



**COMPUTER CAMP** - The Duplin County public schools coordinated a computer camp at East Duplin High School last week. The expenses of the camp were paid by more than 30 of Duplin's area businesses and industries, said Bob Tart, director of vocational education at the Duplin County Board of Education. The camp was the first of two

summer sessions in computer training to be held in Duplin public schools this summer. The second computer camp is scheduled at the Wallace-Rose Hill High School July 18-22. Pictured above, students from the East Duplin and North Duplin school districts selected to attend camp and get acquainted with computers.

## Computer Camp Held At Duplin Schools This Summer

About 80 students will benefit from computer camps held in Duplin County public schools this summer. The camps are sponsored by approximately 30 area businesses and industries.

"The computer camps are an outgrowth of the annual conference the Duplin Board of Education conducts with local business and industry," Duplin Community Schools Coordinator Austin Carter said. "Our local businesses and industry indicated their interest and willingness to do something to benefit public education in the area of new technology." Each session of the computer camps costs \$600 and four will be held, Carter said. Two five-day sessions were held at East Duplin High School last week and two sessions are scheduled for July 18-22 at the Wallace-Rose Hill High School. Two sessions are held daily, one during the morning hours and another in the afternoon. Attending computer camp at East Duplin High School were students age 12 to 18 years from the East Duplin and

North Duplin school districts. The computer camp located at Wallace-Rose Hill High School will accommodate students from the James Kenan and Wallace-Rose Hill school districts. Each session has 20 students participating, Carter explained. Instruction for the computer

camp is provided through the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Summer camp students receive instruction about computer history and the fundamental operations performed by computers.

According to Bob Tart, director of vocational education at the Duplin Board of Education, summer camps are being held at East Duplin and Wallace-Rose Hill, where 17-unit computer labs have recently been installed. Computer labs of similar size are planned for James Kenan and North Duplin, Tart said, to be completed by the end of 1984. The labs for James Kenan and North Duplin are planned to include electronic typewriting equipment in addition to computer units.

The 17-unit labs at East Duplin and Wallace-Rose Hill cost \$20,000 each, Tart said.

"East Duplin and Wallace-Rose Hill were chosen to locate the first computer labs because the high schools had the facilities to accommodate the lab and teachers who were qualified to begin instruction immediately," Duplin Director of Vocational Education Bob Tart said.

"Last year there was one computer in each high school. And, students learned how to do some accounting and word processing through the business education curriculum. This fall a course, Introduction to Computers, will begin at Wallace-Rose Hill and East Duplin High Schools teaching students a little computer history and programming in the BASIC language."

Even though elementary and junior high school students will have access to computers within Duplin public schools, Tart explained, the main emphasis

in computer education will be in the high schools. After installation of computer hardware at all Duplin high schools, a sequence of computer courses are planned to begin with keyboarding and typewriting followed by Introduction to Computers and concluding with PASCAL. PASCAL is a programming language used by many college systems, Tart said.

"In a short time the Duplin public schools will be able to offer training in the skills today's students need to enter the modern work force, where computer training is a necessity," Tarts said. "And, we are very appreciative of the Duplin County businesses and industries who have sponsored the summer computer camps. The Duplin Board of Education would not have been able to sponsor the computer camps at no costs to the students, so we are very grateful for the interest our area businesses and industries have taken in local education."

By Emily Killete

## Duplin Personalities

The Duplin County Emergency Services is constantly working with local fire and rescue departments in efforts to provide better service to area citizens. Director of Duplin Emergency Services Hiram Brinson said. Within Duplin there are 20 fire departments and more than 20 rescue/ambulance vehicles.



Hiram Brinson

Each fire department and rescue unit is manned by local volunteers, and each must be trained, Brinson said. A member of the fire department must have 30 hours of training each year, and a volunteer on the rescue units must be a certified

Emergency Medical Technician. The EMT course involves 106 hours of class work and a final test administered by the North Carolina Emergency Services.

"Most volunteers on a fire or rescue squad are better trained than most of the professional fire or rescue personnel," Hiram Brinson, Director of Duplin Emergency Services said. "Volunteers who take the EMT or fire department training are there because they want to be and learn more."

"Members of rescue squads are better trained today than 10 years ago and use more specialized equipment. The EMT training will cover a number of different things like, some medical terminology, reading vital signs, taking blood pressure, splinting broken bones and administering CPR. And, it makes a difference, probably 50 percent more lives are saved today through the knowledge of the volunteers on the rescue units," Brinson said. Courses for training in EMT are taught in cooperation with James Sprunt Technical College hosting a variety of lectures from local EMT personnel and Duplin County doctors and nurses, Brinson explained.

Duplin County's ambulance service began in 1968

with units in Kenansville, Rose Hill, Magnolia and Faison. And, by 1972 local funeral home ambulance service was replaced by county units manned by volunteer staffs, Brinson said.

