

"Worst Court Docket" Given Last Term Duplin Co. Superior Court

BY PAUL BARWICK
Duplin County has just ended a Criminal Term of Superior Court which is termed "the worst I have ever seen in this County," Judge M. C. Paul presided over the term.

Superior Court Clerk R. V. Wells, who has been in his position over 40 years, stated today that there were more serious crimes, murders and rapes, on the past Criminal Term of Superior Court than he can recall since being in office.

In addition to five murder cases and three rape and carnal knowledge cases on the docket, there were the usual assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, larceny, breaking and entering, without checks and other such cases.

James Earl Middleton, Negro, 36, received a sentence of from 25 to 30 years on a second degree murder conviction, 24, Mrs. Mary Smith Shogles, in Warsaw, on April 1 with a .32 caliber pistol. She died on April 18, from the shooting.

George Rogers, Negro, 35, received a sentence of from 20 to 30 years in State Prison for killing Joe Pearson, of Smith Township. Rogers hit

Pearson in the head with an ax on May 1, resulting in his death. Charlie Williams, Jr., Negro, 79, was sentenced to from seven to 10 years in the State Prison in the death of his wife, Roberta Williams. Williams broke his wife's neck in a fight. She was paralyzed from the neck down on July 22, in the fight and died on August 12, at her home near Rose Hill.

On a manslaughter conviction, Willie Lee King, 34-year-old Negro woman, was given a suspended 7 to 10 year term in State Prison. She was placed on probation for five years for the death of Elias King. She killed him with a shotgun in Faison Township on August 7.

Willie Joe McGee, 21, Negro, was given a five-year suspended sentence and placed on probation for five years, in the death of Ota McGee on June 25, in Island Creek township. She was found guilty of manslaughter in the pistol slaying of McGee.

Two of the rape cases were not pressed. On the third rape case charge, James Albert Stallings, 20-year-old Negro from Wallace, was

found guilty of assault on a female four years old and given two years on the State Roads. Judge Paul recommended that Stallings be given mental examination and given such treatment as may seem proper.

An abortion charge against Hattie Gavin, of Warsaw, was put off until the next term of Criminal Superior Court.

The next term of Superior Court in Duplin will begin on October 10.

Duplin Pedestrian Killed Saturday

James W. Days, Negro, 33, died of internal stomach injuries on Saturday night in Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville. Days and Henry Savage, 16, both of Chinquapin were standing on the shoulder of the road and were hit by a car driven by Willie Franklin Crooks of Chinquapin. Both were hospitalized.

Patrolmen said Crooks ran off the road while passing another car.

Trial & Error

This column has been rightly named, for as I sit here at 11:00 P. M. struggling with a column after a day like today, Brother! I have just been one of those days, loaded with everything, every minute, and yet a day full of lots of wonderful and valuable experiences in the newspaper field and what a broad field.

Speaking of fields, I have never been as impressed with anything as was with the fields of Ohio on my trip last week. Oh yes, I took a trip last week, and it was quite wonderful. I flew from Raleigh to Columbus, Ohio, on to Chicago from Columbus to Cleveland and then back home. It was my first experience at flying in many a day, but it is really the way to travel.

Getting back to the fields, I had not realized that Ohio is as flat as it is. There doesn't seem to be a hill anywhere. They do not have tenant farmers as we have, and the farms and woods look as though they were laid off in neat squares, and in one corner of the farm, the home, outbuildings and silos are clustered together in a friendly group, completely isolated from the rest of the two or three hundred acre farm. It was beautiful from the air, and if I am ever there again, I intend to visit some of those farms and see how they look from the ground.

While in Columbus, I toured National Insurance Building and met an awful lot of friendly folks. They have beautifully furnished offices and the most pretty secretaries I have ever seen. The people in Columbus seem to be so friendly that they remind you of North Carolina. I also toured the State Capitol which is very old and impressive looking, and also reeks with history. The grounds are beautifully kept, and lovely flower beds were in full bloom. And oh yes, the shopping areas were just too tempting. But I didn't see anything that was prettier than Duplin County when I got home.

