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PRICE TEN CENT

Judge Chester R. Morris Has "Attack" While Sitting As Judge In Boykins Rape-Murder Trial In Duplin Co.

Five Duplin Youths Get Suspended Sentences In Tempie Deaver Case

Five youths of the B. F. Grady section of Duplin County, charged with raping a teenage girl of the same area, pleaded guilty to lesser charges in Duplin Superior Court Tuesday and received identical sentences from Judge Chester R. Morris.

Four of the youths, all under 18, pleaded guilty to having sexual relations with Tempie Deaver, described as a female over 12 years of age and under 16. They are Maynard Quinn, Danny Ray Harrell, Oliver Herring Jr. and Kenneth Jones.

Billy Ray Garner, 19, pleaded guilty to assault on a female. The pleas were accepted by Solicitor Walter Britt.

Judge Morris sentenced each of the youths to two-year jail terms, suspended, and placed each on probation for four years, with the special provision that none of them drive an automobile on the roads for two years and not drive any vehicle except a farm tractor. Each

of the five was ordered to pay \$360 to Tempie Deaver as prosecuting witness and to pay court costs.

Additional indictments stemming from the same incident were brought by the grand jury Tuesday.

Dalton Grady, 17, is charged with having sexual relations with a female over 12 and under 16. Ronald

Houson, 21, is charged with assault on a female. Both are also from the B. F. Grady section. It is alleged that the youths had relations with the Deaver girl in a wooded area in northern Duplin County.

Grady and Houson were freed on \$1,500 bond each.

Mayor Strickland Of Warsaw To Run For Re-election May 2

Ed Strickland, mayor of Warsaw for three terms, will be seeking his fourth term as a candidate for reelection in the Warsaw town election which is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2. Mr. Strickland, a widely known civic leader, has also served one term as town commissioner and under his leadership, many improvements and achievements for the town have been brought about, many of which have gone beyond the call of duty.

Azaleas Blooming For Festival April 6-9th

Southeastern North Carolina's famed azaleas are in full bloom. The five-mile drive along the shores of Greenfield Lake in Wilmington, offers an endless array of color from the beautiful flowers. And at nearby Orton Plantation the azaleas are described as "magnificent."

"This is one of the most beautiful displays of azaleas we've ever had," said Alex Bogie, manager of Orton Plantation.

A gradual warming trend this spring produced an even maturing of the azaleas. "We have a small azalea (Kurume) which usually blooms before the tall variety (Indica)," Bogie explained. "But both varieties are in full bloom together this year.

He expects the beautiful show of azaleas to continue for several weeks. "The azaleas have just reached a peak," he said. "And they will remain in full color well into April."

A host of other flowers have joined the azaleas in bloom, turning Southeastern North Carolina into a virtual "fairy land" of blazing color.

Flower lovers in the area are pleasantly surprised with the blooming of the pansies. They have been in bloom for nearly two weeks, and it looks as if they will continue to hold their color for at least two weeks.

Thousands of visitors from many parts of the nation have come to see the beautiful display of flowers. "For the next several weeks the azaleas will be in full bloom," Bogie concluded.

FLASH

Superior Criminal Court convened this morning at 10:00 A. M. But due to the illness of Judge Chester Morris it adjourned until Friday morning at 10:00 A. M., at which time it will reconvene, and will then adjourn until Monday morning, April 10. At that time it will reconvene and resume the hearing of the State against Theodore Boykin.

County Court which had been previously scheduled for April 11 and 12 will have to be changed to April 18 and 19th, according to a statement by County Court Judge, Russell Lanier.

Jurors for county court will not need to report for duty until Wednesday morning, April 19.

Johnson Re-elected Sch. Superintendent Blanchard & Strickland On Board

O. P. Johnson was re-elected as County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting of the Board of Education which was held on Monday afternoon, Johnson has served the schools of Duplin County for the past twenty-six years.

In a recent act of the Legislature, the County Board of Education membership was changed from three members to five members. At the Monday meeting two members were named. They are J. F. Strickland of Warsaw and D. D. Blanchard of Wallace. It is felt that the added membership on the Board, the county will be represented better.

Russell Brock of Calypso was installed as a new member of the board, succeeding A. P. Cates of Faison. Old members on the board are J. O. Smith of Albertson and V. F. Dail of Beulaville. J. O. Smith was named chairman, of the Board.

Sites for the location of the East Duplin Consolidated School were discussed and visited.

Committees whose terms expired for the various schools were named as follows:

Kenansville - W. A. Jones
Warsaw - Eugene Blanchard
Beulaville - L. J. Sandlin
Chinquapin - A. Bro-James
Wallace - B. F. Jessup
Rose Hill - E. W. Johnson
Magnolia - David Chestnut
James-Kenan - J. E. Blanchard
A successor for J. F. Strickland will be named at a later date.

North-Duplin - Jim Grady
Wallace-Rose Hill - Wm. W. Wells
Potters Hill - Lawther Bostic
Freely Hall
E. L. Quinn.

