



Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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Discuss Sarecta Community Club

A meeting was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Smith on Wednesday to discuss the possibility of a Community Development Club. Mr. Julian Glazener, Program Planning Specialist from State College, led the discussion, assisted by Mr. Vernon H. Reynolds. The following were present for this meeting: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitfield, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thomas, Mr. Kenneth Grady, Mr. Morris Grady, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Smith, Mrs. Bessie W. Smith, Mr. Wilbert Jones, Soil Conservation Service; Mrs. Alta Korngay, Home Demonstration Agent. The group decided to have a community meeting on Monday, April 8 at 7:45 p. m. in the old Sarecta school building. All families in the Sarecta community are invited to attend.

Two Magnolia Men Freed On Kidnapping Charges; Bound Over On 3 Other Counts

Two Magnolia men were freed in Calypso's Justice of the Peace court Saturday morning of kidnapping charges but were bound over to Duplin county court on three other counts. William Pate, who lives near Faison, testified before Magistrate James Dickson that Ralph and Emmerson Sheffield forced him to accompany them and that they took him to Kenansville, where they had him put in jail without, to his knowledge, swearing out a warrant against him. Dickson found probable cause of false imprisonment and aiding and abetting in same, assault and false arrest against the Sheffield's and released them under \$200 bonds for appearance in County court April 16. All three men work for the Riegel Paper company near Bowden and Pate said it all started at work. He said various employees of the company told of shooting dogs and he was asked if he had ever killed one. 'Sure,' he said he replied, 'shot one last night.' He said it actually was a fib, as he had not killed a dog, but that night the Sheffield's came to his house and ordered him to accompany them to where the dog was buried. He said he accompanied them to some woods but kept insisting he had not killed a dog. According to Pate's testimony, the men forced him back into the car and drove him to Kenansville, where they had him 'locked up' overnight for 'killing their dog.' The next morning he was released, and was informed the Sheffield's dog had returned home, he reported. At no time during his imprisonment, he said, was a warrant read to him and that as far as he knew none was sworn out. The defendants represented by Vance Gavin, local attorney, offered no defense, other than asking the kidnapping charge be dropped. The magistrate agreed he had found no probable cause to the charge and deleted it from the warrants. The plaintiff was represented by H. T. Ray, Faison attorney. Pate's wife and mother-in-law, Mrs. Casteen, also testified. Each reported Pate was upset by having to accompany the men, and Pate, in his testimony, said he was 'scared to death' of them. The mother-in-law and Pate both stated the men were drinking.

Island Creek Negro Being Held Rape, Burglary Investigation

Duplin Superior Court Docket Is Completed In Two-Day Session

Duplin County Superior Court, presided over by Judge Chester Morris, was held Monday and Tuesday in Kenansville. William H. Wells, 20 year old Negro, from Wallace, Route 1, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter in Duplin Superior Court this week in the shotgun slaying of Francis O. McEuchin on March 17. Wells, charged initially with first degree murder, was convicted of the lesser crime when it was determined that McEuchin's death 'flowed' from an argument in which the two started fighting and the gun was fired accidentally. Judgment in the case was 'two to four years in the State Prison, Raleigh, which would be reduced to three years probation upon the payment of \$500 and cost. Johnnie Lee Williams, Negro, was given five to seven years in the State Prison for assault on a female child with intent to commit rape. Williams, 17 years old, was charged with the assault on a seven-year-old child. Willie Edward Faison was given four months on the roads for operating an auto while intoxicated, reckless driving and having no operator's license. Robert Jones pled guilty to speeding and driving on the wrong side of the road. He was given 90 days on the roads. Perkey Hall, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious bodily injury, was found not guilty on a jury verdict. Thomas Hall, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill causing serious bodily injury was found guilty and given 12 months on the roads. Frank Burch was found not guilty on a charge of larceny of an auto, operating a car while intoxicated, and having no driver's license. Lonnie Kenan was given 12 months on the roads for breaking and entering and larceny. A charge against Ray Batcher for false pretense and fraud, was not prosuted. Johnny Ray Avery pled guilty to a charge of abandonment and non support. He was given a five year suspension, sentence under condition that he live with his wife and support her and all his dependents and remain on good behavior. George Hobbs was given 12 months on the road which was suspended on condition that he remain on good behavior for five years for non support and abandonment. Jeff Williams, found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily injury, was given 12 months on the roads. Roy Norris, charged with carnal knowledge of a female over 12 and under 16 years of age, was not prosuted with leave. Robert Charles Stokes, charged with breaking and entering and larceny, was found guilty and sentenced to not less than eight months nor more than 12 months on the roads. It was recommended that he be returned in a youth center. Vance A. Perry was given a combined sentence of from three to five years in the State Prison for fraud and forgery. This sentence was suspended on condition that he remain on good behavior for five years. He is now on probation for that five-year period. Broiler production increased 20 per cent in 1956.

