



PROGRESS SENTINEL

FLASH!
Lawrence M. Helmick of near Richmond, Virginia was when he arrived at Duplin General Hospital due to an explosion at West-Mexico Chemical Company in Warsaw on Wednesday morning. The explosion occurred as the man was holding an empty...
This has been a bad week for Duplin County with fatalities due to accidents.

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Trial & Error

(The following story appeared in the 60th Birthday Edition of the Sanford Herald. Beats the weddings of today.)
How did the society editors write the social news in the early days at Sanford?
For a sample of the style of writing which was in high fashion in 1891 consider this write-up of the wedding of Miss Annie Harrington of Jonesboro and Dr. J. E. Caviness of Sanford which appeared in The Leader on April 23, 1891.

"On April 21st at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Minter Harrington, Dr. J. E. Caviness of Sanford and Miss Annie Harrington were married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. S. Chaffin. After partaking of an excellent dinner, the bride and groom accompanied by a few friends, left for Sanford, which place they reached late in the afternoon of the same day where the mother of Dr. Caviness and Miss Annie Harrington, assisted by some of the good ladies of Sanford, had prepared hospitality for an evening of enjoyment for the many friends who were invited to be present. We speak from personal knowledge when we say that the supper was good enough for the most fastidious taste, and was served in regular old-fashioned, homely style. Upon leaving the dining room (which we were left to do), the merry party repaired to the parlor, and engaged in lively conversation. Messrs. Scott, McElroy and Chaffin were the guests of Dr. Caviness and the party and Mrs. White at the organ, discarding sweet and soothing music, which could not fail to lend enchantment to the occasion. At a late hour the party dispersed, each one wishing for Dr. Caviness and his accomplished wife, a long life of happiness and success. The LEADER joins in the many good wishes. May their bosoms ever peacefully ride the billowy sea of this life and at last may they anchor in the untroubled waters of the haven of rest, "beyond the swelling flood."
This social event apparently was recorded in two newspapers. THE EXPRESS wrote about the same event, but much more briefly. For the party at Dr. Caviness' residence this paper called it, "an ovation." And added "The Dr. was not only happy himself, but made quite a host of his friends happy who were with him Tuesday night. The EXPRESS extends congratulations and wishes for a pleasant, prosperous journey through life."

DC Observes Firemens Week Parade Success



Clayton Herring, President Duplin County Firemens Association.

The Duplin County Firemans Association asks all county citizens to observe North Carolina Firemans Week and remove all fire hazards possible. President of this important organization is Clayton Herring, of Rose Hill, above, who is also Fire Chief of Rose Hill and has given 22 years of faithful and constructive service to all phases of fire prevention and control work. With six

years out for college and military duty, Mr. Herring has been active in this field since 1939. Vice-President of the Duplin Association is Rev. Lauren Sharpe of Kenansville and Harold Maready of Wallace is Secretary-Treasurer. An advisory committee is an integral and important part of this association and is made up of the fire chiefs from each department in the county. These officials are as follows: Wallace, Robert F. Boone; Beulaville, Andrew Jackson; Sarecta, Carey Williams; Kenansville, Lauren Sharpe; Chinquapin, Terry Parker; Calypso, H. C. Cooke; Faison, C. A. Precythe; Warsaw, Frank Steed, Jr.; Magnolia, Melvin Pope; Teachey, R. C. Jenkins.

FIREMANS PARADE A SUCCESS
Duplin County's Observation of North Carolina Firemans week began with a parade of fire equipment for which any county could be proud, and one which opened the eyes of the residents to the care their communities receive from the men who volunteer to serve them in the

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Warsaw's Home Federal Savings and Loan Robbed



Artist Conception Of Robber

Home Federal Savings and Loan Employees, Mrs. Coleen Martin, and Mrs. Shirley Costin, described to artist James Saunders the robber who took \$2142 from the Warsaw office, Friday afternoon, at gunpoint. They believe that Mr. Saunders has produced a real likeness, especially about the forehead, eyes and nose. He was very dark, probably an Indian or Negro, and was neat in his appearance, and emphatic in his speech.

