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## Mrs. John D. Robinson To Manage Moore Organization

Mrs. John D. Robinson of Wallace has been named to State Manager of the Women's Division of the Moore for Governor campaign organization.

Wife of the late Dr. John D. Robinson of Wallace, she has two children, Dr. John D. Robinson, Jr., of Wallace and Mrs. James W. Doonan of Des Moines, Iowa.



MRS. JOHN D. ROBINSON

Mrs. Robinson, who will maintain an office in Moore's Raleigh Headquarters, said "I have entered this campaign because Judge Moore is clearly the best qualified man to serve as our next Governor. He has legislative, judicial and business experience and has served in the ranks of the Democratic Party for more than 35 years.

## MYF Family Night At Warsaw

The Kenansville Sub-District Methodist Youth Fellowship will observe Family Night on Sunday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Warsaw Methodist Church.

The enthusiastic speaker for the evening, Rev. J. Conrad Glass, Jr. Congregational Director of Youth Work, will explain and show slides about the church summer assemblies.

## Phone Company Pays Taxes

W.S. Richardson, local manager for Carolina Telephone, one of the country's largest taxpayers, this week presented a check for \$13,828 to the Duplin County Tax Collector.

The check was in payment of 1963 ad valorem taxes on the company's properties within the county. In addition, checks covering municipal ad valorem taxes will be delivered this week.

The company's total county and municipal tax bill throughout eastern North Carolina amounted to \$1,008,000. In addition, state and federal taxes came to \$7,700,000.

This does not include the 10% federal excise tax on telephone service which the company collects from its subscribers and remits to the federal government.

## 5 To Pen, 3 To Jail

Judge William J. Bundy, during three days of Superior Court in Kenansville last week, sentenced one woman and four men to the State Prison in Raleigh for periods ranging from 18 months to 5 years. Three others were sentenced to the jail for six months to be assigned work under the State Prison Department.

Among the judgments handed down by the court are:

Annie Harrell Green, Faison found guilty by the jury of possession of non-tax-paid whiskey two years Woman's Division of State Prison.

Robert Lee Miller, Beulaville, breaking, entering and larceny, four years State Prison.

Thomas Lloyd Clinton, breaking, entering and assault on an officer, five years State Prison.

Charles Junious Blue, Faison, forgery, 18 mos. State Prison.

David James Carpenter, Wallace, breaking and entering two years, State Prison.

Clarence Dudley Brown, Elender Lask and Roosevelt Barrs, Rose Hill, were sentenced to six months in jail to be assigned to work under the State Prison

has been a precinct worker, county vice-chairman, North Carolina Radio Chairman for the Colonial Dames of America, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century and the North Carolina Art Society.

Mrs. Robinson is a member of the Wallace Presbyterian Church, the Wallace Women's Club, which she has served as President; the Perennial Garden Club, the Colonial Dames of America, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century and the North Carolina Art Society.

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## Lejeune Event Friday

Citizens of eastern North Carolina are cordially invited to attend the activities commemorating the 23rd anniversary of the 2d Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, January 31.

Commencing at 10:30 a. m., the schedule of events will include a Division parade and review, massing of the unit colors and a special holiday meal for Marines their dependents and guests.

Spectators attending the ceremonies will not be required to Neil Kennedy, Beulaville, onto the base, and ample parking will be available in either the Base Exchange parking area or at the Goette Memorial Field House.

Vice Admiral John S. McCain, Jr., USN, Commander, Amphibious Forces Atlantic Fleet, with headquarters at Norfolk, Va., will be the reviewing officer. In addition to former commanders of the 2d Marine Division, local dignitaries have been invited to witness the colorful ceremonies.

Department, for breaking and entering.

A court-directed finding of not guilty was rendered in a worthless check case of Frank Williams, Mount Olive.

Lacy Tanner, Kenansville, was put under probation for two years and taxed with the cost in a breaking and entering case.

Lott Sloan of Rose Hill had a possession of non-tax-paid whiskey case dismissed by Judge Bundy on a legal technicality.

Al Smith Bannerman, Teachey, pled guilty to possession of non-tax-paid whiskey and possession for purposes of sale. Judge Bundy handed him two years in jail, suspended for two years on condition that he remain on good behavior two years, operate no motor vehicle for one year, pay \$260 and cost of cases in General County Court and this appeal.

E.G. Futrell, charged with larceny and receiving, pled guilty to forcible trespass, which plea was accepted by the State. Judgment in this case was 15 mos. in jail, suspended upon payment to the court of \$1,500.00 for use of White Owl Surplus Parts, Co., Kinston, pay cost and remain on good behavior for two years.

## Strickland Announces For County Commissioner

J. Ed Strickland of Warsaw announced today that he will definitely be a candidate for County Commissioner from District 1 in the May Primary.

District 1 is composed of Warsaw and Faison Townships and the incumbent is Lott Korney.

## Students On ECC Honor List

Among the students at East Carolina College who have received official recognition for scholastic achievement during the fall quarter of the present school year are ten from Duplin.

The dean's list and the honor roll include the names of students whose work was considered worthy of special mention and commendation.

