

Along the Way

By Emily Killeto

Duplin County was the home of 16 private educational institutions before the Civil War. Today our county has a public school system which was established about 1839, putting many of the private institutes out of business.

A brief sketch of the 16 private schools was published in the November 25, 1927 edition of THE DUPLIN TIMES. The author of the article was A.T. Outlaw.

The schools listed were Grove Academy, Angel Academy, Greene Academy, Goshen Academy, Friendship Academy, Williams Academy, Line Academy, Bethel Academy, Hannah Moore Academy, Washington Academy, Dunn-Faison Academy, Warsaw High School, Magnolia Male Academy, LaPlace Academy, Franklin Military Institute and the Kenansville Seminary. Historical sketches of the first seven academies listed above were published in last week's ALONG THE WAY.

Bethel Academy was located in the lower Goshen neighborhood where Wesley Church was established. The original trustees were the Reverend David O. Shattuck, General Stephen Miller, Richard Miller, Major George E. Houston, George Miller, James Pearsall, Jeremiah Pearsall, James Chambers, Charles Chambers, John Chambers and Howell Best.

Hannah Moore Academy was located only a few miles from Bethel Academy in the lower Goshen neighborhood of Duplin. The original organization date is uncertain but the land deeded from James Pearsall, dated 1837, and named General Stephen Miller, Richard Miller, Jeremiah Pearsall, William D. Pearsall, Edward Hill, Thomas Hill, Harold Blackmore, Harper Williams, James M. Larkins and John Oliver as trustees.

At the time of the publication of A.T. Outlaw's article in 1937, both the Bethel and Hannah Moore Academies were still standing. The Hannah Moore Academy building stood in its original construction owned by a great-grandson of James Pearsall who originally deeded the land for the private school. It's owner, K.D. Pyatt, resided in Goldsboro and had two windows installed in the academy building bought from the old Duplin Courthouse structure. The original Bethel Academy stood as an annex at the old James Pearsall Jr. home. A later building, constructed as Bethel Academy, was used as a public school until the 1920s. After the public school moved into Kenansville, the academy building was converted into a tenant house owned by B.F. Chambers.

Washington Academy was located in the community of Outlaw. It was established about 1848. Captain William Outlaw deeded the academy land in 1848 and named the following men as trustees: Bryan K. Outlaw, Joseph W. Outlaw, Grady Outlaw, James Outlaw and George Outlaw. Dunn-Faison Academy settled in the neighborhood of the present town of Faison. The academy was organized prior to 1842. James Dunn deeded land for

the academy in 1842 with G.W. Huffham, James Hicks, Kilby Faison and Isham Hicks named as trustees.

Warsaw High School was located at Warsaw. General William L. Hill deeded the school land January 25, 1855, naming the following trustees: Colonel Abner M. Faison, Felix B. Millard and Curtis C. Oates. The original date of organization was prior to, or 1855.

Magnolia Male Academy was located in Magnolia and incorporated March 31, 1858. The land for the academy was donated by Milton K. DeVane, Leonard A. Merriman, Alfred M. Rackley and James B.B. Monk.

LaPlace Academy was located in the northern section of Duplin, and was organized prior to, or 1861. LaPlace received a land deed from Benjamin F. Cobb, dated 1861, naming Isham Southerland and Alexander S. Davis as trustees.

Franklin Military Institute located a few miles east of Faison. The military school opened under the leadership of Captain Claude B. Denson a short time before the outbreak of the Civil War. The majority of the students entered the Confederate service under their instructor, Denson.

The Kenansville Seminary was located in Kenansville about 1856. Needham W. Herring deeded the seminary land July 10, 1856. In 1861 the following men were named trustees: Osborn Carr, James Dickson, Dickson Mallard, James E. Hall, Robert B. Carr, James B. Carr, James M. Sprunt, Owen R. Kenan, Issac B. Kelly, Chauncy W. Graham and William E. Hill. The seminary was later known as Webster Institute and was purchased by Professor R.W. Millard, who operated the school.

Health Winner Of JSTC Recruitment

Ms. Lillian Heath, a night student and part-time instructor at James Sprunt Technical College, is the winner of the student recruiting contest and received a \$50 prize to be used for her school expenses.

Heath recruited 19 new students who enrolled for fall quarter at JSTC. She is from Goldsboro and enrolled part-time in the cosmetology program taking a course in cosmetology. She is a graduate of Sampson Tech in Clinton and holds an instructor certificate in cosmetology.

Heath stated that she contacted people she knew who were staying at home and encouraged them to enroll. She was very enthusiastic and pleased about the results of her recruiting efforts.

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AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Kenansville Mayor Don Suttles proclaims Education Week as Principals Wilbur Carr and J.G. Henry look on. The proclamation reads as follows: WHEREAS, Nov. 14-20, 1982 has been designated American Education Week, and WHEREAS, The theme for the American Education Week celebration is "A strong nation needs strong schools," and WHEREAS, The Town of Kenansville, North Carolina, joins the nation in paying tribute to the dedicated teachers, principals, and other school personnel, and WHEREAS, The Town of Kenansville wishes to have a part in encouraging local citizen support and active participation in

improved education for our children, and WHEREAS, the Town of Kenansville wishes to seek increased awareness in the future of education by making parents, students and teachers partners to this goal. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald E. Suttles, as Mayor of Kenansville do hereby proclaim Nov. 14-20, 1982 as AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK in Kenansville and urge its citizens to take cognizance of this event and to participate fittingly in its observance. Given at Town Hall in Kenansville, North Carolina this the 10th day of November in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two. Signed, Donald E. Suttles. Attest, Mary Ann Jenkins, Town Clerk.



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JSTC Foundation Fund Drive Underway

The James Sprunt Foundation kicked off its first annual fund drive Nov. 15. The Foundation hopes to raise \$10,000 for the college by mid-December.

To measure the progress, Malcolm Williams Jr., a commercial art student at JSTC, has designed and painted a sign which is erected in front of the college. This sign will keep the citizens posted on the amount the Foundation raises week to week.

Dr. Carl Price, president, stated that he appreciated the support the citizens of the county have given and hopes they will contribute to this effort to fund scholarships for worthy students.

Anyone wishing to make a

tax-deductible contribution Thigpen, executive director, should contact Donna S. at JSTC, 296-1341, ext. 265.

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