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No Cause For Alarm

# "Mixed" Cuke Seeds Sown In Area This Year; Adjustments To Be Made

By Paul Barwick  
Many southeastern North Carolina cucumber producers became disturbed this week when it became apparent that seeds sown for this year's crop were "mixed." James Jeffreys, of Jeffreys and Son Seed Company, of Goldsboro, said his firm had distributed the cucumber seed in question and that the mixture of "pickling" and "slicer" type seeds were planted and are beginning to show up.

The adjustment will be made to the individual farmer by Seed Research Specialist, a California company, and distributed in this area by Jeffreys and Son Seed Company. Daniel Barton, Eastern United States representative of Seed Specialist, has been in southeastern North Carolina this week looking over and examining the situation.

"This is nothing for the farmers to get upset about," Jeffreys said. "Arrangements are being made to make an adjustment with all the cucumber producers who received and planted some of these mixed seeds."

## In Wallace District 27 State Nurses Asso, Met

District No. 27 N. C. State Nurses Association met at Wallace Town Hall on June 8th at 8 p. m.

# Theodore Boykins Sentenced To Die For Rape-Murder Of Mrs. Lena Barnes

Theodore Boykins was sentenced to die in the North Carolina gas chamber by an all white, all male jury in Duplin Criminal Superior Court for the rape-murder of Mrs. Lena T. Barnes, of Rose Hill, on Christmas Eve, 1961. The trial ending Friday afternoon.

When asked by Judge Fountain if he had a statement to make after judgement was passed, Boykins told one of his defense attorneys Rivers Johnson that he had nothing to say. Attorney Johnson related the message to the court.

Days was allowed for the solicitor to present his reply to the appeal. Boykins was carried to Central Prison Friday afternoon.

New evidence was introduced by the SBI and Solicitor Walter Britt. It was revealed that Mrs. Barnes' body was exhumed recently. The body was exhumed to verify the bullet wounds. One of the bullets fired from the .32 caliber pistol passed completely through the body and another one lodged in the back. One of the bullets passed through her heart which would have caused death. There is a possibility that the compound fracture of the skull could have also caused death according to testimony by Dr. C. F. Hawes, of Rose Hill, who examined the body after it was found.

## Hayes Lanier's Death Last Week At Duplin General Hospital Is Clarified

Concern was expressed in Duplin County over the week-end concerning an article which appeared in last week's Duplin Times about the death of Hayes Lanier, of Chinquapin.

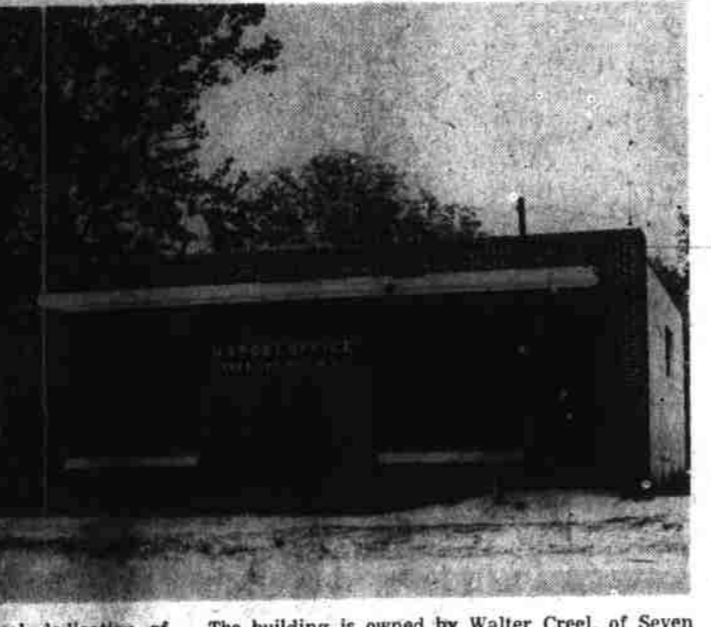
Lanier died upon arrival at Duplin General Hospital from the jail. It had previously been stated that he was removed from jail around 8 a. m. and died around 8:30 a. m. in the emergency room at Duplin General Hospital Wednesday June 7.

Dr. Boyette advised the Times that he did not say Lanier died of a heart attack. He said he advised an autopsy to determine cause of death.

It was reported by The Duplin Times that Lanier had been admitted to Duplin County jail after Lanier had been refused admission to Duplin General Hospital.

