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Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

Tax Collections. . . Since I have been meeting with the County Board of Commissioners, the subject of a policy on taking legal action against those taxpayers who do not pay their taxes on the due date has come up several times. This past Tuesday was one of those times. Tax Supervisor Frank Moore, Tax Collector Leland Grady, and the Tax Attorney, W.E. Craft, were present when the policy question arose. . . A great deal of mumbling went on and no policy was set. . . Leland Grady stated they were working on it 24 hours a day. . . Grady also stated the collections thus far this year. . . And I point out, the last legal day of 1978 was December 31st. . . All tax bills not paid by then are past due. . . The collection rate as of Tuesday was estimated at 75%. . . Grady also estimated that by July, the collections would be at 94%. . . The tax rate is based on the amount of money needed to run the county. . . If only 94 cents out of each dollar is collected, those paying taxes pay over and above what the rate need be. . . if they were collected when due and not 10 years later. . . Publishing names in the newspaper apparently does not influence them to pay. . . They need to be collected. . . But then again, perhaps the office name is incorrect. . . Perhaps it should be changed from Tax Collector to Tax "Teller."

the policy out. . . not hiring additional personnel to do it, either. . . The real property may be worth more than the taxes, and the tax lien is good. . . But if those taxes had been collected when due, those paying their taxes on time could have a lower tax bill. . . Quite frankly, I believe all should be treated alike. . . If everyone is not going to be forced to pay, then don't ask anyone to.

A fellow in Kenansville the other day told me it was so cold that morning, he saw two beagle dogs using a set of battery jumper cables to get a rabbit started. . . Speaking of lies, the Associated Press stated the Number One lie at this year's Lies' Contest was "It was so dark, a fellow had to strike a second match to see if the first one was lit." Now that may have been new in Yankee-land, but I have heard that joke (or lie) in Duplin for several years. . . I wonder if that means we are better liars. . .

B-Boy 449 McCorquodale parked his patrol car at the Highway Patrol Building late Tuesday night. . . While he was inside, someone stole the radio antenna from his patrol car. . . All was not lost, however. . . He was left an old CB antenna by the thief. . . If the old CB antenna had not been left, as cold as it was, one could assume it got cold and broke off. . . The last laugh is on the thief, for a Highway Patrol CB antenna will not work on a CB, according to B-Boy 449. . . 10-47. . . Son-of-a-Gun.

Jurors Drawn For Superior Court

Superior Criminal Court - January 15, 1979 - Jurors to appear at 10 a.m. - James Sprunt Institute.

Vernell C. Flowers, Route 1, Teachey; Earl Thomas Fife; Box 480, Kenansville; Leroy William Hooks, Route 1, Wallace; Jerlene Parker, Beulaville; Jessie Carter, Wallace; Joseph Thigpen, Beulaville; Sara Catherine Pope, Wallace; William Thomas Herring, Route 2, Pink Hill; Louise P. Bass, Magnolia; Ralph Chambers, Rose Hill; Carlton Ray Cashwell, Route 1, Faison; Elnora Stanley, Route 2, Pink Hill; Jake Elvis Bostic, Jr., Route 1, Beulaville; Donald Ray Kelley, Calypso; Foster Quinton Holland, Route 2, Mount Olive; Mrs. A.R. Brown, Jr., Route 2, Beulaville; Miss Eleanor Boney, Wallace; Marilyn Virginia Kenan, Route 1, Chinquapin; Lonnie Priscilla Faison, Faison; Audrey Coston Rhodes, Route 2, Rose Hill; Lucy Catherine Boney, Route 2, Rose Hill; Mercer F. Williams, Route 1, Kenansville; Kinnie Pickett James, Route 2, Wallace; James Henry Kenan, Route 2, Rose Hill; Albert F. Lanier, Wallace; Grace Whaley Lanier, Route 1, Beulaville; Dennis E. Blizzard, Mount Olive; Marion Henderson, Route 2, Wallace; Leslie G. House, Route 2, Deep Run; Jim Hazel Roberts Stroud, Route 2, Mount Olive; Mrs. Kay Scott, Rose Hill; Peggy W. Simpson, Beulaville; Rachel F. Weston, Route 1, Warsaw; Elisha Tyndall, Faison; James Dudley Kornegay, Kenansville; Sam Jones, Wallace; Margaret M. Olson, Wallace; Christopher

Matthew Southerland, Route 1, Magnolia; Rona Ann Stallings, Route 3, Wallace; Mrs. Paul Southerland, Route 2, Beulaville; Reva Green Bradford, Wallace; Lawton Smith, Kenansville; Lizzie Sumner, Beulaville; Mrs. Bradley Atkinson, Route 1, Teachey; Jerry Cottle, Rose Hill; Nancy Evans Underhill, Route 1, Mount Olive; Bessie Rochelle Jones, Route 2, Rose Hill; William McCoy Hall, Route 2, Pink Hill; Kathryn Judge Albertson, Wallace; David John Kilpatrick, Kenansville; James Diston Herring, Kenansville; Melvin Lee Rogers, Faison; William Worth Lanier, Route 2, Beulaville; Dorothy Davis, Faison; Cynthia E. Smith, Warsaw; Kenton Craig Smith, Route 2, Pink Hill; Will Carroll Cottle, Faison; Sue Andrews Brooks, Wallace; A.H. Carter, Wallace; and Chester Brown, Route 1, Beulaville.



