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Deputy Assumes Duties

George Franklin Williams, 24, of Rt. 1, Box 115 Wallace was sworn in a full time Deputy Sheriff in a special ceremony Monday morning.

Williams became the first negro to fill this office in Duplin County in many years.

"I believe in law and order, and justice for all people, and I will strive to serve the people of Duplin County," said Williams at an interview preceding the ceremony.

Outstanding in his community, he is a deacon of the Friendship Baptist Church in Rose Hill, and is a member of Masonic Lodge #220 in Wallace.

Mrs. Williams is the former Daisy Lou Jacobs and they have one son, Algernon Franklin, age 3.

Traffic Death Ruled Unavoidable

Charlie David Murphy, 32, negro male of Rt. 2, Rose Hill was killed instantly about 9 p.m. Tuesday night.

Rose Hill police chief Benny Matthews said he had been notified that "There was a man in the road" on rural paved road 141 about 3/4 of a mile East of Rose Hill near the Rose Hill Cemetery. Chief Matthews was on his way to remove the man from the road when a car pulled out by him and just a few hundred yards up the road, ran over Murphy.

Williams became associated with the sheriff's department about four months ago when he began serving in the capacity of a special deputy. He had previously worked with the Auxiliary Police Force in Wallace.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Williams of Wallace. He graduated from Rose Hill Elementary School and Charity High School. He has worked with J.P. Stevens Industries in Wallace, Quinn Wholesale in Warsaw and N & W Grocery in Wallace.

The back bumper of a 1964 Corvair operated by Ernest Leon Boatman, 54, white male of Kinross reported caught Murphy under the chin, cutting a deep gash in his throat and breaking his neck.

Herbert Best of Warsaw, coroner of Duplin County, ruled the accident unavoidable.

Trooper E.R. Warwick of the State Highway Patrol investigated and was assisted by Chief Benny Matthews.

The crash occurred on the farm of Doane Cottle on Rt. 2, and had been seen in a drunken condition shortly before the accident, which happened near his home.



James Kenan Beta Club Service

On Monday night, February 3, the James Kenan High School Beta Club held their annual Induction Service. The following new members were inducted: Mitchell Reese, Tana Carlton, Jimmy Dunn, Ann Hines, Sharon Brown, Gary Scott.

The officers in charge were: President - Karen DeLuca; Vice President - Gail Scott; Secretary - Connie Rhodes; Treasurer - Judy Reynolds; Reporter - Charlie Ivey.

Cathy Ivey gave the welcome. Barbara Raynor gave the devotional. Bennie Wilson presented some pertinent facts about Beta Club. Brenda Whaley was in charge of the wheel ceremony, a program in which the hub of the wheel (Betty Whaley) represents Character. In the spokes of the wheel, Connie Revelle was the spoke that represented Achievement; Bill Britt represented Scholarship; Gloria Jones represented Helpfulness; Marsha Jordan represented School Spirit; Edith King represented Patriotism; Tricia Kornegay represented Leadership; Danny Ray Brock (the rim of the wheel) represented Service.

The principal, J. P. Harmon, administered the pledge and gave the challenge to the new members. His message was most inspiring.

After the members received their Beta Club pins, certificates, etc. from the officers, the president welcomed the new members into the club. Tana Carlton responded to that welcome in a beautiful way.

The group sang the Beta Club Song.

The club presented gifts to Mr. Harmon and to sponsor, Mrs. Pearl McGowen.

As a benediction, Karen DeLuca sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Barbara Raynor was pianist for the program.

Ushers for the evening were Mary Ellen Byrd, Retha Outlaw, Woodrow Scott, and Larry Sanderson.

Mrs. Milton DeLuca, mother of the president, served cake at the lovely tea table. Mrs. Clay Scott, mother of the Vice President, served punch. They were assisted in serving by Mrs. H. L. Sanderson, Mrs. Maurice Jordan, and Mrs. J. M. Kornegay.

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Moon May Control Violence

Many people decided long ago that the moon definitely influences many things. Some people still have their doubts.

Maternity wards usually know when the moon is full with out benefit of calender or almanac. Others are learning.

