

# PROGRESS SENTINEL

## James Sprunt Institute Graduates Seventy-Four

Seventy-four graduates received their associate degrees and diplomas during graduation ceremonies in Kenan Memorial Auditorium on Friday night, August 22, 1969. An audience of approximately 700 guests were present at the exercise which was followed by a "Open House" with refreshments at James Sprunt Institute. Mr. Charles Holloman, Associate Director of the Department of Community Colleges of North Carolina delivered the graduation address. The text of the message related the significant role that the technical institutes and community colleges are playing in preparing its graduates for employment in a skilled profession with salaries commensurate with their training.

Others participating in the graduation exercises were Mr. Faison McGowan, a member of the James Sprunt Institute Board of Trustees who delivered the welcome remarks. Mr. Leroy Simmons, a member of the Board of Trustees, rendered the introductory remarks. Rev. Charles Sparks of the United Methodist Church of Rose Hill gave the invocation and benediction. Miss Gayle Simon served as pianist.

Other members of the James Sprunt Institute Board of Trustees are Representative Hugh S. Johnson, Adis P. Cates, James F. Strickland, Chairman, Mrs. Edward L. Byrnes, J. W. Harris and Charles J. Verdon.

The conferring of degrees and diplomas was presented by Dixon Hall, President of James Sprunt Institute, Dr. James Edmundson, Dean of Applied Arts and Sciences and Alfred Wells, Dean of Students.

### Warsaw Woman Shot - Brother Held

A family squabble resulted in a shot gun slaying of a woman in Warsaw on Labor Day, Monday, September 1.

Warsaw Police Chief, Perry Smith, said that Mattie Lee Barnes died as a result of a twelve gauge shot gun blast in the neck, severing the jugular vein. Robert McGee, 62, of Warsaw is being held in connection with the slaying of his sister.

According to Police Chief Smith, who was called to the scene at 8:40 Monday morning, the Barnes woman came to Warsaw from the Pikeville area and rented a house on West Bay St. Since her brother had been living alone in a section of the eastern outskirts of town, the two moved into the house on Bay Street.

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First Row, Left to Right: Jeanne O'Neil (High School), Minnie Murray (High School), Gloria Fay Hill (Business Administration), Martha Carole Easden (High School), Jesse Harrison Godbold (Practical Nurse Education), Nettie Frances Williams (Practical Nurse Education), Sarah Rhodes Hinson

Second Row, Left to Right: Daphne DeBose Rackley (Stenography), Evelyn Lanier Fussell (High School), Malissa Loftin (Stenography), Grace Raynor (High School), Carol Ann Hewitt (Cosmetology), Jimmie Louise Long Padgett (Practical Nurse Education), Mary Cynthia Foster Montford (Practical Nurse Education), Celestine Ford (Practical Nurse Education),

Third Row, Left to Right: Hilda Garner (High School), Beatrice Price (High School), Edwina Thomas Nethercutt (High School), Charles Neilson Best (Commercial Art and Advertising Design), Bernice Wood Batts (Practical Nurse Education), Julia Stanford Brown (Practical Nurse Education), Mary Lou

Fourth Row, Left to Right: Lola Marapese (High School), Jacqueline Elizabeth Bell (Stenography), Troy Alex Turner, (Welding), Charles Linwood Ezzell (Drafting and Design),

Fifth Row, Left to Right: Robert Lamb, Jr. (Drafting and Design), William Preston Merritt (Accounting), Kenneth LeRoy Ippock (Drafting and Design), George Norwood Ammons (Welding),

### Rose Hill Christian School Announces Faculty Schedule

Ninety-five students have been accepted by the Rose Hill Christian Schools, Inc., at Teachey, according to Joseph Newkirk, headmaster. Although no further applications are being accepted, a "waiting list" of those who would like to apply

is being maintained. "The Board of Directors may make provision for a limited number of additional students shortly after the opening on September 5th," Mr. Newkirk stated.

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The restoration to the Colonial period continues in Kenansville and one of the most attractive buildings in town is the recently completed office of attorney W. E. C. ...

from the Kenansville Drug Store. The building was occupied for many years as a grocery store owned and operated by the late G. B. ...

## Briefs

### College Graduates

Among the recent Campbell College Graduates were Larry Dall Jackson, Faison and William F. Smith, Magnolia. Jackson received a B.S. Degree in Business Administration and Smith also received a B.S. Degree in Biology.

Graduating from Atlantic Christian College, August 22, was Mrs. Mary Kennedy Thompson, of Warsaw.

### Notice

Your friendly A & P will be open Wednesday afternoon for the convenience of the public.

### Reunion

The Kit and Cora Stroud reunion will be held Sunday, September 14, 1969 at the Smith community building in Smith's Township. All relatives and friends are invited to come and bring a picnic basket.

## Rouse's Grocery Store Robbed

A suspect has been arrested in Monday night's break-in at Rouse Self Service Grocery in Rose Hill. The business is owned by Harry Rouse and is located on South Railroad Street.

Sheriff T. Elwood Revelle has charged, on information and belief, Edgar Lee Watkins, 24-year male laborer of Rose Hill with breaking, entering, and larceny.

A plate glass from the front of the store was broken out, through which the stolen merchandise was removed.

"There was no need to open the door", said Rouse, "as they could have carried out most everything in the store through the opening in the plate glass."

Listed among the missing items were cured meats, canned meats, fresh meats, smoked sausage, ladies hose, cigarettes and shirts. Many items were strewn over the store.

Watkins is scheduled for hearing before District Court Judge Russell Lanier, on Wednesday.

Investigation is continuing by Constable Edward Chestnut, and Deputies Graham Chestnut and E. G. Baker.

