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In Kenansville

Boykins Rape-Murder Trial To Begin Tuesday In Special Term Of Court

The rape-murder trial of Theodore Boykins is scheduled to get underway Tuesday in a special session of Duplin Criminal Superior Court.

The previous trial of Boykins, which began on April 5, was declared a mistrial when Superior Court Judge Chester R. Morris suffered a heart attack while hearing evidence in the case.

Superior Court Judge George M. Fountain will be judge during this special term which begins Monday.

Boykins, a Teachey Negro, is charged with the rape-murder of Mrs. Lena T. Garnes on

Christmas Eve soon after she returned to her home in Rice Hill from a Christmas shopping trip.

Boykins is alleged to have been waiting for Mrs. Garnes inside her house. He is charged with striking her over the head with a poker, dragging her to the living room of her home when he raped her after which he drug her to the basement of her house and shot her with a .32 caliber pistol.

A special venire has not yet been ordered for the trial, according to E. V. Wells, Duplin Clerk of Superior Court. However, 38 regular jurors have been drawn. If a special venire is called, Wells said it will likely be Monday afternoon.

Duplin Softball League Formed By Community Clubs

Six Duplin County Community Development Clubs have organized a softball league. Play will begin on Saturday, June 10, and continue for 10 weeks.

The games will be played on a home and home basis. Two games will be played each Saturday. Each of the Community Clubs participating will have two teams, one for boys and girls 16 years and under and one for men and women, 16 years and over. The teams can be mixed with boys and girls and men and women.

Clubs entered in the newly formed league are Beantown, Cedar Fork, Pleasant Grove, Potter's Hill, Oak Ridge and Rones. A 10-game schedule has been arranged.

At the end of the season, a play-off will be held with the County winner receiving a trophy in both the adult and junior divisions. The runner-up in each division will also be awarded a trophy.

To Cash Checks Merchants Are Urged To Get Identification

Merchants in Duplin County have been advised by Sheriff Ralph Miller not to take a check from a stranger without proper and sufficient identification.

"The SBI has notified us," Sheriff Miller said, "that a large number of bad checks have been clearing up all over North Carolina in recent months and that merchants who cash checks from strangers without sufficient identification are asking for trouble."

Credit cards and driver's licenses, getting dates off it, and the number of the auto tag are important when cashing checks of strangers, Sheriff Miller pointed out.

Trial & Error

This little item was meant for last week, but due to many things, it got in this week's paper. Many of you know Faison and Susie Smith of Albertson-the "square-dancing" couple in North Carolina. Well, Faison and Susie have a birthday right close together and it is an annual affair for them to have a barbecue supper and picnic and follow it with a square dance. I happened to be one of the fortunate ones to be invited this year, and I'm telling you it was plenty of fun. Square dancing to the people of that neighborhood is as natural as walking and they love it. I can assure you that cooking is not a lost art in that neighborhood either.

Death came to a very dear uncle of mine this week. Uncle Cam Pridden of Warsaw passed away suddenly after he had gone to bed on Saturday night. When I read the death notice in the obituary column, it was a shock to me when it gave his age as 78, as he was an ageless person, and I had never stopped to realize that he was old in years. Uncle Cam was never a person to make a big show in politics, civic affairs or organizations; yet he had a keen interest in every one and everything that was going on, and could tell you what was happening throughout the county and state. To his twenty-five or 30 nieces and nephews, he was just "Uncle Cam." I have never seen him when he was too busy to stop and listen to any of our problems, pleasures, excitements and whatnots and even to swap a naughty joke. His contagious laughter was always ready to spring up at the least provocation and yet when necessary, he was a strict disciplinarian but always fair. He could give advice without your ever knowing it. The type that could make you figure your own problems. Uncle Cam will be missed so much by all of us, and makes us realize more and more that "The moving finger writes, and having writ, moves on."

Have you attended a graduation heard from Miss Dorothy W. Wilson-law graduated Saturday, and Jack's family and Roger's family were all there for the fine occasion. It is really thrilling to see 1500 graduates file into the auditorium. We happened to be sitting where we could see their expressions as they filed in and out—expressions of seriousness, nonchalantness, happiness, indifference and pride.

Latest report on the rocker-it was turned out to be a Kennedy rocker.