Duplin students on the honor list are:

Albertson--Billy Franklin Jones (honor roll); Beulaville--Kate B. McDowell (honor roll); Henry Donald Scott (all A's); Geraldine Kennedy, Donna Jan Sumner (honor roll); Rose Hill--David Geddie Fussell, Valeria Carr King (honor roll); Teachey--David Glen Whaley (dean's list); Wallace--Jennifer C. Butler, Donald Leach Carr (honor roll); Plink Hill--Alice Faye Scott and Keith Edward Hill.

## DANCE REMINDER

Just a reminder that a dance to benefit the March of Dimes for the Albertson area will be held at 8:00 p.m. Saturday night, The date, February 1, at the American Legion Hut at Maxwell's Mill. Mrs. Carolyn Johnson is in charge of arrangements. So everybody come on out and join the fun.

## Brock Soybean Champ

Russell Brock, Route 2, Mount Olive, has brought the State Championship to Duplin County by growing more soybeans per acre than any other producer.

Brock is the first farmer outside northeastern North Carolina to win the contest. He produced an official per-acre

yield of 60.09 bushels. Such a yield earned him membership in the State's exclusive 50 bushel Soybean Club with over ten bushels to spare.

Last year's champion was Joe Ratcliff of Panteo in Beaufort County with 53.4 bushels per acre. Ratcliff increased his yield this year to 54.1 bushels

to come in second to Brock. Howard Small, extension agronomy specialist at State College, says Brock will receive a plaque, pin and certificate in recognition of his accomplishment.

His outstanding achievement was announced by State College and the Duplin County Extension Office. Cameron Garriss, agricultural extension agent in Kenansville worked closely with Brock in his contest efforts.

Any person who produces 2 acres or more of soybeans in North Carolina is eligible to enter the contest. Applications for consideration for membership in the 50 Bushel Soybean Club must be made to the county committee one week prior to harvest, and preferably sooner. At least one member of the county committee must be present at harvest and weighing. Measurements must be made by the ASC Chairman and certified public scales must be used for weighing.

Brock used a select Lee seed which he had grown himself and planted 52 pounds of seed per acre in 40 inch rows with every fourth row only 12 inches apart. He applied 2,000 pounds of lime per acre and 500 pounds of 5-10-10 fertilizer. The fertilizer was applied at seeding two inches below the seed and two inches at the side. He says this side placing is important and that limestone is essential to producing a top soybean crop.

Brock says his beans had a good season after planting and came up and started early. After planting he worked them once with a rotary hoe and three times with a shallow cultivator. He sprayed with a mixture of toxaphene and DDT in September. The beans were planted the last of May and harvested November 15.

His acreage was measured by J.L. Lanier of the County ASCS office and weighed at the Farmers Exchange in Mount Olive.

Brock emphasizes the use of plenty of lime to sweeten the soil. Soil test showed that he needed 1500 pounds per acre for his beans but he used 2000 and says that he has spread 120 tons of lime on his farm this fall and winter.

Near the yard of the Brock home stand several grain storage bins and a bulk tobacco

chests which fell on August 21. The driest month of the year was October with only .94 inch. This was 1.72 inches below normal.

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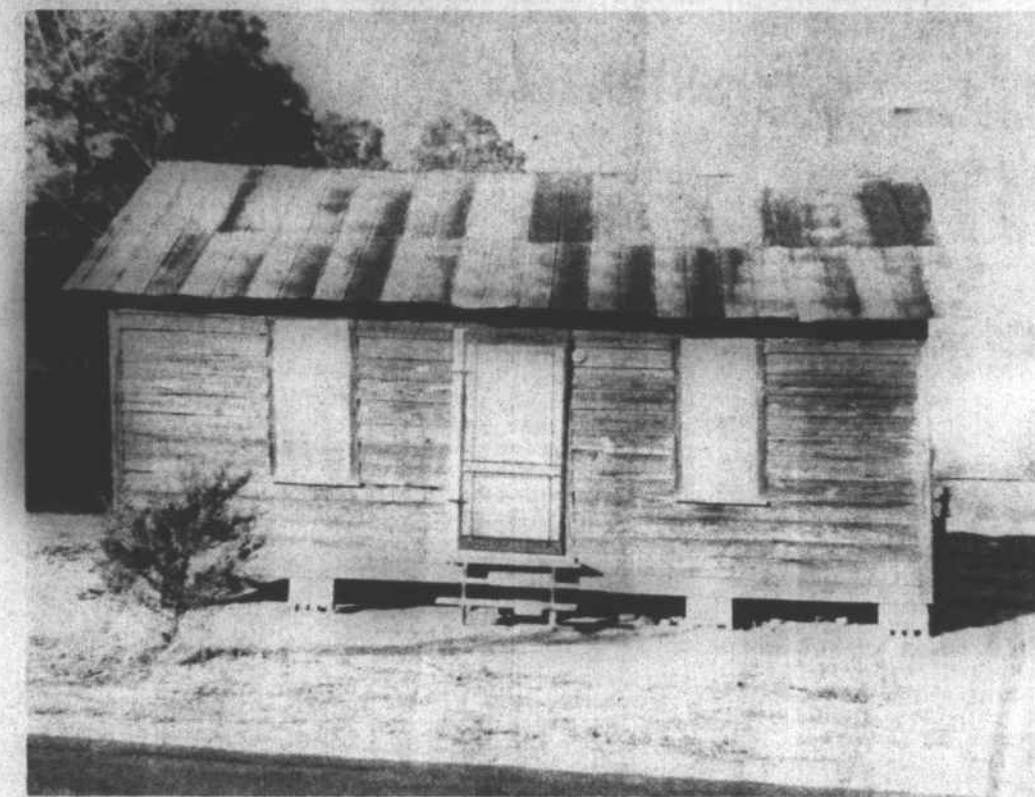
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RUSSELL BROCK, SOYBEAN CHAMP.

