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PINK HILL POSTMASTER RETIRES

## Witchweed Is Discovered In Duplin Co.; Survey Efforts Concentrated In County

The dreaded Witchweed has been found in Duplin and Pender Counties.

Vernon H. Reynolds, Duplin Farm Agent, said today that Walter Fedronko, with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has advised him that one plant of witchweed has been found in each county.

The plants which were found have been destroyed, Reynolds said. "We are hoping to check the spread of witchweed by burning every specimen as soon as it is found and identified as witchweed."

He further added, "It will take the cooperation of all farmers in

the counties hit by witchweed in order to wipe the killer out."

Witchweed was found as the result of an extensive survey which was started last week by the USDA after witchweed was discovered in Sampson County. Since 37 cases were first discovered in Sampson, more cases have been found, the USDA reports.

"With more new cases being found in Sampson," Fedronko said, "our efforts are being doubled to determine just how fast it is spreading."

Surveys are presently being concentrated along the Sampson County, Duplin - Pender line.

## Briefs

### HOMECOMING

Stanford Presbyterian Church, Route 2, Mt. Olive will observe Homecoming at the church on September 1 at 11 o'clock.

Rev. J. W. Miller of Clarkton, who was pastor when the church was dedicated 30 years ago, will be guest speaker.

Lunch will be served on the grounds and an interesting mission program in the afternoon. The public is invited to attend.

### REUNION

Descendants of the late Trent Gordon and Lena Hardy Smith will meet at the Cliffs of the Neuse, Sunday, September 1, for their annual reunion. A picnic lunch will be spread at the noon hour.

### DANCE

The annual dance which is held each year, on Saturday night before the Grady - Outlaw reunion, will be held Saturday night in the B. F. Grady Gym. Good string music and records for the "jitter bugs" will be had.

### REVIVAL

A revival will be held in Chinquapin Church beginning August 25 and running through the 29th. Rev. J. D. Singletary, Jr., of Richmond, Va., will be guest minister. Special music, a choir and a supper will be provided by the Salem-Chinquapin churches. The public is invited.

### ATTENDS AUCTIONEER SCHOOL

Eugene Exum of Beulaville has just completed a course in auctioneering at Relach American (Continued on Back Page)

### Opening Date At Douglas High School

Douglas High School, Warsaw, opens its doors for the 1957-58 term Thursday, August 27, with W. E. Smith of Warsaw as principal. Mr. Smith announces the following faculty members:

Mrs. K. M. Smith, Mrs. N. E. Wright, Mrs. S. M. Henry, Miss R. R. Poole, Mrs. L. B. Chasten, Mrs. J. T. Brown, Mrs. F. K. Williams, Mrs. M. D. Kenan, Mrs. M. J. Smith, Mrs. N. C. Boyette, Mrs. B. L. Smith, Mrs. A. A. Wells, Mrs. S. M. Roland, Miss B. I. Beatty, Mr. H. L. Martin, Miss E. King, Mr. L. M. Broadnax, Miss T. D. Brown, Mrs. C. H. Chalmers.

High School — Miss A. McCoy, Mrs. I. M. Branch, Mrs. P. M. Maye, Mr. R. E. Kenan, Mrs. B. W. Campbell, Miss E. Porteur, Miss P. Torrence, Mrs. P. Hannon and Mr. J. G. Henry.

Funeral services were held Monday at 3 p.m. and burial followed in the Westbrook cemetery on highway 11 near the church.

## George Ammons Shot By Tenant

George Ammons, operator of Ammons Grill in the western edge of Kenansville was hospitalized Wednesday night from gun shot wounds inflicted by C. J. Murphy, a tenant of Ammons.

The shooting occurred between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock, while Ammons was seated in front of his place of business.

According to reports, Ammons went to his farm or where Murphy and family reside to see him about burning tobacco today. After finding out that Murphy was not at home, left word for Murphy to unload the cured tobacco from the barn for today's harvesting. Shortly after Murphy went to see Ammons and an argument ensued. Murphy left and went back home, later Murphy was seen to pass Ammons' place of business four or five times before parking across the highway in front of Ammons Grill. Murphy fired at Ammons while sitting in his car and then drove off.

Sheriff Miller and Deputy Housman were called to the scene. Ammons was brought to Duplin General Hospital for treatment and was found to have gun shot wounds over the upper part of his body, in his arms and over his face. One shot pierced his left eye lid and it is not definite as to whether the vision of his eye is permanently impaired. Ammons was shot with number 4 shot, presumably from a 12 gauge shot gun.

