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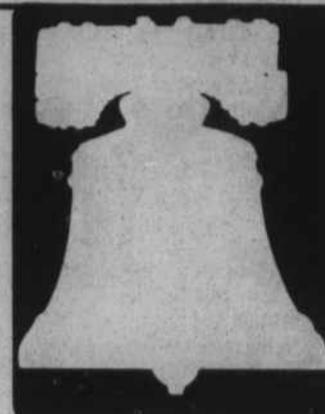
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Bell To Ring In Court



THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
THE COUNTY OF DUPLIN
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

TO THE HONORABLE T. ELWOOD REVELLE, HIGH SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF DUPLIN AND THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, that in the bygone days of yesteryear, perhaps intermittently for centuries, the "Old Bell" now situated on the west side of the Duplin County Courthouse in the village of Kenansville, proudly tolled its warning and admonition to all within its curtilage that the Honorable, The Superior Courts of the Great State of North Carolina, were about to embark upon the business of the people.

AND WHEREAS, that for reasons unknown, this ancient and noble ritual was abandoned, to the dismay and sorrow of all who believed in the continued preservation of this historic custom.

AND WHEREAS, it is deemed proper, fitting, and most appropriate that the "Old Bell" once again resume its time honored roll of announcing the opening of the Superior Courts of Duplin County, to the joy and delight of all who remember and cherish "the traditional pealing of the bell" on High Court day.

IT IS THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, that forthwith, five minutes prior to the daily scheduled opening of each and every session or term of the Superior Court of Duplin County (civil and criminal) on the morning of and again at the noon recess, the High Sheriff of said County of Duplin shall cause the "Old Bell" to be rung by a competent and trustworthy Baillif, duly selected and commissioned by him, to the end that all persons, firms or corporations shall be put on notice that this most Honorable Court is about to address the day's transaction of business for those who may be summoned to appear within its hallowed halls.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, this the 29th day of August, in the year of our Lord, 1985.

Henry L. Stevens, III
Senior Resident Superior Court Judge
Fourth Judicial District of
The State of North Carolina

Editor's Note: The following article about Duplin's Courthouse bell was published in *Along The Way* July 18 of this year. The Duplin Times reprints the article as a point of historical interest.

Very often things in plain sight are often unnoticed. An example is the bell outside the Duplin County courthouse.

Near the west entrance of the Duplin County courthouse is a bell which was used to toll for courts and important meetings. The June 18, 1943 issue of DUPLIN TIMES carried an article about the courthouse bell. The article is reprinted below.

Duplin's Courthouse Bell Tolls On

The Duplin County courthouse bell continues to toll for courts and other important county doings though it no longer hangs in the tree on the north side of the courthouse, which was its home for many years.

Recently the tree was found to be so badly decayed that it was not thought safe. The bell, which weighs 211 pounds, was taken from the tree and has been mounted on a standard by the door on the north side of the courthouse.

In the old Duplin County courthouse, which was torn down in 1911 for the erection of the present structure, there was a bell cupola, in which a brass bell, which tolled out calls to court for many years, was hung. When the old courthouse equipment was sold, the bell was sold along with the other equipment to a farmer somewhere in the county.

No plans were made for installing a bell in the new courthouse but a bell was purchased to hang at the post office, to ring when the mail was brought in. Gradually the use of this bell was discontinued and the county, in need of a bell, this bell was brought to the courthouse and hung in the tree, where it has served its purpose for the past 15 or 20 years.

Bostic Accused Of Water Violations

In Topsail Island Project

Marlow Bostic, president of the company, is of Rose Hill, and has been cited at least three times for violations.

North Topsail Water & Sewer Inc. is in violation of state water quality standards for activities disturbing an Onslow County creek, a state official said last week.

The violation stems from water samples collected July 26 in Mill Creek, a tidal creek into which the company's wastewater treatment

plant discharges runoff, said Bob Jamieson, regional director for the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community development.

Onslow County developer Marlow Bostic of Rose Hill is president of the company, which has been cited at least three times for environmental violations. The last of those violations resulted in a \$24,000 fine, which Bostic has appealed. A hearing has been rescheduled for mid-to-late-October.

In the most recent case, the state Division of Environmental Management found the turbidity level of Mill Creek violated water quality standards, Jamieson said. The violation notice was written Aug. 12, but a decision on whether to levy a penalty has not been made, said Jim Sheppard, a spokesman for DEM in Raleigh.

Jamieson said sediment in the creek is affecting the amount of sunlight that filters through the water, affecting the levels of oxygen in the water and possibly harming plants and animals. The sediment also can end up in estuarine areas and disturb shellfish, which need smooth surfaces to attach to during development.

Treated sewage is pumped into lagoons and is not discharged into the stream, Jamieson said.

Both Charles Lanier, Bostic's lawyer, and Jim Furney, his spokesman, said they were not aware of the most recent charges.

Lanier said the state is trying to come up with new violations to support the \$24,000 fine levied last year.

"It just seems to me they're trying to conjure up everything they can," he said. "I think they're going to end up with egg on their face."

The \$24,000 fine was levied after sedimentation — from 300 acres the company cleared for three large ponds — filled in 80,000 square feet

in a corn field just outside of Warsaw. Her body was found March 16 in a corn field just outside of Warsaw. She had been shot in the throat.

Drooping Leaves Alarm Duplin Tobacco Growers

"Droopy leaf" is slashing the tobacco income of farmers in rural areas of Duplin County.

The cause is unknown to the farmers, but the problem appears to affect only one tobacco variety — a new one, Speight's G-80. Other Speight's varieties, such as Speight's 28, seem unaffected.

