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C. W. Surratt Honored At Banquet In Wallace

C. W. Surratt of Rose Hill "Man of the Year" for 1966 was honored at a banquet on November 17 given by the English-Brown Post No. 9161, Va.



C. W. SURRATT, JR.

Don't Become One of 22

While you're steering your wheels carefully so you don't become one of the 22 persons the N. C. State Motor Club warns may lose their lives in Thanksgiving holiday traffic on North Carolina's streets and highways, take time to give thanks that you were not one of the 25 killed during the same period last year.

The state will officially count its holiday toll from 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 23, through midnight Sunday, Nov. 27, a period of 102 hours. The 1965 casualty list, in addition to the 25 fatalities (the exact

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terans of Foreign Wars, Wallace. This award is made annually in recognition of outstanding service by an individual to his community.

At the dinner in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Building in Wallace, Mr. John Moore served as Master of Ceremonies. Guests and visitors were welcomed by Post Commander Edward Judge. After the opening ceremony with salute to the flag Rev. D. A. Petty led the group in prayer.

The speaker for the occasion was Rev. Charles Sparks, pastor of the Rose Hill Methodist Church. The "Man of the Year" plaque was presented to Mr. Surratt by Commander Edward Judge.

Honored guests included Mrs. C. W. Surratt and son Robert, Mayor and Mrs. Dan Fussell of Rose Hill, and Mayor and Mrs. Tommy Baker of Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oswald and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kramer of Wallace, Mr. Leon Stone of Radio Station WLSE VFW Auxiliary President, Mrs. Bobby Lee of Wallace, 4th Dist Commander VFW Grover Simmons of New Bern, 4th Dist Senior Vice Commander Homer M. Boney, Jr. of Wallace and relatives and friends of Mr. Surratt.

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Pigford's Death Ruled Natural

W. J. Sitterson, Special Coroner, having made an investigation into the facts and circumstances of the death of Albert Pigford of Smiths Township deemed an inquest not necessary as the deceased apparently came to his death by natural causes.

Pigford was operating a tractor with a disc attached, on lands being farmed by Mr. Leland Smith. Mrs. Smith saw the tractor stopped at the edge of the field as she passed by in her car about 10 a.m., Wednesday morning. She did not see or hear any more of Pigford, or the tractor until her son came home from school about 4 p.m. when she told him to go see about Pigford.

Pigford, apparently died between 9 or 10 o'clock. He had turned the tractor around preparatory to making another round in the field. The disc had been lowered ready for operation. Apparently feeling the attack, he switched the mo-

tor off and with one hand grasped the fender of the tractor, which had to be pryed loose to remove the body. There was no evidence of foul play.

Pigford lived nearby with his sister and brother-in-law.

New Store In Magnolia

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Pope of Magnolia have announced the grand opening of Popes Variety Store in Magnolia, Saturday, November 26.

The store is located at the corner of Railroad and Main Street in Magnolia near the bank.

Magnolia is very fortunate to get this new store as it will have a line of goods that was not previously available in Magnolia.

Coffee will be served at the grand opening and door prizes will be given.

Firey Wreck Near Beulaville

A 1967 Ford Falcon and a late model Chevrolet Corvair were involved in a wreck about 2-1/2 miles East of Beulaville Friday about 10 p.m. The Corvair exploded and burned. Both cars were a total loss.

Timmy and Tommy Thompson, ages 14 and 16, sons of Odell Thompson, accompanied by "Pee Wee" Whaley and "Pee Wee" Cole were in the Falcon. The older Thompson boy was reported to have been driving. Both cars were traveling East on Highway 24 and as the Falcon attempted to make a left turn it was struck from the rear by the Corvair driven by a marine, Paul Taylor Brook, stationed at Camp LeJeune.

The fire department from Beulaville was called to the scene as the Corvair burned. Eye witnesses said it was scattered all over the road, a flaming inferno and halted traffic on busy Highway 24 for about thirty minutes.

Nearby ambulances transported the victims to Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville where the Thompson boys were admitted, but were reportedly released the following day. Cole and Whaley received emergency

Youthful Robbery Apprehended Following Series of Break-Ins

Two Sampson County youths have been jailed in the Duplin County jail to await trial of a series of burglaries in Duplin County. The youths were detained in Raleigh and returned to Kenansville. They are also wanted in Sampson and Cumberland Counties.

