

Christmas Tragedy In Kenansville Is Avoided By Pair Of 'Burning Eyes'

A Christmas tragedy was avoided in Kenansville Saturday morning by a pair of "burning eyes."

Only because of "burning eyes" caused by carbon monoxide fumes from the lives of three Kenansville citizens saved.

Thomas Jones, Negro employee at Ralph Brown's Garage, "passed out" twice Saturday morning after inhaling carbon monoxide fumes from the Kenansville fire truck.

The incident occurred Saturday morning in Brown's garage while Donald and James Murphy, white, and Jones were working in the garage while the motor of the fire truck was running.

Harry Murphy, member of the fire department and brother of the two Murphy brothers, said the fire truck is but in the garage at Brown's during cold winter nights. This is done to keep the fire hose and nozzles from freezing.

"Too, each morning the fire truck's motor is started in order to make sure the battery is strong and to also charge the battery. It would be bad if we did not have the battery charged when we were called on to go to a fire," Harry advised.

"This is the reason the motor was running in the closed garage. Cold weather had forced the three to

keep the door to the garage closed and with the motor running carbon monoxide fumes built up in the garage.

The first indication of the poisoning fumes being in the building was when the eyes of James Murphy began "burning."

He went over, turned off the motor to the fire truck, and opened the door to the garage. As soon as the fresh air was inhaled by Jones, he dropped to the floor. About one minute later he was revived and was thought to be "all right."

He left the station and went across the street to the B and M Esso and asked for the keys to the restroom.

Harry was gone and had carried the keys with him. As Jones left the service station, he fell in the street. He was rushed to Duplin General Hospital, where he was revived by giving him oxygen.

Dr. Robert F. Willis kept him in the hospital until after lunch. In the afternoon, Donald Murphy had a very bad headache and had to go to the hospital where he was also given oxygen.

Yes, had it not been for the "burning eyes" of James Murphy, three of Kenansville's citizens might, probably, would be dead this Christmas.

Christmas In Switzerland Celebrated Twice; Not As Commercial As In U. S.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Miss Davis from the Moss Hill section has recently returned from Switzerland where she stayed for four months as a 4-H Club Exchange Student. We requested her to write an account of what Christmas would be like in Switzerland. The following is a short story on "Christmas in Switzerland," — Paul Barwick.

If I had been in Switzerland the night of December 8, I wonder if the spirit of Saint Nicolas (Santa Claus) would have left me a ginger breadman or witch.

For Saint Nicolas comes on December 6, to visit all the children in that Alpine country. To the good little girls and boys he brings a gingerbread and for the bad ones he leaves switches. I'm not sure if Swiss girls and boys hang up their stockings for Saint Nicolas to leave his gifts in or not, "cause I forgot to ask the English speaking Swiss who was explaining Swiss Christmas to me.

Saint Nicolas, as I understand it, doesn't make a spectacular entrance into every Swiss town, but quietly comes over the snow to visit. The description of Swiss Christmas did not sound nearly as commercialized as our American Christmas seasons are beginning to be.

If I were in Switzerland now I would probably be getting my presents ready for my family and friends, for we would exchange presents just like any American family on December 25. For my Daddy I might have a carved blotter holder or cow bells, while for Mother I would embroider a lampshade, or tobacco tin. I might even knit a pair of socks or a sweater for my brother (if I were in Switzerland). There would be Christmas trees just like American ones, complete with decorations and lights.

For Christmas caroling the traditional carols are sung with the singers using German, French or maybe Italian versions depending upon which section of Switzerland they were from. The northern part of this small country speaks German while Italian and French are spoken in the two southern parts. I won't be in Switzerland for a Swiss Christmas because my four months

visit there ended the last of October but I was able to learn something about their celebration of Christ's Birthday.

As a member of the International Farm Youth Exchange, I realized the importance of friendships across the barriers of nationalities and languages. Season's greetings from the Swiss—Frohe Weihnachten, or Merry Christmas!

Ginning Report

Census report shows that 1414 bales of cotton were ginned in Duplin County, from the crop of 1955 prior to December 1, 1955, compared with 3471 bales ginned for the crop of 1954.

