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## Ed Hill Dies Suddenly

Edward J. Hill, 70, died suddenly while at work in the office of the Hudson cotton gin in Warsaw on Monday morning after having been in declining health for sometime. Funeral services were held at the home in Warsaw Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. G. Van Stephens, pastor of the Warsaw Baptist church. Burial was in Pinecrest Cemetery. Surviving are his wife, the former Sallie Hussey; one foster son, Ernest Hussey, two sisters, Mrs. Annie Cox of Warsaw and Mrs. A. B. Bains of Wilson and several nieces and nephews.

As we "celebrate" this Christmas may we again try to do our part towards "Peace On Earth and Good Will Towards Men."

## Seal Sale Still Short

Seal Sale returns continue to come in quite satisfactorily, Mr. L. W. Outlaw, Seal Sale Chairman for the Duplin County Tuberculosis Association announced today. However, the goal of \$3,000 is still far off. Mr. Outlaw feels sure that there are many residents who, although they have overlooked acknowledgement of their Seals in the rush of Christmas preparation, will get their check in soon. He wishes to express his appreciation to those who have responded so promptly to this worth while cause. The total amount contributed so far is \$1,220.50.

## Coast Line May Abandon Two Trains

The Utilities Commission has granted the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad permission to discontinue two trains between Wilmington and Rocky Mount, but not the two trains the company has sought permission to drop.

In an order made public last week the commission said that the railroad could discontinue its trains No. 45 and No. 46 upon 15 days notice published in Wilmington and Rocky Mount newspapers, but it denied the request of the railroad to discontinue trains 48 and 49.

The trains which the railroad received permission to discontinue Nos. 45 and 46, were placed in service at the request of the Utilities Commission during the war to serve Army camps, with the understanding that they could be discontinued without hearing after the emergency was over. However, in the hearing on its application, the railroad contended that it planned to continue operating 45 and 46 because they "suit the needs of the public better than 48 and 49."

In its order, the Commission said that if the ACL desired it could submit changed schedules for two other trains, 41 and 42, if it so desired.

The two trains, 45 and 46, make one round trip daily between Wilmington and Rocky Mount, as do trains 48 and 49.

## Sunday School Class Honored

Mrs. O. L. Holland gave a party Thursday of last week honoring her Sunday School class. Games were enjoyed, prizes given, and drinks and candy were served. A prize was given to Hilda Grace Boone and James Stroud for learning all the memory verses for the past three months. Those present were Hilda Grace Boone, Ann Boone, Betty Holland, Arlene Byrd, Joyce Byrd, Margaret Wagstaff, Betty Lou Potter, Billy Holland, Oliver Outlaw, Edward Lee Holland, C. W. Outlaw, Woodrow Byrd, George and Richard Best and J. B. Potter.

## Mars Hill Students Home For Holidays

Three Mars Hill students returned to the home of December for the Christmas holidays. They are Charles L. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brown, both of Mars Hill.



"Peace On Earth, Good Will Towards Men"

... Those are the hallowed words of Jesus . . . And for generation upon generation men have immortalized them . . . in the imperishable Yuletide carols when they sing "Silent Night . . . Holy Night" . . . in the individual good deeds which they do in the name of Him and the brotherhood of man . . . So, this time of the year, we ask all our friends to join with us in going to church . . . gaining closer communion with the Lord . . . praying with all our hearts and might . . . for a peaceful, strife-free world . . . where man's eternal spirit is free and joyous . . . because it is dedicated to honest, respectful, endearing neighborliens.

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

FROM THE DUPLIN TIMES FORCE

### Decline Shown Children Under Sixteen Being Held In Jails

By Lawrence Ayldett  
The number of children under 16 years of age illegally held in jail has shown a continual decline during the past 10 years, chiefly because of the efforts of the State Board of Public Welfare in cooperation with local law enforcement officers and other county departments in finding other methods of handling youthful delinquents. Welfare officials said this week that they expected the current year to show an average of 96 counties reporting monthly but could not predict the total number of children that would be confined in jails until other provisions could be made for them.

That portion of North Carolina's Madelyn Cottle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cottle, and Robert Worth Brown, son of the Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Brown, both of Mars Hill.

child welfare laws which sets up special courts before which delinquent boys and girls are given informal hearings by a juvenile judge expressly declares that no child coming within the provisions of the article shall be placed in any jail, lock-up, or other place where he may come in contact with adult criminals. The philosophy of North Carolina's juvenile court law is that children are not criminals but develop delinquent tendencies thru unwholesome conditions in their daily lives. Thus they should not be treated as criminals but rather as boys and girls who will behave better if given the proper training and supervision and if the community provide resources to meet their special needs.