Speaker At Warsaw Revival Services



Rev. Charles S. McChesney, the pre-Easter Evangelistic Services at the Warsaw Presbyterian Church will be led by Rev. Charles S. McChesney of Wallace, N. C., pastor of Rockfish Presbyterian Church and Moderator of Wilmington Presbyterian Church. Rev. McChesney is the son of a Presbyterian minister, Dr. J. M. McChesney, now retired, and the brother of two Presbyterian ministers: Dr. J. M. McChesney, Jr., formerly pastor of Goldsboro, N. C. and now of First Presbyterian Church Pensacola Florida, and Rev. Graham C. McChesney, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, N. C. Services will be held Sunday through Friday of next week. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evening services only will be held at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, both morning Service at 9:30 a. m. and evening services at 7:30 p. m. will be held. The membership of Warsaw Presbyterian Church cordially invite all persons interested in hearing the Gospel message to come and worship.

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As we go to press at 5:30 p. m. Sheriff Ralph Miller has just announced that charges of first degree burglary and rape will be made against Perley Faison, the first thing tomorrow — Friday morning. Sheriff Miller and SBI Agents concluded their investigation a little while ago. If convicted Faison will get the chair.

Investigation is continuing into the alleged rape and burglary charge of Mrs. Lou Carter, 47 year old Island Creek Township white woman soon after midnight Sunday. Mrs. Carter who was living alone, was rushed to the Duplin General Hospital and later transferred to a Wilmington hospital where surgery was required to relieve pressure in her head from a lick with a chair, allegedly laded by Perley Faison, 22 year old Negro man who lives near her home in the community. Mrs. Carter resided on highway 11 about three miles north of Tin City.

According to Sheriff Ralph Miller Mrs. Carter told that about 1:30 the assailant entered her dining room through a window. She shot at him with a shotgun, the load going over his head, then he knocked her down tied her hands back of her and raped her. About two hours after he had gone she managed to get one hand loose and called her brother, Bennie Teachey, who contacted officers. Sheriff Miller said he was called about 4:30 a. m. An immediate search for the assailant began. Faison, together with two companions, were picked up about 6:30 a. m. in Pender County. He stated, and his companions confirmed, to Deputy Norwood Boone, that they had been with him all night and they spent the night in Brunswick County. They said they were on their way back to Duplin when the gasoline gave out of their car. Later reports indicated they were returning from a night spot in Pender County instead of Brunswick County. In the hospital in Wilmington Mrs. Carter told officers she never lost consciousness and she identified Perley Faison as her assailant, saying she had known him practically all his life. She identified him before going to the operating room and again after returning to her bed. Detailed reports from Mrs. Carter are that she is getting along well and will avoid permanent hospital hospitalization. Sheriff Miller called in the SBI after getting Faison, and he and Arthur Mitchell, SBI agents, the latter two are being held as local witnesses. They identified Sheriff Miller that they were with Faison all night except for about an hour at the time the alleged rape took place and this hour was spent in the vicinity of the attack. The state names in two indictments, J. P. Thomas of Kingston and Frank Satterfield of Wilmington. They, together with Sheriff Miller and some of his deputies are making a thorough investigation. They are in the home have been thoroughly searched and their reports taken. Mrs. Carter's two companions have been taken to the Sheriff Miller said they are being processed. The sheriff said no stones are being left unturned. At this writing no charges have been made but investigators believe they have the right man and soon will turn an affidavit over to the state to prove it. The local jail is being closely guarded, however, Sheriff Miller said, there have been no threats of trouble. A warrant for Faison is expected to be drawn in a short time. He will be held in jail without privilege of bond until his case can be tried in the next term of criminal superior court which is set for August 26th. He will be tried for first degree burglary and rape should charges be preferred. This carries the death penalty on conviction. As we go to press late this afternoon Sheriff Miller and the SBI investigators are still out looking for evidence.

