroud, and daughter Maryland of Pink Hill; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wells and Connie Jo of B. F. Grady School; Mr. and Mrs. James Ward, Rose Hill, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blalock, Mrs. Leggie Horton, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Frank Outlaw, J. D. Grady, and Peggy; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Grady, Richard Grady, Hess Davis, Jr., Douglas Smith, Hughlene Murray and Sylvester Tew.

The Duplin Square Dance Team will go on television on Saturday, April 24, over station WNCN, Channel 9. The hour will be announced next week.

Bessie Williams Under \$1000 Bond

Bessie Williams, 40-year-old colored woman of Hallsville, is being held in \$1000 bond for appearance at County Court, Kenansville, May 3 to answer charges of allegedly stabbing her husband, Farlanda Williams, in the back with a butcher knife on April 6.

Her husband, who was reported as improving Wednesday, nearly died to death after the incident.

Probable cause was found April 12 at a hearing before local Justice of the Peace.

According to the Duplin County sheriff's office, Bessie Williams has been indicted on several occasions for cutting her husband in several stabbing incidents.



Daniel W. Lanier with the seven prints he entered in the 1954 North Carolina Photographers Convention in Winston-Salem on April 4, 5, and 6. About 200 photographers attended the convention and entered photographs to be judged by five leading photographers from out of the state. Mr. Lanier entered ten prints and had seven accepted for hanging in the public exhibit during the three-day convention. (Photo by Lanier's Studio in Wallace)

Kenansville Methodist Revival

The Kenansville Methodist Church will hold its Spring Revival next week, April 18 - 23. Revival services will begin on Monday night and continue through Friday night with the services beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night. The pastor, Rev. J. G. White, will be the preacher for the services. Special music will be provided by the Church Choir. The revival comes at the close of the Church Attendance Crusade which began last January during which an effort has been made to increase regular church attendance and to increase interest in the total program of the church. During this crusade the church has experienced several Sundays of near record attendance. The theme of the Crusade has been, "Give God A Chance Now."

The pastor and the congregation extends a warm invitation to all the people of the community to come and join in these services.

Filing Notice

W. E. Craft, Chairman of the Board of Elections, announced that he will be in his office in Kenansville until 6:00 p.m., Saturday, for filing of all county candidates. Saturday, April 17, at 6:00 p.m. is the deadline for all candidates filing for county and township offices. This includes the state Representative and State Senate office. Next week the Times will carry a complete list of all candidates who have filed, and also a list of the county poll holders.

Local Talent Presents Play

"You Can't Beat Fun," a big stage show, spotlighting all local stars will be shown in Mt. Olive on Wednesday and Thursday, April 21-22, at the Mount Olive High School Auditorium for the benefit of buying a fognhorn for the Fire Department. This show is sponsored by the Mt. Olive Volunteer Fire Department.

Duplin Negro Fatally Shot Woman Tired Of Arguing

Bessie Mae Tann, colored woman of Faison, is being held in the Duplin County Jail at Kenansville in connection with the slaying of Mather James Cobb, colored man of Faison, Saturday night. Cobb was shot with a pistol on the outskirts of Faison. He was taken to the Henderson-Crumpler Clinic at Mt. Olive, but died before arrival.

Bessie Mae Tann, who has been charged with the shooting, came to Mt. Olive later Saturday night and was arrested by the police there

Beulaville Local Talent Hilarious Fun April 22 - 23

Kerr Scott In Pink Hill May 1st.

U. S. Senatorial aspirant, W. Kerr Scott and thirty-six, one to six months old registered bull calves will be the featured attractions at a gala "Steer-Away" event at Pink Hill on May 1. Also on hand will be 36 entrants who contrived to beat Candidate Scott's previous record a six-hour walk between Kinston and Margate Crossroads in 1919. The March 21st, 21 mile walk contest attracted state-wide interest. The presentation ceremonies will take place in the roped-off center of town and will get underway at 1:30 P.M., May 1. Between four and five thousand persons are expected to attend the festivities. The public is cordially invited. Bands from the B. F. Grady School, Kenansville High School and Beulaville High School have already been booked and others are expected to take part. This event scheduled to take place in April was called off because of the inability of the Jersey Association to furnish the calves at that time.

Tom Davis, former Pink Hill Mayor, and chairman of the Lenoir County Welfare Department will be Master of Ceremonies. Come on out, everybody.

Wilson Sumner Attempts Suicide

Wilson Sumner, 25, a farmer of Pink Hill, Route 2, is in a serious condition in a Kinston hospital of self-inflicted wounds. Sumner shot himself Saturday afternoon about 2 o'clock in the chest with a .22 rifle. The bullet, fired at an angle, came out near the upper part of his neck. Wednesday afternoon Sumner was considered in a critical condition by his Kinston doctors. He is reported to have been drinking heavily since Christmas.

Brother-In-Law Mrs. Dail Passes

William Vaden Guthrie, age 65, died on Friday, April 9, of a heart attack at his home in South Hill, Va. Mr. Guthrie was a buyer for Imperial Tobacco Co. and was retired. In past years he worked on the tobacco market in Goldsboro. Funeral services were held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the home with interment in South Hill cemetery. Mr. Guthrie was a native of Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Maude Ormond of Goldsboro, three children, Vaden Guthrie, Jr., David, Mrs. Jimmie Trublood all of South Hill. He is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Dail.

Hamer Faces Death By Gas

Robert Hamer, Duplin County Negro, awaited death in the gas chamber at Central Prison after the State Supreme Court refused him a new trial. Hamer was sentenced to die last September for raping Mrs. Howard Hatcher, 17, a white farm wife on March 25, 1953.

