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100 Of Duplin's Oldest Court Cases To Be Heard In Special Session April 20, In Kenansville

Superior Court Judge Rudolph I. Mintz has called for a special day of court in Duplin County to clear from the records 100 of the county's oldest cases. The special session will be held on Monday, April 20, the day before Civil Superior Court begins in April in Duplin. In a letter to R. V. Wells, Clerk of Duplin Superior Court, Judge Mintz said, "Since I was in Duplin, I have given further thought to the matter of your calendar for the April 20 term. Particularly, I think we should attempt to dispose of a substantial number of the old cases ap-

pearing on the trial issue docket. "I am therefore requesting that you make a special calendar for Monday, April 20, which calendar should contain in chronological order, the 100 oldest cases. I think this calendar should go out as promptly as you can get it out rather than wait for the Bar to set the regular calendar." The oldest cases is about 15 years old. The cases which are scheduled to be heard are: D. L. Cherry vs. C. D. Outlak, et al.; Vance B. Gavin, Adm. vs. Ranselton Wright, et al.; Verdie Noble, Adm. vs. I. W. Batts, et al.; Murray & Jerome vs. Mrs. Garland Evans; T. A. Turner & Co. vs. Charles J. Rogers; Liquidation of Warsaw Building & Loan Association; Lewis Keathley vs. Atlas Plywood Corp. M. C. Pope vs. N. C. Pulp Company; Lula Wells Andrews vs. Stanley W. Wells; H. D. Williams vs. E. T. McLaurin; R. B. Dickson vs. T. P. Waters; Wilma West vs. Walter W. Blaylock; C. D. Edwards vs. Bob Glenn; W. P. Outlaw vs. E. E. Fordham, et al.; Nancy Bowen vs. Johnny Bowen; T. A. Turner & Co. vs. Luke Gavin, et al.; Harold Sutton vs. Buster Stroud. Jesse F. Lansford vs. B. G. Teachey, et al.; Leslie Lanier vs. O. Q. Lanier; Kenneth Best vs. McCoy Summerling, et al.; W. H. Teachey vs. Jesse H. Murphy;

Ira Edwards, et al. vs. David Fountain, et al.; Mollie Gavin, et al. vs. Annie Gavin; Leslie Lanier vs. John B. Albertson; R. C. Cavenaugh vs. R. J. Hanchey, Sr., et al.; A. E. Clark vs. Abel F. Dull; Norman J. Register vs. Vann Jones; Arthetha Pigford, Adm. vs. James D. Sholar; West Motor Co. vs. William J. Smith; D. L. Cole vs. J. D. Sandlin; C. H. Caudell vs. J. S. Blair, Adm., et al. Z. V. Blount vs. Junious Lucas; West Motor Co. vs. Frank Register; Leslie Lanier vs. Bill Hussey; Owen Kenan, et al. vs. C. H. Holland; John Bratcher vs. D. Winston Ruffin; C. H. Caudell vs. James Donald Stroud; Nick King vs. Fred Leak; V. S. Bradham, Sr. vs. Elmo Lanier; Melvin Cording vs. Wm. Paul Outlaw; Mrs. Garland Hines vs. E. E. Proctor; John R. Croom vs. E. H. Borchardt, et al.; Lola Hines, Adm. vs. Beattie Thomas; J. R. Mercer vs. Thomas Parker; Freeman W. Carver vs. Elizabeth S. Carver; Sarah Kenan vs. L. Banks Stokes; Oda Heath vs. Robert L. Butler, et al.; Edd Korngay vs. River Winstead, et al.; Bertie F. Brown vs. L. V. Houston; J. R. Mercer vs. Leonard Holmes; Finnie Robinson, et al. vs. Nathan Creel. Florence Williams vs. Robert Horne, et al.; Wallace Stockyards vs. James U. Boney; C. H. Caudell vs. Norwood G. William; J. (continued on back)

Chest Clinic For Duplin County

The Duplin County Tuberculosis Association and the Duplin County Health Department are adding an additional service to the Duplin County Health Department which is a chest clinic to be conducted by Dr. W. H. Gentry of McCain Sanatorium. The clinic will be for diagnostic chest service and follow-ups of ex-patients of the sanatorium. Ap-

Notice! Beulaville Citizens

The Beulaville Board of Commissioners has called a special meeting of town residents for 8:00 P. M., Friday, April 3 to nominate candidates for mayor and five commissioners. All eligible voters are urged to attend the meeting in the school auditorium. The decision to call this meeting was made at the regular meeting held in March. In addition to the nominating of candidates for town offices, Joe Costin, County Health Inspector and Mr. Brown, State Health Inspector, will be present to discuss a sewage system for the town of Beulaville. Cost estimates and federal sharing will be discussed. The town election will be held on Tuesday, May 5 in the town hall for the purpose of electing a mayor and five commissioners to hold office for a term of two years. Mrs. Irene Carroll was named Registrar, Mrs. York Lanier and Mrs. Scott Smith were appointed Judges. Registration books will be open on Saturday, April 18 and remain open each day for seven days, excluding Sunday, from 9:00 A. M. until 5:00 P. M.

