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Trial & Error

One of our correspondents, Mrs. Joe Hill Wallace, of Rt. 1, Albertson, is very ill in Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. We wish for Mrs. Wallace a speedy recovery. Mrs. Wallace has written Woodland News for us for many long years. We miss your news, Mrs. Wallace.

I had all of my life lived under the illusion that it would have been wonderful to have had a boy along with my two girls. BUT - when I was talking with Mattie Lee Minshew at the bank on Thursday, she told me that she was riding a bicycle twenty five miles on the following Sunday. Frankly, I thought she had flipped. She said "Several of the Mothers in Warsaw are riding bikes." Still I thought it was some gag for reducing. She said, "Oh no, it is for our Boy Scouts. They have to ride bikes for so many miles to get a certain badge, and some of the parents have to ride with them." Right then and there, I saw I could not qualify as the mother of a Boy Scout. If someone had told me to ride twenty five miles on this past Sunday as hot as it was, I would have died on the spot. However, Mattie Lee gave a good report on Monday morning. She said Minnie Clark, Estelle Costin and some other mothers rode too.

Mrs. Don Bellman (Janet) showed me a clipping today which was sent to her by her mother-in-law the past winter. The clipping had appeared in the Office, New York paper and was the story picked up from the Duplin Times about the arrest of a boy transporting whiskey for sale ON A BICYCLE.

All of America felt a great loss on Sunday in the death of Carl Sandburg. Each person felt

4-H'ers Attending State Club Week

A delegation of fifteen 4-H club members, one adult leader, and two Extension agents are representing Duplin County State 4-H Club Week in Raleigh this week (July 24-28, 1967). The Duplin County delegates are among some 1,500 club members and leaders participating in the annual four-day program which began Monday on the North Carolina State University campus. The program consists of recreation, attending classes,

Church Bell Recovered

A four hundred pound church bell stolen from a rural church one half mile from the Duplin County Line near Turkey, was found in the middle of a well traveled dirt road Sunday morning. A crane was required to place the bell in the bell tower in Wilson Chapel Church only a few days before it was reported missing. Sampson County Deputy Sheriff George Merritt said an \$80 reward has been offered for the recovery of the bell. Merritt received a phone call about two o'clock Sunday morning telling him that the bell was in the middle of a dirt road less than a mile from the church. Upon investigation the bell was found as reported, however, Deputy Merritt talked with a neighbor who reported the road clear when he traveled it only thirty minutes earlier. Unconfirmed reports said that the bell was badly damaged and would require extensive repairs.

ATTENDS SYMPOSIUM

Mr. Vance B. Gavia, prominent attorney of Kenansville, attended a Symposium on "Organized Labor and the South" July 20 and 21st. The Symposium was held at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem.

competition, election of state officers and a lot of fellowship. "Four-H Club Week offers an excellent opportunity for personal growth and development," comments Dr. T. C. Bialock, state 4-H Club leader. "It is an event that club members look forward to each year with great anticipation," he added. During the week state winners are determined in the demonstration programs and various judging activities. Among the events in which Duplin County 4-H'ers are participating are: Bill Costin, Jr. and Robert Sloan, Forestry Demonstration; Linda Smith, Public Speaking Contest and Talent; and the Alley Cats (Ralph Hunter, C. A. Miller, Owen Wayne Houston, and Milton Houston), Talent. Other County 4-H'ers will serve an important committee.

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BEULAVILLE ADOPTS BUDGET

At a recent meeting of the Beulaville Town Board, the 1967-68 budget was adopted. It was for General Fund \$46,780.82 and for Water and Sewer \$35,609.50. The tax rate remains \$1.15.



MRS. CATES
Mrs. Cates Named NCFWC President

Mrs. George H. Cates of Faison is the new president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, succeeding the late Marjorie Yokley of Mount Airy. Mrs. Cates, who has been first vice president of the organization, was moved up to the presidency by its executive committee. Miss Yokley died Monday from a rare blood disorder which developed about three weeks before her death. Mrs. Cates will fill her term which ends in May, 1968. Two other changes were announced by the executive committee. Mrs. Frank Bryant of Booneville, who has been corresponding secretary, was named to succeed Mrs. Cates as first vice president. Mrs. Morton Union of Durham was appointed corresponding secretary. Mrs. Cates, native of

Richmond, Va., formerly lived in Georgia and Pennsylvania. Before her election as first vice president in May, 1966, she had served as president of the Sesame Club in Faison, president of district 7, division chairman of family life and religion, resolutions chairman, and division chairman of help-a-home. Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. Union have had extensive experience in Federation work. Mrs. Bryant served as District 6 chairman from 1961 to 1963 and was state fine arts chairman from 1963 to 1965. Mrs. Union was junior director in 1964 - 1966, a position which automatically made her third vice president.