Search for Murphy was begun immediately and continued until late Wednesday night. This morning he was arrested at Ralph Brown's garage and put in jail. Sheriff Miller said he would be charged with secret assault with intent to kill. No date has been set for a hearing.

### Erma Gray Marshburn Killed Instantly

### Sunday Morning

Erma Gray Marshburn, 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marshburn of the Woodland Church community was killed instantly Sunday School with her sister.

She was struck by a car driven by Paul Westbrook. Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook had left the church earlier to pick up a lunch at their home and were on their way to spend the day at White Lake when the accident happened.

The Marshburns have three other children.

Funeral services were held Monday at 3 p.m. and burial followed in the Westbrook cemetery on highway 11 near the church.

## Money Is Needed For Heart Operation On Elizabeth Ann Whaley; To Be Very Soon

### Graham Barden To Be Grady-Outlaw Speaker

Rep. Graham Barden (D-NC) will be principal speaker at the annual Grady-Outlaw Reunion which will be held Sunday, August 25, at B. F. Grady school.

Barden, Representative in the U. S. Congress from Congressional District 3, is chairman of the U. S. House of Representatives Educational Committee.

This year the Grady - Outlaw Reunion will be centered around the youth in the clan, with softball events and other entertainment planned.

### Nine Men Are Delinquents To Draft Board

The Duplin County Draft Board will send 7 men for induction on August 22. All of these men are volunteers. 10 men will be examined on 27 August 1957. The September call for induction is for 5 men on September 24, according to Mrs. Margaret Oakley, clerk of the Duplin Draft Board.

The following registrants are still classified as delinquents. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any of these men should contact the office of the local board. — Ernest Stanford Simmons, Gerald Smith, Major McKinsey Stallings, Eugene Falson, Earl Louis Kenan, James Evans, Jr., James Sylvan Glasper, Ray Manning and Wendell Boney.

Miss Oliver Dianne Stokes of Kenansville

Miss Stokes, a Kenansville High School graduate of 1955, was an outstanding student. She was Class Treasurer and a member of the Beta Club during her junior and senior years; was Harvester Festival Queen her senior year; was winner of three medals at graduation in 1955 (Valedictorian's Medal, High School Scholarship Medal, and High School Best-all-round Medal).

Miss Stokes has taken an active part in school, church, and community activities. She played in the Duplin Story Pageant which ran two summers. She also served as attendant to the Teenage Princess at the Azalea Festival in Wil-

### Terpsichorean Debutante of 1957



We are not able to pay for the heart operation.'

Those were the words of Mrs. Troy Horne, in Magnolia when asked how the heart operation on six-year-old Elizabeth Ann Whaley would be financed.

The Hornes, a family of moderate means and humble circumstances have cared for Elizabeth Ann since she was six months old. Now that the heart operation is a necessity for her to continue a normal life, the Hornes are confronted with a major problem.

"Our son is going to sell his car, and it looks like for sure we will have to sell our deep freeze," she said.

Horne, employed by the State of North Carolina, is a highway foreman and receives, after deductions, \$264 monthly. He suffered a heart attack six years ago and has been under doctor's care since.

Mrs. Horne is a diabetic and insulin is required daily. In addition to this, the care of Elizabeth Ann over the years has been expensive.

The Hornes and Elizabeth Ann live in a three - room house.

Dr. C. F. Hawes, her physician, said today that he hopes the North Carolina Society for Crippled Children and the Heart Association will assist with the financing of the heart operation at Duke Hospital.

Elizabeth Ann's father, Johnny W. Whaley, who has been located in the U. S. Army has said he would sign an affidavit permitting the operation. Elizabeth Ann does not receive an allotment from her father. The affidavit has not yet arrived but the Red Cross has advised that it is in the mail.

It was learned today from M-Sgt. Allen Fountain, recruiting officer who re-enlisted Whaley, that Whaley swore at the time of his re-enlistment that he was single and had no dependents.

In addition to Elizabeth Ann, Whaley has two other children, Johnny, Jr., 7; and Mary Sue, 8. Mrs. Horne said today that she received a telephone call this week from Norfolk, Va., asking the whereabouts of the other two children.

Mrs. J. H. Dillinger, maternal grandmother, said in the phone call she was under the impression that Johnny, Jr., and Mary Sue were with the Whaley relatives. The (Continued on Back Page)

### Revival Services Be Held Pink Hill Presbyterian Church

On the 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th of August Mr. James Nichols, a student in Union Theological Seminary Richmond, Va., who has been assisting Rev. N. P. Farrar in the Pink Hill field this summer, will deliver a series of four sermons in which he will point out the significance of preparation for Christian work, and the mission of the church.