The Warsaw Branch of Home Federal Savings and Loan Association was relieved of \$2142 in a brazen Friday afternoon robbery. The lone bandit escaped in the busy traffic on highway 117 about 3 o'clock. Described as "a big man - not fat - just big, neat, and very dark an Indian or Negro,"

entered the loan office alone. He was wearing a rain hat and coat, both brown. Two employees, Mrs. Shirley Costin and Mrs. Coleen Martin were in the office. In reply to Mrs. Costin's "May I help you", the bandit said "Yes, give me all your money." A long barreled sil-

ver pistol in his hand emphasized the command. Both ladies admit that they were frightened, actually petrified with fear. Evidently they weren't moving to suit the unwanted caller and he said, "Give me the money or I will kill every d---one of you." The money from both cages was stuffed in his clothing and according to his instruction both ladies stretched out on the floor while he made his get away. Mrs. Martin called the Warsaw policemen who arrived on the scene almost immediately. Manager Robert Kornegay was in a back office and was not aware of what was taking place. Policeman Douglas Townsend and chief Perry Smith called the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Elwood Revelle arrived at the scene and they, in connection with the State and the Federal Authorities are continuing the investigation. A nearby resident said a man fitting the above description ran across a field and got into a two-tone brown Cadillac, a 1965 or 1966 model. This same car was seen leaving town at a high rate of speed headed toward Faison.

Incest Charge Against Former Duplin Man

A Wayne resident of about three weeks is being held in the county jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond on an incest charge against his 14 year old daughter. James Elwood Best, Rt. 2, Dudley, native of the Beaufort section of Duplin County was arrested Saturday by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. He was reported to the Duplin County Sheriff, Elwood Revelle who in turn notified the Wayne officers since Best is no longer a resident of Duplin County.

The Duplin County official was told by the child that her father forced her to submit to him and that he did assault her at their home Saturday afternoon. The attack was reportedly witnessed by a sister. Waiting until the father went to sleep, the children fled to a neighbor's house, who in turn took the children to their grandmother's who lives in the Kenansville area. The mother was not at home when the assault took place.

John Hall has been declared winner of the fifth commissioner seat in the Kenansville City election. A roster of the new officials and the number of votes received are: Mayor Earl Hatcher, 69; commissioners, Leo Jackson 57; Phillip Kretsch, Jr., 58; Wiley Booth 67; Lauren Sharpe 54; and John Hall 52.

Assistant Librarian Wreck Victim

A two car head on crash on N. C. Highway 24 late Monday morning killed one woman and hospitalized an elderly man. Mrs. Anna Williams Foster, 86, Warsaw, negro, age 86, died about 6:30 p.m. shortly after entering Duplin General Hospital, of multiple injuries received only minutes earlier. She was returning home from work which was assistant in the Duplin County Library in Kenansville.

The 1963 mobile driven by Mrs. Foster headed west hit a 1963 Chevrolet traveling east, driven by Jack Newkirk, Box 102, Warsaw, negro man age 70.

Newkirk was treated at Duplin General Hospital and transferred to Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville. His condition was listed as critical. He sustained head injuries, a broken jaw.

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Commissioners Re-appoint Hospital Board

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners in regular session on Monday, May 1st, re-appointed the following members to the Board of Trustees of Duplin General Hospital, Inc. for six-year terms: Limestone Township, Cecil Miller; Kenansville Township, Ralph Barwick; Magnolia Township, J. P. J. P. Smith; Wolfscrape Township, C.C. Ivey, Sr.; Glisson Township, E. E. Kelly; Rockfish Township, Richard Boyce. Resignation of Euren Uriah Brinkley as Constable for Island Creek Township was accepted. Mr. Brinkley has served as Constable for Island Creek Township for the past nine months.

Soil & Water Conservation Enters Goodyear Contest

The Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District has entered the 21st annual Goodyear competition to select the nation's top 53 conservation districts, according to Calvin R. Mercer, Beulaville, N. C. district chairman. Activities of the district will be weighed against the performance of other districts in the state in determining the outstanding district in the annual event sponsored by The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio. Key agricultural leaders will serve as judges and will select the state winner. Soil conservation efforts from January 1, 1967, through December 31, 1967, will be considered.

