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Briefs

Chairman Resigns

Superintendent of Schools, Charles Yelverton has announced that Chairman D.D. Blanchard, of the Duplin County Board of Education, has submitted his resignation to be effective April 15th.

The Board of Education is expected to consider the resignation at their next scheduled meeting, April 8.

Sunrise Service

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICES will be conducted at Devotional Gardens at 6:30 a.m. April 6th. The joint services will be conducted with Warsaw minister participating. Rev. Charles Owen, minister of the United Methodist Church will bring the message. He will be assisted by Rev. Charles Hinson, Mr. J. Huber Dixon and Rev. J. Don Skinner.

Union Sunrise Service

Union Easter Services will be observed for the town at the Kenansville Baptist Church at 8:00 a.m. Sunday, April 6. The host church will provide special music. Rev. Troy D. Mullis, Minister of Grove Presbyterian Church will be guest speaker.

Good Friday Services

A Good Friday Service will be held at Smith's Presbyterian Church on Friday April 4th, at 8 P.M. The Public is invited to this service. Rev. Troy D. Mullis is minister of the Smith's Church.

Piney Grove Revival

Revival services will begin in the Piney Grove Church on Monday evening, April 14, and will continue through Sunday night, April 20. The evangelist will be Rev. Roy Savage, pastor of the Woods Grove Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, near Goldsboro. Services will begin at 7:30 each night except Sunday. Sunday evening services will begin at 7:00. The pastor, Rev. Ned Sauls, extends a welcome to everyone.

Bid For Town Office

Candidates who have filed for the May 6 election in the Town of Warsaw to date are: Mayor, John L. Powell, Jr.; and for commissioners, incumbents W.C. Tew and W.E. Foster. Jimmy McCleeny has also filed for commissioner.

James Kenan FBLA Swoops Top Honors

Pat Mathis Elected State President Club Wins Second Place in State in Four Events In an unprecedented display of triumph, James Kenan High School won Second Place in the State in Parliamentary Procedure, Public Speaking, Miss FBLA, and installation of Clubs in the 1969 Future Business Leaders of America State Convention in Durham last weekend. The greatest honor was the election of Pat Mathis as State President. This continued the tradition of winning a state office every year since the club's organization. By virtue of this office, he will attend the National FBLA Convention in Dallas, Texas. (Continued on Page 2)

Jurors Chosen

Jurors chosen to serve in the April 28th term of District Court in Duplin County as released by Sheriff T. Elwood Revelle are:

Mrs. Ghanell Lloyd, Wallace; James Earl Wallace, Warsaw; Sallie Jones, Warsaw; R.E. Thigpen, Faison; Jimmy Davis, Albertson; Mrs. Mildred H. Wells, Wallace; Robert B. Mills, Wallace; and Bernie Stiles, Pink Hill.

Jimmy Wayne Rich, Kenansville; Edwin Earl Teachey, Rose Hill; Vedren Brewington, Faison; Luby Tadlock, Calypso; Albert Lamb, Jr. Wallace; Harvey J. Baker, Kenansville; Robert Lewis McGowan, Warsaw; B. McDonald Teachey, Rose Hill; Mrs. Mildred Rochelle, Wallace; and Helen P. Smith, Warsaw.

Henry Jacobs Sutton, Warsaw; W.C. Worsley, Jr., Wallace; Emmett G. Sasser, Magnolia; Gertrude Carr, Rose Hill; Kenneth Knowles, Rose Hill; Lessie Mae Batchelor, Rose Hill; Vera Smith, Warsaw; G.W. Price, Warsaw; Bessie L. Beauty, Warsaw; Charles E. King, Faison; Libby M. Thomas, Pink Hill; Joseph E. Robinson, Rose Hill; E. Warren Herring, Faison; Dennis Marvin Spolar, Wallace; and Dora M. Faison, Warsaw.

Baptist Revival

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In cooperation with the Crusade of the Americas, the Beulaville Baptist Church will have Revival Services April 6-11, each evening at 7:30 P.M.

The evangelist is the Rev. J. William Hall, pastor of the

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Workshop On Basic Reading Program

The State Board of Education adopted, at its February 6, 1969 meeting, four basal reading textbooks for grades one through six. They are: Sheldon Basic Reading Series, Sheldon (Allyn and Bacon), Sounds of Language Readers, Martin (Holt, Rinehart and Winston), The Macmillan Reading Program, Harris (The Macmillan Company), and the Open Highways Series, Robinson (Scott, Foresman and Company).