Births At Duplin General Hospital

From Thursday, December 15 through 18th the following births were recorded at Duplin General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mercer, Beaufort, a girl, December 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Rhodie, Wallace, a boy, December 15.

Mr. and Mrs. James Carleton, Magnolia, a boy, December 18.

Union Service Here

The 4th Sunday morning preaching service in Kenansville will be a community wide service Sunday morning, December 25th, at the local Baptist Church at eleven o'clock. Rev. S. Snively, pastor of the local Presbyterian church will do the preaching. The choir will render special Christmas music. Everyone is invited to attend this union service.

35.69 Miles Road Improvements In Third Highway Division In November

Raleigh — During November the State Highway Commission completed 35.69 miles of road improvements in the Third Highway Division, Commissioner Heide Trask reported today.

The Third with division headquarters in Wilmington is composed of Brunswick, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Duplin and Sampson counties. C. E. Brown is division engineer; R. W. Biberstein is assistant engineer. R. G. Ashworth is district engineer in charge of road maintenance in Brunswick, New Hanover, Onslow and Pender while B. Whiteside is district engineer at Clinton in charge of road maintenance in Duplin and Sampson counties.

In Onslow, state highway forces graded and widened to 36 feet the Ottaway Road from a point on NC 33 running north to a point on a county dirt road. The road improvement is 4.2 miles long.

In Duplin County, State forces graded and drained the 24-foot wide Charley Brown Road for 2.3 miles. The following 24 foot wide county roads were soil-surfaced by highway forces: the Colored School Road, south of Magnolia, running north for 1.8 miles along the railroad; the Sutton, Cross, Rohwer and N C 11 to Killpatrick. 4.7 miles; the Cooper Mill Road which was also reconditioned, 3.3 miles; and the road from Jackson Store to Hallsville (it was reconditioned too), 3 miles. In Magnolia, State forces paved of Clinton-Liston between McRee and Peterson; and Peterson between Carroll and Main, a total length of .43. The newly-surfaced streets are 18 feet wide. In Warsaw, State forces paved Front Street, which is 18 feet wide, between NC 24 and George Street for 0.17 mile; and Hill Street, which was widened for seven feet on each side, between Pine and Gum Street for 0.17 mile.

In Beaufort State forces paved the Hallsville Road between Bickett Street and Railroad Street; and Railroad Street between South and Quinn Street, a total of 0.48 mile. Both newly-surfaced streets are 18



The Staff and Management of The Duplin Times wish for each of its readers a Merry Christmas.

Exam Slated For Albertson P. O.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of fourth class postmaster for the post office at Albertson, North Carolina.

Winter Arrives Today; Thermometer Registers Low Of Six Degrees Here

Today, Thursday, is the shortest day in the year and the first day of winter. As we write on Wednesday night in the same spot it registered a low of 16 degrees on Tuesday night of this week, last Saturday afternoon it went up in the low 50s.

The general weather report says weather in this section will be around six degrees below normal for the next several days. Weathermen say we will not have a white Christmas.

Grady Cub Pack Brings Cheer To Elderly Folks

Cubs of the B. F. Grady Cub Scout Pack 40 paid a visit to the elderly folks at the Whaley Boarding Home in Kenansville on Monday night, December 19th. They put up and decorated a beautiful Christmas Tree which had been given by Mr. and Mrs. Rob Williams of Kenansville. The boys had made most of the decorations.

Each of the two Dens put on a Christmas program which was greatly enjoyed by the guests and the cubs. Each cub had brought a gift of candy, drinks, etc. and placed under the tree to be used by the guests during the Christmas holidays. Den 1 had put together a manger scene which they gave to the guests and Den 2 had made a small white sleigh which they had filled with greenery and candles and presented to the guests for decoration during the holiday season.

Negro Farmers Hear Specialists

The Annual Tobacco meeting for Negro farmers was held in the auditorium of the Agricultural Building, R. R. Bennett, Tobacco Specialist for the N. C. Extension Service discussed the variety situation, plant production, sucker control, fertilization and other phases of tobacco production. Dr. Scott, Entomologist for the North Carolina Extension Service pointed out the changes that are being made in the insect recommendations for 1956.

