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Briefs

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Kenansville, June 9 through 13, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. with commencement exercises on Friday night. Mrs. Needham Grady is superintendent of the school.

Notice

The Warsaw Jaycees are sponsoring a car wash Saturday, June 7th from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. in front of the Jaycee Hut. Proceeds will go for community projects. All cars are welcomed.

JSI Cameras Stolen

Vandals entered James Sprunt Institute from a rear window on Sunday night and carried away three cameras. Deputies Glenn Jernigan and Rodney Thigpen are conducting an investigation.

Notice

The Beulaville Garden Club is sponsoring a dance this Saturday night, June 7th at the Beulaville Armory, featuring the music of the "Phisic Souls."

J.P. Stevan & Co.

J.P. Stevan and Co., Inc. Monday announced an upward adjustment of wages for hourly paid employees, effective July 7, 1969.

Notices announcing the increase were posted in the company's plants today.

The company said the employees in most plants would be given an additional paid holiday, bringing the total to five annually.

The increase will go to approximately 40,000 employees in 10 states.

National Spinning

National Spinning Company announced today an increased wage adjustment and the addition of one paid holiday to become effective for all hourly paid employees July 14, 1969.

National Spinning is a leading producer of knitting yarns for the apparel trade and has plant locations in Washington, Whiteville, Warsaw, and Beulaville, North Carolina.

4-H Reminder

This is a reminder that the first meeting of the 4-H Fire Prevention and Control Program will be held Friday, June 6, 1969, at 5 p.m., at the Kenansville Fire Department. Fire Chief, Lauren Sharpe, will be in charge of the program.

This program is designed to help you understand why a fire starts, how it burns, and how it may be extinguished. You will also learn how fires can be prevented and how your community fire protection services are organized.

So mark your calendar for the starting date. Come join in the fun.