Following the adoption of the basal reading textbooks by the State Board of Education a series of meetings have been held throughout the state, by State Department personnel and others, to discuss the Reading Program. Superintendents, principals, teachers, supervisors, reading consultants and other interested school personnel were invited to attend the meetings.

Our county was fortunate to have one of these meetings held at Beulaville Elementary School, Beulaville, North Carolina on March 5, 1969. Several counties were represented and Miss Nedra Mitchell, Elementary Supervisor from the State Department of Public Instruction, was in charge of the meeting.

On returning from the meeting at Beulaville Elementary

MILLER CONFESSES KIDNAP-MURDER

The lifeless body of Jackie Stone, 13 year-old elementary school girl was found in five feet of water in the Dobson's Chapel Community some 28 hours after she was kidnapped at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday of last week.

Roger Vernon Miller, 23, unemployed textile worker of Rt. 1, Rose Hill, has admitted the kidnap-murder charge and has signed a confession.

Jackie was enticed into Miller's car as she walked home from the Wallace Elementary School with her two sisters, Robin, 9, and Lisa, 6. Miller parked his white and black 1964 Ford, and when the Stone children got even with the car, he asked Jackie her father's name. She told him Leon Stone. Miller then told Jackie that her mother was ill and that he (Miller) was to take her to the hospital to see her mother. The two younger girls tried to get into the car also, but were told by Miller that they were instructed to go home. They hurried home, found their mother there and related the incident to her. Mrs. Stone immediately called the Wallace Police Department.

Several mothers in the area who had gone to the school to pick up their children, observed Jackie in the car as it was temporarily blocked by an oncoming car passing a school bus. Miller backed out into the main street and took off in the direction of Warsaw spinning his wheels.

Police Chief Earl Whitaker said the citizens of Wallace were to be commended for their help and cooperation in assisting the police by reporting each bit of information. Within three

hours after the alarm was first sounded, Miller was apprehended near the Wallace Pool Hall and was held for drunken driving.

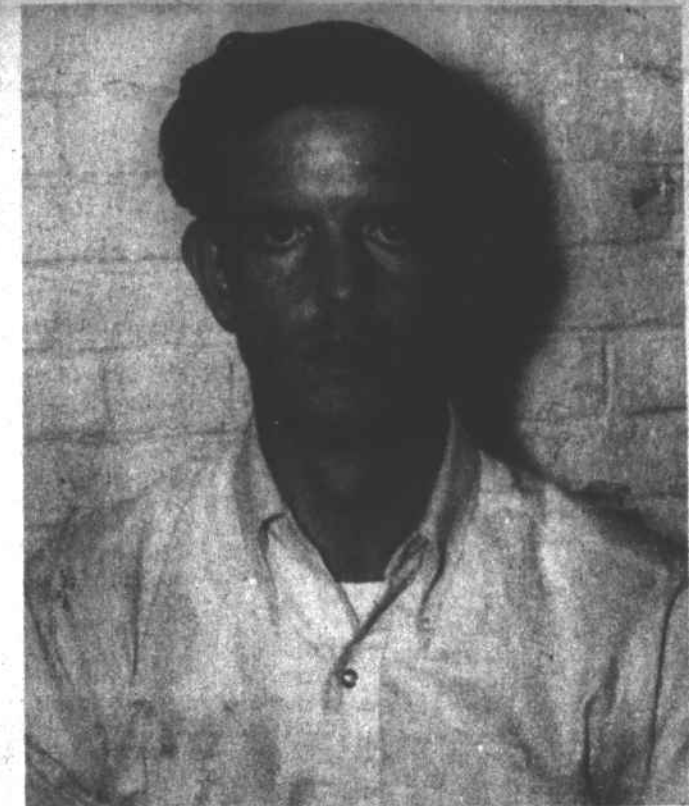
The Wallace Police Department was joined by the State Highway Patrol, the Duplin County Sheriff's Department and the Pender County Sheriff's Department as they began a search of a thirty-mile wooded area near Wallace.

Some 400 persons including officers and volunteer personnel resumed the search at dawn Wednesday. Helicopters from the nearby Marine Air Station, and planes from Wallace's Henderson Field joined in the search as did Rescue Units from many nearby towns. Before nightfall the National Guard had been called out and hundreds of school children and teachers were combing the area.