Bennett stressed that any year too much of any one variety is planted were apt to have trouble, adding that no one variety will meet all of the market demands. Bennett was referring to the high percentage of growers that planted their entire crops to 139 last year. The assembled farmers showed high interest in the new variety D. B. 244. Bennett then cautioned farmers against going to the extreme in planting 244, and suggested those that could grow non-resistant varieties to do so. The meeting was held in the Agricultural Building in Kenansville.

Basket Ball Standings In County

Listed is the Basketball standings of all schools in Duplin County. This includes all games that will be played before January 1, 1956. County play was concluded Tuesday night the 20 of December.

Cedar Fork Man Hunting Victim

Charles Hunter, age 21, of Cedar Fork, was rushed to the local hospital Friday afternoon suffering from a serious gun shot wound in his right shoulder. Charles was out in the woods hunting with P. L. Southerland. He slipped from a log about 4 o'clock p.m. and the gun went off, the entire load of the single barrel shot gun entering his shoulder. As we write on Friday morning he is getting along as well as could be expected.

Holiday Spirits, Carelessness, Loss Of Control Up Duplin's Week-End Wrecks

'Pale And Slick' Tobaccos Discounted In USDA 1956 Flue Cured Support

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced today that in its price support program for 1956—crop flue-cured tobacco it plans to discount any "pale and slick" tobacco that may be offered for loan. The proposed action is being announced at this time, in advance of announcement of the 1956 price support program for flue-cured tobacco, in order to forewarn growers who will soon be purchasing seed, planting seed beds, signing tenant agreements and making other preparations for their 1956 crop.

The discount proposed for "pale and slick" tobaccos under the 1956 price support program for flue-cured tobacco would be such as to set the loan rate for tobaccos with these characteristics at a level reflecting their relative value in the market. Currently, the market value of "pale and slick" flue-cured tobacco is 20 per cent or more below that for similar qualities free of these undesirable characteristics.

Department officials stated that the need for the proposed action arises from the fact that the quantity of "pale and slick" tobacco entering the flue-cured market rose significantly with the 1955 crop. Prior to this year the quantity entering the market was not appreciable, and the quantity entering CCC loan stocks was not sufficient to warrant segregation from other stocks.

Two Negroes Are Injured, 1 Jailed In Sat. Wreck

Two Negroes are in Duplin County General Hospital and another in jail as the result of a wreck Saturday morning, around 7 o'clock, near Dobson's Chapel on the Chinquapin Highway out of Kenansville.

James Fields, driver of the 1941 Chevrolet, owned by Thomas Columbus Jones, is charged with careless and reckless driving and for operating a motor vehicle without driver's license. Field was uninjured.

Jones, also an occupant of the car, had his nose almost cut off in the accident in addition to other facial lacerations. He is charged with allowing a non-licensed person to operate his automobile. He is still in the hospital.

Also in the wreck was Ernest Farris, who was hospitalized with three broken ribs.

C. C. Hester, Justice of the Peace, in Kenansville, said neither of the three occupants of the car had operator's license.

Investigation of the accident was Highway Patrolman B. D. Burge, stationed in Beaufort.

Loss Of Tobacco Acreage If Card Not Returned

Tobacco and peanut farmers are required by law to return their marketing cards to the local ASC office at the close of the marketing season.

Briefs

Court House Holidays
All county offices, including the court house, health center, agricultural building, Welfare, etc., with the exception of the jail, will be closed Saturday, December 24, Monday, December 26 and Tuesday, December 27. Please take note. The jail has decided to remain open for the convenience of the general public.

Post Office Hours
A. C. Holland, local Post Master, announces that windows of the local post office will be open Saturday until 4:00 p.m. and Sunday morning from 8:00 to 10:00 for delivery only. The post office will be closed all day Monday and there will be no rural route deliveries that day.

Special Christmas Services
There will be a union Christmas service in the local Baptist Church here Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. Strad Snively of the local Presbyterian Church will deliver the message.

Sup't. Sunday School
At the annual election of officers for the local Baptist Sunday School here last Sunday Sam Hodges was elected superintendent and Harry Wells Murphy was named assistant superintendent.