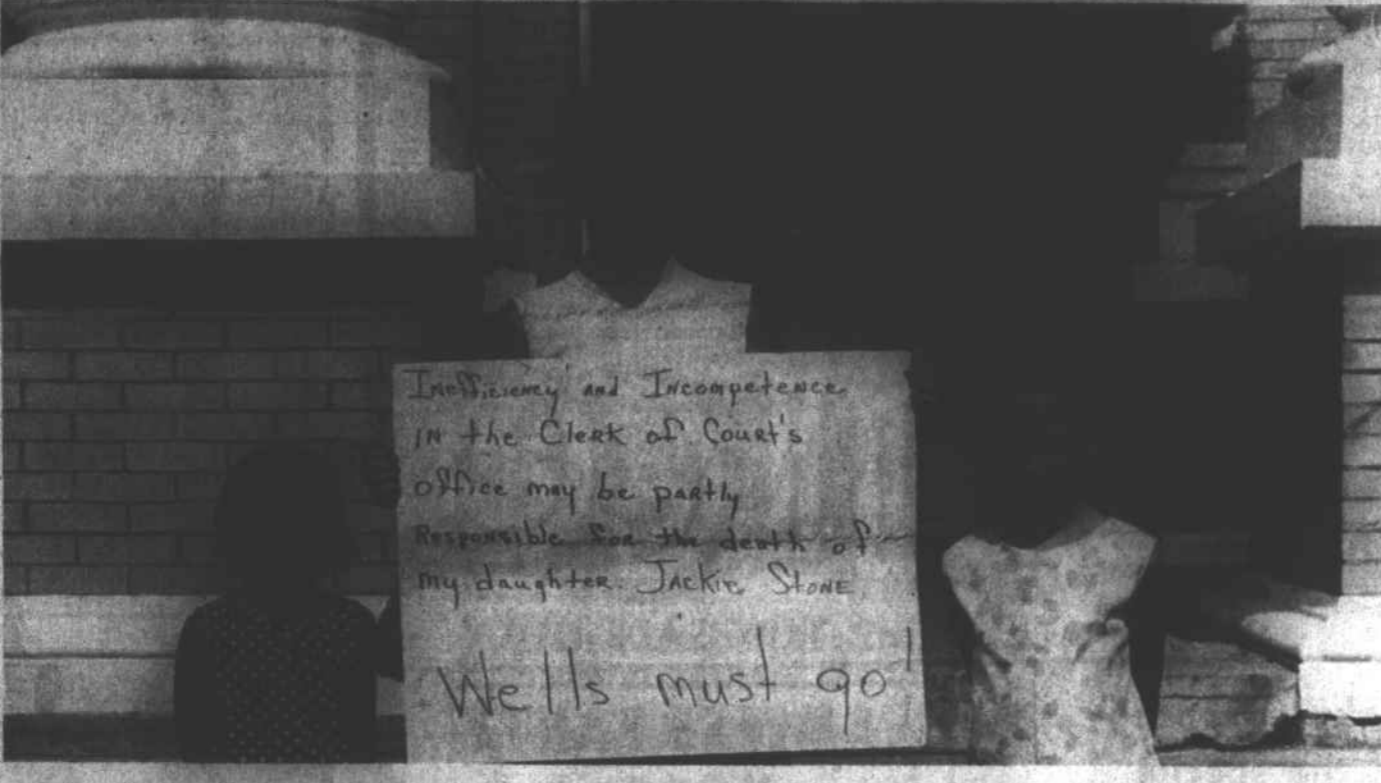
Wins Lawn Mower

Vivian Henderson, Rt. 2, Wallace, won first prize at the James Sprunt Institute raffle, with drawings at the college on Friday afternoon.

A riding lawn mower was first prize in the raffle conducted by JSI to raise money for student transportation expenses for the various student activities, including field trips and athletic events.

A probable astro record player won by F.B. Ralford was second prize and a probable mixer described as "specially for the homemaker" was won by Roy Barnhill, a butcher.

Sponsors of the raffle were well pleased with the proceeds derived from it, and feel that this will prove beneficial to the students of the college.



Mrs. Leon Stone, mother of Jackie Stone who was kidnapped and murdered on March 25th, picketed Duplin County Courthouse Thursday carrying a placard with the following "Inefficiency and Incompetence in the Clerk of Courts Office may be partly responsible for the death of my daughter, Jackie Stone. WELLS MUST GO! With Mrs. Stone are her two daughters, Lisa and Robin. (Staff Photo by Ruth Wells)

Stone's Protest Lack Of Efficiency

Had the wheels of justice moved less slowly, according to Mrs. Leon Stone, her daughter, Jackie, a thirteen-year-old seventh grader of Wallace, might be alive today.

Mrs. Stone, mother of the pretty girl who was kidnapped and murdered on March 25, said that she and Mr. Stone feel that had the clerk of court office been more efficient in performing its duty, the tragedy might not have occurred. Had Roger Vernon Miller's driving license been revoked immediately (instead of four months later) he would not have had operators license on March 25th and probably would not have been driving a car. The Stones

realize that Miller could have driven illegally, but they think a more efficient operation in picking up driver license might have saved a life.

In order to bring to the attention of the public the slow action Mrs. Stone picketed the Duplin County Courthouse Thursday morning. She was accompanied by her two daughters, Robin 9, and Lisa 6.

"We know that nothing will bring Jackie back, but it just might help someone else if records in the clerk's office were handled more efficiently," said Mrs. Stone.

The Stones are aware of the fact that Roger Vernon Miller, confessed kidnap-murderer of their daughter was convicted of

two offenses of reckless driving during the year 1968 and that such convictions calls for suspension of driving license. Miller's second conviction was December 30, 1968, but it was four months later, on April 29, 1969 that the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles was notified, Jackie Stone was murdered March 25th, 1969.

Mrs. Stone has information from Joe W. Garrett, Commissioner of North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles with driving record of Roger Vernon Miller as follows:

"Driving with no chauffeur's license, May 26, 1966; speeding, August 8, 1966; improper brakes, July 22, 1966; Driving

on the wrong side of road, November 19, 1966; Reckless driving, August 18, 1968; Reckless driving, November 30, 1968."

"At the present time," the letter from Garrett continued, "our records show that on May 24, 1969, his driving privilege was revoked for a period of one year as the result of two convictions of reckless driving within one year. Although the last offense occurred on November 30, 1968, and he was convicted on December 30, 1968, we did not receive notice of this conviction until April 29, 1969."

Garrett expressed sympathy on behalf of Governor Scott and himself over the tragic death of the Stone's daughter.

District Meeting Held NFO Draws Large Crowd

A crowd of over 1,000 farmers and others interested in agriculture crowded into the Union High School Auditorium Tuesday night to hear Erhard Pflingsten, national vice-president of the National Farmers Organization.

Slightly over 1,000 persons were served at the barbecue supper which preceded the program and others who did not eat attended the meeting, jamming the gymnasium to its capacity.

State Secretary of Agriculture Jim Graham introduced Pflingsten, telling the crowd that he had been traveling across the state, telling the people of North Carolina that the farmer was not getting a fair share of the agricultural income.