Rev. Russell To Conduct Revival



REV. RUSSELL
The Reverend Mr. G. Frank Sawyer, pastor of the Beulaville Presbyterian Church, announced that beginning on Sunday night, May 14th, and continuing each night at eight o'clock through Friday night, May 19th, Evangelistic Services will be held at the Beulaville Presbyterian Church, Beulaville, N. C. Guest minister will be the Reverend Mr. J. Sheppard Russell, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Albemarle, N. C. Prior to his present pastorate, Mr. Russell served the Lake Waccamaw Presbyterian Church, Lake Waccamaw, N. C., and the First Presbyterian Church, Conway, South Carolina. Mr. Russell is a native of Petersburg, Virginia, a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, and Union Theological Seminary, Richard, Virginia. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

Mrs. Carter and Johnson Recipients Founders Award

Mrs. Gene Carter of Wallace and Mr. O. P. Johnson of Kenansville have been selected from over 100,000 Heart Fund volunteers, to receive an award for outstanding service at the North Carolina Heart Association's 18th Annual Meeting to be held in Durham at the Jack Tar Hotel on May 17th and 18th. The award will be presented at the Awards Breakfast of the Association held annually in honor of Founders Award recipients. The Heart Association's "First Lady," Mrs. A. Robert Cordell, will preside at the breakfast and present the awards. Mrs. Gene Carter is the Wallace City Heart Fund Chairman

Commencement Activities

Commencement exercises for James Kenan High School have been announced by Mr. J. P. Harmon, principal. Baccalaureate Services at 8:30 Daylight saving time on May 21st will be conducted in the new Harmon Gymnasium. The invocation will be given by Rev. W. R. Crowder, of the Warsaw Methodist Church. The sermon will be by Rev. William L. Wolfe of the Kenansville Methodist Church and the benediction will be pronounced by Rev. Troy D. Mullis of the Kenansville Presbyterian Church. Graduation exercises will follow on Tuesday evening, May 23 at 8:30 daylight saving time. The 91 members of the senior class have chosen as their speaker, Mr. Vance B. Gavin, Kenansville Attorney. Tommy Benson is class valedictorian and Betty Savage is salutatorian. Lisa West and Joe Davis Brinson are mascots. Mrs. Faye Williams is

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Win N&O Current Event Quiz

The four juniors of E. E. Smith High School participated in the championship series of the Current Event Quiz sponsored by the News and Observer. The four alternates: Roselyn Newkirk, Jamie Cooper, Leslie Williams and Barbara

Kearse were also there to boost the participants. Each round was fifteen minutes long and the participants were allowed five seconds to answer any one question and thirty seconds for any satellite question. The questions beginning from December 1966 - 1967. The results of the first round with Wagram High School was 217 - 18 points. The second round with Elm City High was 202 - 103 points. The final round with

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MAY - SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH

(In connection with Senior Citizens Month, this literary gem, which is framed and has a very important place on the wall at the nurses desk in the South Wing of Duplin General Hospital seems most appropriate. There is probably more truth here than most of us not-quite-senior-citizens realize. R. Wells)

Beatitudes For Friends Of The Aged

By Ester Mary Walker
Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and palsied hand,
Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.
Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.
Blessed are they who look away when coffee is spilled at the table today.
Blessed are they with a cherry smile who stop to chat for a little while.
Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays.
Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss to find the strength to carry the cross.
Blessed are they who never say "you've told that story twice today."
Blessed are they who make it known that I'm loved, respected, and not alone.
Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey home, in loving ways.



DUPLIN CC BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1967-68: The Duplin County Club held its annual membership meeting Monday night at the club. The above board members were elected to serve for another year. Left to right: Phil Kretsch of Kenansville, Roy Barwick, President Gib Buck, R. D. Johnson and Bill Boyette of Warsaw, Bill Potter of Magnolia, Benny Thigpen of Beulaville, and John Hall of Kenansville. Bill Igoo was absent along with Sam Godwin.

This team from E. E. Smith's High School in Kenansville won top honors in the state-wide quiz contest sponsored by the News and Observer in Raleigh, May 6. In the picture (l to r) are: Carolyn Claspie, Rosa Best, Ella Wallace, and Linda Miller. (Photo by Ruth Wells)