Anytime you get fed up with everything and need a relaxing half-hour or so, just engage Leslie Bell, of J. O. Stokes Fertilizer Company, in a conversation. If you don't leave feeling in better spirits, there's something wrong with you. Leslie comes the nearest seeing every life in a fascinating way as anyone with whom you will come in contact. Another good entertainer is our good friend the Tax Collector, Harry Phillips. Harry is always happy, and after talking with him, you will find that you are happy too. That is a wonderful trait. It is too bad that more of us were not like that.

Have you ever had an experience with a chihuahua puppy? As for me, I am not a dog lover, I only appreciate them at a distance or in the yard. My married daughter, Beck, and her husband, Roger, came home for the week end and when they brought "Gus-Gus", their nine weeks old Chihuahua his bed, medicine, food and a raft of other stuff. Our household will never be the same. We had the most exciting week end of nursing "Gus-Gus". He captivated all of us in just a very few minutes (those things are so human to be dogs), and we rocked, petted, cuddled and played with the little two pound runt, until my mother thought it was positively revolting. "Gus-Gus" awakes at six o'clock in the morning and demands to get in bed with you, and then snuggles like a little baby and goes off to sleep without another yipe. Oh yes, we also spent time trying to train him to be a respectable house puppy, and you would never believe this, but "Gus-Gus" preferred THE DUPLIN TIMES to the News and Observer. This pleased the family.

Home Coming Day

Sunday, September 11, 1960 is Home coming day at Pearsall Chapel Church. Everyone is invited to attend all services. Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Regular Church service at 11:00 a. m. Lunch on grounds at 12:00 and a Fellowship period in the afternoon with different singing groups participating.

Mr. Boyette said, "The Jaycees take great pride in being able to offer such fine entertainment to the people of Sampson and Duplin Counties. We consider this our major project of the year and we are very fortunate in being able to obtain the largest tent circus in the world today."

The circus features 21 acts to be performed in a three-ring presentation. The tent has a maximum seating capacity of 4,500. Clyde Beatty will be present in person to present his famous wild animal act consisting of over 20 Black Maned Umanias from and Royal Bengal tigers.

There will be two performances, one at 7:30 and another at 8:30 P. M. Tickets will be placed on sale in Wallace, Warsaw, and Kenansville for the convenience of the general public.

North Duplin & James Kenan Win In Openers Beulaville Looses Battle Wallace - Rose Hill

GAMES THIS WEEK IN EAST CENTRAL: MT. OLIVE AT LAGRANGE; DIXON AT NORTH DUPLIN; MASSEY HILL AT JAMES KENAN; BEULAVILLE AT RICHLANDS; AND SWANSBORO AT BURGAW.

BY JOE COSTIN
Results of Games Last Week: Mt. Olive 33 Wilmington "B" 12 James Kenan 24 Jones Central 6 Richlands 0 Morehead City 0 Wallace-Rose Hill 14 Beulaville 0 North Duplin 39 Spring Hope 0 Elizabethtown 33 Burgaw 0

TRENTON: The James Kenan Tigers opened the 1960 football season with a big bang last Friday night down in Jones County when they defeated the Rockets of Jones Central 24-6. It was the worst defeat at home for the boys of Coach Vaughan Fowler in eight years.

Two sustain drives stepped one by a two sustain drives stepped one by a fumble and the out by time, but on the first play of the second quarter Fullback Danny Batts went straight up the middle 12 yards for the first touchdown, to climax a 62 yard drive that started in the first period when the time ran out. Colin Quinn's try for the conversion was wide and the Tigers had a 6-0 lead.

James Kenan kicked to the Rockets' and halfback Freddie Spence took the ball on his own twenty yard line, reversed the field and was long gone at mid-field, but little jack-rabbit Bill Vann, a real speedster for the Tigers, pulled him

down on the 12 yard line. James Kenan threw the Rockets for three and five yard losses on the next two plays, but Spence took a fake reverse and went off the right side of the Tigers line for the score and tied the game 6-6. Danny White's try for the point fell short and the Rockets failed to take the lead.