"The day is coming when you can't take for granted a quart of milk or a side of bacon. The day is coming when the farmer will be recognized for his contribution to our economy," said Graham.

Pflingsten, operator of a 540 acre row crop farm in Nebraska, told the group that he had always heard farmers talking about their hopes of having just two good years together.

"They talk about two good years, but what they mean, is a good year 20 years ago and another next year, they hope," he said.

The trouble with American agriculture, he told the group, can be readily summed up in two words--low prices.

Pointing out that the cash receipts from all farm operation in the United States in 1967 amounted to 42.8 billion dollars and that production expenses were 34.8 billion, leaving a net return of 8 billion dollars for the total farm group, he said that this net return amounted to only three percent on the investment of 274 billions which American farmers have in their farms and equipment.

"Three percent isn't much.

You can't even borrow money and repay it on that kind of return. You'd be better off to sell your farm, put the money out at interest and sit back and enjoy life," he said.

The average farmer today can exist only by borrowing money or by accepting federal subsidies, he said, adding that both are wrong in that they mortgage the future of the farm.

"The time comes when someone has to pay back that borrowed money and if you cannot pay it back out of earnings then you're going deeper and deeper in the hole," he said.

He outlined the NFO program of collective bargaining and told of the contracts which NFO currently has in operation in several states across the nation.

"There's nothing wrong with the American farmer that a decent price for his products would not cure in a hurry," he said.



An architect's drawing of the new National Spinning Company plant that will be in production soon in Beulaville. That plant is designed to manufacture hosiery yarn is located on a thirty-two acre tract of land

about a mile south of Beulaville on the Cedar Fork road, and will provide employment for many persons in the area when peak production is reached. National Spinning also has a plant near Warsaw.



Trooper E.R. Warrick views the wreckage of two cars where six persons were injured, four of whom were hospitalized. One person was critically injured as a result of the head-on crash of the above vehicles. The accident occurred just after noon Friday on Rural Paved Road 1103 at Nash Johnson's Fish Pond, near Magnolia.

I.J. Sandlin Co. Collects \$15,000 Damages

I. J. Sandlin Company of Beulaville was awarded \$15,000 damages from the town of Beulaville sustained by the widening of Highway 24 through the town. The company presented evidence of damages from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

The case consumed the major part of May 26th term of Superior Court in Duplin County with Judge Walter Cohoon of Elizabeth City presiding. The town of Beulaville was represented by attorneys Vance B. Gavin of Kenansville and Russell J. Lanier, Jr. of Beulaville.

The decision reached by the twelve-man jury was the same figure as the Town of Beulaville had estimated damages and had been a deposit of \$15,000.

Former Mayor Herman Gore testified that property improvements by the construction of the highway through the town was well in excess of any damages involved.

William B. Cutler, vice president of the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Company, Beulaville, testified that benefits to I.J. Sandlin Co. property in Beulaville had almost completely offset any losses.

Other witnesses presenting substantially the same evidence were: Raleigh Lanier, Roland Edwards, Cecil Miller, Avon Sharpe, Russell Eustic, Stephen Smith, Arthur Kennedy, Archie Lanier, Harold Glenn Lanier, Gardner Edwards, Marian Edwards, Ray Carol Smith, John

Miller, Carlton Precythe and G.P. King.

Testimony used by the jury in arriving at a verdict was the difference between fair market value of the entire property involved before taking for highway purposes and the fair market value involved after taking for highway purposes, and added to that figure any general or special benefit accruing to property as result of highway construction.

The Town of Beulaville, through their attorneys Gavin and Lanier did place emphasis on general benefits and special benefits.

Owners of I.J. Sandlin Co. were represented by attorneys T. Yates Dobson, Jr. of Smithfield, and Graham A. Phillips, Jr. of Wallace.

Commissioners Notes

The Board of Commissioners have appropriated \$7,000 non tax revenue, for the purpose of establishing a Mental Health Clinic for Duplin County.

The 1969 tax levee will remain the same \$1.85 per \$100, valuation for the 1969-70 year.

Appointments made at the regular first Monday meeting of the commissioners included: J. W. Hoffer to the James Sprunt Board of Trustees for an eight year term; and William H. Thorpe, Sr., teacher in Rose Hill Elementary School to the Good Neighbor Council. Re-appointed to the Dorothy Wightman-Duplin County Library Board were: Mrs. Hugh M. Morrison, Wallace; Mrs. N.B. Boney Kenansville; Mrs. Alvin Kornegay, Albertson; and Mrs. C. Mangum Walker, Faison. Mrs. G.V. Gooding of Kenansville was appointed to the board replacing Mrs. Mary C. Southerland, whose term has expired.