The sheriff's department has been divided on this issue, as some are sure that a full moon weekend means an increase in crime and violence. Some never were convinced until the past weekend, which included two important events, full moon and ground hog day. Or maybe the moon was just "fuller" on Turkey Branch Road in Beulaville.

Similar episodes were reported from Faison where Hubert Aycock was severely cut by his wife with a butcher knife, and others in the Outlaw's Bridge section.

Harold Glenn Bostic, 23, white male, and his brother Kenneth, 17 were hospitalized at Duplin General Hospital with severe knife wounds inflicted by their brother, Glenwood Bostic, 39.

The cutting took place about one o'clock a. m. Saturday at the residence of Mrs. Annie R. Bostic. Harold Glenn received severe cuts across the chest while Kenneth was cut under the arm.

A second severe "knifing" took place on Turkey Branch Road at the home of Oliver Wilson when his son, Grover Wilson was allegedly cut in the right side by Willard Gresham.

Deputy Basden said that he was called to the scene and upon arrival could detect no pulse in Grover, who was sent by ambulance to Duplin General Hospital.

Commissioners Report

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners met Monday February 3 and reappointed, to serve a six-year term as a trustee of Duplin General Hospital: Durham Grady, Albertson Township; Jim Smith, Cypress Creek Township; E.V. Vestal, Kenansville Township; H.M. Price, Rose Hill Township; and Grover Rhodes, Smith's Township.

Mrs. Christine Davis, Register of Deeds, petitioned the commissioners to recommend to the State Representative Hugh Johnson and State Senator Stewart Warren that Duplin County be exempt from the bills recently introduced in the General Assembly to fix uniform fees for Register of Deeds throughout North Carolina.

Cicero Lanier of Beulaville was appointed as assistant electrical inspector for the county.

A new full time Deputy Sheriff was sworn in, and authorization was given Sheriff T. Elwood Revelle to employ a typist for his office.

Aid to the blind was granted in eight cases.

The county received from the city of Wallace ABC Bond \$9,000, \$2,000 of this amount will be used in the drainage projects of the county and \$7,000 will go into the county general fund.

NOTICE

Area 29, Licensed Practical Nurses rates will increase effective February 24 to \$18.00 per eight hour shift.

Sutton Retires From Branch Bank

Quincy J. Sutton, Sr., began his career with Branch Banking and Trust Company in Warsaw on January 28, 1944, and his 25 years of loyal services was recently recognized when he was presented a \$100 Savings Bond by the bank, just three days before his retirement.

Sutton, Cashier of the Warsaw Office, will continue to serve on the local Board after his retirement on January 31.

For 18 years prior to joining the bank, Sutton was employed by the North Carolina Highway Engineering Department. During World War II he was stationed at Fort Bragg as an assistant engineer with Civil Service.

A native of Lenoir County, Sutton attended Grainger High School in Kinross.

Sutton has served Warsaw United Methodist Church as Chairman of the Official Board secretary and treasurer, church school superintendent, member of the choir, and he was a charter member of the Methodist Men's Club.

He is secretary and past master of Warsaw Masonic Lodge No. 877, past District Deputy Grand Master, a 32 degree Mason, member of Scottish Rites Bodies, Wilmington, and Shrine member of the Sudan Temple, New Bern. He is a past patron and past District Deputy Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star and served as district representative for Oxford Orphanage.

Mrs. Sutton is the former Ida Mae West of Warsaw. They have one son, Quincy J. Sutton, Jr., of Atlanta, and two grandchildren.

State Trooper W.T. (Ted) Evans of Beulaville investigated a most unusual wreck over the week-end. Unusual, because eight persons were involved and escaped injury, but three cars were totally demolished, two of which burned.

The accident occurred about 12:15 A.M. Saturday February 1 on US Highway 117 about two miles North of Wallace.

James Richard Fennell, 20, negro male of Route 1, Harrells, driving a 1968 Ford, North on 117 pulled into the left lane to pass a vehicle driven by Pvt. Gerald W. Stanfield, 20, white, male of Camp Le Jeune.

A third vehicle, a 1968 Thunderbird operated by Dalton

Extensive Damage Caused By Wrecks

Newdirk Gurganious of 109 Summerset Avenue, Lexington, also pulled out to pass the Camp LeJeune car, and failed to see the Ford in the left lane, hit the rear end of the car, and upon impact, the two cars burst into flames.