Sheriff T. Elwood Revelle questioned the boys, both 15, and they admitted stealing a 1963 Chevrolet Station Wagon owned by the Sampson Sewing Center. They used his car to visit Warsaw where they broke into Givens's. They used her

God—when I have food,
Help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
Help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a Warm home,
Help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
Help me to remember those who suffer—and remembering,
Help me to destroy my complacency, and bestir my compassion—and be concerned enough to help,
By word and deed,
Those who cry out For what we take For granted. Amen.

Samuel F. Pugh

Duplin Among Counties, Receive Grant

A grant of \$51,700 to help North Carolina make plans for promoting growth through multi-county development districts has been announced by the Economic Development Administration.

State funds in the amount of \$17,233 will supplement the federal funds. The Department of Administration through the North Carolina's State Planning Task Force is sponsoring the program.

Counties included in the

grants according to districts are: District 3, Beaufort, Bertie, Greene, Hyde, Martin, Pamlico, Plitt and Washington; District 4, Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Jones, Lenoir, and

Wayne; District 5, Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, New Hanover, Pender, Roberson, Sampson and Scotland.

A plan, similar to the Appalachian Development Program, for improving the economy of Eastern North Carolina will be worked out with these funds.

Wallace Man Suffocates In Wayne County Jail

Arthur Morgan, 40, route 1, Wallace and his cellmate, Earl Newkirk, 31 of Goldsboro suffocated in the Wayne County jail in Goldsboro early Saturday morning.

The two men were reported to have been arrested for public drunkenness shortly after midnight Friday. The cell in which they were placed was without the traditional bars and completely

enclosed. Evidence showed that Newkirk may have gone to sleep with a lighted cigarette, as the mattress on which his body was found had been burned.

The jailer checked the cell, which has a glass window in the door, about 6:30 a.m. Both men were dead and the cell was full of smoke.

Upon questioning, other prisoners said they had heard no calls for help or outcries of any form, causing authorities to believe that they were asleep when overcome by smoke.

At the request of the Wayne County Sheriff, the incident is being investigated by the State Bureau of Investigation. Agents Warren Campbell and John Edwards have been assigned to the case.

Duplin Scouts To Lead The Way

The eyes of the nation — and perhaps the world — will be focused on Duplin County, February 4th.

Duplin is the starting point for what is shaping up to be one of the biggest demonstrations in modern history. Boy Scouts of Tuscarora Council will begin at Wallace, boarding a 17-car special train that will lead a Patriotic Pilgrimage to Halifax.

Halifax is where North Carolinians declared their freedom three months before the formal Declaration of Independence — earning for that rural community the distinction of being the "birthplace of the nation."

Scouts and adults from throughout Eastern North Carolina will converge on Halifax to dramatize a movement of rededication to God and Country.

The pilgrimage formally inaugurates a program that will extend over a period of four years.

Not only is the pilgrimage expected to attract national attention, its effect will be felt personally by men fighting in Viet Nam.

As the Pilgrimage Special moves from Wallace to Halifax, it will stop at towns along the route. In patriotic ceremonies at each stop, Scouts will collect names and addresses of men fighting in Southeast Asia.

On the trip, the boys will write letters to each of the service men, enclose a copy of pledges in which the boys rededicate themselves to the principles on which the nation was founded, and also a tiny American flag. The letters will be mailed from Halifax, bearing the postmark, "Birthplace of the Nation."

The program at Halifax will highlight the pilgrimage. Each bearing a flag, the Scouts will march from the railroad station to the still intact building where the Halifax Resolves were signed and then on to the Court House for colorful ceremonies.

Toll Free Calling In Area Effective December 8

Kenansville - December 8, 1966 will mark another milestone in telephone progress for Duplin County. Beginning on that date, toll free calling will be inaugurated between Kenans-

ville and Beulaville; between Kenansville and Warsaw, and between Warsaw and Faison.

Whitaker To Head Co. March of Dimes

"The March of Dimes is fighting birth defects because each year these tragic conditions rob more than a quarter-million American children of their birthright; to enter the world healthy and grow normally."