DUPLIN MAGISTRATES TAKE OATH - Nine Duplin County Magistrates were sworn in Monday, January 1st in Kenansville by Clerk John A. Johnson. Pictured (L to R), R.J. Hursey, Wallace; Robert Williamson, Kenansville; Harry Phillips,

Warsaw; Perry Williams, Beulaville; C. A. Freythe, Faison; Janice Johnson, Rose Hill; James O. Johnson, Kenansville; Dorothy K. Sheffield, Warsaw; and J.W. Aycock, Jr., Wallace.

Jail Complex To Be Ready By End Of Month

The completion and occupancy of the new jail complex is expected by the end of the month. A report of substantial completion of the county law enforcement center was given by the architect, Tom Pegram, and builder, Tom Carter, to the County Commissioners Tuesday. Dixie Construction Company of Wallace is the general contractor for the \$600,000-plus project.

Pegram said the office portion of the complex can be occupied, but prisoners cannot be put into the jail section until the fire alarm is operational. This is expected to be completed this week, the Board was informed.

The report showed that six laboratories are not yet installed due to supply delay because of a strike against the manufacturer. Two pieces of bullet-proof glass haven't been installed as the originally ordered pieces were broken in transit.

A reward of \$2,500 for information leading to arrest and conviction of arsonists in the Wallace area, have expressed fear because of numerous suspicious fires in that area recently.

Three houses, all unoccupied, and three outbuildings have burned recently. The latest incident was December 21 when an unoccupied dwelling owned by Leighton Hall, near Safe on N.C. 41, west of Wallace, burned at the same time an unoccupied dwelling owned by Joe Bryant, Jr. on the River Road south of Wallace was destroyed. A month earlier, the former Bryant home place on the River Road burned. The six buildings all belonged to Bryant, Hall, or S. Franklin Williams, a farmer and also on the Board of Commissioners.

Bryant has offered a \$500 reward leading to the arrest and conviction of arsonists. The possibility of obtaining a Community Development grant for a proposed rural water system covering an area from Kenansville along N.C. 50 to Dobson's Chapel, on to Register's Crossroads, Greenevers, and near the county landfill in the Rose Hill area, was discussed. The proposed system would serve about 190 homes. A hearing on the project will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Agricultural Building Audi-

torium. In other action, the Board heard J.F. Hamilton, Warren Bostic, and Billy Quinn of Route 1, Magnolia, protest inhumane treatment of animals, particularly citing the case of a dog tied outside with no shelter, and a cow that was down.

The Board discussed improving collection of back taxes with Tax Supervisor Frank Moore and Collector Leland T. Grady, and Tax Attorney W.E. Craft. It was declared that 5-6 percent uncollected taxes was too much. Moore said that by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, the county usually had collected at least 94% of the taxes assessed. Currently, he said, about 75% of the taxes, or \$3,192,000 has been collected.

Extension Chairman Lois Britt was granted permission to seek an Extension Field Crops Specialist and an Extension Four-H Specialist.



SWORN IN - Henry L. Stevens, III, took the oath of office as Resident Superior Court Judge, Fourth Judicial District of North Carolina in Kenansville on Monday, January 1, 1979. The oath was administered by John A. Johnson, Duplin County Clerk of Court. Judge Stevens will

be serving his first full eight-year term on the bench. He previously served the unexpired term of retiring Judge Russell Lanier. Judge Stevens lives in Warsaw with his wife, Vernell, and two children, Mildred, 13, and Henry, 12.

James Sprunt Institute President's List And Dean's List

James Sprunt Institute has released the President's List and the Dean's List for the last quarter 1978-79.

The President's List consists of those students who were enrolled full-time and made all A's. The Dean's List consists of those students enrolled full-time who have earned a grade point average of 3.0 (B average) with no grade lower than a C.

President's List

Linda F. Aycock, Chinquapin; Janelle Best, Kenansville; Colleen Carrol, Watha; James T. Cavanaugh, Jr., Pink Hill; Earl Futrell, Wallace; Gloria George, Jacksonville; Charles Gillikin, Jr., Kenansville; Gail Green, Beulaville; Angela Hall, Wallace; Sylvia Hollingsworth, Wallace; Michele Howard, Pink Hill; Russell Inman, Kenansville; Delores Jones, Warsaw; Kimberly Kendall, Beulaville; Glenda Kennedy, Kenansville; Marie Kennedy, Clinton; Roy Kennedy, Warsaw; Lloyd Lanier, Wallace; Douglas Marshburn, Kenansville; Judy Miller, Watha; Anthony Montgomery, Kenansville; Julia

