

# Letters To The Editor

2-6 Feb. 6, 1973

To the Editor:  
A proposed school construction program which would affect the Warsaw-Douglas-Kenansville area presented to the Warsaw-Douglas P.T.A. on Tuesday, January 30, by Mr. Charles Yelverton, Superintendent of Duplin County's Public Schools, concerns many citizens in these localities. The proposed program included a new Senior High School which would house grades 9-12 from the existing North Duplin High School and all 9th-12th graders in the James Kenan School District. With so many other immediate needs so apparent, can a new Senior High School be justified at this time?

As a resident of Warsaw, I can not qualify the needs of the entire area as I realize the Duplin County Board of Education must; but I can deal specifically with the most imminent needs in the Warsaw areas. To buy land and construct a new Senior High School approximately three miles east of the James Kenan School site, seems poorly justified. I propose it is more feasible to adapt the existing Senior High School to an adequate facility with a few necessary additions. The James Kenan School site is well drained, adjoining property is available for necessary future expansion, and it is centrally located in the population growth area.

In May 1972, a proposed school construction program for the James Kenan School District was submitted to Mr. Yelverton and the Duplin County Board of Education by a Building Advisory Committee whose membership was composed of citizens from this school district. This plan is endorsed by many citizens in this area. The plan suggests making the Warsaw-Douglas School and E.E. Smith School the Junior High Schools for the two communities. James Kenan with some additions, would remain the Senior High School for the district. Warsaw and Kenansville each would build new Elementary Schools.

I believe the following points substantiate this proposal: (1) Both Warsaw-Douglas and E.E. Smith are already equipped with facilities necessary for an adequate Junior High School program. These include science laboratories, a gymnasium, shop area, and home economics laboratories. (2) Traffic hazards and resulting accidents on busy N.C. Rt. 24 in Warsaw, would be drastically reduced because the number of students involved would be reduced from approximately

300 children ages 5-12 to approximately 200 children ages 13-14. (3) The construction of a new Elementary School on the site of the existing Warsaw Jr. High School would result in more and younger children being exposed to a less heavily traveled road with fewer chances of accidents and better accessibility for buses and other vehicles. (4) The land the Warsaw Jr. High School now occupies already belongs to Duplin County Public Schools and would alleviate the necessity for purchasing new lands for new buildings.

Repairs and renovation needed to make Warsaw-Douglas a 1st class Elementary School would go a long way toward building a new Elementary School. It seems a waste of tax money to renovate Warsaw-Douglas for a short range program as indicated in Mr. Yelverton's plan. Why not apply these funds toward a new Elementary School now?

For approximately the same amount of money, two new Elementary Schools can be built instead of a large 1,100 pupil Sr. High School. Bigger is not always better. At a time of extreme vulnerability, shouldn't problems of drug abuse and civil disorder be carefully weighed? I submit for thought and consideration, that a better use of tax dollars and existing facilities is to endorse the James - Kenan District Building Advisory Committee's plan.

A concerned parent.  
Mrs. Mary D. Coleman

First let me say, I didn't attend the P.T.A. meeting on Tuesday night.

I know we need some new schools and more teachers, especially more teachers where there are 35 to 40 students in a room.  
What I wanted to write about has been on my mind since school started but, I was just to chicken to say anything about it - I would like to ask how many of you parents know the kind of School Bus your children ride to school on? Have you ever looked on the inside of it? Do you know how many times the mechanics has put it back together for our children to ride? When the brakes go out 2 and 3 times in one week, when the lights on top won't work, when it rains the driver is wet from knees down.

I can bet you money some of you farmers that carry your hogs and cows to market would not even haul them in these buses, but our children are carried to and from school in th-

em. Yes, we do need new schools, but having in the elementary in my mind. Not all buses are like this but the ones that are carrying some 50 to 60 precious lives each day an average of 55 to 65 miles.

The young boys and girls driving these buses have a big responsibility and they should have something to drive. This along in my opinion, but I do know some of the facts. I have a son driving a bus which is 13 yrs old and the brakes on it have gone out 3 times in one week and it is not the mechanics fault for they work with what they have and this brake condition has been corrected. All I can say is a lot of you people will have a lot to say about this letter remember, we are raising tomorrow's leaders to run our country, so get out take a look at these buses and remember they carrying your children as well as mine. The principal has work very well with us in anyway he can on this problem.

I thank you for reading this.  
Mrs. Mary Lou Brock  
Rt. 2, Warsaw, N.C.

## History

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serving a copy must write Col. Wells at his home address - 722 Miller Cove, Benton Arkansas 72015 enclosing a remittance of \$15.50. Full addresses with Zip codes must be given to avoid extra postage. Orders should be filed immediately to assure a firm reservation.  
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## Federal Crop Insurance Announce New Agent

Federal Crop Insurance Corp. is proud to announce that Clayton Graham is now an agent for Duplin County. Clayton is a native of Duplin County, and a farmer. He graduated from JK in 1964, and then joined the Air Force. He remained in service from 1964 until 1968 at Johnsons Air Force Base, at Goldsboro, N.C. and then to Southeast Asia. Clayton is also a Federal Tobacco Inspector and worked at Wallace in 1971 and 1972.

Beginning with the 1973 crop, farmers will receive 15% more coverage with no increase in premium. Farmers are urged to contact Clayton, or Agent A.D. McNeill of Faison, who has been with Federal Crop Insurance Corp. since 1962, or the county office located in the Agricultural Building in Kenansville.

The semi-annual meeting of the Duplin County Chapter of the American National Red Cross was held in the O.P. Johnson Education Building in Kenansville, Wednesday afternoon, January 31. The Chapter Chairman, Mr. P.E. Railroad presided over the meeting.