Speight's varieties have long been standbys for area farmers who say they have had good luck with them over the years.

Leaves of tobacco plants in affected fields drop from the stem. They fall off long before they mature. Fields with "droopy leaf" have carpets of fallen leaves between the rows.

Morris Kornegay has G-28 and the new G-80 in the same field near Friendship Church on Secondary Road 1304 at Outlaw's Store. While all tobacco in the area is three to four weeks later than normal, the G-28 looks good. "That's making a real good crop," Kornegay said.

The ground under the G-80 plants is carpeted with fallen leaves. Immature leaves fall if a plant is shaken and leaves on the stalks droop to the ground. Stems of many of the leaves are circled with a brown, rotten appearing surface where they joined the stalks. The stalks appear normal.

Kornegay estimates he is losing as much as \$1,000 an acre of potential income from the affected field.

Similar conditions with this tobacco variety appear on many area farms, growers said Thursday of last week while cooling off from the sticky heat with drinks from coolers at Outlaw's Store.

W.K. Collins, an extension tobacco specialist at N.C. State University, said that the culprit is a bacterial disease called leaf drop, hollow stalk or soft rot.

"We've had it before they topped plants, and we have instances of fields where they have two varieties," Collins said. "In some cases Speight would be the one that had the problem and in others, both would have it."

Maple Hill Man Sought In Shooting

Duplin County Sheriff's Department officers last week were seeking Charles Jacob Farror, 48, of Maple Hill.

They have charged Farror with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and inflicting serious bodily injury.

Farror was charged in the shooting of his 19-year-old stepdaughter, Mary Ann Farror of Wallace, with a handgun about noon on Monday of last week in a wooded area in the

Cypress Creek area of southeastern Duplin County.

She was reported in serious but stable condition in Duplin County General Hospital. She was brought to the hospital on Monday afternoon of last week by the Chinquapin Rescue Squad.

Deputy E.G. Baker, who heads the investigation, urged anyone with information about the whereabouts of Farror to notify the Sheriff's Department in Kenansville.

New Kidney Stone Treatment Offered Locally

The Carolinas, Georgia and Virginia are known to urologists as the

"stone belt." Locally 16 private urology practices have banded together to provide eastern North Carolina with the most advanced treatment available for kidney stone removal.

Within the past two years, the Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of a device that crumbles kidney stones with shock waves. After the stones are crumbled into tiny pieces, a patient is able to pass them without surgery.

According to statistics, the procedure is successful 99 percent of the time without surgery. The technique, extracorporeal shock-wave lithotripsy, was developed in Germany and 12 of the physicians forming the Carolina Lithotripsy Ltd. in eastern North Carolina have trained at the developing institution.

The ESWL was purchased by the Carolina Lithotripsy and granted a Certificate of Need by the Department of Human Resources of North Carolina, which will qualify a patient for reimbursement of treatment charges by their insurance company.

The ESWL is currently being installed at Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital in Fayetteville. According to Dr. J.E. Scarff Jr., M.D. with the Clinton Urological Associates of Carolina Lithotripsy, the machine was purchased at a cost of \$2 million and is the only privately owned ESWL in the United States.

Carolina Lithotripsy expects to begin treating patients October 1. The Clinton Urological Associates also practice in Duplin from an office located in the South Wing building next to Duplin General Hospital.

According to Dr. Scarff, a kidney stone about the size of a nickel would have required open surgery with an expected hospital stay of seven to

eight days, without complications. And, the patient would be out of work up to six weeks after surgery. The same size stone using the ESWL technique would require a two-night stay in the hospital and only a week away from the job, Dr. Scarff explained.

Cost of the technique is comparable to surgery, Dr. Scarff explained. Within the past 18 months the cost of the ESWL has decreased from \$14,000 to \$8,000. Currently there are 11 ESWL machines operating in the United States.

One of the greatest advantages of the ESWL technique is the safety for repeated use. According to Dr. Scarff, open surgery could only be performed twice to remove stones from the kidney — the third operation would require the removal of the organ.

The technique will work only for stones still in the kidney. The technique uses an underwater spark to set off shock waves which are focused on the kidney stone through the use of X-ray machines. The repeated waves begin to break up the stone after 200 to 400 shocks and Dr. Scarff said as many as 1,500 can be administered safely. The procedure is finished in about 45 minutes.

During a single day the Carolina Lithotripsy expects to treat up to six patients. Patients from all over eastern North Carolina will receive the basic work-up by their urologist using the local hospital facilities prior to being scheduled by the Carolina Lithotripsy office. Physicians from the 16 private urology practices alternate services at the Carolina Lithotripsy office and Highsmith-Rainey Hospital in Fayetteville.

Jury Says Warsaw Man Guilty In Rape, Murder

Russell Holden Jr., 31, of Warsaw was found guilty of first-degree murder and rape by a Duplin County Superior Court jury in Kenansville.

Judge Henry L. Stevens III delayed the jury's consideration of sentence until this week. Holden could be sentenced to death or life imprisonment on the murder conviction.

He was charged with the rape and murder of Vanessa Jones, 17, of Warsaw. Her body was found March 16 in a corn field just outside of Warsaw. She had been shot in the throat.

Levone Hicks of Warsaw testified he was driving a car in which Holden was riding at about 4:30 a.m. March

"It's taught me a lesson about going whole hog on something new," he said.

Marshall Phillips has G-28 and the new variety. His G-28 looks fine, although late. Leaves of his G-80 carpet the ground under the plants.

Phillips said he tried curing and selling some of the falling and fallen leaves. "I didn't even get a price support grade for it," he said.

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