Mr. Lanier said Wednesday afternoon that she would not permit an autopsy. Duplin County Coroner Hector McNeil said Wednesday that cause of death "would probably be listed on the death certificate as a heart attack."

Seven Springs Post Office was established on June 22, 1839, which according to available records makes this the oldest post office in Wayne County. The post office, with two rural routes, serves patrons in parts of three counties, Wayne, Lenoir and Duplin.



NEW POST OFFICE - Formal dedication of the new Post Office at Seven Springs is to be around the first of July, the date not having been set yet. The post office is modern in every respect. The building is owned by Walter Creel, of Seven Springs. The new building at the left of the post office is the office of Dr. E. C. Grady, dentist. (Photo by Paul Barwick.)

## Seven Springs Gets New Building For Post Office; Oldest Wayne PO

By Paul Barwick  
Seven Springs has a new post office. Tentative plans have been made to hold official dedication "sometimes in around the first of July," according to Postmaster Harold Grant.

structured building to the post office department. It was constructed under post office specifications. It is a brick veneer structure.

Major C. R. Loftin, June 22, 1839; James I. Davis, March 13, 1844; William W. Loftin, October 14, 1847; Oliver E. Mathews, May 31, 1848; Richard S. Wooten, March 14, 1850; Willis P. Pipkin, March 12, 1852.

## BRIEFS

**Annual Red Cross Meet**  
The Annual Red Cross meeting will be held in the Chapter office at Kenansville on Thursday night, June 22, at 8:00 P. M. William E. Craft is Chairman and Mrs. N. S. Boney, Executive Secretary of the Duplin County Chapter.

**Geopel Sing**  
The Pilgrims and Raynor Brothers will conduct Geopel Singing at the Pleasant Grove Community Building on June 17. The singing will begin at 8:00 P. M. and last until 9:30 with music for all. The public is cordially invited. An admission fee will be charged.

**On Study Tour**  
Edwin M. Lanier of Rose Hill and Thelma Swinson of Warsaw are among the 37 men and women members of the East Carolina College's 1961 Summer Travel Tour of the Southwestern United States. It is a 30 day travel and study tour to include nineteen states and Juarez, Mexico. The tour will end at Greenville on July 3.

**WILLIAMS-WALLER REUNION**  
The descendants of the late David and Penelope Brown Williams and the late Stephen and Elvie Wings Waller will assemble at the B. F. Grady School at 11:00 A. M., Sunday, June 18, for their annual reunion. There will be a brief program and business session, followed by a picnic luncheon. All members of the Williams-Waller clan are cordially invited to attend.

**HARPER REUNION**  
The annual Harper family reunion will be held on Saturday, June 17, at the GHHS of the State State Park. Those who plan to attend are asked to bring a picnic lunch and cold refreshments and meet at the picnic area at 11:30 A. M.

## Duplin Negro 4-H Clubs Win District Cup

Duplin county 4-H club members for the fourth time in seven years were awarded the coveted district 4-H club cup. The presentation was made by Mrs. Helen Branford, District Supervisor for Southeastern Extension district. As the county receiving the highest rating at the annual affair, seventeen counties are involved in the activity covering eighteen phases of farm and home activities.

Duplin 4-H boys and girls attained an astronomical score of 2900 points edging Wilson county by 80 points who attained a score of 2800. Pender county took third place with 2240 points. Other counties participating were Bladen, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Green, Harnett, Johnson, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Robeson, Sampson, Wake and Wayne. Annette Carlton of Route 1, Warsaw is 4-H county council president. Duplin contestants won five 1st place, four second places and two third places out of fourteen entries.

## Road Improvements

State forces made improvements to five roads in the Third Highway Division last month, according to a progress report from Division Engineer T. J. McKim.

In Brunswick County, widening, grading, draining and paving was completed on 0.4 mile of road 1123 Garland Varsum Road.

Grading draining and paving was completed on these New Hanover County roads: 0.5 mile of road 1419 Rogersville Road; driveways to Wilmington College; and on 0.25 mile of Harbor Island School Road.

State forces also completed soil surfacing on 0.5 mile of Smith and Simmons Road in Duplin County.

The Third Division comprises Sampson, Duplin, Onslow, Pender, New Hanover and Brunswick Counties.

## As Recalled By R. V. Wells

Boykins first to be sentenced to die from Duplin County in very long time

When Theodore Boykins was sentenced to die in gas chamber last Friday in Duplin Criminal Superior Court, it marked the first death sentence that had been ordered by a Duplin County jury since July, 1939.

