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PRICE 10¢ PLUS TAX



Falson Produce Market, said to be one of the busiest in the nation in "green season," is bustling with activity, boosting the economy of the far-reaching area. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

PRODUCE PRICES SOAR

Snap Beans, Yellow Squash, and Cucumbers were all selling good in Falson last week. Snap beans rallied from the previous week, at a low of \$1 to reach a high of \$5.50 per bushel. Some sales were as low as \$3.75. Farmers were much happier with this price

than they were with the previous week's prices. Yellow squash were selling higher than ever remembered in the history of the produce market. The going price was \$3 to \$3.85 per half bushel container. The cucumber crop, hit by

frost and again by adverse weather conditions, may not be as large as last year. Prices were real good, \$4.50 to \$5.50 per basket.

Mechanical harvesters are being introduced in the area to pick snap beans. This is a one

operation harvest as the machine strips both the beans and foliage from the plant. The harvesters operate under contract. They begin operation in Florida and move northward as the crops mature in the different areas.

Slaying Follows Argument

Weekend Arrests

The sheriff's office reported that Roy Ray of New Jersey stole a truck belonging to Ernest Taylor, of Falson. Ray was apprehended Sunday and the truck was recovered. Ray has been indicted for stealing a truck, and having no operators license.

Robert Hudson, Scotts Store section, RFD, Mount Olive was jailed over the weekend, charged with assault, assault on a female, trespassing, and public

drunkenness. He has been released on \$1,000 bail and is awaiting trial.

Donna Owens and his twin Rondia Owens, colored, age 20, of Route 1 Albertson, were arrested over the weekend charged with concealed weapon. The arrest occurred at Aldin's Place, which is located near the old Outlaw's Bridge School. They have been released on \$100 bond each for appearance in County Court.

Roosevelt Graham was fatally wounded Friday night about 10:30 at his home following an argument over a guitar.

William Lee Thompson, 21, colored male of Rout 2, Falson, was reported to have engaged in an argument with Graham, colored male about 20, of Bowden. Graham left the scene of the argument and went to his home. Thompson followed him, entered the Graham home and with shotgun allegedly shot Graham. The load entered Graham's neck and chest. Thompson has been charged

with murder, but has not been apprehended. The car being driven by Thompson; but owned by his father was found later Friday night on a rural dirt road near Falson, stuck and abandoned. The Sheriff's Department is investigating.

Primary Run-Off Saturday June 25

Duplin County has only one contest in the run-off Saturday. This is a commissioner race in the second district, and the race is between incumbent Kenneth Grady, and E. E. Kelly. Involved in this run-off are voters from Smith Township, Albertson Township, Glisson Township, Wolfscrape Township, and Calypso Precinct. Mr. Grady is completing a second term as commissioner of the second district. Mr. Kelly has previously represented this district.

Stranger Things Seldom Happen

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Wilbur Cavenaugh and family, in the loss of his brother, Thomas (Tom) Cavenaugh.

Tom had lived for many years in Morrison, Colorado. Wilbur also has a sister, Mrs. Annie Hovarth who lives in Wilmington.

Mrs. Hovarth has a son who lives in New Jersey and last Tuesday morning June 14, the Hovarth's left Wilmington very early in the day to spend the rest of the week in New Jersey. Soon after the Hovarth's left Wilmington, Western Union tried to deliver a message to Mrs. Hovarth. There was no

one home to receive the message and after several attempts to locate the family it seems that the telegram might have been left in the door.

Monday morning June 20, Mr. Hovarth, back from the New Jersey trip found a weatherbeaten telegram on his lawn as he started mowing. The telegram was from Mrs. Hovarth's sister-in-law in Colorado. It was dated June 14th and stated that Tom passed away early that morning. Mrs. Hovarth was to inform Wilbur, and the other N. C. relatives. The folks in Colorado would await funeral arrangements until they heard from North Carolina.

Wilbur called the Colorado Cavenaugh's last night and it was awfully hard to explain why no family, no flowers, or no words of concern had

been sent from the North Carolina Cavenaugh's to the Colorado Cavenaugh's.

Tom owned and operated a Guest Ranch. He was operating a tractor in the presence of two of his employees when the tractor overturned pinning him underneath and bringing instant death.

Wallace Boy in Capitol

A Wilmington television appearance nearly two years ago recently brought about an unusual and exciting experience for Wayne Sumner, 13, of Wallace.

In late May Wayne, whose father, Jesse W. Sumner, is superintendent of the Coastal Plain Research Station near Wallace, and whose family consists of Mrs. Helen Sumner, his mother, and a sister, Rose Marie, was unexpectedly invited to be honor guests from North Carolina and narrator for a production at the annual Art Fair on the White House grounds in Washington, D.C.