Wallace Carpenter Severely Injured Fall From Scaffold

Johnnie Wesley Stallings, 39 year old carpenter of near Wallace, was brought to the Duplin General Hospital yesterday suffering from brain concussion, broken rib and possible fracture of his skull as a result of a fall about noon Wednesday. He was working on a chicken house for Sheffield brothers. He and Ed Wilson were atop a 25 foot scaffold when he fell, hitting on his head. Wilson, also suffered bruises and scratches but did not require hospitalization. They were given first aid treatment by a Wallace doctor.

1957 Last Senior Commencement For 3 Duplin Schools

Two year senior graduating exercises will be the last time in the Kenansville, Warsaw and Magnolia high schools. O. P. Johnson, County Superintendent of Public Schools, said today that the new consolidated high school which is being constructed between Warsaw and Kenansville will be occupied when completed, which will be before senior commencement exercises in 1958.

Correction

Last week it was reported to the Times that Wallace turned in \$3,069.31 in the 1957 Polio drive. This was an error. The town this week made a corrected report showing they had raised \$2,549.91 thus giving the county total raised at \$8,541.58 instead of \$7,069.98 as reported last week.

Warsaw Officers File For Reelection

J. Edward Strickland has filed for re-election as mayor of Warsaw. D. J. Rivenbark, Jr., W. E. Bartlett and Sanford Packer, commissioners, have also filed for re-election. The primary will be held May 7. Closing date for filing for office is April 20. Books will be open for new registrants, April 20-27.

Outlaw's Bridge Burns Notes

Members of the Outlaw's Bridge Universalist church burned the bridge on their church at a special service Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The Rev. L. C. Prater, who was pastor of the Outlaw's Bridge church at the time the old church building burned several years ago and under whom plans were made to rebuild, was in charge, assisted by the Rev. Vinton Bowering, present pastor. At 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, the church community held a picnic supper at the church.

Revival Slated At Sharon Church

There will be a revival at Sharon Baptist Church, Chinquapin, April 7 through April 14. Services at 7:30 each evening. The Reverend David Johnson of Shiloh Baptist Church will be the guest speaker. Pastor John Durham announces that the public is cordially invited to attend all services.

Trailer Camp Ordinance Passed Tuesday Night By County Board Of Health Here

A trailer camp ordinance was passed Tuesday night at the annual meeting of the Duplin County Board of Health at the Health Department in Kenansville. The new ordinance, aimed at stopping gypsies who have inhabited the County on several occasions recently, goes into effect immediately. Joe Costin, County Sanitarian, introduced the ordinance which has the unanimous approval of the Board members. The ordinance provides a trailer camp cannot operate in Duplin County without a current permit which is issued by the Health Department. The new law provides that all trailer camps must comply with several sanitation laws as enforced by the County Health Department. Location and space for such encampments must be approved and be adequate, good sewer disposal facilities must be approved, disposal of waste must be adequate, there must be a good water supply and supervision of the camp necessary. Laws regulating communicable diseases must be followed. Also at the introduction of Costin, he asked that the Septic Tank permit fee of \$2.00 be revoked. This was done, but Costin points out that an inspection of all septic tanks installed in Duplin County is necessary. Dr. John Powers, County Health Officer, suggested that all funds received through the County Health Department for Chest X-rays be earmarked toward the purchase of a new X-ray machine. This was approved by the Board. The Board also agreed to meet four times each year. Board members attending were: E. E. Kelly, chairman; Bill Sheffield, O. P. Johnson, John Rhodes, Dr. Troy Korngay, Phil Kretsch, Dr. John Powers and Joe Costin. Visitors attending the meeting were: Mrs. Ruby Korngay, Mrs. Rosamond Brock, Mrs. Donnie Outlaw and Mrs. E. E. Kelly.