Coach Bill Taylor's fired-up blue and gold came charging back 66 yards to take the lead at the half 12-6. Senior halfback Hubert Merritt sliced off tackle five yards for the score. Quinn's try was wide again and the Tigers left the field at the half leading 12-6.

In the third quarter James Kenan took the kick-off and marched fifty-five yards to take a commanding lead 18-6. Fullback Batts returned the punt 23 yards to the Tigers 45 before being brought down by the Rockets defensive star Buddy Bell. Quarterback Jimmy Dixon rifled a perfect pass to halfback Merritt down on the three, good for twenty-two yards. The Rockets were caught interfering with the pass receiver and two penalties later little Bobby Phillips raced over for the third Tiger score.

Coach Taylor played his second unit most of the third quarter (CONTINUED ON BACK)

Penney, Spicer And Jones Attend Soil Conservation Meet In Canada

Over 1,400 members and guests of the Soil Conservation Society of America have convened on the campus of Ontario Agricultural College for the organization's 15th annual meeting.

George Penney, Duplin Co. Soil Conservationist is one of those in attendance. Others from Duplin County include Mr. and Mrs. William Spicer and Wilbert Jones about 50 others from N. C. are attending the meeting.

A full program of special events,

talks, panel discussions and field trips led by authorities in soil and water and related resources conservation is scheduled.

During the opening session today in impressive ceremonies some of the leading conservationists from Canada and the United States were recognized with honors.

The theme of the conference is "New Technologies in Land Resources Use." The Soil Conservation Society now has over 10,500 members in 73 countries. Its headquarters are in Des Moines, Iowa.

ASC Encourages Use Of Programs For Better Farming Now In Duplin County

KENANSVILLE - "Take a sample. The Rewards are Ample." This is the slogan of ASC employees in several counties in the state and refer to the taking of a soil sample prior to planting of any crop and prior to application of fertilizer or lime.

ASC's agricultural conservation program for 1960 provides several instances where the government shares with the farmer the cost of conservation practices requiring application of lime or fertilizer. O. L. Holland, Chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Duplin County Committee, says that although a soil test is not mandatory under any of these practices, it is strongly recommended in every case.

Agricultural conservation program practices which should be preceded by a soil test include establishment of permanent pasture, additional vegetative cover in a crop rotation, application of liming materials on farmland, improvement of an established permanent pasture, and others.

According to Holland, every one of these practices recommends that the farmer take a soil test to determine soil treatment. However, in the absence of a soil test, the permit application of two tons of lime per acre on land that has not been limed within the past 15 years and 1 ton per acre where the land has been limed during the past 5 years.

The need for lime on Duplin Co. soils is great and even with the cost-share assistance available through ASC only a very small fraction of our needs is being met.

Holland stressed the point that many planting practices under ASC will be carried out this fall and urged that the lime be ordered now in order for the farmer to be sure his needs will be met. Holland cautioned farmers, though, that there are many soils in this state on which does not apply.

Some soils, he said, require an initial application of more than 2 tons per acre while on others application of any lime would be wasteful. The only way to determine the lime and fertilizer requirements of the soil is by a soil test on a representative sample, he said. Soil sample cartons, instruction sheets, and other assistance in the taking of soil samples may be obtained at the ASC office or from other agricultural agencies in the county.



BULK OF THE TIGERS FORWARD WALL: Coach Hughie Lewis of the James Kenan team talks over the Massey Hill situation with some of the Tigers during a break this week. The Tigers take on a strong AAA Massey Hill eleven this coming Friday night at James Kenan Field. James Kenan opened the season this past week stopping Jones Central 24-6. This Tigers are from left to right: Allen Fountain, Walter Bostic, Charles Lockamy, Virgil Lanier, Billy Knowles, Captain Mac McNeil, Mickey Askew, and Lewis.

