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# Two Charged In Kidnapping And Murder Near Warsaw

Two men have been charged in a bizarre highway kidnapping and murder that occurred Monday afternoon near the city limits of Warsaw.

Warsaw Police Chief R.P. Wood surmised that Janet Magalene Blanchard, alias Gloria Diaz, 29, white, from New Bedford Massachusetts,

died after either being forced out, or leaping from the cab of a tractor-trailer truck. Another woman, Gail Ray Wertz, 28, white, of Fayette-

ville, was found beside her on U.S. 117 at the north city limits of Warsaw late Monday afternoon. She had suffered multiple injuries and was treated Monday night in Duplin General before being transferred to Womack in Fayette-

ville. Officers said they were apparently picked up by the driver of an empty log truck. They came to Warsaw, and, according to investigators, stopped briefly at a Warsaw bank before heading north out of town.

Wood said police had not determined if the women had been shoved out of the truck cab or had jumped out. The injured woman cleared the truck's rear wheels. The dead woman was run over by the rear wheels, Wood said.

The driver of the truck was Joseph Lee Kenan, 32, black male of Route 1, Warsaw. A passenger in the truck was identified as Davy Junior Oxendine, 34, black male of North Center Street, Goldsboro.

Both were charged with first degree murder, kidnapping, and assault with a deadly weapon causing serious bodily injury.

### RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Rose Hill Fire Department on Wednesday, November 29 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and on Thursday, November 30th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Beulaville.

## Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

The dates have changed on me. . . Last week, the finishing date for construction on the Courthouse was January. . . Monday the Commissioners, on a vote of three to two, decided to allow a 90-day delay. . . So the Courthouse now has a new completion date of March 10th or 12th, differing from the original contract date of December 12. . . I wonder if anyone remembers the contractor promising that no later than July first, five months ago, court would be able to return to the Courthouse.

In case you missed it elsewhere, this past Saturday, November 18, was Sarecta's 192nd birthday. . . The papers of incorporation were ratified on November 18, 1786, and the town is still incorporated.

A few weeks ago my daughter gave me four cucumbers for Donna. . . They were in a see-through plastic bag. . . I entered the Duplin Times office carrying the cukes and Marie Haddock first asked if they were from the Swann garden. . . I said no, and this apparently made Marie Swann mad. . . Next, Marie asked me if I had the same and take Donna too. . . "No way," said I. "Donna likes cukes." . . This apparently made Marie mad. . . How do I know the two got mad at me. . . Well, for one thing, I have always complained about Marie taking the scissors to my copy and cutting away important parts. . . So last week, the M&M girls, Marie and Martha, added to my copy in the story about Hilda, and about got me in the doghouse. . . Last time anyone will catch me toting around cucumbers in Kenansville. . .

The Warsaw Police Station has signs up that state. . . "No Parking. Police Cars." . . Yet every time I go there, Police Cars are parked in the spaces. . .

North Carolina will soon be in the oil distillery business, according to a reliable source. . . N.C. will soon purchase a distillery that will renew used oil. . . Oil does not wear out. . . It gets dirty. . . This distillery will reprocess this oil by distilling,

not by just straining. . . The oil will be picked up at school bus garages, highway patrol garages, etc. . . A conservative measure in more ways than one. . . Saves dollars and oil. . . Watch for the news story as it will be coming soon. . .

A few years back, under pressure from the medical profession, the office of coroner was all but abolished. . . Medical examiners took over. . . To officially move a dead person, a medical examiner must view the body, and the medical examiner must be a doctor. . . Duplin County and most other small counties have a doctor shortage.

Doctors' offices are always full to overflowing. . . Thus, when a death occurs, a doctor must leave an office filled with patients if the body in question is to be viewed. . . The doctor is paid \$35 for his judgement of death. . . However, sometimes a doctor cannot be found who can go to the scene for an hour or longer. . . Thus the body must stay where it is. . . in the middle of a highway. . . in a ditch. . . hanging from a tree. . . or where ever. . . But, at this same time, there are volunteer ambulance members who have left their jobs and, at no pay, must stay on the scene and wait for the doctor to show up. . . and make his \$35 and tell the EMT's what they already know. . . There seems to be room for improvement in this system. . . But where do you start? . . .