On June 4, sponsored by the Washington Post and the District of Columbia Recreation Department. On June 1 Wayne entrained for Washington alone. When he arrived in the Capitol City a succession of events and honors for him began. The "red carpet" was really rolled out for him as the following will bear out:

On Friday evening, June 3, he was the special guest of Colonel Robert B. Carney, Jr. commanding officer of the famed Marine Barracks in Washington, oldest Marine post in the nation, for a performance of the spectacular United States Marines' Sunset Parade, featuring the United States Marine Band, the United States Marines Drum and Bugle Corps, and the highly skilled Silent Battalion. Wayne was seated in the "VIP" section.

Also viewing the Parade were a number of wounded Viet Nam Marine veterans of Green Be-

ret fame, who were especially brought from Bethesda Naval Hospital on their stretchers for the occasion. They were placed immediately below Wayne in the reviewing stand, also in the VIP section he shared.

Next day, June 4, Wayne appeared in his musical show "Stars of Tomorrow" at the Art Fair on the White House grounds.

On Sunday, June 5, he went to New York City where he "took in" some musical shows and the usual sightseeing attractions.

According to Wayne, however the final event of his trip was undoubtedly the most exciting. On Thursday morning, June 9, at 10:30, he met, was photographed with, and was the special guest of John Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. After chatting with Mr. Hoover at some length, Wayne was given a personal, privileged tour of the FBI, escorted by FBI Spe-

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RALEIGH - The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, June 20, 1968.

Killed To Date.....701
Killed To Date Last Year...627

Commissioners Attended State Meeting

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners held its annual meeting in the Grove Park Inn in Asheville June 12 through June 15.

Attending from Duplin County were: Chairman and Mrs. Murphy Simpson of Beulaville; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stroud, Magnolia; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoffer, Wallace; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Grady, Kenansville; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sutton, Warsaw; and County Auditor and Mrs. F. W. McGowan, Kenansville.

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COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED

Mr. J. B. Stroud has been appointed by the National Association of Counties to serve on the Associations Health and Education Committee.

Mr. J. W. Hoffer has been appointed by the National Association of Counties to serve on the Association Public Safety Committee.

JERRY SMITH ILL

It has just been reported in the Duplin Times -Progress Sentinel Office that Jerry Smith of Smith's Tavern has been carried by ambulance to a hospital after suffering a heart attack.

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Correction

The Duplin County Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold its annual meeting, Thursday afternoon, June 23 at 4 p.m. in the Educational Building of the Grove Presbyterian Church in Kenansville. The Times stated last week 2 p.m.

Fatally Injured

All of Duplin County mourns with Mr. O. P. Johnson as news is received concerning a wreck involving his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Johnson, in which Mrs. Johnson was instantly killed. The Johnsons were enroute to Portland, Oregon to represent Rocky Mount at Kiwanis International Convention, and plan next to spend the next eight weeks touring the West Coast. Mr. Johnson's condition was satisfactory and he was expected to be released from the hospital after about 2 1/2 hour stay. The accident occurred eight miles west of Kingsport, Tennessee on a rain soaked highway.

Bus Station In Warsaw Robbed

The Warsaw Bus Station was reported robbed last week. The screen door on the back of the building was forced open and entrance was gained through the back door. Mr. Oliver Jones owner of the bus station, also has a line of shoes which he has had displayed in the other part of the building not

used for bus depot. These shoes had been moved into a new location at the rear of the building. Due to the recent move, Mr. Jones was not immediately able to determine the extent of the robbery. Some shoes were found outside the door, evidently dropped by the culprit.



GAUGHT IN THE ACT - Wayne Sumner, 13, of Wallace, recently went to Washington, D. C. to be honor guest from North Carolina and be "M.C." for a show on the White House grounds. While in Washington he was photographed with J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI, who gave Wayne a special tour of the FBI. Wayne's father, Jesse, is superintendent of North Carolina's Coastal Plain Research Station near Wallace.

Trial & Error On Vacation

Brother of O.P. Johnson To Retire

Daniel Sloan Johnson has reached mandatory retirement age for Rocky Mount City School Employees. He will officially step down at the end of this month, a post he has held since April 1, 1949. He and Mrs. Johnson planned an eight week tour of the West Coast. Superintendent Johnson went

to Rocky Mount in 1944 as principal of Rocky Mount High School. He held that position until 1949 when his predecessor suffered a fatal heart attack. A graduate of Duke University, Mr. Johnson has spent his life in the field of education. His first teaching job was in Thomasville, N.C. It was

here that he met and married Mrs. Johnson.

From Thomasville Mr. Johnson moved to Durham where he taught English and coached tennis. His next stop was Oxford where he served as principal of Oxford Orphanage for fourteen years before going to Rocky Mount.