East Central Conf. Adopts New Rules

BY JOE COSTIN
The Coaches in the East Central Conference met at the Coffee Shop last week in Warsaw to kick off the 1960 football season. Schools represented at the meeting were: D. D. Atkinson, Coach at Burgaw and E. M. Thompson, Principal; Billy Bostic, Assistant Coach at Beulaville and W. Ray Humphrey, Principal; I. L. Leary of W. L. S. E., Bill Taylor, Bill Helton, Hughie Lewis, Coaches at James Kenan; Richard Kaleel and Gene Bownar, Coaches at North Duplin; Dick McClenney and Jimmy Williams, Coaches at Mt. Olive; and I. S. Upchurch, Coach at Richlands and E. W. Morgan, Principal.

Coach Kaleel of North Duplin, President of the conference, presided at the meeting. Coach Taylor of James Kenan is secretary and treasurer.

The following proposal for selecting a member of the East Central Conference in the state football playoffs without having to resort to a flip of a coin was adopted:

1. When two teams are tied for the conference championship at the end of regular season play the team that beats the other will represent the conference in the state football playoffs.

2. When two teams are scheduled to play each other and there is a

possibility of a tie for the conference championship resulting from a tie ball game a 5th official shall be hired for the purpose of keeping yardage throughout the ball game. In the event of a tie in this ball game the team gaining the most yardage shall be declared the conference representative in the state playoffs.

3. The cost of a 5th official for a game as described above shall be divided equally between the conference and the two teams playing the game however; the cost to the conference shall not exceed \$5.00. The remainder of the cost shall be equally divided between the schools involved.

4. In the event the conference championship is not at stake by a regular scheduled game as described above, the team having the highest percent age points at the end of the regular season play shall be the conference representative in the state playoffs. In the event two teams and the regular season play with the same percentage points and none of the above described situations prevail, then the conference representative in the state playoffs shall revert back to the rules and regulations as described in the hand book of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association.

Duplin 4-H'ers Win 4 Blue Ribbons In Area Junior Dairy Cattle Show

The 6 County Area Dairy Cattle show has been held with Duplin County 4-H'ers participating. The event, held at the Lenoir County Livestock Association Stockyards near Kinston drew some 50 exhibitors with their animals from the Kinston area. Duplin 4-H'ers brought home 4 blue ribbons and 3 red ribbons and \$80.00 in cash. The blue ribbons also participated in the District Show in Fayetteville Thursday and Friday.

Arthur Dan Stewart of Route 1, Warsaw won the 2nd highest award of the show with his Holstein calf. The reserve championship was awarded to young Stewart after considerable consultation of the judges. The top entry was awarded to Eleanora Martin of Wayne county. Eleanora's calf was entered in the Best Fitted, and Showmanship contest.

Other blue ribbon winners were Linda Fay Branch, Clara Branch, and Doris Branch all of Route 3, Mt. Olive.

Red ribbons were awarded to Norwood Ammons, Robert McGowan of Kenansville and Jasper Nobles of Route 2, Mt. Olive.

In addition to the 1960 event was a Milking contest. Each county's championship milking contestants were competing in the contest. Edna Martin of Wayne county edged Duplin's, Peola Cann by one ounce. Miss Martin milked 4 lbs and one ounce in three minutes while Miss Vann of Duplin event out at 4 lbs.

Byrd Reunion

The annual Byrd Reunion will be held September 18, at Bethlehem Church near Turkey, North Carolina. The program will begin at 11:00 a. m. preceded by registration.

Descendants and friends are invited to attend and bring a picnic lunch. Barbeque will be served. Officers serving during 1960 are Mr. Harvey Creach, Wilmington, president; Mr. Willie L. Byrd, Turkey, vice-president; Mrs. Thomas M. Byrd, Raleigh, secretary; and Mr. John Hardy, Greenville, treasurer.

to take the 2nd spot.