Sheriff T. Elwood Revelle and his deputies reported a relatively quiet week end with larceny constituting the majority of violations. A Warsaw fertilizer warehouse was robbed Friday night of a quantity of tobacco spray, W85 and weed killer. Only two gallons of MH 30 was reported missing, which was probably the most sought after item since a scarcity has been reported existing for the past few weeks. Sheriff Revelle said that a report from Sampson County revealed that a fertilizer place owned by John T. Peterson in Clinton was robbed of MHSO valued in excess of \$1800. This also occurred Friday night. The Kerr-McGee Fertilizer warehouse just north of the Warsaw City limits was robbed Friday night of material valued at more than \$1200. Deputies Glenn Jernigan and Rodney Thigpen, investigating the robbery, listed the following items as missing: 18 five gallon cans of W85, 22 cases containing four one-gallon containers of tobacco spray; 2 gallons of MH 30; 13 cases containing four gallons to the case of 2-4 D weed killer, and 100 pounds of tobacco twine. A vehicle was backed up to the rear door to load the stolen loot and tracts leaving the warehouse indicated the vehicle had a flat tire. Checking the

area, evidence indicated that a vehicle had parked on a dirt road near the residence of Norman Hope and had unloaded cans, cartons, jugs and other miscellaneous items, had changed tires, reloading prior to making a get away. Evidence indicates that two vehicles may have been used in the robbery, a pick-up truck and a car. A strange red pick-up, with body enclosed, was reported in the neighborhood Friday afternoon.
Fussell's Grocery Robbed
Deputies Graham Chestnut and Jimmy Hatcher investigated a break-in at Kenneth Fussell's Grocery on Rt. 1, Warsaw, which occurred some time during the day Sunday. Mr. Fussell usually gives seven days a week service but for the first time since he has been in business the station was closed. The work appeared to be that of an amateur as a small amount of cash was taken. Other items reported missing were candy, cigarettes and chewing gum.
Farm Trailer Missing
A ten-foot farm trailer belonging to Rudolph Best, Rt. 1, Warsaw was reported stolen last week. The license number of the missing vehicle is 1068K.

Tractor Crushes Former Beulaville Man

A Duplin County native was crushed to death in a freak accident unloading school material in Lenoir County. Charlie William Boyette, 37, former resident of Beulaville now residing in Deep Run, died from injuries sustained when a tractor rolled over him. Boyette, custodian of the South Lenoir High School at Deep Run, was helping unload some equipment at Woodington School when the tractor rolled over him, bringing instant death. He was the son of the late A. J. and Sathie Boyette and had been employed at the Beulaville School for fourteen years prior to going to Deep Run four years ago. Funeral services were held at

3 p.m. Saturday at the Howard Carter Funeral Home in Kinston. Burial was in Pineblawn Memorial Park. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Essie Mae Robinson Boyette, three daughters, Mrs. Harold Quinn, Trenton; Mrs. Willie Taylor, Beulaville; and Mrs. Charlie Brown, Burgaw; eight grandchildren and a brother, Grover Boyette of Beulaville.
Captain Blake On Leave
Captain Neil F. Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gordon Blake, has returned to the states for a brief vacation after completing 26 bombing missions. Continued to Page 2

Rivenbark In Leading Role

Wilmington College Street Hat Theatre announces that Tony Rivenbark of Warsaw, North Carolina, will appear in a leading role with the college group when Peter Shaffer's "The Private Ear and the Public Eye" opens on July 27. It will run for five nights, through July 31, in the air-conditioned S.R.O. Theatre on the campus. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. Tony Rivenbark portrays the role of the eccentric private detective who is trailing an accountant's wife because she is supposedly unfaithful. But she isn't, and this is his hilarious proven to the husband by both his wife and the detective. A rising sophomore at Wilmington College, Rivenbark is majoring in History and minoring in Drama and Speech. This past year he has been active in such college productions as "Good News," "A Man for All Seasons," "The Recruiting Officer," and "The Cat and the Canary." In his spare time he has worked on the staff of the annual. Tony Rivenbark is the son of Mrs. D. J. Rivenbark of Meadow Brook Lane, in Warsaw.

Pedestrian Critically Injured

A Warsaw man was injured Monday night about 11:25 as he walked along Highway 24 near the intersection of rural paved road #1108. William Fountain Frederick, negro male age 29 years of Route 1, Box 144, Warsaw was treated at Duplin General Hospital for injuries received when he was hit by a car driven by Charles Emerson Sutton, also of Route 1, Warsaw. Frederick's injuries included head, leg, and internal and he was transferred to Duke Hospital to which he was admitted at 3 a.m. Tuesday, July 25 where his condition was termed critical. William Fountain Frederick, negro male age 29 years of Route 1, Box 144, Warsaw was treated at Duplin General Hospital for injuries received when he was hit by a car driven by Charles Emerson Sutton, also of Route 1, Warsaw. Frederick's injuries included head, leg, and internal and he was transferred to Duke Hospital to which he was admitted at 3 a.m. Tuesday, July 25 where his condition was termed critical. Sutton was reported to have said an approaching car blinded him and he did not see Frederick who was knocked 16 feet by the impact. No charges have been preferred pending the outcome of Frederick's condition. Harold McCullen of the Warsaw Police Department is continuing the investigation.