Page Diogenes
A few days ago a customer, stranger to George Best, entered his place of business in Warsaw, The Coffee Shop, and called for food. In his quick and polite manner George served him. When the customer went to pay he handed George a five dollar bill. George took the change from a \$10 bill. The customer insisted he only gave him a dollar bill. George checked the cash register and insisted the man give him a \$10 bill. After some argument friendly of course, the customer took the change from the \$10 bill and went on his way.

New P.T.A. To Meet
The Parent-Teachers Association of the North Duplin High School and the Calypso elementary school will have an unpaid vacation until Monday evening, December 26, when a Christmas program is planned.

Draft Board Office
The local Selective Service office will be closed for the holidays December 23rd (Friday) through December 28 (Wednesday).

Kenansville School
The Kenansville School Christmas holidays began Wednesday, December 21. On that day Rev. Strad Snively, local Presbyterian minister, spoke to the student body at 9:30 a.m. Following the services all grades held their Christmas tree and parties. Faculty members, bus drivers and lunch room workers will have an unpaid vacation until Monday, January 2nd, when school reconvenes. School officials say "Merry Christmas to all."

In Hospital
Mr. Rom Blachmore of Warsaw was admitted to the Duplin General Hospital Tuesday for a check-up and treatment.

The three victims of the Buick in the Teschey wreck last week who were hospitalized here have been released. Mr. C. C. Brinkley who was driving the Chevrolet left the hospital yesterday.

Billie Jones, who suffered severe injuries in a Warsaw wreck last week is recuperating, but slowly, in the hospital here, according to reports.

Charles Hunter, who suffered a shoulder injury when his gun accidentally went off while hunting at Cedar Fork, is improving in the local hospital, nicely, he says.

It Was 'Old Friday'
We folks went to bed Thursday night of last week somewhat thawed out from the cold wave of the earlier part of the week only to awake Friday morning with a sharp north wind bearing down on us and the thermometer hovering around 70 to 24 degrees. A bright sun warmed us up some during the day. Most of the youngsters are hoping for a white Christmas and if the weather keeps up its capers, we might get one.

RALEIGH—Current license plate (Continued On Back)

Parrott, Parakeet Fever Spreading In North Carolina

Psittacosis, or parrot fever, is a natural disease of birds that is transmissible to man. Health officials in this state are becoming increasingly alarmed by the continuing spread of the disease. The end of restrictions of interstate bird traffic about five years ago.

Parrott and parakeet fever is a virus infection that has symptoms in man of headache, chills, fever, muscle aches, weakness, cough and other respiratory ailments. Both infection can result from inhalation of dust contaminated with infective particles from dried fecal droppings, urine, feathers and droplets from the nasal secretions of the infected bird. More human psittacosis occurs during the winter months when members of a household are exposed in closed houses to infected parakeets kept in cages.

The disease is extremely difficult to control since many birds are carriers of the disease but not having any of the symptoms. Birds that are sick may however appear healthy, motionless, have ruffled feathers, shiver with closed eyes, and may have diarrhea. The best control of the disease is that the public be educated to the dangers of keeping parrots or parakeets in their homes. It is hoped that breeders, bird dealers and breeders will combine to effect a system of certification that will insure the public of receiving only birds that are disease-free. But there has been an increase of birds brought into this country illegally and which have undoubtedly been responsible for the infection of many humans as well as the birds in clean aviaries.

"It shall be the duty of every person having custody or care of any birds of the psittacine (parrot) family to notify the N. C. State Board of Health immediately regarding any unusual illness or death among such birds."

For any further information about this disease, you may contact your local health department or the N. C. State Board of Health.

ANSWER YOUR Christmas Seal Letter TODAY

fight TB

The Magnolia Baptist Church ordained Bruce Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Wilson, Magnolia, N. C. to the gospel ministry, Sunday evening, November 27th. The pastor, Rev. Joe D. Everett, preached the ordination sermon. The candidates' father, a deacon, led the ordination prayer, followed by the laying on of hands. The gift was presented by J. P. Smith. A charge to the candidate was given by A. Lanier and a charge to the church was given by Stacy Evans. Rev. Bruce Wilson pronounced the benediction.

The following week, Bruce and his wife, native of Kentucky, left for Brownstown, Virginia, when he has accepted a field of 3 churches.