Leon Stone of Wallace came before the Board in relation to delayed reports of Motor Vehicles License Revocation of the Motor Vehicles Department for four months, and no processed cases concerning charges of speeding et cetera. He asked the board for help to clean up the courts. The Board expressed its sincere sympathy to Mr. Stone in the murder of his daughter. It was decided to await further investigation, as the clerk of the courts office and the District courts are under the State Department of Courts Administration.

John A. Johnson, tax collector reported \$24,697.71 collected for the month of May. The Veteran's Service Officer reported assistance rendered in May to seventy six persons and surplus food was issued to 3,302 persons while 3,000 persons are expected to receive surplus food in June.

Holiday Marred By Wrecks

Six persons were injured, one critically, in a head-on crash of two cars near Magnolia Friday afternoon.

Harry Lamont Fowler, 18, negro male of 431 19th Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. was reportedly paralyzed from his neck down when his 1969 Oldsmobile was struck by a car operated by William Lloyd Jones, 22, white male, Rt. 1, Box 256 Magnolia.

Lamont was transported by ambulance to North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Admitted to Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville were Melvin Fowler, 19, negro male of 431 19th Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. with head injuries, and Sharrone Boone, 5, of Rt. 1, Box 404 Magnolia. Ex-loner Boone, 24, of Rt. 1, Box 404 Magnolia was treated at the hospital and released.

Bonnie Faye Jones, 19, wife of William Lloyd Jones and a passenger in his car was also admitted to the hospital.

Trooper E.R. Warrick of Wallace said the Jones car was traveling north on rural paved road 1103 and the Fowler car was traveling south. Warrick quoted Jones as saying that he was watching people fishing in the roadside pond and had crossed over the center line and hit the Fowler car before he realized it.

The accident occurred about 12:30 and did a property damage of between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Trooper Warrick said a large crowd of people were fishing in the pond owned by Nash Johnson, which attracted the attention of Jones who was ch-

arged with driving left of center line.

Brothers Killed

Two Sampson County brothers were killed in a one-car accident about 5:30 p.m. Saturday on a rural paved road about one half mile south of Wallace.

Dead are Fred Liverstone Hayes, 22, and Arnold Hayes, 18, of Harrells.

The car was driven by Fred L. Hayes, said Trooper J.J. Langston. Two other passengers were treated at Pender Memorial Hospital at Burgaw and released.

Langston said the car left the highway on the right side, recrossed the road and crashed into a bridge with a wooden railing.

The driver was pinned in the wreckage. A bridge railing was driven through his body, Langston said.

The bridge was the county line between Pender and Duplin County.

Excessive speed was blamed for the accident.

Child Killed

Duplin County's traffic deaths climbed to an alarming high of fifteen for the year when a three-year-old child was killed near Mount Olive Monday afternoon.

The victim was identified as Velma Lorraine Faison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Faison, Jr., of Rt. 3, Mount Olive. She was struck by a truck driven by Earl King of Rt. 1, Faison.

Says Trooper E.R. Kirby of

Kenansville said the girl was killed instantly about 1:30 Monday afternoon when she was struck by a farm truck on Rural Paved Road 1309. Kirby said the accident was just inside Duplin County about one-half mile from the county line.

Sheriff Elwood Revelle, deputy sheriff Irvin Outlaw and County Coroner Herman H. Quinn went to the scene of the accident to assist with the investigation.

King told the officers that the child had gone to the mailbox beside the road, and darted in front of the truck as he approached.

No charges have been made.

ROTC Cadets

RALEIGH ---Commissioning ceremonies Saturday afternoon for Army, ROTC cadets brought to 176 the number of officers graduated at North Carolina State University during the past year and included from this area Herbert B. Burch, Faison, and James H. Ware, Jr., Turkey.

Sing Convention

A Sing Convention will be held at the Warsaw Free Will Baptist Church Sunday night at 7:30. Durwood Pelletier is in charge of the service which will feature the Harmony Trio of Jacksonville, the Victory Quartet of Richlands, and the Bear Marsh Choir and Quartet.

Notice

The William B. Miller who was convicted of driving under the influence as published in last week's DUPLIN TIMES was not William B. Miller of Beulaville.