Hamer appealed on the basis that his confession to an SBI agent was not voluntary and that a highway patrolman prejudiced the jury when he mentioned that Hamer was a fugitive from a prison camp at the time of the assault.

Officers extracted a confession from him by threatening to turn him over to a mob, Hamer said. He said he confessed because he was ignorant of his legal rights. He said the threats influenced a later confession that he assaulted but did not rape the woman.

Associate Justice Sam J. Ervin, Jr. wrote the court's opinion on the appeal, holding that the latter confession was valid although the earlier confession had been excluded from evidence at the trial.

Sheriff Ralph Miller has received ten passes for Duplin residents desiring to witness the execution of Robert Hamer.

K. B. Bailey, Warden of State Prison, said that the execution would be carried out with lethal gas at 10 o'clock on Friday, April 23, the Sheriff said. He added that Bailey's instructions regarding distribution were that none were to be given to any of the victim's family or the family of Robert Hamer.

W. A. Brames, a member of the Board of Paroles, last week wrote the Sheriff "for any further details."

Sunrise Service Hallsville Church

An Easter Sunrise service will be held at the Hallsville Presbyterian Church on Easter Sunday morning at 8:15 a.m. This service is presented by the Youth Fellowship of the church, and will be assisted by the Church Choir in the presentation of special Easter music. It is a service of worship and praise, and will include a pageant depicting the events of the Resurrection morning. The public is cordially invited to attend this early morning Easter service.

Hold Services For Aged

Mrs. Kathleen P. Snyder, Mrs. Bernice Powell, Mrs. Fannie Wilson and Mrs. Harper Creech held Sunday School this past Sunday at the Home for the Aged. Mrs. Snyder gave her version of the Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Her explanation was so clear and concise, it just held the old folks, so much so, that they actually feel that they were right there. We deeply appreciate the time and effort the women from Warsaw spend here at the Home for the Aged, and wish to thank them for all they have done in the past, and for the work they will do in the future.

E. C. Alumni Ass'n. Elect New Officers

On Tuesday night the 13 April the Duplin County unit of the East Carolina Alumni Association met in the lunch room of Rose Hill School. A delicious supper was served.

Mr. Bill Teachey, the president, presided over the meeting. Speakers for the evening were Mr. James Whitfield of Raleigh, president of the alumni association, Mr. Jim Butler of Greenville, alumni secretary; Mrs. Susie Webb, secretary at the alumni office.

The group decided to raise a hundred dollars for a scholarship to be awarded to some worthy Duplin county boy or girl.

New officers elected were: Miss Grace Baker, president; Mrs. Pearl McGowen, vice president; and Mrs. Garland Riverbank Carr, secretary-treasurer. Anyone wishing to donate to the scholarship fund will please see Mrs. Garland Riverbank Carr or the principal in his community.

Mr. and Mrs. Sitterson Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary

Garden Open Easter Sunday

The garden of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holmes will be open Easter Sunday afternoon from 1:30 to 5:30.

The Holmes Garden is located on the farm of Mrs. Bessie Wooten, 3 1/2 miles east of Mount Olive, on Route 55. It is approached by a half mile lane of dog wood trees planted 22 years ago.

Tall pines and native shrubs provide a beautiful and colorful setting on a hill side overlooking the pond. Over the four acre garden will be found brilliant azaleas and late camellias, dogwood and wisteria in bloom.

This is woodland garden presenting a scene of tranquil beauty. Every effort has been made to preserve the rustic, natural informal setting which is such a fine background for the strictly southern planting. The bloom is expected to be at the peak on Easter Sunday.

An offering will be taken at the gate for the Building Fund of the Mount Olive Presbyterian Church.

Unity Church Sunrise Services

The second annual Sunrise Service will be held at Unity Methodist Church on the Church grounds this Sunday Morning at 6:00 a.m. Plans are being made for the service to be held on the East side of the church as the sun comes over the horizon. In case of rain or cold weather the service will be held in the church.

The Sunrise Service was started last year by the congregation and the pastor, and has been adopted as an annual affair. This year the young people of the church are taking the lead in the services. Young people will lead the worship and a youth choir will bring special Easter Music. A large cross is being constructed and will be the center of the worship center. A blanket of dogwood and greenery will complete the worship center.

The young people, the congregation, and the pastor extend an invitation to all the people of the county to come and join in his service. The man who finds himself in the most fixes is the one who has no fixed course.

Last Will And Testament Of Rev. R. C. Kennedy

The Rev. Robert Chauncey Kennedy who died Saturday morning, March 27, at his home in Beulaville, left the following Will and Testament to his children. The will in itself is a tribute to the life that Rev. Kennedy lived.

MY LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MY DEAR CHILDREN

Dear loved children as much as it pleased God to entrust in my care on this earth His little living souls bought with such fearful price; I feel it my duty to write you my will and testament, as life is uncertain and some of my dear children so young. My earnest desire is to be ready when the Master calls, both in body and soul, and if I should leave you so young, I wish you to read this to comfort and console you. If it be God's will that I leave you such a wall of prayers gone to Heaven that He will guide and save you to the fifth generation and longer if it be His will—if time should last so long. Many things, Dear Children, I wish you to know, that my time and place cannot tell. I will try and be as brief as I can to let you know a few of my wishes, for fear you will not read it as often as I would like you to.

Dear Children, my first and greatest will is that you read your Bibles and abide by its commandments. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, for where your treasure is there will your heart also be. Life does not consist in the abundance of things in this world, but seek ye first the kingdom of God and his

Easter Vesper Grove Church

On Easter Sunday evening at the hour of 6:30 p.m. a special Easter Vesper Service will be held at the Grove Presbyterian Church. The Kenansville Young People's League and the Church will be in charge of this service of song and pageant appropriate to the Easter session. All persons are invited to attend.