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Library Board Met Wednesday

Members of the Duplin County Library Board with only one exception were present at the annual meeting of the Library Board met Wednesday afternoon in the Library.

Mrs. Lawrence Southerland, chairman, presided, assisted by Mrs. Hugh Morrison as Secretary. A splendid report of the Library work and Bookmobile Service was heard from Miss Dorothy Wickham, County Librarian. She stated that she had circulated 12,063 books during the past ten months and that 1296 volumes here have been added to the county collection bringing the total count to 21,278.

The budget for 1961-62 was adopted by the group prior to their adjournment, which it is hoped will be approved at the next meeting of the County Commissioners.

Furney Todd To Be Oak Ridge Speaker Friday

Furney Todd, pathologist with the N. C. State College Extension, will be principal speaker Friday night (June 2) at Oak Ridge Community Building at 8 p. m.

Todd will show slides on the blue mold epidemic which struck Germany tobacco fields last year. The blue mold epidemic did extensive damage to the tobacco crop in Germany in the field and was a major problem for producers.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE
ON N. C. HIGHWAY

RALEIGH - The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, May 29, 1961:

Deaths To Date Last Year	430
Deaths To Date	414



REV. JOHN MAIDES

Methodist Revival Begins Sunday

Reverend John Maides, Evangelist, will hold services at the Kenansville Methodist Church. Services will begin Sunday night, June 4, at 8:00 P. M. and last through Friday night, June 9.

Rev. Maides is an East Coast man, born near Maysville, North Carolina—a man with a passion for

Swimming Permitted Cliffs Of Neuse Opens For Summer Season Saturday

The summer season will open at the Cliffs of the Neuse State Park, near Seven Springs, on Saturday, June 3.

Bruce Price, Park Superintendent, said today that the bathhouse will be open for swimming in the Cliffs Lake. Swimming is permitted daily from 10:30 a. m. until 6 p. m. The Park gate opens at 8 a. m. and closes at 10 p. m. daily.

Boating is also available for persons who desire to go boating on the lake. Because of the acid condition of the water, fish will not live in the Cliffs Lake and little fishing is done, although it is available.

Picnicking facilities and nature trails are also open to the public.

"We are looking forward to the biggest season we have ever had at Cliffs of the Neuse," Price said. "If weather conditions are favorable we believe this will be a big year."

J. C. Pridgen, Sr. Succumb Suddenly

John Campbell Pridgen, 78 died suddenly Saturday night at his home near Warsaw.

Funeral services were conducted at the Friendship Methodist Church Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. Mel Johnson, pastor. Burial followed in the Family Cemetery near the home.

He is survived by his wife, the former Nellie Dixon, two sons John Campbell Pridgen, Jr. of Warsaw and Joseph H. Pridgen of Greenville and one daughter Mrs. Claude Poyer of Greenville, four grand children. One brother A. L. Pridgen of Perry, S. C., two sisters Mrs. L. A. Sally and Mrs. Maggie P. Salley both of Salley, S. C.

Active Pall Bearers were: O. L. Holland, J. B. Jones, Cameron Stroud, Isam Byrd, Herman Whitman and Lee Kornegay.

4-H County Council Monday Night

The 4-H County Council will meet Monday Night, June 12, at 8:00 P. M. in the Agricultural Building, Kenansville. This change in meeting is due to being at 4-H Camp on regular meeting time.

Membership Drive Being Conducted By Eastern N. C. Broiler Growers

By Paul Barwick
Broiler producers throughout Eastern North Carolina are being contacted beginning this week and being asked to join the Eastern North Carolina Broiler Growers, Inc.

I. J. Sandlin, Jr., chairman said today that over 85 members have already joined and that from all indications over 200 broiler producers will have joined the organization within the next two weeks.

Interest in the new organization has increased sharply in recent days. Persons who are not broiler

producers but concerned with the industry in Eastern North Carolina, are joining the Broiler Growers group as associate members with no voting privileges.

Annual membership dues are \$5.00.

"We have representatives in all communities throughout Duplin County," Sandlin said, "and are making arrangements to contact broiler producers in all other counties in Eastern counties already and are expecting more counties to join."

The Eastern North Carolina

Broiler Growers, Inc. came into existence after low broiler prices hit North Carolina producers to a point that they were losing money on operations.