Mr. Nichols' sermon topics will be The Nature of Salvation, the nature of the Church, The Mission of the Church, and the Sin of Doing Nothing.

Services will begin at eight o'clock each evening. These services will be the last in which Mr. Nichols will participate in these churches this summer.

### Duplin County Tax Valuation Up Over 1956

Duplin County tax valuation increased \$14,234,14 this year over the 1955 valuation, according to Fallon W. McGowan, County Auditor and Tax Supervisor.

McGowan points out that the new tax valuation is \$54,084,706. The 1955 tax valuation was \$39,850,642.

The increase is due to a 50 percent across the board increase on all real estate.

The tax rate, however, was dropped from \$1.70 in 1956 to \$1.25 this year on each \$100 valuation.

### 300 Gallon Still Destroyed Tuesday Near Warsaw

The crowd must have been out," said Duplin Sheriff Ralph Miller. His reference was to the 300 gallon liquor still which County officers found and destroyed Tuesday near Warsaw.

When officers arrived, they only found a "hot rig" but also four complete cases of illegal white whiskey. The whiskey had been left behind when officers arrived.

On the raid were Deputies W. O. Houston, T. E. Revelle, R. M. Byrd and M. D. Shiver.

## Mrs. Thelma D. Taylor Resumes Duties As Duplin County Welfare Officer

Mrs. Thelma D. Taylor has been re-employed as Superintendent of Public Welfare in Duplin County.

Mrs. E. Kelly, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, said that Mrs. Taylor, who resigned in March reconsidered and is already back at her desk in the Welfare Building in Kenansville.

"We are pleased that Mrs. Taylor returned and has returned as our Welfare Officer," Kelly said.

Since her resignation, County officials have been interviewing applicants for the position of Welfare Officer but have been unable to locate anyone with the necessary qualifications for the job.

"We are pleased that Mrs. Taylor resumed her duties," Kelly said.

Revision Of South Carolina's Marriage Laws Listed; Also N. C. Marriage Laws

By MRS. CHRISTINE W. WILLIAMS Register of Deeds

Since the South Carolina General Assembly recently enacted its new marriage laws several couples from this area have made trips to S. C. to obtain marriage licenses and found that they lacked the necessary credentials. As a public service, I am herewith giving the South Carolina

marriage laws, and the North Carolina Marriage Laws in order that young people contemplating marriage, parents, ministers and counselors may understand the advantages of planning marriages in our County.

The requirements of South Carolina law for persons applying for marriage license are as follows:

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### Boosters Club

### Is Planned For

### James Kenan

Plans are being made for the organization of a Boosters Club for the new James Kenan Consolidated High School between Kenansville and Warsaw.

The school, which will consolidate

the high schools of Kenansville, Kenansville and Warsaw, is cooperating with the program.

The program is being sponsored by the Warsaw Junior Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the Boosters Club is to promote the James Kenan school activities, including athletics.

At the present tickets are being sold throughout the three communities to help finance the school's athletic program for the 1957-58 year, including football, basketball and baseball.

## Questions Answered On Nickels-For-Know How Vote; Cotton Up

Many questions have been asked search out of our regular tax mon-

ey. A. North Carolina has such a diversified agriculture — such a varied climate, so many different crops, insects, diseases and weed problems that even the generous appropriations passed by the recent sessions of the General Assembly fall short of needs.

Q. Doesn't this special contribution tend to reduce Federal and State appropriations for research?

A. No. In fact, private contributions tend to increase appropriations. Past experience shows that a state legislature feels more like helping a group which is already helping itself.

THE VOTE

Q. When will the referendum be held?

A. On August 23, 1957. Polling places are listed elsewhere in The Gazette for Lenoir County. Polling places will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 8:30 p.m.

Q. Where will the voting be conducted?

A. In most communities, the voting place will be the same as that used in ASC elections, plus others the County Nickels for Know How Committee will add. Poll locations

will be announced locally and advertised with posters.

Q. Must I vote in my own Town-ship?

A. No. You may vote wherever it is most convenient for you to vote. However, you will be asked to sign an election roster whenever your name is on the ballot.

Q. Why don't we pay more re-

turns to the Nickels for Know How Committee?

A. It is a plan to continue to expand agricultural research and education in North Carolina through a farmer contribution of five cents per ton on all feed and fertilizer sold in the state.

Q. Who originated it?

A. It originated with the farm organizations and agricultural leaders in North Carolina. The General Assembly of North Carolina passed the enabling act in 1951 which permits farm people to contribute for this contribution.