Mr. Johnson says the orderly integration of the Rocky Mount schools is the greatest accomplishment of his career. He has seen the city system grow from two high schools and eight elementary schools in 1949 to almost double that number. There are now sixteen schools in all; eleven elementary, three junior high, and two high schools. A devout Methodist, he served as the secretary to the first board of Wesleyan College. He is also a Kiwanist, Mason, Shriner, and Sunday School teacher of the First Methodist Church Men's Bible Class.

The Johnsons have two daughters and six grandchildren. A sportsman, Mr. Johnson plans to enjoy dove hunting, fishing, and "chasing a golf ball." He also enjoys backyard gardening.

Since his announced retirement, Mr. Johnson has been honored by many groups including The Parent-Teachers Association, The North Carolina Education Association, The Rocky Mount Teachers, The County School Board (past and present), and the Rocky Mount Senior High Schools' book staffs. The Pender County native is a brother of our own beloved O. P. Johnson, Superintendent of Duplin County Schools.

Duplin 4-H Demonstrate Abilities

Duplin County 4-H Clubs observed Demonstration and Awards Day in the Kenansville Elementary School Tuesday, June 14.

County winners from these contests will compete in a similar district contest June 21 at South Wayne High School. Seventeen Counties comprise the district.

Demonstrations were in progress in several rooms of the school building and some on the campus. If you arrived late you were greeted by the appetizing aroma of barbecued chicken cooked to a turn, seasoned as if by an epicurean. This award was won by Gail

Sloan of Cedar Fork. The Poultry-Marketing and Production, demonstration was outstanding and the award went to Ralph Hunter Jr. of Cedar Fork.

The next demonstration I visited was on beekeeping, Entomology, Livestock, Farmer Co-Op, and Forestry. The beekeeping award was won by Roger Byrd, Beaver Dam Club; the Entomology award went to Rafael Denning of Shamrock; Farmer Co-Op had two winners, Linda Wray and Bill Costin, Jr., both of Shamrock. Forestry also had two winners from Shamrock, Bill Costin, Jr., and Robert Sloan. The Livestock

award went to Bobby Ward of Beaver Dam Club.

Winner of the Home Improvement award was Ronnie Roberts of Stanford. The Egg Cookery award went to Sylvia Ward, Beaver Dam. Dairy Food awards went to Gail Costin, Shamrock, and Clara Turner, Bever Dam, for their delicious cheese. Keith Westbrook of Woodland won the Fruit and Vegetable award.

Orators are really being developed among our rural youngsters and each contestant entering the public speaking was outstanding. They chose their subjects and did their own writing. It is very evident that in our youth we have some deep thinkers, who express themselves well. There were four winners, a boy and girl from both Junior and Senior division. Junior winners were Charles Ivey and Brenda Westbrook. Senior winners were Sharon Hall, Kenansville and Joe Bostic, Cedar Fork.

Susan Carter and Linda Carter both of the Greenwood club should always be well dressed, with the sewing ability they displayed. Both were award winners.

Among the good cooks are

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Bill Costin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Costin of Warsaw is receiving an award from County 4-H Club leader, Marion Griffin. Bill is outstanding in 4-H Club work and was a winner in Beef, Forestry, and Farmer Co-Op. Bill is a member of the Shamrock Club of Warsaw. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

Revival Begins

Revival begins Monday evening, June 20, at Pentecostal Baptist Church in Rose Hill. The visiting minister is Willie Skinner.

Meth. Ministers Assigned

The annual Methodist Conference convened last week at the First Methodist Church in Rocky Mount. Ministers assigned to this area were: J. M. Roberts, Falson; C. P. Mason, Turkey; W. R. Crowder, Warsaw; W. L. Wolfe, Kenansville;

Manteo, N.C. - An entertainment favorite of the Carolinas and Virginia for more than a quarter-century is being presented at the Waterside Theatre on the Fort Raleigh National Historic Site, June 24 through August

28. "The Lost Colony" outdoor drama, authored by Paul Green, Pulitzer prize-winning playwright, is one of the prime attractions of the Dare Coast-Outer Banks of North Carolina. Fifty-seven performances are on the 1968 schedule, every night except Sunday at 8:15 (EST). Accommodations include a 2,000-seat amphitheatre and a 600-car free parking lot. Joe Layton, dynamic young director and choreographer of Broadway and TV fame, is back for the third year to stage the show. He won an EMMY award on TV for his 1965 production of the first Barbra Streisand spectacular, "My Name is Bar-

bra," and captured Broadway's coveted TONY award in 1962 for directing and choreographing the Richard Rodgers' hit, "No Strings." He was director of the dances for the original Broadway production of "The Sound of Music." Currently he is also choreographing a motion picture in Hollywood starring Julie Andrews, Carol Channing and Mary Tyler Moore. Duncan Noble, a member of the faculty of the N. C. School of Performing Arts at Winston-Salem, is in his first year as the season-long Production Coordinator. He is also an internationally famous dancer, director and choreographer.