Private Stanfield, driver of the No. 2 car swerved away from the inferno, lost control of his car and overturned in the woods completely demolishing the car.

The Teachey Volunteer Fire Department was called to extinguish a grass fire and the two cars.

"I've never seen such heavy property damage with virtually no personal injury", said Trooper Evans who estimated damages to car No. 1 at \$3,500,

car No. 2 at \$3,000, and car No. 3 at \$600.

Gurganious, was charged with failing to see that a movement could be made in safety before he attempted to pass.

While still at the scene of the fire and wreck, Trooper Evans said that a 1967 Ford driven by Archie Monroe Matthis of Rt. 4, Clinton was damaged an estimated \$1,000 when the car became involved with a Black Angus Bull.

Matthis stated that he had just met a car and he didn't have any idea where the bull came from and when he saw the bull, which he estimated weighed 3,000 pounds, it was too late to stop.

The owner of the animal had not been determined to date and no charges have been filed.

George W. Sumner, 65, prominent farmer of Beulaville was hospitalized from injuries sustained last Tuesday.

Sumner was driving a 1967 Ford and attempted to pass a 1969 G M C truck operated by William Terry Person of 113 North Virginia Street, Goldsboro. At the same time the truck attempted a left turn and struck the car which was damaged an estimated \$1,000. Damage to the truck was set at \$200. Extent of Sumner's injuries were not determined.

Summer Injured

Sandra Lynn Wells, 17, white female of Route 1, Wallace, was charged with driving too fast for existing conditions when her car skidded on wet pavement Monday morning and overturned into a ditch.

Trooper Ted Evans estimated \$300. damages to the 1967 Chevrolet that went out of control as Sandra attempted to overtake and pass a school bus as she traveled North on US 117.

Lanier Receives Bronze Star

FT. LEAVENWORTH, KAN. (AHTNG) -- Army Lieutenant Colonel Albert B. Lanier Jr. (left), son of Albert B. Lanier, Route 2, Rose Hill, N.C., receives the Bronze Star Medal during recent ceremonies at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Presenting the award is Brigadier General David S. Henderson, assistant commandant, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Col. Lanier received the award for outstanding meritorious service in action against enemy forces in Vietnam from July 1957 to June 1958.

During the same ceremonies, he was also presented the Air Medal for meritorious achievement, involving aerial flight.

Currently a student at the college, Col. Lanier has also received two awards of the Army Commendation Medal.

The colonel graduated from Rose Hill (N.C.) High School in 1949 and received his commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, where he received his B.S. degree in 1953. He received his M.S. degree from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., in 1962.

He is a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho, Kappa Phi Kappa, and Pi Sigma Epsilon fraternities.

His wife, Gerri, is with him at Ft. Leavenworth.



A Lot Of Bull

The car was reportedly demolished and Dobson was hospitalized.

Pickup Overturns

Trooper Evans was called to the scene of a one vehicle wreck about 4 a.m. Sunday, February 2 on N.C. 11 about ten miles northeast of Kenansville.

Millard Otha Taylor, Jr. of 213 East 10th Street, Scotland Neck, was driving a 1968 Chevrolet pickup truck, moving his family and household belongings to Wilmington.

The vehicle ran off the road onto the right shoulder. Recent rains caused the ground to be soft and Taylor lost control of the vehicle which overturned into a ditch.

Damages to the truck were estimated at \$1,000 and to the household goods at \$500.

The Kenansville rescue squad rendered aid and ambulance service to the four persons in the vehicle. The driver received broken ribs.

Overturns Into Ditch

The Wade Price family of Route 1, about two miles north of Kenansville were jolted from a good night's sleep Friday about 11 p.m.

A 1955 Plymouth driven by Arthur Lee Dobson, Jr., Route 1, Magnolia failed to take a curve on rural paved road 1378. Price said the car left the road about 200 feet from his drive, and landed in his front yard.

Mercer Appointed Red Cross County Campaign Chairman



Grady Mercer

Grady Mercer was recently appointed Chairman of the 1969 Fund Campaign for the Duplin County Chapter of the American National Red Cross.