## Capital Felony Charge Reduced To Misdemeanor

Norwood W. Cavanaugh, 17, of Wallace tendered a plea of guilty of nonfelonious breaking and entering through his attorneys, E.C. Thompson, III of Warsaw and B.R. Batts of Wallace in the Superior Court of Duplin County last week. Judge Albert W. Cowper presiding. Judge Cowper imposed a 2 year suspended sentence on young Cavanaugh while placing the youth on 3 years probation.

Cavanaugh had been charged with burglary in connection with entering the home of W. E. Stout, a Wallace real estate man, in the early morning hours of July 28. Two days after the incident, Cavanaugh's attorney, B.R. Batts, in a conversation in Mr. Batts' office stated that young Cavanaugh had admitted going into the home with no other apparent reason other than "I just wanted to know if I had the nerve". This confession was made in hopes that no prosecution would ensue. However, young Cavanaugh was later indicted for the capital offense of burglary. A parade of ministers, teachers and other character witnesses gave young Cavanaugh an impeccable reputation even to the extent as one witness testified "he doesn't drink, smoke or even eat soda". Further evidence

was given that young Cavanaugh may be suffering from an inferiority complex.

The charge of burglary is a capital felony in which there must be proof for a conviction that a house or other habitable dwelling was entered in the night time while the dwelling was occupied with the intent to commit a felony. Defense attorney, E.C. Thompson, III, in his argument to the court, submitted that in many cases a lesser plea was entered in a compromise fashion and sometimes due to a person's good record of character. While acknowledging that the defendant in this action had an impeccable character, Thompson contended that the State had no evidence that the defendant intended to commit any felony. Judge Cowper concurred with the argument of counsel and ruled there was no evidence of any intent to commit a felony. Judge Cowper further stated that this case was very strange since at the outset, the defendant was charged with a capital offense with the conclusion of a plea to a misdemeanor.

Judge Cowper did state, however, that he felt there was no evidence of any other offense other than "breaking and entering" which is a misdemeanor.

## Duplin Native Wreck Victim

A Duplin County native and his wife were killed in a collision near their home in Meadville, Pennsylvania Saturday night.

Gene Arden Stroud, 30 and his wife the former Janice Lee Hancuff were reportedly killed instantly when a truck went out of control, crossed over into their lane of traffic and struck the Stroud car, head on.

Injured in the wreck was Gene Arden Stroud, Jr. age 5 who is hospitalized with a broken leg. The couple were also accompanied by their three daughters, ranging in age from 4 to three months, who escaped injury.

Mrs. Stroud was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cameron Stroud of Rt. 2 Warsaw. He graduated from Kenansville High School in 1958, was a veteran of the U. S. Coast Guard, and attended Gastonia Technological Institute.

Mrs. Stroud was a graduate of Meadville City Hospital School of Nursing and had been employed by Spencer Hospital in Meadville. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hancuff of Meadville.

Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Stroud were scheduled for 1:30 o'clock Wednesday, September 2, Burial to follow in Meadville.

In addition to his children and parents, Mr. Stroud is survived by a brother, James Stroud of Wilmington, and a sister, Mrs. Don Wheelin of Greensboro.

Mrs. Stroud's survivors include her parents, a sister Charlene and a brother Edward. The family requested that in lieu of flowers, that memorials be made to Unity Methodist Church. Many friends are sending memorials to the family to be used for the education of the children.



Jimmy Kennedy wears the Purple Heart as pinned by his wife Jane Rivenbark Kennedy. The medal was awarded for wounds received in the line of duty in Vietnam in March 1968, which resulted in the loss of his left arm. Kennedy is still hospitalized at Fort Benning, Georgia and expects to be discharged from the army in the near future.

## Jimmy Kennedy Receives Purple Heart

A native of Warsaw, Kennedy is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kennedy and is a 1968 graduate of James Kenan High School. He entered the army June 10th, 1968 and received his basic training at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He received Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky and was granted a twenty-one-day leave prior to his departure for Vietnam.

As a result of the wounds, Jimmy lost his left arm. He also received multiple wounds of the head, abdomen and left leg. Army medics had Jimmy on a helicopter headed for a hospital in less than five minutes after the mortar attack.

Jimmy was soon returned to the states and this time was hospitalized at Ft. Gordon, Ga. He expects to be discharged from there within the next month.

Mrs. Kennedy is the former Jane Rivenbark of Kenansville. She is residing in Kenansville with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Rivenbark, until her husband is separated from service.

## Poultry Jubilee October 2-5

The Rose Hill Junior Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the local businesses and the North Carolina Poultry Federation take pleasure in announcing plans for this year's "North Carolina Poultry Jubilee" Festivities in Rose Hill.

This annual event was first staged in 1963 with the idea of focusing attention upon this very important segment of agriculture in the state, and to pay a special tribute to the Poultry Industry in Southeastern North Carolina.

Due to the vast growth of the Poultry Industry in North Carolina, the Rose Hill Jaycees have decided to expand the Jubilee in conjunction with the North Carolina Poultry Federation to make this an annual state wide event.

located in Rose Hill. Hundreds of farmers have become a vital part of this economic growth by building poultry houses and becoming growers of this area's chicken, egg and turkey production. Thus many thousand families throughout the state and nation each day eat a meal of the delicious and nutritious poultry from Rose Hill, North Carolina.

We think, therefore that the economic importance of this growing Poultry Industry is reason for this "Day of Recognition" and perhaps you will understand if we wish to "crow" or "gobble" a little about this area's accomplishments. The Poultry Jubilee will offer an opportunity for the farmer, the public and friends of the industry to view some of the technical aspects of poultry production and join with Rose Hill citizens in a day of fun, entertainment, and good fellowship. A meal of delicious fried chicken from "The World's Largest Frying Pan" will be served. Plan now to join us Saturday, October 4, for this "Salute to Poultry".