

Citizen

Death Of Clerk's Christmas Fifty Years

Bessie Murphy
Vows Spoken

Mr. R.V. Wells, Clerk of Superior Court, observed Monday that it was exactly fifty years ago that he took the oath of office.

Sworn in on the first Monday in 1918, Mr. Wells, dean of the Court Clerks of North Carolina became judge of the juvenile court in 1918 and clerk of the county court at its beginning in 1928.

During his tenure as clerk, Mr. Wells has seen many attorneys become solicitors and Superior Court Judges. Among these are Henry L. Stevens, Jr., now retired, Leo J. Carr of Wilmington, Rudolph E. Minz and the late Judge Henry Grady.

Mr. Wells holds the record for having filled the office of Clerk longer than any other clerk in the state and undoubtedly holds the record of putting in more hours than any other official, ignoring holidays and the forty hour work week.

Born on a farm near Magnolia, Mr. Wells gave up bookkeeping position at a horse trading and general store in Wallace when appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Mr. D.H. Wallace in the spring of 1918, and has been unopposed in most of the terms since.

As juvenile court judge Mr. Wells has seen many boys and girls in trouble, and observed that "most of them were first offenders." Many criminals received the death sentence in the electric chair or the gas chamber in this period of time, also one hanging.

It goes without saying that Mr. Wells is a life long Democrat and also a Presbyterian, having served for many years as Clerk of the Session of Grove Church and an elder since 1923.

Mr. Wells resides in Kenansville in a pre-civil war home with his school teacher daughter, Mrs. Louise W. Mitchell.

Time seems to have a way of by-passing Mr. Wells without taking its toll on his physical and mental appearance. A remark was overheard Monday at the end of a busy and most confusing day involving the new court reforms, "I just don't believe that I can take another fifty years if every day is going to be like this one."

His son, Lt. Col. R.C. Wells (Ret) lives in Clinton. Mr. Wells has three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

spend a few days.

Mrs. Lloyd Moxingo of Goldsboro and Mr. George Moxingo Bertha Mae Soudrock of Dudley and Floyd Moxingo of Seven Springs visited Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Walker, Wednesday.

Mrs. Garland Wallace was dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Foy Kennedy of Beulaville, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Miller of Beulaville visited Mrs. Garland Wallace, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Fountain and children of Kinston visited Mrs. Garland Wallace, Thanksgiving evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Wallace, and daughters visited Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gurganus in Verona Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Wallace and daughters shopped in Kinston, Saturday.

Mr. Leland Wallace went fishing at Topsall Wednesday.

Mrs. Joan Ivey of Wilmington visited Mr. and Mrs. Leland Wallace, Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Stroud and Eddie of Pink Hill were dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Westbrook Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Westbrook and Brenda visited Mrs. Nellie Cauley in Kinston, Sunday night.



Mrs. Minnie W. Summerlin

"Aunt Minnie" as she is known to most people was born March 29 1876, is the daughter of the late Nancy Williams Waller and Stephen M. Waller of the Scott's Store section in Duplin County. She was one of the older children of a large family, which included seven girls and five boys.

In 1897 she married William C. Summerlin (deceased) a native of the Summerlin Cross Roads Community. To this union was born two sons, Daniel Clayton and Stephen McCoy Summerlin. Clayton is co-proprietor of Summerline Electric Service, and Coy is employed at Mount Olive Gas Co.

Mrs. Summerlin is a member of Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church, and is a charter member of the Womens Auxiliary of Rooty Branch Church. She taught Sunday School

classes for several years, has been active in civic affairs, any many phases of work for the betterment of her community, county, and state. Her Christian example, and radiant personality has had a great influence on those with whom she comes in contact.

Mrs. Summerlin's hobbies are making quilts, and rugs. She spends much time reading and enjoys out-door life.