A native of Beulaville and a life long democrat, he is the son of the late Louis Albert and Frances (Grady) Mercer. He attended Beulaville Grammar and High School, 1923-27; University of North Carolina, where he received an A. B. degree in education and LL.B. in law. Lawyer and farmer.

Member Duplin County Bar Association and North Carolina Bar Association, and has served as president 4th Judicial District Bar, 1957; Secretary Treasurer 4th Judicial District Bar, 1956; Solicitor General County Court, 1946-54; former Judge of the General County Court of Duplin County; Attorney for Town of Beulaville, 1945-50; Secretary Beulaville School Board for four years and Chairman for four years; Chairman Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday in Duplin County, 1958; Chairman Duplin County Red Cross, 1958; Chairman Duplin County Easter Seal Drive, 1950; President of Young Democratic Club in Duplin County, 1940-44.

He is also a member North Carolina Farm Bureau; Woodmen of the World; Eastern Star; Masonic Order and Shrine; Worthy Patron of Beulaville Chapter of the Eastern Star; Master of Beulaville Masonic Lodge; 1940; President of Duplin County Shrine Club, 1958. State Senator in the General Assembly of 1959. He served from 1960-67 on the North Carolina Industrial Commission and since 1968 has been practicing law in Duplin County with his son, Grady Mercer, Jr., and his daughter, Ella Rose Thigpen, under the firm name of Mercer, Thigpen and Mercer, with offices in Kenansville and Beulaville. This is probably the only Father-Daughter and Son Law Firm in North Carolina.

The Month of March is Red Cross Month, and once again, Red Cross desperately needs the help of every one. Mr. Mercer is busy now securing his co-workers for the various communities and will list them in the next few weeks.

Mr. C. H. Yelverton, Superintendent of Schools has announced that in accordance with the Revised USDA Regulations of the National school lunch and Child Nutrition Acts, the Duplin County Board of Education has adopted a policy regarding for free and reduced price meals to be used uniformly in all attendance units. The policy becomes effective on February 1, 1969.

The criteria which will be used as an indication of economic need are family income, family size, and the number of children in school. Parents desiring financial assistance for school lunches may obtain an application from the principal of the school in which their children are enrolled. School officials will review all applications to determine whether or not the family is eligible for aid.

It is expected that this policy will make it possible to reach more children through the School Food Service Program.

Schools Adopt New Policy

The Warsaw Rotary Club held its weekly meeting Thursday, January 30, at the Country Square.

Mr. Keith Phillips, Supervisor Fire Training Service of the Department of Community Colleges, was guest speaker. Phillips outlined the program of teaching firemen with the Voluntary Fire Departments throughout the entire state and teaching women how to extinguish a fire in the home.

Warsaw Rotary

Mr. Calvin Criner, Supervisor of North Carolina non-public schools, of Raleigh will be the speaker at a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 17 at the courthouse in Kenansville.

NREDA Designated Law Enforcement Planning Agency

P. B. Ralford, County Coordinator for Duplin, and a member of the Executive Board of the Neuse River Economic Development Commission, announced that this organization has been designated by city, county and law enforcement officials of seven counties in the area as the official planning agency to do comprehensive planning in law enforcement and criminal justice.

Over \$400,000 has been made available to North Carolina, through the Governor's Committee on Law and Order for comprehensive area-wide planning. Each planning agency must submit an area-wide law enforcement plan outlining needs and objectives before a federal grant will be available under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act. Over 300 million dollars will be available for law enforcement activities in the U.S. for the next fiscal year.

Ralford said that the NREDC is forming a Law Enforcement Council to assist in developing the area plan. Each participating county and the communities within that county has been asked to designate two officials, city, county or law enforcement, to represent its county. Sheriff Elwood Revelle and Wallace Police Chief Earl Whitaker have been selected to represent Duplin County.

Ralford also reported that for a county or municipality to receive any funds under the "Safe Streets Act" for law enforcement, it must participate in an area-wide planning effort.

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NOTICE

There will be a Barbecue Supper at Bowden Community Presbyterian Church, Bowden on Friday, Feb. 7. Serving will begin at 6:00 P.M.