Duplin County is among those counties reporting no children under 16 years of age held in jail during the 12 months ending last

### Duplin Parolee Fatally Injured By Shot; Officers Looking For The Killer

Duplin county officers are still searching for the slayer of Alfonso Lattie, Negro, who was fatally shot near Rose Hill Dec. 13. The man, about whom little is known, died last week in a Wilmington hospital, Deputy Sheriff C. L. Nicholson

June 30. The remaining 66 counties reported from one to as many as 19 children placed in jail.

The State's juvenile court law gives the juvenile courts broad authority in handling cases of delinquency. The occasional instances in which children are charged with felonies -- crimes carrying, upon conviction, a sentence of 10 years or more in the State prison -- are outside the final jurisdiction of the juvenile court. Often, however, preliminary hearings are held by the court in these instances before the child is brought into Superior court for criminal trial.

The man was shot in the stomach in what was termed the aftermath of an argument. Only meagre details of the shooting were available. Tips as to the whereabouts of the killer have proved worthless, officers report.

Lattie was a parolee to Duplin county after having been sentenced in Chatham for second degree burglary.

### Producers Average \$42.66 For Tobacco

Producers' sales of fine-cured tobacco on a North Carolina market this season totaled 695,785,570 pounds through November and the season's average price at the end

of November was \$42.66 per 100 pounds, the Federal-State Market News Service reported.

Total sales and averages by belts were: Border Belt, 140,940,872 lbs. at \$43.87; Eastern Belt, 446,149,253, \$43.55; Middle Belt, 147,927,061, \$43.07; and Old Belt, 100,893,038 \$38.10.

The highest average price paid this season through November was attributed to Wilson, with an average of \$44.53. Rocky Mount paid \$44.26, Durham paid \$44.08 and Tabor City paid \$44.04 to complete the list of markets with a seasonal average of \$44.

Last year's November average on those belts was \$44.30.

### 9 From Meredith Home For Holidays

Nine Meredith College students returned to Duplin last Thursday for the holidays. The Christmas recess will end Friday, Jan. 3, 1948, and will be followed by semester exams Jan. 24-25, and by spring

## Attention Wounded Veterans

MSgt. Motin J. Hite, Jr., commanding officer of the Goldsboro Recruiting Substation announced today that partially disabled combat wounded veterans of World War II have only the rest of this month to enlist and be guaranteed the grade in which they were discharged, as the authority for enlisting these men in grade becomes obsolete on January 1st.

Effective on Jan. 1, however these men must enlist within 20 days of the date they were discharged in order to retain their stripes.

All interested men, who are partially disabled through wounds received in action during this war, should contact the recruiting office for full information.

## Electricity Must Be Handled With Care

Electricity has become a great servant to the farmer, but it must be handled with care and respect, says L. H. Weeks, county agent for the State College Extension Service.

The National Safety Council offers the following hazard check for farm and home electrical safety. Unless you can answer "yes" to all these questions, Mr. Weeks suggests that corrective measures be taken immediately to remove the potential danger.

Is your washing machine safely grounded? Do you avoid replacing burned-out fuses with coins, wires or other materials? Are pull-chains over or near wash bowls and damp floors provided with insulating links? Do you keep appliance cords in repair at all times? Are you using an approved electric fence controller? Are electric motors kept clean and free from dust and trash? Are all electrical outlets out of reach of the bath tub? Are you using the proper type of cord for all electrical appliances? Are all circuits equipped with proper size fuses? Has your wiring job been installed or approved by a competent electrician?

term registration on Feb. 2. The annual Christmas broadcast by the 80-voice Meredith College Choir will be heard from Station WPTF on Christmas night at 10.30. Duplin students enrolled at the college this year are Mary Evelyn Barden, Anna Holmes Lewis, Gayle Wells and Joyce Williams, all of Rose Hill; Christine Bordeaux, Daphne Ann Bordeaux and Julia Powers, all of Wallace; Lillian Swinson, Warsaw; and Carrie Frances Ward, Mt. Olive. Miss Williams and Miss Ward are members of the choir.

## Merit System To Give Exams

Written examinations will be held on Jan. 24, 1948, by the North Carolina System Office for professional positions with the State Board of Health Units, Medical Care Commission, and the Hospital Board of Control. These examinations are being given to clear the provisional status of those persons now working for these agencies and also to establish registers to fill existing vacancies and anticipated vacancies. Applications to file for the examination may be secured by writing to the Merit System Office, P. O. Box 2328, Durham, N. C.

## BFG 4-H Meets

The B. F. Grady Senior 4-H Club held its December meeting on the 15th. After singing several selections, games were enjoyed in the gym.

## Jr. 4-H Club Holds Meet

The Jr. 4-H Club held its meeting in the Auditorium Dec. 15. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. After the meeting, the program chairman Shirley Britt, presented a play, "The Carolers" which was enjoyed very much. At the conclusion of the play the group sang several Christmas Carols.