State Nurses Association Grants District For Duplin & Pender Counties

At a meeting of the State Nurses Association which was held in Greensboro March 4, a new district was granted for Duplin and Pender Counties. This will be designated as District No. 27 of the State Association. Requests for release of this area have been sent to District 14 and 22. Pending notification from these districts, a meeting will be held for the purpose of organization and election of officers. Notice of this meeting will be carried in the Duplin Times.

Rev. Couch To Teach 18 Church Bible Conference At Kenansville Church

A Three Evening Bible Conference will be at Kenansville Methodist Church April 5th, 6th, and 7th, opening each evening at 7:30 and closing at 9:45. Rev. Leon Couch, Pastor St. Pauls Church, Goldsboro, will teach the course "A Study of Isaiah". He is qualified in a unique way to lead in his study. He taught this course at the School of Missions at Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia; and Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, Ala. as well as at the Workers' School in West Palm Beach, Fla. His general qualifications are an impressive. He holds degrees from Wesleyan and Henry College and the Graduate School at Duke University. He had additional study at the University of North Carolina, and Harvard and Columbia Universities. He has served as pastor at St. Paul Church, Durham, N. C., First Methodist Church, Marchand, La., N. Rev. Fred E. Hill of Hed Springs, will be the Discussion Leader. He also is well qualified holding a B. Degree from Emory and Henry College, B. D. Degree from Emory University, and

Patients At Duplin General Hospital

The following patients were admitted to Duplin General Hospital during the past week. KENANSVILLE: Mabel Outlaw Dixon, Baby Boy Dixon, Ruth Annette Cavensugh, Allie Pearl Hobbs, Isabel B. Grady, Mary Belle Middleton, Baby Girl Middleton, Baby Girl-Middleton, Willie Mae Farrior, Baby Boy Farrior, John Sylvester Farrior. WARSAW: Martha Aulton Middleton, Shirley Youngs, Baby Girl Youngs, Katie Lee Faison, Baby Boy Faison, Willie Jackson Dunn, Jr., Clinton Rouse, Leola Beatha Costin, Larry Wayne Best. BEULAVILLE: Martha Clark Albertson. FAISON: Preston Lee Byrd. ALBEMARLE: Bertha Mae Holmes. CHINGUAPIN: Catherine Betta Lanier, Carolyn Mobley, James Craig Jones, Robert Mitchell Bryan, Berta Lanier King. MT. OLIVE: Lynwood Gray Brock. MAGNOLIA: Herbert Aycock Carroll, Jackie Duane Smith. ROSE HILL: Catherine Mathis, Dorothy Mae Betta. RICHLANDS: Roosevelt Batchelor. TEACHEY: Lindell Dudley.

Bernice Kennedy Fatally Injured: Others Hurt In Wreck At Pink Hill

Bernice Harold Kennedy, 30, of Beulaville, Rt. 1 was fatally injured at about 7:00 P. M. Saturday just inside the Pink Hill town limits, when a car in which he was a passenger, driven by Ralph Mercer, 450 of Beulaville, Rt. 1 was hit by a car owned by Marlon Lee Mitchell and driven by Dewitt Smith, as it entered from a side road. Kennedy died at about 6 A. M. Sunday of a broken neck, fractured skull and other injuries. At the N. C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, without having regained consciousness. The other injured persons were Allen Ralph Mercer, 41, white of Beulaville, Route, whose condition at Farrort Memorial Hospital in Kinston was considered critical from internal injuries and a dislocated hip; Stacy Brown, Negro, 22, of Pink Hill, admitted to Lenoir Memorial with leg injuries and lacerations. The driver of one of the cars, Jesse D. Smith, Negro, of Pink Hill, was treated and released for minor business and abrasions. Highway Patrolman W. D. Parrish investigated the wreck and said the accident occurred as Smith was making a turn onto Beulaville Road in Pink Hill. His car swung wide into the lane of oncoming traffic and into the path of Mercer's car. The impact turned Smith's car around and knocked it 60 feet in the direction in which the Mercer car was traveling. Parrish said his investigation was not complete. Funeral services for Kennedy were held from the Cabin Free Will Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon by Rev. J. B. Starnes, assisted by Rev. Lloyd Vernon and Rev. Joseph Ingram. Interment was in the Church cemetery. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kennedy of the home three brothers, Foy L., Sidney, Graham and Alson Bernell Kennedy all of the home community, his maternal grandmother, Mrs. C. L. Pittman, Sr. of Richlands and a number of aunts and uncles.