Words of welcome were spoken by Attorney Grady Mercer past chairman who called on the Rev. Troy D. Melita, pastor of Grove Presbyterian Church to give the invocation.

Minutes of the annual meeting held last June were read by the Secretary, followed by a report from the Disaster chairman, Mr. George Penney read by his wife in his absence. The report showed the Duplin County Chapter raised \$1,192.50 last summer for the Special Disaster Fund following Hurricane Agnes.

Mrs. Ella Rose Thigpen gave a report by communities of the 1972 Fund Campaign held in October. The total collected was \$2625.91. Her remarks were supplemented by Mrs. Irene A. Carr who reported \$500.91 for the Colored Division. They were both presented certificates of appreciation by Mr. Railroad.

Youth Activities were discus-

## Deaths

**Colon Vernon**  
Colon D. Vernon, 40 died Wed. morning. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. at the Corinth Baptist Church near Rose Hill by Rev. Linday Long and Rev. L.D. Munn. Burial will be at Rockfish Cemetery at Wallace.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Millie Howard Vernon, two daughters Patricia Gall and Barbara Gwynn, two sons Colon W. and Terry L. Vernon all of the home, his mother Mrs. Mary Susan Vernon of Rose Hill, six sisters, Mrs. Carl Savage, and Mrs. Joe Casteen both of Rose Hill, Mrs. Ray Gore of Emporia, Va., Mrs. Reed Casteen of Wallace, and Mrs. James Exley of Rene, Pa., and Mrs. Jimmie Matthews of Wilmington, two brothers David Earl of Atkinson and Tracy of Rose Hill.

**MRS. VICTORIA B. DAVIS BEULAVILLE** - Mrs. Victoria Bostic Davis, 92, died Tuesday. Funeral 3 p.m. Thursday, Halleluiah Baptist Church, the Revs. DeForest Hillier, Willie Shepherd and Norman Aycock. Burial, church cemetery.

ed by Mrs. M.M. Ingram. Her report was followed by a report on Community Services to Camps & Hospitals by Mrs. Viola W. Quinn. She told of the gifts sent to Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune also the V. A. Hospital in Salisbury and expressed thanks to the various organizations that made these gifts possible.

Eight First Aid Classes were reported by Mrs. Mattie W. Sadler. Four were Standard and four were Advanced. A total of 208 certificates were issued.

Dr. Joel Barden's Water Safety report revealed six swimming classes taught last summer and 40 certificate issued.

Miss Sally Outlaw read the Home Nursing report for Mrs. A.T. Outlaw who was detailed. It told of the two schools that

had recently used the Home Nursing Films.

Mr. Railroad recognized Hiram Brisson who is not only Duplin County's Civil Defense Director but had charge of the Ambulance Service. He explained some of his duties and told how Red Cross had helped in training the Rescue Squads by furnishing instructors for the Standard and advanced First Aid Classes which were part of the requirements of those joining the Rescue Squads.

The Service to Military Families report given by Mrs. H.B. Boney revealed 95 cases to active servicemen were handled during this period and 13 for veterans making a total of 108 cases.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Jack Dall, pastor of the Halleluiah Presbyterian Church.

## Executive Committee Meeting NCAE

The Executive Committee of District 13, Retired School Personnel, met at the O.P. Johnson Education Building. The ten o'clock a.m. meeting was in Kenansville on Jan. 31, 1973. Mr. Charles Yelverton, Superintendent of Duplin County Schools, gave a cordial welcome to the committee.

The following attended--Miss Male Sanders, State Director, National Retired Teachers Association of Wilmington; Mrs. Gertrude M. Beason, Past President of District 13 R.S.P., Wilmington; Miss Virginia Ward President of the New Hanover Unit, Wilmington; Mrs. Estelle Sampson, Vice-President of District 13, Clifton; Mrs. Gertrude W. Cooper, Secretary, Salemburg; Miss Sally R. Wilkins, Treasurer, Rose Hill; Mrs. Angerola M. Daughtry, President Sampson Unit, Newton Grove; Mrs. Louise H. Wells, President, Duplin Pender Unit Warsaw; Mrs. Ann Sparkman, Vice-President, Duplin-Pender Unit; Mrs. Martha Potter, Secretary Duplin-Pender Unit, Warsaw; Mrs. Sallie C. Ingram, President 13th District RSP, Kenansville.

Many items concerning education which are now before the State Legislature were discussed. Recommendations were made that legislators in Duplin, Pender, Sampson, Bladen, Brunswick, New Hanover, and Columbus Counties be contacted especially concerning the following: Providing a State-wide kindergarten program. Passing legislation to provide more benefits for a small group of educators who retired and were not eligible for retirement benefits. The Legislature, in the past, through a special act has provided for this group a small amount of retirement pay but the act designated this retirement pay as a pension instead of retirement. Minimum Social Security Payments of \$70.00 a month are denied this group because of the word. It is hoped that the Legislators will see fit to change the wording to conform to Social Security requirements. Each unit will discuss legislation concerning education at the next meetings.

Plans were made for the fall meeting for the district on Oct. 30th, the place will be announced later.

The committee voted to provide part of the expenses for unit presidents and the district president to attend the State meeting to be held in Greensboro on April 12-13, 1973.

At noon lunch was served by Mrs. Ingram, assisted by Mrs. Charles Yelverton. In the afternoon session, Mrs. Martha Potter, Constitution Chairman, assisted by the committee worked on a proposed constitution for District 13. This constitution conforms with that of the State Division of Retired School Personnel. Officers will be elected on even years for a period of two yrs. The proposed constitution will be presented to the membership at the following unit meetings: Duplin-Pender, Feb. 7th, Reed's Restaurant, Burgaw, New Hanover, Feb. 15th, Sampson,

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