The first real evidence was discovered when a dog in Dobson Chapel area delivered a purse to its owner, Mrs. Fannie Carroll. The purse contained Jackie's identification and Carroll flagged down a passing State Trooper, R.N. Johnson who relayed the discovery. The immediate area was closed to traffic and in a short time the body was discovered in nearby Stocking Head Creek.

Miller, who had been questioned continuously since his arrest and denied any knowledge of the events, upon being informed of the discovery of the body he said, "Get Elwood Revelle down here and I will talk."

Sheriff Revelle said he spent more than an hour with Miller who admitted taking the girl



Roger Vernon Miller

from the school grounds, giving every detail including dumping the lifeless body in the creek in the area where Miller had previously worked as a farm laborer.

A warrant has been issued charging Miller with kidnap

and murder. He is in an undisclosed jail. No date has been set for trial.

The Stone family had resided in Wallace for about eight years, where Mr. Stone is employed as a radio announcer.

Ingram Chosen President



Charles Ingram

Charles Marshall Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ingram of Kenansville has been elected President of the Class of 1970, University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill.

A pre-law student, Ingram is presently a junior and is majoring in History and Political Science. He is a member of the Naval Reserve Officer's Training Corps (NROTC). A Midshipman 2nd Class, he has participated in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and as a senior, he will assume position of platoon MPO.

As senior class president he will serve as chief marshal of this year's graduation class and will participate in other formal occasions such as University Day. He will also appoint other marshals and direct class policy and functions including senior class gift to the University, graduation dances, senior class day, as well as fund raising activities.

He is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Social Fraternity and its alumni secretary. He has served on student attorney generals staff at UNC and on the student government branch that handles student violations of Honor Code and Campus Codes.

A 1966 graduate of James Kenan High School, Charles was an outstanding student. He was a member of the basketball and football teams, band and Beta Club, and was chosen Senior Class Speaker.

"I feel that my parents, family, and many friends in Kenansville and Duplin County are responsible for what I am today", said Charles. "Through their continued trust, guidance and encouragement, my trip over 'fool's hill' has been made easier. I am proud of my home town and home folks and will always do everything possible to make them proud of me."

And Charles, you may be sure that we are proud of you.

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County Wide Spring Cleanup

"Clean up...for fire safety." This is the basically important reason for the Spring Clean-up campaign which starts in Duplin County on April 7. Fire Chief Herring announced today.

"Fires in U.S. homes are taking about 6,800 lives yearly, according to National Fire Protection Association figures," said Fire Chief Herring. "And one of the major causes of dwelling fires is rubbish and trash."

"One American home is destroyed or damaged by fire starting in rubbish every 12 minutes, these same NFPA statistics show.

"So our goal for Spring-

Clean-Up is to make every home in this community safer from fires. This means a concentrated attack on the spots in and around houses where fires start--accumulations in attics, basements and closets, any place there is trash and rubbish.

"Clean-up does many things for the community, but perhaps the most important accomplishment of all is that it will make the homes in Duplin County safer from fire," the chief said.

Spring Clean-Up is sponsored internationally by the National Fire Protection Association to promote fire safety throughout the United States and Canada.

School the County Superintendent, Mr. Charles H. Yelverton, conferred with three instructional supervisors, Mrs. Magdalene Stancil, Miss Annie Mae Kenlon, and Miss Annie Mae Brown, about the possibility of planning a series of meetings to involve one teacher from each elementary school to serve on a Reading Committee. Letters were sent to school principals requesting the teacher from his school who had been chosen to serve on the Reading Committee to attend these meetings. The first meeting was held at the Johnson Education Building on March 12, 1969. The com-



A typical scene of reading instructors at a workshop at the O.P. Johnson Educational Building in Kenansville on Thursday March 27. Left to right are: Mrs. Mildred Kenan, Chincopin II; Miss Sheila Brown, Chincopin

I; Mrs. Edith Fussell, E.E. Smith, Mrs. Betty Hawes, Recorder-Wallace; Mrs. Magdalene Stancil, instructional supervisor; Mrs. Joan East, Warsaw; and Mrs. Beatrice Martin, Chairman.

RBW Merritt Seriously Injured

A two-car accident at 8:40 Tuesday morning hospitalized two persons, one seriously injured, and caused extensive property damage.

State Trooper Ted Evans, of Beulaville investigating officer said Gordon Merritt, white male, 68 of Rose Hill was hospitalized with both legs broken, extensive cuts, abrasions and bruises.

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