Duplin County Tax Collections Are Real Good

This is no April Fool joke. Duplin Tax Collector Harry Phillips turned over to County Auditor Faison McGowan a deposit April 1, for \$7,821.14. This is compared to April 1, 1958 collections (for the entire month) of \$118.00. Phillips points out that the collections for April on the first day of the month are almost \$2,000 higher than one year ago. "A check of records through March indicates that in 1958, \$783,000 had been collected. Through March of this year, the collections are \$782,100. Still to go on this year's collections are April, May and June, with the fiscal year ending June 30. The highest single year collection record is \$900,000 which was a couple years ago when an all out effort was made to collect a large number of back taxes due the County. "I doubt we will be able to top that \$900,000 figure this year," said Phillips, "because we do not have such a large number of back taxes due to collect now."

Mercer Introduces Bills To Senate

The following bills were introduced in the State Senate by Senator Grady Mercer during the past week: SB 170 - Introduced by Mercer, March 25. "To amend Chapter 1160 of the Session Laws of 1953 relating to the filing of papers in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court so as to make the same applicable to Duplin County." (Effective July 1, 1959, makes applicable to Duplin County cited act, which prohibits CSC in listed counties from accepting for probate or recordation documents other than holographic wills that do not clearly designate their draftsmen on cover page (with proviso excepting documents prepared in other counties, state or countries). March 27, passed Senate. SB 171 - Introduced by Mercer, March 25. "To amend G. S. 14-335 so as to change the punishment for public drunkenness in Duplin County." (Effective July 1, 1959, adds Duplin to list of counties for which GS 14-331(10) provides punishment for public drunkenness: (1) first offense, maximum punishment of \$50 fine or 30 days imprisonment; (2) second offense with in year, maximum punishment of \$100 fine or 60 days imprisonment; and (3) third offense within year, misdemeanor punishable at discretion of court. (Now offense is punishable by fine up to \$50 or imprisonment up to 30 days). March 27, passed Senate. SB 176 - Introduced by Mercer, March 26. "To change the corporate limits." Continued On Back

American Legion Post 127 In Warsaw To Be Reactivated: Attend Friday

By Wilbert S. Boney
The term reactivated may not be exactly the right one to use in this case, but the fact remains that when an organization has a drop in membership from well over 200 to only about 25 in a period of three years, something must be done. There can be no individuals blamed for this sad state of affairs but a general loss of interest by many has just about brought an end to one of the oldest and at one time also the most active Legion Post in this state of many others. The American Legion is now, and has been since it's beginning after World War I, one of the finest Veteran's organizations in the world but there is a tendency for

Mt. Olive Auction Market To Have New Management This Year

The Mount Olive Auction Market Committee met on March 25, to welcome Charles Ellis of Wilson as the new manager of the Mount Olive Produce Market for the 1959 season. Ellis has been associated with the local market for the past five years in various capacities. He is a tobaccoist and is active during the tobacco season on the Georgia and North Carolina markets. Ellis will open the market for the selling of strawberries as soon as the crop matures and the market will continue uninterrupted for the rest of the season. Some major changes in the method of operating the market will be made which will make the Mount Olive Produce Market more profitable to the farmers selling in Mount Olive, the highest paying strawberry market in this area last season.

Beulaville Band To Present Concert

Thursday evening, April 9th, at eight o'clock in the Beulaville High School Auditorium, many months of hard and diligent work will be unveiled as the NEW Beulaville School Band, resident in new uniforms will make their first appearance. The band, under the direction of Robert W. Craft, Jr., will present a varied and interesting program. For the first time in any concert, the band will feature one portion of the program playing several favorite hymns of 40 churches. This is one of the most requested



Goodson Competes National Honor

A Duplin County 4-H Club boy, James Mitchell Goodson of Mt. Olive, has been selected as one of seven boys to compete for the honor of representing North Carolina's 155,000 4-H club members at the National 4-H Club Conference at Washington, D. C., June 13 to 19. Mike the son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Goodson, will compete for this top award among state 4-H'ers April 1, in Raleigh. On this date two boys and two girls will be selected to attend the National Conference. L. R. Harrill, state 4-H club leader at N. C. State College, said the conference will provide opportunities for the boys and girls to learn about our federal government, better understand national problems and citizenship responsibilities, develop some understanding of relationship of world problems to our daily living, develop an appreciation of 4-H club work on a nationwide scale, share ideas for improving the nation's 4-H program, interpret club work to our nation's leaders, and better inform the general public about 4-H activities. Mike Goodson, a high school senior owns a greenhouse containing 4,000 pots for plants all paid for from 4-H club profits. He has a college fund of \$1,200 and was state 4-H beef project champion, winning a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. He is an explorer scout, co-captain of his school basketball team for three years, and has made 99 talks to club and civic groups on 4-H activities. (continued on back)