Each of the 20 county fire departments operate independently. However Brinson pointed out, a central fire and rescue communications system is located at the Emergency Services office in Kenansville. All incoming fire or rescue calls are taken in the Emergency Services office and alarms dispatched from Kenansville.

"One of the best things which has helped our fire departments is the central communications systems," Brinson said. "Now there are no local fire department volunteers sitting by phones waiting for calls. And, the system puts the Emergency Services office in direct contact with trucks at the location of the fire." The central communications system was installed during 1971-72. Today, fire departments are working with Emergency Services to lower rural insurance rating. Two projects in progress which Brinson says will help lower fire insurance ratings for rural

citizens are the quick dump tank and dry hydrants. A quick dump tank is a portable pool where 2,000 gallons of water can be unloaded at the site of a fire and pumped out as needed. Dry hydrants are pipes installed to farm ponds where water tankers can fill-up in rural areas during a fire outside the town limits. More than half of the Duplin fire departments have the portable quick dump tanks, Brinson said. Dry hydrants are being installed throughout Duplin, each costs approximately \$175.

Along with fire and rescue departments work the Duplin Emergency Services office is responsible for county civil defense. The Emergency Services Departments were originally established in 1963 under the title of Civil Defense Offices, Brinson said. In Duplin, Brinson is the third director of Emergency Services, he has been in the position since February of 1970. Brinson is a graduate of the Rowan Technical College, Fire and Safety Engineering Technology program. He is a 1965 graduate of James Kenan High School, a native of Kenansville, and a 20 year veteran of the Kenansville Fire department.

## Warsaw Man Dies In Fire

Emerson Williams Jr., 49, of Warsaw, died Sunday in the fire that destroyed his home on S.R. 1105, just outside the Warsaw city limits.

Williams was alone at home when the fire was spotted at 12:22 p.m. Sunday by a neighbor who saw smoke coming from the house and telephoned authorities, according to Duplin County Deputy Glenn Jernigan. The body was found in a chair in the living room in the front of the home.

The fire started in the kitchen — in the rear of the home — but Jernigan is uncertain what caused the fire in the one-story wooden frame house.

The Warsaw Volunteer Fire Department fought the blaze for more than an hour, but was unable to douse the flames. Only the front walls of the home remain standing. Williams apparently died from smoke inhalation, according to preliminary medical reports, but an autopsy is to be done this week, Jernigan said.

## Cape Fear Tech Dean's List

Dr. E.T. Satterfield, Jr., Dean of Student Affairs at Cape Fear Technical Institute, announced this week that 366 students made the Dean's List for the Spring Quarter 1983. All students who are on the Dean's List carried a minimum of 12 quarter hours credit and maintained a 3.00 grade point average. Those making

the Dean's List are as follows from Duplin County:

George C. Craft who resides in Kenansville, N.C. and Emily D. Pickett who resides in Chinquapin, N.C.

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## Board Sets Trash Collection Fees

By Emily Killete

The 1983-84 Faison town budget was approved by town commissioners June 22 at the town hall. City taxes will remain at 57 cents and a \$2 garbage collection fee was approved.

Faison was the only town in Duplin not charging for garbage collection. Faison Mayor Francis McColman reported an average garbage collection of \$6.30 for businesses and \$3.50 for residents in Duplin towns. Garbage collection rates varied from \$2 to \$16. Collections per week averaged two and a half for businesses and one and a half, residential, McColman said. Tax rates within all Duplin towns but each exceeded Faison's rate of 57 cents per \$100 valuation.

"I think the rate should be higher for businesses," Commissioner Melvin Rogers said. "If the town

employees have to break down cardboard boxes, I'm against charging businesses only \$2. It costs me \$14 to \$21 a week to have garbage picked up at my business."

"We're talking about a minority of businesses in town with large amounts of cardboard boxes as trash," Commissioner Bill Igoe said. "The Board should go ahead and adopt the \$2 fee and be thinking about the problem." The motion to adopt a \$2 garbage collection fee for businesses and residents was unanimously passed. Collection fees will begin in July. The trash collection fees are estimated to bring in \$7,000 to the 1983-84 Faison town budget.

Included in the new budget is a five percent salary increase for town employees. Also, \$10,000 was allocated to the town recreation department from the Faison general fund. The recreation department operated in the 1982-83 fiscal

year on \$11,876 from the town and additional funds raised through special events. The Faison recreation program is under the supervision of Curtis Mangum on a part-time basis.

The 1983-84 Faison

general budget was approved at \$195,000. The water and sewer department budget was set at \$99,835; Powell Aid Fund, \$16,500; and the general revenue sharing, \$7,000.



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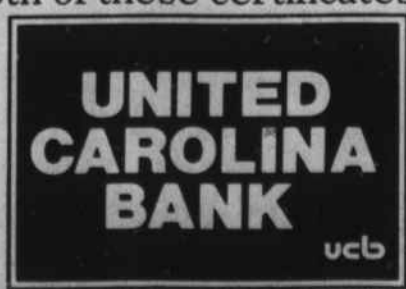
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