"Aunt Minnie" is very active to be 90 years old, likes to visit relatives and friends, and makes herself useful with the daily chores around the home wherever she is. Her devotion for her family, which includes eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren is expressed in her every day living. She attends church regularly, keeps a gleam in her eyes, and people are amazed at her excellent posture, and keen memory.

Woodland News

Mrs. Joan Stroud and daughter, Stacey of Charlotte and Alicia, Ken, Lynn and Frank Kennedy of Kinston visited Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Walker, Saturday.

Mrs. A.J. Walker attended a Stork Shower for Mrs. Robert Stroud in Kinston, Friday night.

Mr. Ralph Jones, Daphne Sutton and Gay Jackson of Beaufort visited Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Walker Sunday.

Mrs. Arnold Walker visited friends and relatives in Warsaw Thanksgiving and Mrs. Stacey Jones returned home to spend sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Walker have returned home after a trip to Addison, N.Y. where they visited friends. While there, they visited Niagara Falls and Cornhill Glass Center. They returned by way of Hyattsville, Md. and visited Mrs. Walker's sister, Mr. and Mrs. David Van Hoy.

Mrs. Bessie Massey and Mrs. Hettie Belle Westbrook were dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Westbrook of Beaufort Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Bessie Massey and Mrs. Hettie Belle Westbrook were weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Westbrook of Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. James Walker visited Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kornegay of Mt. Olive, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynwood Kornegay and children spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Manley Kornegay Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kornegay and children of Kinston were supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Manley Kornegay Thursday night.

Mrs. Clifton Quinn of Warsaw was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Manley Kornegay, Friday afternoon and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Bell of Kenansville visited with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell attended Mrs. Bell's Glass Reunion, Class of 1958 at Kings in Kinston Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Page and children of Kinston and Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Quinn of Kenansville were dinner guest of Mrs. E.R. Dall Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. Milton Westbrook of Raleigh was dinner guest of Mrs. Hettie Belle Westbrook, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gid Cotton of Calypso visited Mrs. E.R. Dall Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Westbrook, Henry Clay Westbrook, and David Grigg Jr. were dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Best of Beaufort on Thanksgiving Day.

Pvt. Larry Westbrook was dinner guest of Miss Karen Thomas, Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Best

Smith Township

By: Mrs. Alvin Smith
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Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. John Harold Jarman and children on Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Williams and children of Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Murphy of Pink Hill.

Mrs. Lottie Smith spent Thanksgiving with The Bobby Miller family in Rose Hill.

Recent visitors of Mrs. Mamie Sheppard and family were Mrs. Wright Nobles and family of Kinston, The Dwight Sheppard family of Fayetteville, Mrs. Bertha Bryant Whaley and daughter of Lyman, and The Aubrey Smith family of Rocky Mount.

Miss Dianne Jackson of Campbell College and Laurie Glenn Jackson of South Carolina spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Jackson.

Little Derald Smith of Kinston spent Sunday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Smith and Lawrence.

A birthday dinner was held at Smith's Community Building on Sunday in honor of Mr. Clayton Smith with a good attendance.

Mrs. Johnnie Smith and Mrs. Nell Jarman and children recently spent a few days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Russ and children at Virginia Beach, and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Smith and boys in Norfolk, Virginia.

Visiting Mrs. Lizzie Smith recently were Mrs. Elanthe Howard and Mrs. Doris Futrelle of Kenansville, Walter Powell of Scott's Store, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smith of the community and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith of Kinston.

Friends of Mrs. Maggie Smith will be glad to know that she keeps improving. She is at home now.

Mrs. Bessie Tripp is spending a few days at her home in La Grange.

Mrs. Janie Herring and Mrs. Kitty Noecker recently visited with relatives and friends in Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Smith and family of Rocky Mount spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Smith. Sharon and Wendy returned home with them after having spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Miss Sheila Gail Smith spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harper Gray near Trenton.