Azalea Festival Opens Today In Wilmington

By Bill Womble.
The City of Wilmington and New Hanover County are all set for the 1959 Azalea Festival. Thursday, most of the celebrities, including Festival Queen Debra Paget of Movieland, will arrive and the grand pageant of events will begin. Miss Paget is to fly in, accompanied by Festival King John Sutton, Parade Marshal Dean Fredericks, Festival Comedian Howard Morris and Variety Showmaster Harvey Hudson. Weather-wise, things were shaping up very well, though not perfect. There possibly might be a shower or two Thursday, but the temperature should be 80 degrees, warmest of the season. Best of all, clearing weather was in prospect for Friday while the mercury likely will drop that day. It won't be cold, just cool, said the weatherman Wednesday. He couldn't say for Saturday, which is Parade Day, but at this point there was no sign of any general adverse weather for the weekend. Flowers Coming - Azaleas and camellias - the big flower attractions are coming out in grand style. The latter have been in full bloom for two weeks or more, but are more lasting than the dainty azalea, so there's sure to be gobs of them around for many days to come. Warm, sunshiny weather Wednesday and even warmer temperatures Friday should put the azaleas just about in perfect shape on the week end. Reports upstate that cold weather and wind had hurt azaleas here is without foundation. Wilmington, Orono Plantation and Airle Gardens, as well as scores of private gardens and yards, are ablaze with the beautiful flowers in many shades and varieties. Variety Program - Thursday's opening program includes harness racing at 7 p. m. together with a variety show and fireworks display. This will be at Legion Stadium, and street dance follows at Hanover Center on Oleander Drive. Friday is the first big day. Movie - TV star Ronald Reagan



will take over as master of ceremonies for the crowning of the queen that night at 8 o'clock in Brodgen Hall. The teen age Azalea Ball at Community Center will follow at 9. There will be a pageant and show in connection with the coronation. Also garden tours will start Friday morning. The big parade, this year in sections, will begin Saturday at 9 A. M., and run until noon. There will be more garden tours, an art exhibit and at 2:30 P. M., a big air show at Blumenthal Fields featuring the Navy's precision jet fliers, the Blue Angels. Festival officials are expecting capacity crowds, they said Wednesday. AZALEA QUEEN - Movie star Debra Paget will rule over the 1959 Azalea Festival in Wilmington this week. She will preside over the April 2-5 program as Queen Azalea XII. She succeeds movie star Esther Williams, who was queen of last year's festival. (continued on back)

TIMES SPORTS By Joe Costin

GRANTHAM SHINES IN REBELS VICTORY OVER CHINGUAPIN
The Chinguapin Indians of Coach Jack Carr scored two runs in the inning against the strong North Duplin Rebels but the up per Duplin 9 came right back in the second to tie the score 2-2. In the bottom of the fifth L. J. "no hit" Grantham came up for the Rebels and struck out the last seven straight Indians to wind up the game. Grantham has allowed one in flunk hit in three appearances thus far this season. In his first start against a scrappy Clinton L. J. pitched a no-hitter and last week down in Beulaville allowed the only hit. Jack Procyne of the Rebels, with a triple and double, and catcher Charles Swinson with two singles led the way for Clayton Swinson, John Clifton, and Grantham to the 5-2 victory. The Rebels of Coach Richard Kaleel now have a 3-0 record. JAMES KENAN BOWS TO WALLACE-ROSE HILL, 13-2
The James Kenan Tigers traveled down to Wallace Tuesday of this week and dropped a tough one to the Bulldogs 13-2. The Tigers got off to a good start scoring two runs in the first inning. A double by David Benton, a single by Bill Straghan and another double by Colin Quinn accounted for the Tigers scoring. The only other hit by James Kenan was a sharp single by Jackie Benton. Peps Merritt and Allen Wahab took their turn on the hill gave up 10 hits and 10 walks; while the Tigers were having to knock the ball down committing 7 errors. Merritt was the losing pitcher. Joe Moore picked up his second victory of the season as he led the attack with a perfect four for four for Wallace-Rose Hill. Moore also drove in four runs, and was one of five Bulldog batters to get two or more hits. Mack Horrell, Pat McGowan, James Rivenbark, and Bochie Longest and two hits each. Bloodshed Boxscore
RALEIGH - The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. March 31, 1959: Killed This Year To Date: 75 Killed To Date Last Year: 117



Mrs. David Williams of Rock Fish Club being presented a check for \$100.00 by Mrs. C. L. Sloan, county Home Demonstration Club Council President, as a gift from the county council. The check is to help defray expenses on a trip to Scotland. Mrs. Williams has been chosen as one of six delegates from North Carolina to attend the Association of Country Women of the World to be held in Scotland in August.