R. V. Wells, Duplin Clerk of Superior Court, said today. "There may have been one in between the 1939 death penalty, but I do not recall it."

Ironically, the 1939 death sentence was not carried out when a question of the convicted man's involvement in the case was questioned in the trial of another party in a later trial.

The last death sentence which was carried out was in October, 1937 when three persons were sentenced to die.

In July 1939, Sheprose Holland, a white man, was convicted of the murder by drowning of Ray Goodman, a two or three year old boy. According to Clerk of Court Wells, Holland's sentence was later commuted to life in prison. He is still in prison in North Carolina, according to Wells.

There have been several instances where capital offenses were charged and where conviction was voted by the jury, but with recommendations of mercy, which gives an automatic life sentence.

## Foreign Group Visits Research Station

On Tuesday of this week, a group of 20 from Nigeria, Liberia and Ghana, Africa visited the Coastal Plain Vegetable Research Station at Faison.

They have been in the United States since April studying different stages of Agriculture, especially the Extension Program.

Their main interest at this station was multiple, but some of the specific questions led to how information got to the farmer after decisions were made, how do you arrive at a new recommendation, how does vegetable production compare with other phases of Agriculture.

The group consisted of agricultural leaders from their locale. It was interesting to note that many of the vegetable crops grown here are also grown in Africa.



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## Trial & Error

This has been an interesting week. Our sales lady has been on vacation so I told her I would take her routes however when I got in I named it a "Good Will" tour rather than a selling spree. But it was lots of fun. I met so many new people and saw so many old acquaintances, that I had a real good time chatting with all of them. However I think Ruby picked the two hottest days in the year to send me out on the road, and I got in a terrific storm, had a flat tire, and felt a couple of times like I would like to sit on the curb and cry. Ruby thinks I make a better Printer's Devil than a salesman.

Most of us feel that to have success in life, we have to do something big or spectacular. In looking for the unusual from life, we fail to enjoy the everyday pleasures. While reading the other night, I stumbled over this quotation by Ralph Waldo Emerson, which defines success:

"To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; to earn the approbation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to give one's self; to leave the world a bit better; whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived—THIS IS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED."

Patrick B. Comer, Jr., Greenville industrial psychologist and speech consultant, whose opinion was reprinted in the current issue of "Vital Speeches of the Day", lists the "Ten Ways to Get Ahead" in supervision as follows:

1. Join the management team.
2. Accept total responsibility for your job.
3. Take a professional attitude toward your work.
4. Plan your work.
5. Don't get into a rut.
6. Develop your employees to the fullest of their capacity.
7. Discipline yourself to be fair, open-minded and even-tempered.
8. Never let yourself be pulled down by mediocrity.
9. Enlarge your vision of life.
10. Be honest with yourself.

Who wouldn't succeed if they followed that schedule?

Took Margaret down to Camp Morehead last Saturday, and it is a pretty camp, with the small cabins on the hill, looking out over the sound. The boys and girls looked so happy and were as busy getting unpacked and getting acquainted. Saw Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riley of Carolina Power and Light Company down there getting their children settled. Margaret writes glowing accounts of camp life, but always winds up by saying, "I'm homesick."

Charles Whitley, secretary to Dave Henderson in Washington, D. C., dropped by the office to chat with us this week. He talks like they are really busy in Washington.

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## Membership Now 140 Dennis Ramsey, Duplin Feed Dealer, Says He Approves Of Broiler Group

Dennis Ramsey, one of North Carolina's largest feed dealers in the broiler-contract business, has endorsed the purpose of the Eastern North Carolina Broiler Growers, Inc.

Ramsey of Rose Hill said, "I agree with the purpose for which the group has organized."

Ramsey spearheaded and pioneered production in Eastern North Carolina back in 1954. He has led the way in Duplin and adjoining Counties, with Duplin now being

North Carolina's leading broiler producing area in the State.

The Eastern North Carolina Broiler Growers, Inc. has been organized to: (1) 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.

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## Elected In New Bern Tuesday Mrs. Christine Williams New President Of State Register Of Deeds Association

Mrs. Christine Williams, Duplin County Register of Deeds, was sworn in Tuesday night as President of the North Carolina Register of Deeds Association.

Ceremonies were at the Governor Tryon Hotel in New Bern at the final meeting of the annual convention of the State organization.