The purpose of the organization, as set forth in the articles of incorporation, is: (1) to insure a closer relationship between Broiler Growers and Feed Producers, (2) to establish an organization of Broiler Growers in order to combine knowledge and experience in an attempt to maintain a more profitable and healthful broiler industry, and (3) to collect and disseminate information which tends to keep Broiler Growers informed on the trends in marketing.

Since the group has been organized, a vote of the member has put the Eastern North Carolina Broiler Growers on record opposing any controls on broilers, from either Federal, State or local legislation.

The resolution adopted stated, "that the poultry producers throughout the United States govern themselves and production without any intervention by the Federal Government; because it is believed that if an industry gets itself into difficulties that it is up to said industry to correct its own difficulties for the good of all concerned."

The resolution was prompted by consideration at the present by the Agriculture Committee of the U. S. House of Representatives to place broiler production under control basing it on a 10-year historical production period.

Should this become law, then the broiler industry in Duplin County, the State's largest broiler producing county, and all other Eastern North Carolina counties would be decreased by more than 50 per cent of its present production.

Warsaw Little League Talk

The "Little League" over in Warsaw got underway Wednesday afternoon of this week. The Legion team coached by Allen Draughan, Sr. lost in the opener 2-7, to a power-packed Lions team coached by Charles Tanner. In the second game, Ted Wilson's Rotary just did sneak out a 4-3 win over Gene Holland's Jaycee nine.

Last week on opening day of "try outs" everyone was really happy to see the big turn out. As one old timer put it "I've never seen as much interest in baseball I thought everybody's only interest was football." Twenty eight boys came out for practice for the first time and I believe that's what you would call having baseball at heart. The

town is really wrapped up in the Little League... but I'm afraid we are looking over something real important in our summer program. Boys from eight years old to thirteen are eligible then what happens. They are turned on the streets... to speak... again. Some FATHER somewhere must come forth and start the ball rolling to organize a "Pony League".

Second baseman Pat Matthis and Danny Best led the slaughter as Tanner's Lions ripped into the American Legion team at will. Matthis and Best had three for four as the Lions pounded Billy Martin and Melvin Hines for 16 hits. Winning pitcher Tommy Benton struck out eight, walked seven and allowed 10 hits in winning. The Legion's big mistake came from allowing 15 men to walk accounting for two or three Lions rallies. Dean Lane and Larry Hilton had two hits apiece for the losers. Robert Blackburn, Duane Millard also had two hits for the winners.

Bill To Give Teachers Sick Leave Causing Widespread Discussion In N. C.

The introduction of a bill to provide sick leave for teachers is causing widespread discussion statements being made about the across the State, with conflicting provisions of the bill.

Representative William Z. Wood, Forsyth County, sponsor of HB 713, states that the bill in no way changes the present provisions for substitute teachers as provided by the regulations of the State Board of Education.

Dr. A. C. Dawson, Executive Secretary, NCEA, points out that the bill is in keeping with a long-standing objective of the United Forces for Education and of the NCEA.

"Teachers are now penalized \$8.00 per day for the privilege of being sick," he declared, "and they have no definite long-term protection for prolonged and expensive illnesses, especially if they lose their contract."

"It is only fair that teachers have at least half as many days of sick leave as is provided for all other State employees and that it be cumulative indefinitely," Dr. Dawson stated.

Children would benefit most from the sick leave program, "because teachers continue to hold class while too sick to teach properly," Wood stated when he introduced the bill.

Wood also pointed out that North Carolina loses teachers to other states where sick leave is provided.

The substitute teacher regulations which now govern teacher absences for sickness require that the teacher's salary be reduced by \$8.00 per day as pay for the substitute. The portion of the State Board regulation governing sick leave, (a), (b), and (c), length of absence states:

"For causes enumerated in Section 111-111, the superintendent under whom a teacher is serving for a period of one or more days, as in his judgment necessarily requires, not exceeding twenty teaching days, and such twenty-day period may be extended for such additional time as the county board of education or the board of trustees of the city administrative unit may approve, provided each extension shall not be in excess of twenty school days. The general regulations of the county or city board shall govern as to the extension of time in the event that the twenty-day period ends between meetings of the respective boards or in case an extension has not been approved or disapproved at a prior board meeting."

If local boards find it necessary the replaced teacher is cut off from any income. A cumulative sick leave program, even if only five days would allow a teacher who has served the State for 20 years a total of 100 days of income.

