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### Mt. Olive Minister Held In Jernigan Murder

The Rev. Clarence Sheldon Howard of Mount Olive remained in Duplin County Jail Monday, charged with the April 21 murder of a Kenansville businesswoman who had sought repayment in January of a \$20,000 loan she made to the minister.

A bond hearing was scheduled Tuesday for Howard, 44, who was arrested Friday night and charged in the

beating death of Inez Jernigan.

Howard made his first appearance in court Monday in Kenansville, where District Judge Steve Williamson told him he is charged with a capital offense.

A probable cause hearing is scheduled Wednesday before Williamson.

Defense attorneys Jene

Thompson and Doug Connors said the bond hearing would be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Superior Court in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Jernigan's body was discovered the morning of April 22 lying on the kitchen floor of her home on N.C. 11, 3 1/2 miles north of Kenansville. A placemat lay over her face. Her skull broken, she had been beaten on the head

six times and stabbed twice in the neck. The head blows were made with a chair, investigators said.

Mrs. Jernigan, 53, lived alone. She owned and managed Jernigan Tractor Company of Kenansville and spent much of her spare time working with the Duplin County mental health program which she helped start.

Howard, pastor of Northeast Free Will Baptist

Church of Mount Olive, had been pastor of Pearsall's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church north of Kenansville, of which Mrs. Jernigan was a member.

As executrix of her mother's estate, Mrs. Jernigan's daughter, Mary J. Williamson sued Howard in May for a \$20,000 loan made to him by her mother.

In response to the suit filed in the Duplin County clerk of

court's office Sept. 18, Howard said he had borrowed \$20,000 at 12 percent interest from Mrs. Jernigan on Dec. 21, 1979.

He said she had asked him for payment in January 1981, and that he paid the entire amount in cash to Mrs. Jernigan at 6 p.m. April 21 at her home. Howard said Mrs. Jernigan gave him the promissory note. He failed to

produce the note and objected to questions concerning its disposition.

Howard said he obtained the money to repay the loan from his brother-in-law, Opie Ellen of Wilson, on April 17.

Investigators said no large sum of money was found in the Jernigan house on April 22.

Duplin County Sheriff Elwood Revelle, who with State Bureau of Investigation

agents and Wayne County authorities arrested Howard in Goldsboro Friday night, said Monday the decision to arrest Howard was made Friday afternoon.

"It just reached a point after 5 1/2 months that the district attorney, Bill Andrews, and I went through the highlights of the evidence and decided it was time to make the arrest," Revelle said.



**POULTRY PAGEANT QUEEN AND HER COURT** - Kim Weeks of Long Beach was crowned the 1982 Miss Poultry Queen during the 19th annual North Carolina Poultry Jubilee pageant Saturday night in Kenansville. Pictured above, left to right, Carolyn Jayne Campbell of Pender

County - First runner-up; Kim Weeks - Miss Poultry Queen 1982; Carroll Matthews - 1981 Poultry Queen, of Warsaw and Wrightsville Beach; and Angela Joy Norman of Rose Hill, second runner-up.

### Weeks Crowned Poultry Queen

Kim Weeks of Long Beach has been crowned as Rose Hill Poultry Queen for 1981.

Miss Weeks, a sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, was chosen from a field of nine

contestants Saturday night in a pageant held at the Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville.

She is the daughter of Emily Green of Long Beach and a former N.C. Fourth of July Queen.

First runner-up was Carolyn Jane Campbell, a student at Atlantic Christian College, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Campbell of Pender County.

Second runner-up was Angela Joy Norman, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Norman III and a student at Harrells Christian Academy.

The queen and her court will appear in the Rose Hill Poultry Festival Parade at 10 a.m. Saturday.

### 33 Positions To Be Filled

Duplin County town residents will elect seven mayors and 26 town board members in city elections Nov. 3.

When filings closed Friday noon, 12 candidates had filed for the Mayors' seats and 44 for the town board seats.

The filings by towns are:

**Beulaville** - Four-year terms of mayor and two board members will expire in December. Filing for mayor are Wilbur Hussey and Larry T. Bostic. Mayor Marion Edwards did not file. Seeking board seats are Ozella Mitchell Craft, Rabon Maready, Denny Wayne Faircloth and Elvis Summer. Neither incumbent board members whose term expires sought reelection. They are Commissioners Hussey, who filed for mayor, and Mervin Whaley.

**Kenansville** - Four-year terms of mayor and two board members expire. Filing for mayor were Donald Suttles and Mrs. John Hall. Mayor Douglas Judge did not seek re-election. Filing for board seats were incumbent Cordell Johnson and newcomers Zan Stepp, Ronnie Bostic and Emil Coggins.

**Warsaw** - Four-year terms of mayor and two board members expire. Filing for mayor were incumbent Willie Biggs and newcomers Charlie Toal, J. Luther Powell and David E. Jordan. Board member Lloyd Boone did not file for re-election.

**Calypso** - All terms are for two years. Seeking the mayor's seat are Orlando Joe Daniels and Norwood Barfield, the incumbent. Seeking the five board seats are incumbents J.R. Turner, S.D. Davis, Wayne Brock, Libby Lewis Boykin and newcomer James M. Wolf. Incumbent Mosley Waters did not seek re-election.