Mrs. Williams has been Register of Deeds in Duplin County since 1952. Since that time she has been active in affairs of the Association and has made many improvements in Duplin County's Register of Deeds office.

For the past year, she has served as first vice-president of the State Register of Deeds. In addition to joining this office, she originated

and served as editor of the first monthly publication of the State organization.

Mrs. Williams, and other officers were sworn in by W. G. Massey, Johnson County Register of Deeds.

Mrs. Williams is married to Lehman Williams, of Pink Hill, route 2. The Williams have two children, Melvin, a rising sophomore at Duke University, and Glenn, a student at B. F. Grady high school.

Other officers to serve during 1961-62 are: Thad Crawford Montgomery County, first vice-president Mrs. Blair W. H. H. Pitt County, second vice-president; and Duke Paris, Alamance County, treasurer.

## Annual Budget Estimate For 1961-62 1961 County Tax Rate Same \$1.60

The County's annual budget estimate for the fiscal year 1961-62 is as follows: Total Budget Requirements - General, Poor, etc.; Health Administration of Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children; Farm and Home Agents, County Accountant's Office, and Property Revaluation Funds \$470,112.72; County Debt Service Fund \$61,348.80; Old Age Assistance Fund \$182,400.00; Aid To Dependent Children Fund \$234,840.00; Aid To The Permanently and Totally Disabled Fund \$96,000.00; Aid To The Blind Fund \$7,036.00; Operation, Equipment and Maintenance of Hospital Fund \$40,600.00; Nursing Home-Joint Account Fund \$52,000.00; Current Expense School Fund \$328,899.00; Capital Outlay School Fund \$290,500.00; Debt Service School Fund \$17,705.81 - Total (All Funds) \$1,781,442.33.

Estimated revenue to be available other than tax levy is as follows: General Fund \$190,437.72; County Debt Service Fund \$4,423.80; Old Age Assistance Fund \$167,550.00; Aid To Dependent Children Fund \$224,940.00; APTD Fund \$86,100.00; Aid To The Blind Fund \$11.00; Operation, Equipment and Maintenance of Hospital Fund \$1,000.00; Nursing Home - Joint A/C Fund \$52,000.00; Current Expense School Fund \$219,999.00; Capital Outlay School Fund \$43,000.00; Debt Service School Fund \$380.81 - Total (All Funds) \$989,842.33.

The total amount of the tax levy is estimated at \$880,000.00. The estimate of property valuation is \$55,000,000.00.

Estimated 1961 tax rate is as follows: General Fund \$2.30 Poor Etc. Fund \$0.08, Health Fund \$0.08, Adm. OAA and ADC \$0.05, County Accountant's office \$0.04, County Farm and Home Agents \$0.05; Property Revaluation \$0.06, County Debt Service Fund \$0.11, Old Age Assistance Fund \$0.03, Aid To Dependent Children Fund \$0.02, APTD Fund

\$0.02, Aid To The Blind Fund \$0.11, Operation, Equipment and Maintenance of Hospital Fund \$0.08, Current Expense School Fund \$0.22, Capital Outlay School Fund \$0.50, Debt Service School Fund \$0.34 - Total (All Funds) \$1.60.

The 1960 Total Tax Rate was \$1.60 on the one hundred dollars of property valuation.

## Kenansville Lions Review History

President Rufus Elks introduced Z. W. Frazelle who extended a warm welcome to the Lions and their ladies on Thursday Night when they met for a supper meeting at Jones Cafe in Kenansville. Each lady was presented a corsage which was tied with ribbons carrying out the colors of the organization, purple and gold.

Lion George Penney spoke briefly on Radiological Monitoring. Penney and Wilbert Jones have recently attended a school in Raleigh, on the subject. Penney explained the danger of the gases from bomb explosions and showed a geiger and dosimeter which is designed to carry in the pocket when around radioactive material.

Lion Lauren A. Sharpe gave a brief history of Lionism and the Lions Club of Kenansville which was organized in 1945. He told of the work that the Lions club had done in the community such as sponsoring the Boy Scouts, recreation programs, securing facilities to get a doctor and many other projects. The principal work of the Lions Clubs is aid for the blind, and the club set Johnnie Brown to summer camp last year.

Of much interest to the group was a picture which Lion Roscoe Jones had that was taken on the night the Kenansville Club was organized.

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Let's bring the U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA HOME