Duplin Man's Head Decapitated

Richard Thomas, a Duplin Negro from near Pin Hook, was decapitated by a whirling sea-plane propeller last Thursday as he was approaching the plane to help his boss unload. The accident occurred near New Bern. According to reports reaching Kenansville, Thomas' employer, J. T. Taylor, an extensive landowner in Duplin, now residing in New Bern, was returning home from Florida in a new sea-plane he recently purchased. Thomas and others were standing around as the plane landed. Before the motor was cut off Thomas walked over to the plane to help his employer, but when he stepped in front of the propeller, his head and one shoulder were cut off. The accident occurred about 6 p. m.

Wallace Band In Washington Parade

The Wallace - Rose Hill High School Band left Tuesday for the nation's Capital where they participated in the Cherry Blossom Parade. They will be in Washington for four days. The parade was last Wednesday night. Instruments have been gilded with gold lacquer and white gloves have been added to the band's uniform for the event. The band was invited to participate in the parade by Congressman Graham A. Barden.

Jurors Listed For County Court

The following jurors have been drawn for the May term of General County Court: James E. Taylor, James Waltus Harrell, Dossie Lanier, Walter Rhodes, Walter Miller, J. P. Johnson, Lawton Baker, G. H. Cotton, James R. Price, Clyde Bradshaw, Herman Gore, Harley Maresady, Herbert Tucker, Jerry Williams, Elias A. Pigford, Louis A. Westbrook, Marshall Cain, Marion R. Henderson, W. A. Wadsworth, James T. Taylor, Johnny Harper, Claude C. Norris, Wilbur Gray Rhodes and W. G. Corbett.

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Briefs

PRESIDENT STUDENT BODY Miss Sarah Gooden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gooden, has been elected president of the student body of Fern Mountain College. Mr. and Mrs. Gooden lived in Kenansville where he was pastor of the Grove and Hillsville Presbyterian churches.

TAX COLLECTIONS Harry Phillips, tax collector, reported to the board of county commissioners, Tuesday, that his collections, ending March, reached \$12,309.15 as compared to \$12,182.00 during the same time last year. The increase is credited to the work of two attorneys who have been appointed to foreclose delinquent taxes, it was said.

DR. WILLIS OFFICE MOVED Dr. Robert F. Willis has moved his offices from the Duplin General Hospital to the residence building formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Bell in front of the hospital.

STATE OWNED FORESTS There are nearly 19000 acres of timberland in Duplin County owned by the State of North Carolina. A bill has been drawn asking that from the sale of timber and pulpwood on this land ten per cent of the receipts be turned over to the county. A number of western counties have similar agreements with the state. The property is located in Angola and Locklin Pocosin.

ADDITIONAL SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES A bill has been introduced in the Legislature by Representatives Hugh Johnson providing for an additional salary deputy for the sheriff of Duplin County.

AUTO TAX EVALUATION A bill has been introduced by Johnson in the House authorizing Duplin County to list automobiles, for taxes by values listed in the Blue Book. This is a routine bill as the county has been doing this all years.

TOO MUCH ROC K'n ROLL Onslow Hargrave, Mt. Olive Negro, was brought to the Duplin General Hospital Sunday shortly after midnight with a severed superficial jugular vein. It all happened, according to Hargrave, at a late dance in Warsaw. He said he was attending to his own business and dancing with the girls, when another man walked up, wanting to make trouble. He slashed at him with a knife but Hargrave headed the blow off, knocking the knife from his hand. (Continued on Next Page)

Town Election For Kenansville Set

Kenansville's town election has been set for Saturday, May 7th, according to Mayor Phil Kretsch. Registration books will be open from 9:00 to 5:00 p. m. in the office of C. C. Hester from Saturday morning April 20th through Saturday, April 27th. Candidates may file with Town Clerk, Mr. Hester. To date no one has filed. Present officers are Phil Kretsch, Mayor; Oliver Slokes, Ralph Brown, Joe Quinn, Leo Jackson and Eugene Tyndall, commissioners. All officers serve without pay.