Mrs. Wilma Gray Williams and children of Pink Hill,

WE SALUTE



Mrs. Janet Dobson Suttles

Secretary to the personnel director of National Spinning Company, Janet is back home after spending several years in "Yankee land," their loss and our gain.

Janet is a native of Kenansville and is the daughter of Mrs. Perry Dobson. She is married to Don Suttles

formerly of New York who is also an employee of National Spinning. She has two children, Vickie Giles Johnson and David Merritt Giles.

Janet is a member of Kenansville Baptist Church and of Duplin Country Club, where she and her family spend as much time as possible.

Summerlin's

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fall, Ralph and Cathy of Raleigh visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dall Sunday. Mrs. Dall returned home with them for several days visit.

Mrs. Donald Pate, Mrs. William Outlaw, and Mrs. Foy Goodman were hostesses for the November meeting of the Rooty Branch Womens Auxiliary. The meeting was held recently at the home of Mrs. Pate in the Beaufort Community.

"Foundation For Survival" was the title of the program with Mrs. E. J. Jernigan in charge. Topics discussed were: The Brotherhood of Man, Goodness, and the Goodness of Sin.

St. John's Society of Obidientia sang "Revive Us O Lord" which was followed by a collection.

A turkey, plate, punch and coffee were served to 16 members present.

HomeMakers Club

The Summerlin's Extension Homemakers Club met November 21, at the home of Mrs. T.A. Jernigan in the Summerlin's Cross Roads Community.

Mrs. Mae H. Spicer, Home Economics Agent gave the demonstration entitled, "A Good Home for Those who Care." Mrs. D.L. Cherry led the devotions using Psalm 108, and an appropriate poem.

Citizenship, and Safety reports were given. The various committees reported.

Refreshments consisted of ice cream and cookies.

Calypso School



The Calypso School has really been exciting this week for the sixth grade. We have been studying the countries of Southern and Eastern Asia. The teacher, Mrs. Pigford, has divided the class into six groups with five students in each group. The groups drew maps, pictures, and flags along with the reports. The pictures and the maps were put on the bulletin boards. The class also studied China and Vietnam, and other surrounding nations. Some students brought clay figures and dolls dressed in national costumes to go with the reports.

We studied the two kinds of China, Communist and Nationalist China. Today, four girls in our rooms put on some robes.

Sheila Hatch had an ancient Chinese robe. It was a yellow

Left to Right: Diane Hatfield, Ruth Colley, Sheila Hatch, Angela Stancie of the Calypso Elementary School and Eastern Asia.

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Mrs. Pigford's Sixth Grade

The only child of a President to be born in the White House was Esther Cleveland, in 1893, says World Book Encyclopedia.

Controversial Bromide Cleared

By: George S. Wellons, Assistant Agricultural Extension Agent

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Minor CUTS SORES and BURNS



Kenansville

Mrs. J.R. (Ruth P.) Grady, former owner and editor of the Duplin Times-Progress Sentinel, has accepted a position in Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Willey Booth was hostess to the Town and Country Bridge Club at her home on Seminary Street on Monday night, with Mrs. Steve Williamson as additional guest.

The house was decorated throughout featuring the approaching holiday season.

Upon arrival the hostess served cranberry punch and at mid point of play fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee.

High score for the club, a Christmas corsage was won by Mrs. Williams Spicer. A similar gift was presented to Mrs. Williamson. Mrs. J.J. Wells won a Christmas Candle for bingo.

Others attending were: Mrs. H.D. Taylor, Mrs. E.S. McGowan, Mrs. Eloise Ryder, Mrs. Hazel Scott and Mrs. D.S. Williamson.

Did You Know

One of the most brilliant social whirls in official Washington revolved around Dolley Madison, who served as official hostess during the administration of the widowed Jefferson as well as that of her husband, James.

World Book Encyclopedia notes that Dolley was also a heroine. When the British invaded the capital during the War of 1812, she saved many state papers and a portrait of George Washington.

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