On Tues night the night preceding the show, a banquet in honor of the participants was given at the Picturesque Holloway Community Center. Dr. Glen Rankin, Dean of Students at A. & T. College was the principal speaker. R. L. Wynn, District Specialist for the N. C. Extension Service and J. A. Spaulding, District Agricultural Agent for the S. E. District Service were also in attendance.

On hand to open the show were Chairman of the Lenoir County Commissioners, Superintendent of Schools, President of Kinston Chamber of Commerce and T. C. Blacklock, Dairy Specialist for the N. C. Extension Service.

Goldsboro Calf, Yearling, Steer Sale September 16

The Goldsboro Feeder Calf and Yearling Steer Sale will be held at Hobbs Livestock Market on Friday, September 16.

Approximately 750 steers, calves and yearlings are expected to be available for sale.

Vernon H. Reynolds, Duplin County Farm Agent, said today that "this is an excellent place for 4-H and FFA members to purchase livestock for their programs. It is also an excellent place for farmers to purchase animals for expanding livestock programs."

All calves are field inspected and approved. No bull calves will be sold and all calves will be dehorned. Heifer calves will be tested for Bangs and all heifer calves are guaranteed open.

All calves are vaccinated for Blackleg and Shipping Fever. Calves will be graded by official graders and calves sold in uniform lots will be according to breed, sex, weight and grade.

Senator Kennedy In Greenville

Senator Jack Kennedy, Democratic Nominee for President of the United States, will visit Greenville, N. C., on Saturday, September 17, to meet, greet, and discuss with the people of this area their problems. He is an outstanding dynamic person offering the kind of leadership needed in our nation today.

Democrats throughout Eastern Carolina are enthusiastic over Senator Kennedy's visit. This was expressed at a recent meeting in Greenville at which time plans for this area rally were discussed.

An overwhelming crowd is expected to attend the Rally Plan now to go.

You should be at the East Carolina College football stadium in Greenville by 8:00 o'clock, A. M. on the 17th. Senator Kennedy is scheduled to speak at 10:00 A. M.

At a meeting of the members of the Duplin Democratic Executive Committee which was held on Wednesday night, plans were made for buses and motorcades to go from Duplin County. Anyone interested, contact your precinct Chairman.

Nickels-For-Know-How Fight Enemies And Aid Allies Of Tobacco In N. C.

By: Verma H. Reynolds
Duplin County Agent
The people of Duplin County will vote September 30 on whether to continue a program of research vital to citizens of North Carolina. In the hands of the voters will be the fate of the Nickels for Know-How program for the past three years. If a two-thirds favorable vote results, this research and education program at N. C. State College will continue.

Many leaders in Duplin County have a hand in guiding this program, as members of the Agricultural Foundation at the college. Any person who buys feed or fertilizer is considered a member. Duplin County's director on the foundation board of 100 members is L. W. Outlaw, who has served for 3 years.

What has this program, started by Tar Heel farmers in 1951, meant to the economy of the state? Hundreds of millions of dollars. To tobacco production and harvesting alone, the know-how furnished by nickels has meant many millions more in profits. Nickels are battling the major tobacco foes of black shank, nematodes, wireworm and weeds. They've spurred the development of irrigation of tobacco, which can increase per acre yield more than \$300. And they've backed progress on bulk curing, which will bring tremendous changes in tobacco harvesting and curing. Bulk curing has been tested this summer for the first time on a private farm - near Laurinburg.

Nickels funds - \$1,164,325 collected through 1959-are divided four ways: Extension and education, production research, marketing research and basic research.

Nickels have supported 40 projects. The sum total effect of them all could well mean the difference between success or failure for thousands of Tar Heel farmers.

Take the tobacco disease control project. It has resulted in annual savings of \$30 million because of reduced disease losses.

All told, it's estimated that Nickels projects have stimulated profits of well over \$100 million for Tar Heel tobacco growers.

Current and future research is keyed to farm, home, community and market problems both great and small. There are projects that affect people as consumers or family members or citizens. There are others vital to the improvement of major crops and livestock. And there are many dedicated to solving complex problems of major importance to major crops.