Duplin Group ASC Meet In Asheville

Rufus Elks, Jr., County Administrative Office for ASC, Stacy Evans, Faye Batts, Ann Hanchey and Nancy Williams, office personnel of the ASC office in Duplin County are attending the Conference of ASC County Committees and County Office Managers in Asheville on April 4, 5 and 6.

Three North Carolinians - David S. Weaver, Director of Agricultural Extension Service, Dr. H. B. James, Dean of the School of Agriculture and Horace D. Godfrey, Administrator of the Commodity Stabilization Service will be featured speakers at the conference. The conference opened at 1:00 p. m., April 4 in the City Auditorium in Asheville. David S. Weaver, Director of the North Carolina Extension Service, and Dr. James were on the program the first day of the conference along with Charles M. Cox of Washington, D. C. The second day of the conference, April 5, the ASC committee and office managers will divide up in four committee work sessions. These sessions will include one on administrative problems, one on the agricultural conservation program and the conservation re-

Small Business Administration To Make Loans To Local Development Companies

The Small Business Administration will cooperate in a "grass roots" drive in the North Carolina area to spur economic activity and employment through loans to local development companies. Mr. Robert B. Horning, Branch Manager of the Small Business Administration, said today.

Mr. Horning explained that under SBA's lending program to local development companies, communities can step up economic growth and boost job opportunities and income by helping new small firms get started or by helping small business expand, modernize or diversify. The program can play a particularly important part in stimulating business and jobs in labor surplus areas.

Mr. Horning is contacting chambers of commerce, planning organizations, and other groups concerned with economic development in North Carolina to take the lead in establishing local development companies eligible for SBA loans. In the two years that the program has been in operation, he pointed out, only six (6) development companies in the North Carolina area have taken advantage of the program and obtained SBA loans. There is large untapped source of assistance available to local communities interested in promoting economic

Revival At Alum Springs

The Rev. Ernest Howell, pastor of the Baptist Church at Lake Lure, will conduct revival services at the Alum Springs Baptist Church beginning Monday night, April 10, at 7:30 P. M. Services will continue each night and conclude with the eleven o'clock services on Sunday Morning, April 16.

The Rev. Mr. Howell is the son of Mrs. Joe Howell of Mt. Olive, Rt. 2. He graduated from B. F. Grady High School in 1938.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Special Meeting At Beulaville

Special meeting Friday night, April 7, 1961 at the School Auditorium, at 7:30 P. M., the purpose of the meeting is to nominate candidates for Mayor and Commissioners, also to discuss putting the Mayor and Commissioners on a Salary H. J. Brown, town clerk urges everyone to attend this meeting.

Trial & Error

I am happy to announce that the Weekly Gazette and the Duplin Times are about to get back on schedule after the installation of the new press. We are about to get all of the "bugs" out and after we have a season with a few rollers for the press, we feel that we will be on the road to living a normal life again. My boys in the office have had it tough, but they have done a wonderful job and they lived through it. We feel that the investment in the new press will help us give our readers a better paper and our advertisers, quicker service.

Kenansville has been as busy as the Grand Central Station all week. No place to park, the cafes loaded to capacity, and mobs of people here to attend the rape-murder trial which is not in session today due to the illness of the Judge. When I first started working in Kenansville, the crowds on court days impressed me so very much, where did the people come from? After working in public offices for several years, you feel that you have seen most of the people in the county, but the court crowds are another group of people. But Court-room procedure is fascinating.

Only nine more days left for filing income tax reports-groan, groan! Why do we procrastinate each year, and then resolve never to do it again? I don't think any of us have ever found a convenient time to pay taxes, and probably never will. So I had better close this column and get busy on tax forms-never a dull moment.

RUTH

Contracts Awarded For Nursing Home

A project to convert the Nurses Home at Duplin General Hospital into a Nursing Home has been approved and bids awarded.

The General Contract was to Godwin Building Company of Warsaw for \$29,450. The plumbing and heating contract to Ideal Plumbing Company of Wilmington for \$4,877.00; and the Electrical Contract to A. B. Blake in Wilmington for \$4,857.

The project has been approved by the Medical Care Commission and by the U. S. Public Health Service in the amount of \$28,000 and for the State Aid in the amount of \$11,648.

Work will begin at once on converting the home into a Nursing Home.

NEW PRESS - The Duplin Times is now being printed off a Duplex press, eight page capacity, at the printing plant in Kenansville. Here Foreman Amos Quinn, left, and Moses Cooper, in background, are busy running off an issue of the Duplin Times. The new press represents a sizeable investment for the Duplin Times and Weekly Gazette. It is hoped that the

quality of printing will be improved considerably and that the subscribers to the Duplin Times will appreciate the new press. Investments have been made annually by Mrs. Ruth Grady, publisher of the Weekly Gazette and Duplin Times, in an effort to give our readers and advertisers better service.

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