"Back to basics" is a term used quite often, and in most cases in regard to education, it sounds good. . . But in actuality, it is a paradox, for the more one becomes educated, the further from basics he, or she, tends to wander, and one feels obligated to travel the road that is furthest from basics. . . We, as a nation, or as a world, have moved away from basics. . . The more modern, the more educated we become, the further away we seem to go. . . It is Joe's opinion that this is the time of the year. . . Thanksgiving. . . when it is time to think about and be thankful for the basics. . . Not the frills or fancy things, but the basics. . . Those things which can not be counted in dollars and cents. . .

## Party Ends In Death Of Two

Two men died Monday from what authorities believe to have been a concoction of an unknown substance mixed with alcohol.

The dead men are Tony Boone, 19, and George Clark, Jr., 33, both of Warsaw.

Warsaw Chief of Police R.P. Wood said the deaths occurred after a party at Clark's home Sunday night and Monday morning.

Wood said guests at the party told him Boone passed out about 7:20 a.m. at the home of a relative, Alison White, four miles west of Warsaw. They

said he mumbled something to them, so they left, thinking he would be all right.

The chief said they told him Clark continued to drink the beer and white liquid until he passed out in a bedroom.

The chief said Jimmy Jones, one of the party guests, told him Clark looked unnatural as he lay on the bed, and about 6:30 a.m. he called Clark's brother, Lindsey Clark, who came and immediately called the rescue squad.

At that time, about 7:20 a.m., the squad was at the Allison White home waiting for the medical examiner. Boone was

dead when they arrived. Squad members took Clark to Duplin General where he died shortly after.

The Police Chief said Timothy Merritt, another party guest, was kept in the hospital for observation after having his stomach pumped. Three others were treated and released, he said.

The guests told Wood they thought the liquid Clark offered them tasted too bitter to drink. Dr. Charles Garrett, who examined the bodies, said autopsies would be conducted. The drug reports are being awaited.

## School Board Tables Meals For Elderly Decision

The Board of Education tabled until its December 5th meeting a request to have four school lunch kitchens prepare meals for the Nutrition for the Aged program.

Walter Brown, project director, made the request, saying the program provides 180 meals a day for five days a week. He said there is considerable dissatisfaction with the bland taste of the food now being served from Dyneteria at Dunn.

Mrs. Shelby Kilpatrick, head of the School Lunch Program,

said that during the winter she believed the school kitchens could match the \$1,485 price now being charged for the meals. During the summer, however, she estimated the cost would be higher, possibly as much as \$1.75 per meal.

Brown said the project wanted food to be prepared in the school kitchens at Faison, Kenansville, Warsaw, and Rose Hill. The projects present contract with Dyneteria expires January 1st, Brown said.

Mrs. Kilpatrick said there had been no problem connected with handling the food service when it was in the schools. Brown said that in the future the meals might be served in the school lunch rooms under the community schools concept.

The Board of Education also voted to exercise its option to purchase five additional acres at the new Kenansville

Elementary School site for \$20,000.

The Board rescinded a motion approved August 8 barring husband and wife teams from teaching in the same school, and approved another motion to bar employment in the same school to anyone who would evaluate or be evaluated by first-order relatives.

The Edward E. Frank Co. of Wayne County received the contract for the annual school audit for the year ending June 30, 1979, on a bid of \$4,250. The A.M. Pullen Co. of Raleigh bid \$6,750 for the job.

On a split vote, the Board decided to continue using Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. as repository for school funds. Graham Phillips voted against it, saying he believed the funds should be rotated among the

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## Newkirk Elected President Of 'Friends Of Library'

Dan Newkirk of Magnolia was elected President of the Duplin County Dorothy Wightman "Friends of the Library" during their annual meeting November 15th at E.E. Smith School in Kenansville.

Other elected officers are as follows: Vice President - Mrs. Zettie Williams, Magnolia;

Secretary - Mrs. Arthenia Hall, Magnolia; Assistant Secretary - Mrs. Jennie Daniels, Calypso; Treasurer - Mrs. Helen McGowan, Kenansville; and Historian - Mrs. N.B. Boney, Kenansville.