Nickels are supporting progress in the fields of genetics, dairy cattle breeding, animal nutrition, vegetables, tobacco insects, blueberries, poultry physiology, weed alfalfa weevils, soil fertility, corn breeding, cotton marketing, milk production, soybeans and forage crops.

Nickels have made possible special work full-time in control of peanut and small grain diseases, poultry technology to aid the farmer, and development of new machines for use on the farm.

In a great many ways, Nickels have returned to Duplin County multiplied many times. And they'll keep buying better agriculture for the county and the state.

Vote, please, in the referendum of September 30.

Duplin's Taxable Value Increased \$2,802,710 In 1960

1960 Valuations with increases or decreases are as follows: Farm Land \$30,286,662, an increase of \$410,596; Timber, Etc. \$16,020, A reduction of \$5,150; Town lots \$13,942,296, an increase of \$1,095,249; Stocks of Merchandise and fixtures \$3,271,690, an increase of \$305,515; materials in process of manufacture and machinery not affixed to realty \$389,494, an increase of \$149,318; net value above exemption of personal property, including livestock, from which \$300 exemption is allowed \$2,624,939, an increase of \$34,592; tractors \$1,868,202, an increase of \$75,016; motor vehicles \$6,337,299, an increase of \$353,594; all other personal property \$1,021,501, an increase of 97,639; railroads \$1,325,000, an increase of \$12,759; Telephone and Telegraph Companies \$728,235, an increase of \$4,141; Total value of all property \$61,961,699, an increase of \$2,802,710.

Total County-wide taxes amount to \$975,389.18, an increase of \$19,423.21. Total poll tax \$12,323, a reduction of \$91; dog tax \$6,496, an increase of \$941; penalty for late paying \$2,434.90 an increase of \$241.72; Total 1960 tax levy \$995,441.27, an increase of \$189,624.26.

There will be two performances, one at 7:30 and another at 8:30 P. M. Tickets will be placed on sale in Wallace, Warsaw, and Kenansville for the convenience of the general public.

BRIEFS

BARBECUE DINNER

A Bar-B-Q dinner, chicken and pig, will be served at the James Kenan Cafeteria on Fri. evening, September 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 P. M., before the Erwin Ball game. The dinner is sponsored by the James Kenan senior class. A dance will be held after the ballgame.

Barbecue Supper

The Junior class of the Beulaville School is sponsoring a Bar-B-Q supper on September 22 from 5:00 to 7:30 P. M. This supper will be held just before the first home game. Tickets may be bought in advance or at the door.

Auxiliary To Meet

The Duplin General Hospital Auxiliary meeting will be held at the Nurses Home lounge on September 15, Thursday at 8:00 P. M. Mrs. W. M. Barnes, president of the Pender Hospital Auxiliary, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. H. M. Wells is the local president.

AT UNIVERSITY

Donna Wells of the B. F. Grady section leaves this week for the University at Chapel Hill to complete his final year in medicine. He and two classmates have been touring the Southeastern states for the past two weeks interviewing hospitals for internships.

Southeastern Junior Dairy Show

The Greater Wilmington C. of C. Agricultural Committee has perfected plans for the 11th annual event, which will be held at the New Hanover County Livestock Arena on September 15 and 16. 75 to 100 grade and purebred animals will be shown by the youth of Southeastern N. C. V. H. Reynolds, County Agent of Duplin County, will serve on the steering committee.

P. T. A. MEET

An executive meeting of the B. F. Grady PTA was held recently in the cafeteria to discuss and make plans for the year. The first meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, at 7:30 P. M. Immediately following a reception will be held in the cafeteria honoring the new faculty members.

BACK AT WORK

Mrs. Geraldine W. Aldridge, an Assistant Register of Deeds, has returned to her duties after three months maternity leave. Mrs. Aldridge was the former Geraldine Williams. Her husband is Michael Aldridge, and they live in Smith's Township with their baby daughter Jerri Ann.