Dean's List

Dixie Albertson, Beulaville; Joyce Alexander, Roseboro; Ethel Alston, Teachey; Patricia Barnette, Warsaw; Ray Battle, Warsaw; Inez Bennerman, Teachey; Barry Benson, Goldsboro; Nanette Blizzard, Beulaville; Sonya Blizzard, Beulaville; Elton Blowe, Kenansville; Susan Kay Bostic, Beulaville; Joel Bowkley, Kenansville; Jasper Boyette, Rose Hill; Stephen Boyette, Clinton; Cora Brewington, Warsaw; Mildred Brewington, Willard; William Brinson, Magnolia; Julie Brogden, Mount Olive; Paul Carlton, Rose Hill; Brenda Carr, Bur-

gaw; Emily Carr, Wallace; Lucinda Cavanaugh, Wallace; Sheila Cavanaugh, Wallace; Dennis Clark, Pink Hill; Rebecca Council, Wallace; Ida Crumpler, Wallace; Sharon Darden, Faison; Howard L. Davis, II, Pink Hill; Lillian Dunaj, Maple Hill; George Edwards, Kenansville; Royce Edwards, Kenansville; Beverly English, Wallace; Edward J. English, Willard; Larry English, Rose Hill; Wayne English, Wallace; Peggy Estelle, Hampstead; Barbara Evans, Magnolia; Wanda Faison, Mount Olive; Linda Farrior, Beulaville; Katrina Fisher, Willard; Franklin Flowers, Warsaw; Ruby Freshley, Rose Hill; Mary Fulmer, Chinquapin; Leslie Fussell, Teachey; Sandra Gattardi, Clinton; Harris Gibbs, Jr., Magnolia; Geraldine Giddings, Rose Hill; Julie Gibbons, Burgaw; James Goff, Warsaw; Beverly Gurley, Warsaw; Alexander Hall, Beulaville; Lawrence E. Hall, Beulaville; Patricia Hall, Wallace; Dalton Hamm, Calypso; June Hauchey, Wallace; Joel Hawkins, Wilmington; Sharon Hender-

son, Wallace; Luis Herring, Burgaw; Roosevelt Herring, Mount Olive; Joseph K. Hill, Rose Hill; Terry Horrell, Wallace; Kimberly Houston, Warsaw; Timothy Huffman, Richlands; Joseph John Faison; James A. Jones, Beulaville; James A. Jones, Warsaw; Frances Kelly, Mt. Olive; Lucy Kelly, Beulaville; Kathleen Kennedy, Faison; William Kidd, Wallace; Bobby King, Warsaw; Donna King, Wallace; Garry King, Clinton; Belva Kinlaw, Rose Hill; Jacqueline Lisane, Rose Hill; Terri Malpass, Burgaw; Allen McCoy, Deep Run; Jennie McGowan, Carolina Beach; Harry Moore, Beulaville; Mildred Miller, Rose Hill; Swattie Miller, Rose Hill; Mignonette Moxham, Mt. Olive; Oscar Murphy, Rose Hill; Carolyn Nelson, Richlands; Barbara Outlaw, Warsaw; Ronald Panno, Kenansville; Carrie Parks, Roseboro; David L. Peltz, Kenansville; Emory Phipps, Kenansville; Deborah Phipps, Mt. Olive; Lonnie Quinn, Kenansville; Jacqueline R. Allison, Kenansville.

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TWO DUPLIN RESIDENTS HURT - Duplin Deputy Billy Daniels, center, and others look at a car in which two Duplin County girls were injured in a one-car accident near Bowdens Sunday night. Faison rescue officials said Melinda Jane

Lee, 16, of Rose Hill and Rita Ann Page, also 16, of Wallace, were hurt when the car overturned. Miss Page was critically injured and underwent emergency surgery at Duplin General Hospital.

Two Duplin Teenagers Injured In Accident

Two sixteen-year-old girls from Duplin County were seriously injured in a one-car accident on Rural Paved Road 1301 east of Bowdens Sunday night. The teenage victims were identified as Melinda Jane Lee, driver of the car, of Rose Hill, and Rita Ann Page of Wallace. The accident happened around 10:10 p.m. Sunday. According to the Highway Patrol office, the auto was traveling west when it came upon a sharp curve, ran off the roadway, and overturned. Faison Rescue Squad answered the call. A spokesman said both victims were lying outside the small car when they arrived on the scene. Miss Lee suffered facial

lacerations, a possible back injury, and several broken ribs. Miss Page suffered a skull fracture, back injury, and internal injuries. Both were transported to Duplin General Hospital. Miss

ECU Graduate Course

A 14-session college credit course, ELEM 649 - Foundations of Reading, will be offered in Warsaw beginning Wednesday, January 10, 1979, by the Division of Continuing Education of East Carolina University. It will be taught in three-hour sessions at Warsaw Elementary School each Wednesday through April 18 with each

session meeting from 6-9:10 p.m. Ms. Becky Taylor will be the instructor. Pre-registration for the course is not necessary. A student may register at 6 p.m. on the night of the first class meeting. ELEM 641? carries three semester hours of college credit which may be used toward teacher certificate renewal.