**Magnolia** - Four-year terms of three board members expire. Filing were incumbents Charles Bowman and B.R. Pope and newcomers Ruth M. Quinn, W.S. (Bill) Usher, L.C. Jones, Joseph M. Newkirk and Hubert C. Tucker. Board member Millard Williams did not seek re-election.

**Rose Hill** - Four-year terms of mayor and two board members expire. Filing for mayor was incumbent Ben Harrell and for board seats incumbent L. Clayton Herring Jr. and newcomers Felton Rackley and Charles John Slemenda. Board member Graham James Robinson did not file for re-election.

**Warsaw** - Four-year terms of mayor and two board members expire. Filing for mayor were incumbent Sam E. Godwin and Thomas Dewitt Johnson and for the board are two incumbents, John Weatherly III and W.E. Foster.

**Falson** - Terms are two years for mayor and four for board members. Filing for mayor was N.F. McColman. Mayor Bill Carter did not seek re-election. Seeking three board seats are incumbents Bill Igoe and Helen Britt and newcomers Billy Cooper, Melvin Rogers, Robert D. Kennedy, Joyce King, Kenneth Avent and C. Spaulding Price. Fred Whelless did not seek re-election to the board.

**Teachey** - Four-year terms of two board members expire. Filing were incumbents Warren W. Henderson and W.O. (Bill) Montford and newcomer Henry (Zeke) Wells Jr.

**Wallace** - Two year term of mayor and four-year terms of two board members expire. Filing for mayor were incumbent Melvin G. Cording and newcomer Earl W.

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**Hunt Appoints Council**

Governor Jim Hunt appointed ten Duplin County residents to the county's transportation efficiency council.

The Duplin Council includes Lonnie R. Andrews of Beulaville, Hubert E. Bowden of Warsaw, Kenneth Farrior of Wallace, Wilbur Hussey Jr. of Beulaville, Harold Kornegay of Albertson, Leo E. Lanier of Rose Hill, Mrs. Betty Long of Kenansville, Richard Miller of Kenansville, Mrs. Dovie L. Penny of Wallace and J.M. Smith of Chinquapin.

### Memorial Gardens Dedicated

The Jessie Kenan Wise Memorial Gardens and Liberty Hall Support Buildings officially opened during dedication ceremonies at the Liberty Hall Plantation in Kenansville Saturday afternoon.

William Rand Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust. The permanent endowment to maintain the gardens and support buildings was estab-

lished by Frank H. Kenan. The overseer's cottage was a gift from the Farrior family and the Bacon War Horse

and completion of the Bird House were made possible by gifts from James G. Kenan.

Jessie Kenan Lewis, great-granddaughter and namesake of Jessie K. Wise, cut the ribbon to open the memorial gardens given in her memory by her grandchildren, Lawrence Lewis Jr. and his sister, Mrs. James L. Wiley.

The James Kenan High School band performed to begin the ceremonies, which were followed by a welcome by L.S. Guy, superintendent of the Duplin County Board of Education. Invocation was delivered by the Reverend David W. Dickey, pastor of Grove Presbyterian Church. James F. Strickland, a member of the Liberty Hall Commission, then addressed the huge gathering present for the occasion.



Thomas S. Kenan III introduced and recognized several special guests, and the ribbon-cutting by Miss Lewis closed the ceremonies.

Jessie Kenan Wise, the daughter of William Rand and Mary Harzrove Kenan, was born at Liberty Hall in Kenansville in 1870. She lived most of her life in Wilmington with her family. Wise graduated from Peace College in Raleigh and became an accomplished pianist. She married Clisby Wise of Georgia. They had one daughter.

During her lifetime she established the Jessie Kenan Wise Foundation and the Flagler Foundation. Wise was particularly interested in the health and welfare of children and was one of the "angels" of the Babies Hospital during her latter years. She died in 1968.

**THOMAS S. KENAN III**, on the left, and several of the Kenan family members were present Saturday afternoon for the dedi-

cation ceremonies opening the Wise Memorial Gardens and Support Buildings at Liberty Hall in Kenansville.



**Wilkins Named To Duplin Board Of Education**

The first black ever to serve on the Duplin County Board of Education has been appointed to replace the board's first woman member.

Reddick Wilkins of Warsaw, who retired in 1977 as a county agricultural extension agent, was chosen for the school board seat Friday night by the Duplin County Democratic Executive Committee, meeting at the courthouse.

He will fill the unexpired term of Patricia Broadrick, who resigned when her husband, Dr. Gary Broadrick, accepted a position in North Dakota. Dr. Broadrick was a surgeon at Duplin General Hospital.

Five people were considered to fill Mrs. Broadrick's term of office, which expires in 1984. Wilkins won on the first ballot, with Byron Teachey of Rose Hill the second-highest vote-getter.

Wilkins had run for the seat in 1976, but was de-

feated in the countywide contest by Jimmy Stickland of Warsaw and Mrs. Broadrick. Since that time, the General Assembly has passed a law placing Duplin school board elections on a district basis. Wilkins had been top vote-getter in the district he will represent.

**JESSIE KENAN LEWIS** officially opened the Jessie Kenan Wise Memorial Gardens and the Liberty Hall Support Buildings during dedications Saturday in Kenansville. Lewis is the great-granddaughter of Jessie K. Wise. The gardens were given in memory of Wise by her grandchildren.