Elected to the Board of Directors were: (1 year) Mrs. Evelyn Buckley, Wallace; Ms.

Dale Evans, Beulaville; William H. Frederick, Faison; Ms. Savannah Johnson, Warsaw; and Mrs. Helen Taylor, Albertson.

After the welcome by Mrs. Wayne Jordan, Board of Trustees Chairperson, the

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## Football Contest Winners

One contestant missed three game predictions to win first place in the last week of the football contest.

Keith Sholar of Route 2, Wallace, missed three games by incorrectly predicting that L.S.U. would defeat Mississippi State, Nebraska over Missouri (as all entries), and also the Auburn-Georgia tie, which all contestants missed.

Second place was more highly contested, and the tie-breaking predictions still left three tied for second place.

Five contestants missed five games to tie for second place. Sharing second place winnings were Gail J. Bell of Warsaw, Craig Craft of Kenansville, and Dan Moore of Warsaw. Also missing five predictions were W.E. "Pat" Craft and Snodie Wilson, both of

Kenansville. Last week was the big week of college upsets, and the last week of the Duplin Times Football Contest for this year. . . So all you football fans will have to wait until next year to redeem yourselves on the football predictions.

The contest has been sponsored by Smith Brothers Gas Company of Magnolia; Beulaville Gas Company of Beulaville; West Auto Parts Company of Warsaw, Kenansville, and Beulaville; Brown's Cabinets and Millwork of Rose Hill; Service Oil Company of Warsaw; Kenansville Drug Store of Kenansville; Warsaw Motor Company of Warsaw; Duke's of Warsaw; New Duplin Warehouse of Wallace; and Walter P. West Insurance and Real Estate, Inc. of Warsaw.



CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING - SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS - That's what these Cub Scouts were doing Monday at Whaley's Rest Home in Kenansville by sharing their goodies with the residents at the home. The Cubs were from Den 2, Pack 35, Wallace. Shown above are: kneeling, left, Grant Balls, seated, Eva Moore, resident of

Whaley's, right, Kevin Johnson. Second Row, left to right, Jotham Moody, Jeff Jones, Duaine Cavenaugh, John Dees, Magalene Kearns, resident, Michael Lanier, Mark Buncher, David Braswell. Back row, Jennie Jones and Joyce Braswell, Den Leaders.

## Kenansville Chamber Of Commerce Christmas Project

The Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce has undertaken a major project as part of its service to the community. "Candles for Christmas 1978" is a project to encourage residents in the community to buy and use the single white electrified candles in their homes. The single candle in each window represents a spirit of unity which the Chamber also hopes to see spread throughout the community. Thursday, November 30, has been desig-

nated "Candle Day." Area organizations will aid the Chamber by selling the candles door-to-door in the community from 4-6 p.m. The candles are being sold at cost, which is only seventy-five cents each. This also includes the white bulb. Candles can also be purchased at Quinn's Variety Store, Kenansville Drug Store, Western Auto, The Attic Shop, Farm Bureau, Waccamaw Bank, B&K Grill, and Bank of North Carolina.

These businesses and merchants are assisting the Chamber with promotion by making the candles available. The idea of placing white candles in windows is borrowed from other historic towns in America. Williamsburg has long practiced this unique custom. The Kenansville Beautification Committee has been promoting this project for several years. The electrified candles blink on at dusk each evening, presenting a unified decorative appearance of simplicity.



KENANSVILLE AREA CC LIGHT OF UNITY - The Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce will be selling "Candles for Christmas 1978" in an effort to create a spirit of unity in the Kenansville

area. Pictured with some of the candles, (l to r) Mayor Doug Judge, Vi Greer, Alma Brinson, Karen Brinson, Gail Brinson, Daisy Branch, Jim Blanchard, Robert Worthington and Joe Quinn.

1978-79 DUPLIN COUNTY DOROTHY WIGHTMAN FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY OFFICERS - (L to R) Mrs. N. B. Boney, (Kenansville) Historian; Mrs. Ralph Hall,

(Magnolia) Secretary; Mrs. Ernest Williams, (Magnolia) Vice President; and Dan Newkirk, (Magnolia) President. Not pictured, Mrs. John Daniels, (Calypso) Assistant Secretary.