"We feel that teachers will make every effort to cumulate leave and reserve it for extended illnesses, for this has been the experience, for this has been the experience," (Continued on Back)

Ed. F. Sykes Named Division Supy.

Ed F. Sykes, a native of Kenansville, has been appointed Division Commercial Supervisor of Southern Bell's West Division, effective June 1.

In his new position Sykes will be responsible to the Division Commercial Manager for the coordination and supervision of business office operations in the Asheville, Charlotte and Gastonia Districts.

Sykes started to work with Southern Bell in Raleigh in 1940, and since that time has held various positions throughout the state. He was appointed Manager of the Hendersonville, N. C. group in 1957 and has held that position until coming to Charlotte to assume his new duties.

White in Hendersonville, Sykes was active in civic and church affairs, being a member of the Kiwanis Club, 1st Vice President, Henderson County United Fund and Chairman of the 1960 fund drive board of directors Henderson County YMCA, member B. P. J. Elks Lodge No. 1618, board of directors Valley Hill volunteer fire department, member of the Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce and secretary to the official board of stewards of the First Methodist Church of Hendersonville.

Sykes is the son of Mrs. R. L. Sykes of Kenansville and is married to the former Doris Turner of Greenville, S. C. They have two children, Edward F., Jr. and Anna Turner.

The Sykes will move to Charlotte in the near future.



Ed F. SYKES

Farm Tenancy Shows Decline From 1954 To 1959 In North Carolina Shifting

decreased sharply from 1954 to 1959, reaching its lowest level since 1930.

A preliminary report from the 1960 Census of Agriculture shows that 31.4 per cent of the farms in North Carolina were tenant operated in 1959 as compared with 36.9 per cent five years earlier. The national percentage was 20.5 in 1959.

Translated into actual numbers, North Carolina had 59,925 tenants in 1959 as compared with 98,819 in 1954. The total number of farms in the state declined from 267,006 to 190,567 during the period. A change in the definition of a farm account for 16,861, of the loss.

Dr. Selz C. Mayo, head of the Department of Rural Sociology at North Carolina State College, says that farm tenancy in North Carolina reached its peak about 1930.

While the percentage of tenant has been declining since then, the decrease in North Carolina has not been as rapid as in other Southern states.

He attributes this slower decrease to tobacco, which has been called America's last great unmechanized crop.

In 1959, for example, 18 Tar Hee counties still had over half their farms operated by tenants. Edgecombe led the list with 74.1 per cent. Others (listed in order of tenancy percentage) were Greene, Wilson, Pitt, Nash, Robeson, Hertford, Granville, Scotland, Person, Lenoir, Martin, Vance, Halifax, Wayne, Bertie, Hoke and Caswell.

All counties falling in the over 50 per cent category are heavy producers of tobacco with the exception of Scotland, Bertie and Hoke, which produce either cotton or peanuts in large amounts.

Watauga had the distinction of having the lowest percentage of tenants in 1959 - 1 per cent as compared with 8 per cent in 1954.

Most mountain counties had very few tenants. Alexander, Tilerghany, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Macon and Watauga, for example had less than 5 per cent.

Hyde, Jackson, Mitchell and Orange had more tenants in 1959 than they did in 1954. Percentage of increase was small in each of these counties, however.

Dr. Mayo says that where tenancy rates are low the tenant is usually on one of two categories: first, he may be a young farmer without much capital working toward farm ownership; or secondly, he may be a relative of the landlord beginning to assume ownership.

In either case, "Dr. Mayo added, "this position is much different from the tenant farmer who has no other resources and whose only way out is to sell the farm and move to town."

57,000 Fires Are Originated In Rubbish-Costly

Fires originating in rubbish caused \$21-million property loss in 1959, the latest year for which statistics are complete.

This terrific loss, estimated by the National Fire Protection Association, was the result of homes, stores, and factories, allowing accumulation of rubbish.

"Now while you are not busy attending furnaces, stoves or fireplaces, use that time to clear out old newspapers, broken furniture, oily rags, and other combustible material that you have put in the scrap heap," advised Fire Chief Lauren Sharpe.

He added, "Don't give fire a place to start."

Combustible rubbish is FIRE'S FAVORITE FOOD!

Now as you think you have cleared out your place, remember that some rubbish is still there, waiting for a spark to start a fire.