The occasion has been anticipated with joyous expectations from thirty members of the family of Mrs. J. C. Bryant, Sr. and Mrs. Myra Knowles of Rose Hill. It was only after careful consideration that the Cliffs of the Neuse State Park was chosen to spend the day Sunday. It had been recommended as cool, spacious, ample picnic facilities and a nice beach for bathing. Mrs. Knowles' son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lee Knowles and their son from Rhode Island had been visiting in the area and their vacation was ending with the get-together. The carefully planned picnic lunches were packed containing all the good foods usually found at such an outing including baked chicken, fried chicken, chicken salad, picnic ham, potato salad, all sorts of sandwiches, cakes and pies. The picnic lunch was eaten, remains put away and the family amusing themselves in various ways when a niece of Mrs. Bryant's, Catherine Roebuck of

Wilmington became ill. Everyone was concerned and decided maybe they could start home, but really had no idea anyone else would be involved. On the way home Jewel Lee, X-ray Technician of Packview Hospital in Rocky Mount and daughter of Mrs. Bryant became ill then Mrs. Bryant, then her grandson from Fayetteville, then Mr. Bryant. The four cars

were each stopping at intervals when Mr. Knowles, who is a city policeman in Rhode Island, realized the entire group had eaten contaminated food. With the know how of an experienced policeman, he led the procession to the Duplin General Hospital. Admitted to Duplin General In Continued to page 2

Mercer Named To Mt. Olive College Faculty

A Duplin County man has been selected to teach in neighboring Wayne County College. Joining the Mount Olive College faculty in the fall as professor of mathematics will be Gene B. Mercer, Route 2, Pink Hill. Graduating from North Carolina State University in the spring with high honors and a M.S. degree, Mercer also earned his

B. S. degree there. Other academic distinctions included the Dean's List and Phi Kappa Phi. He was a member of the University Mathematics and Science Education Club, the Student Chapter of NEA and the ROTC unit. Gene is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mercer of the Cabin Section of Duplin County.

The League of Municipalities elected officers at their regular meeting Thursday night. Mr. Herman Gore, right, Mayor of Beulaville, was elected Vice President. Mrs. Sallie W. Blanchard, left, commissioner of Rose Hill, was appointed program chairman. Mrs. Ruby Ramsey, center, Mayor of Teachey

was official hostess to the group. Absent when the picture was made were the new president, Mr. Carlton A. Precythe, Mayor of Faison, and Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Kelly, town clerk of Faison. (Photo by Ruth B. Wells).

League Installs New Officers

The town of Teachey was host to the League of Municipalities at the regular scheduled annual meeting Thursday night in the Rose Hill Restaurant. Mrs. Ruby Ramsey, mayor of Teachey, welcomed the group after Mr. Melvin Cording had given the invocation. Mr. D. J. Fussell, chairman of the nominating committee, reported that his committee recommended the following officers which were duly no-

minated and installed: Mr. Carlton A. Precythe, Faison, President; Mr. Herman Gore, Beulaville, vice president; Mrs. Frank Kelly, Faison, Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Sallie Blanchard, commissioner of Rose Hill was nominated from the floor and elected chairman of the program committee. In the absence of the newly elected president, Continued to Page 2

Peach Wine Confiscated

The business establishment of Robert Moore and Lillie Ruth Moore, located about one mile north of Warsaw, was relieved of a quantity of intoxicating beverages Saturday night. Officers found two cases of beer, eight pints of tax paid whiskey and a thirty gallon beer barrel about half full of "peach wine". Making the raid were deputies E. G. Chestnut, L. G. Jernigan, Russell Holland, E. E. Proctor, Alfred Basden and constable Bob Emory.

Duplin County Schools - Freedom of Choice Period Continues Open Until August 15, 1967

Duplin County students may choose a school which was formerly for the opposite race until August 15. This applies to children of both races. A Negro child may choose a formerly all white school or a white child may choose a formerly all Negro School. Freedom of Choice Forms are available at all Duplin County Schools or the Office of the County Board of Education. Principals do not keep regular office hours at this season of the year but are in the schools a good portion of the time. The Office of the Board of Education is open five days per week and will honor all requests for forms whether made in person, by telephone or by mail.