Mr. Earl W. Whitaker made this statement today as he accepted the chairmanship of the January 1967 Duplin County March of Dimes campaign. Mr. Whitaker is a native of Alamance County and was with the Highway Patrol for eight years. He has been Chief of Police in Wallace for the past fifteen years. Mr. Whitaker is a member of the Shrine Club and has served as president of the Lion's Club, Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker, and their three sons, attend the Presbyterian Church in Wallace.

"I think most of us would consider it alarming if we heard

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Mr. Richardson also said that dialing instructions for each community will be enclosed with the monthly telephone statements and encouraged that these instructions be followed to eliminate difficulties in reaching the desired party.

NEWELL HELD AUTO THEFT

Justice of the Peace, A. C. Lockamy set bail at \$1,000 for LeRoy Newell on two charges of auto larceny. These vehicles were allegedly wrecked.

Newell, a 42 year old Goldsboro man, is accused of stealing a car belonging to Philip L. Rogers of Rose Hill and wrecking same at Delway, a small Sampson County Community, near the Duplin County line. A truck which he allegedly stole from Duplin Gas Co. in Warsaw, was run into a ditch between Warsaw and Rose Hill. He was picked up by Deputies Alfred Basden and Jack Albertson of the local Sheriff's department, on Highway 117 when he resorted to walking.

Newell is expected to be tried in the January term of Duplin County Superior Court.

Hallsville Revival

Hallsville Baptist Church revival services will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 27. Services will run through Friday night, December 2. Jasper Struts is pastor of the church. Guest evangelist will be Eugene A. Carmichael, pastor of the Beulaville Baptist Church. Rev. Carmichael was born and raised in the state of Georgia. He graduated from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia and Southern Seminary at Wake Forest. He is married to the former Yvonne Shaffer of Alexandria, Virginia. They have three children, Lynne 9, Perry 6, and Paula 5 years of age.

Rev. Carmichael came to Beulaville from Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Apex.

Cottage prayer meetings are being held each night of this week throughout the community with a 24 hour continuous prayer service beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, November 26 at the Hallsville Baptist Church.

BRIEFS

FASHION SHOW

Students of James Sprunt Institute's School of Charm will present a fashion show on Tuesday, November 29 at 5:30 p.m. at the Country Club. The show will last until around 9 p.m. This will be an informal modeling show featuring town and country clothing. These students, whose instructor was Mrs. Margaret Kingsley, have received a 60 hour course in charm from James Sprunt Institute. Mrs. Kingsley is a professional model.

C. W. SHEFFIELD HEART VICTIM

The many friends in this area of Mr. Carson W. Sheffield, Marketing Cooperative Specialist of the N. C. Dept. of Agriculture, regret to learn of his death last week in Raleigh, Mr.

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Husband Jailed For Molestation

KENANSVILLE - A man who allegedly ignored a superior court order to "stay away" from his home because of marital troubles has been confined in the Duplin County jail on six charges.

Robert Lee Hudson, 32, of Rt. 1, Mount Olive, was ordered jailed Tuesday by Justice of the Peace W. J. Sitterson after Hudson was unable to post bond totaling \$1,250.

A warrant charging Hudson with breaking and entering his home where Mrs. Hudson and their children were staying during the week end was served Monday by Deputy R. S. Thigpen and Constable E. E. Proctor.

Officers said Hudson was stopped on a secondary road. Brought to the jail, he was booked on additional charges of drunk driving, resisting arrest, possession of taxpaid whiskey (seal broken), careless and reckless driving and public drunkenness.

During a recent term of superior court, Judge Joseph W. Parker ordered Hudson to keep away from his wife and children.

seems to want to go his bond." Judge Parker is in Jacksonville this week for a civil term of Onslow Superior Court. Officers were unable to say when he will return for a court term.

Faison Child Dies of Burns

Shelly Watkins, age 4, Route 2, Faison died Sunday in North Carolina Memorial Hospital as a result of burns in a freak accident that occurred near her home on October 23, 1966.

A report from N. C. Memorial Hospital said that the child was apparently playing near her home in an abandoned auto. She caught fire which started in an undetermined manner while she was in the auto. She ran home where the fire was put out with blankets. She was seen and treated at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro and then transferred to North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Burns covered her scalp, neck, chest, abdomen, back, legs and arms.