## Bennett Under Bond For Grand Jury Action



DEATH SCENE.--Home of George Bennett near Blizzard's Crossroads where Eddie Nelson Southerland and Jasper Franklin Taylor Jr. were shot to death and Billy Ray Bell wounded on January 19.

At a hearing Monday night in the Duplin County Courthouse, a coroner's jury recommended that George Bennett be held for action by the Grand Jury but allowed bond.

Bennett walked out of the county jail Tuesday morning after posting \$7500.00 bond.

He had been held, without bail, charged with two counts of murder and one charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Bennett is alleged to have shot down three young men in the doorway of his three room house, where he lives alone, near Blizzard's Store in upper Duplin. Two of the boys were fatally injured by the bullets fired from a .22 cal. automatic rifle.

The verdict of the jury empanelled by Coroner Hector McNeill, was that Eddie Nelson Southerland and Jasper Franklin Taylor, Jr. came to their deaths on Jan. 19, 1964, at the hands of George Bennett as the result of rifle shots. The jury recommended action in the case by the Grand Jury and that Bennett be allowed bond. Solicitor Walter T. Britt accepted the verdict for the State and set bond at \$7500.00.

Testimony at the inquest pointed to evidence of considerable drinking both by the boys and by Bennett. Bennett indicated that he had a scuffle with one of the boys when he went to help them get the car from the ditch near his home, that he went into his house, and opened fire when the boys "came in" on him by pushing open his door.

Investigation disclosed that there was no evidence of forceful entry and little of a scuffle. Billie Ray Bell, who was hit in the corner of his eye by one of the bullets, testified that the three boys went to Bennett's house to enlist his aid in helping them from a ditch where they were stuck for a second time, and with no idea of harming the man. Bell related that Southerland was in the house. Taylor was just going in the door and he was at the steps when they were shot.

Testimony revealed that when officers arrested Bennett that he was in bed, with the cover pulled up over his head, and that one of the boys lay dead beside the bed.

Much interest is manifest over the county in the case as was evident by the attendance of some 250 people at the inquest.

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## Bloodshed

RALEIGH - The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10:00 a. m. Monday, January 27:

Killed To Date 88  
Killed To Date Last Year 77

## Trial & Error

Politics is picking up a bit and the political pot is going into the "before boiling" stage. State political releases have kept the mails loaded. Moore, Preyer and Lake have a release in each incoming mail.

County politics is perking up a little too. Ed Strickland of Warsaw announced today that he would be a candidate for county Commissioner from the first district. Mr. Lott Korney of Warsaw is present Commissioner from the district and has been for several years.

In other offices rumors are flying, but to date we have received no official announcements.

Mrs. Plina Hines of Warsaw died on Monday night. Mrs. Hines was 95 years young. She was such a lovely lady and interested in everyone and everything. When I went to see Mrs. Plina around Christmas, she asked about everyone that we knew and seemed so well and happy. I was reading somewhere this week that it was so much sadder to be forty years old than it was to be seventy years young. This applied so beautifully to Mrs. Hines.

I have been jumped for my sentimental views about the trees in Kenansville. It has been pointed out that it has given so much more parking space and so much more freedom to the automobiles which come flying in that street on their way to the hospital. It has further been suggested that if people who work in the Agriculture office would park in the parking area which has been provided behind the building, and if Courthouse workers would park in the area around the Health Building, that the area around the Courthouse would really be "uncongested". It is worth thinking about at any rate.

Ruth.

## Blueberry School

Blueberry growers of Southeastern North Carolina were able to have their questions concerning blueberry culture answered by a panel of experts at the Annual Blueberry School conducted Wednesday at the Agricultural Building in Kenansville.

Prior to the discussion the growers heard speeches by W. T. Brightwell of the Georgia agricultural experiment station on Rabbiteye Blueberries and on Blueberries in Georgia, R.D.

Each county chairman has been asked to submit the three nominations to State Democratic Headquarters no later than February 10th.

## NEW DEPUTY AND JAILER

Ervin Outlaw has recently been appointed a deputy sheriff and the jailer. Mrs. Outlaw is the former Josephine Hatch of Mount Olive and they have two children, Mike 4 and Pam 2. The Outlaws moved into the jail early this month from Warsaw, but are from the Mount Olive Section originally.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Houston, who lived in the jail for eleven years moved back to their home in Beulaville.

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