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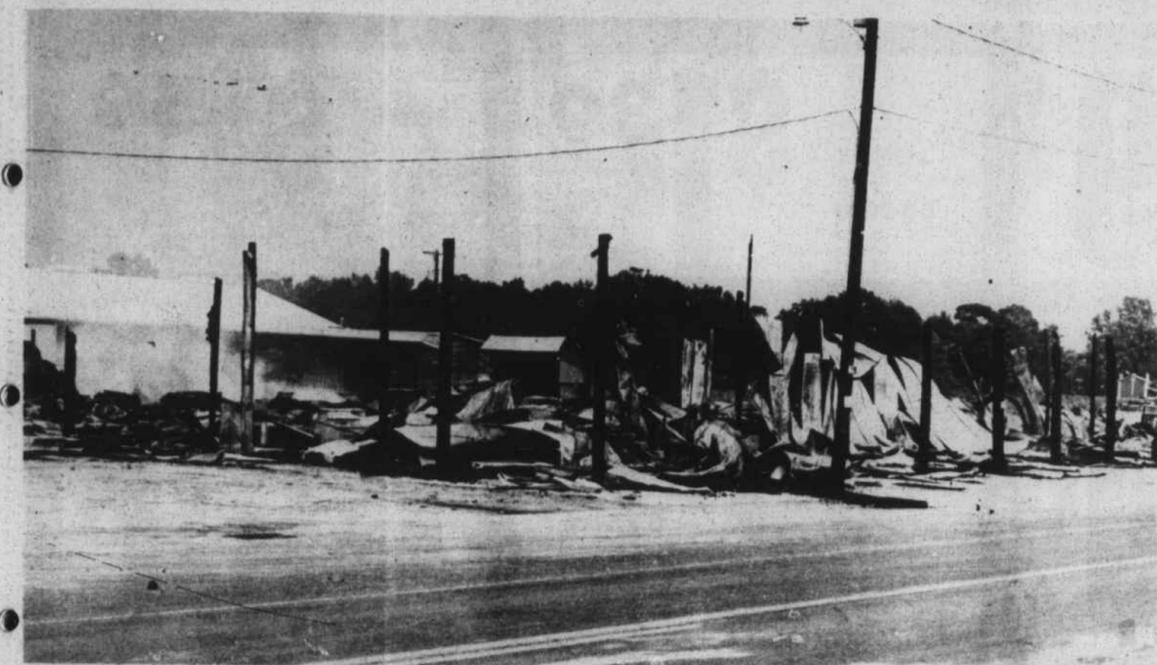
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**LIGHTNING SETS FIRE** - Nine volunteer fire departments worked together to control the blazes of a produce packing shed at N.N. Ellis Produce Company in the Piney Grove section near Faison July 19. Lost in the fire, along with the packing shed, were shipping crates, produce grading equipment and loading machinery. Thad Bryson, president of

N.N. Ellis Produce, said. He estimated the damage at \$250,000. Neighboring buildings, two warehouses, a store and the Bryson home were saved as the fire departments controlled the blazes to the single packing shed.

## Fire Destroys N.N. Ellis Produce Buildings Near Faison

Fire destroyed the N.N. Ellis produce warehouse and packing shed last week on Tuesday night. The building was seven miles west of Faison on N.C. 403 in the Piney Grove community of Sampson County. Nine volunteer fire departments, including the Faison, Warsaw and Calypso units from Duplin County brought the fire under control before it damaged two

nearby warehouses, a store and a home.

The loss was estimated at \$250,000.

Lightning was believed to have started the fire, according to Sprunt Hall of the Faison Fire Department. He said the building was engulfed in flames and the walls were caving in when the Faison unit arrived on the scene. It was the second department to reach the site, which normally is served by

the Piney Grove department.

Hall called it "an extremely hot fire." He said several firemen were overcome with heat and exhaustion although no serious injuries were reported.

Two gas tanks exploded in the building while firemen were fighting flames.

Water was pumped from nearby Six Runs Creek and from fire department tankers which filled up at Faison.

## Migrant Program Enrolls 80 Students In Third Summer Season At North Duplin School

By Emily Killete

Reading, math and personal hygiene are the basic subjects taught in classes at the North Duplin Migrant Program for ages 3 to 12 years, said Owen Martin, coordinator of the Faison-based migrant program. The program is in its third summer season at the North Duplin Elementary School.

About 80 students are enrolled this summer with the North Duplin Migrant Program for the six-week school session. School began June 16 and ended Tuesday. Martin said the students were tested when they entered the program and retested for improvement at the conclusion of the school session. Also, Martin added, each student was screened for dental and health needs at the beginning of the migrant summer school program.

"Generally our tests show the students have made some growth in the subjects we offer," North Duplin Migrant Program Coordinator Owen Martin said. "We basically try to re-enforce what the children already know, especially reading and math." All the students with few exceptions in the youngest children at the migrant program speak both Spanish and English. And, Martin said, most attend public schools in their home states of Texas and Florida. The students are picked up by the North Duplin Migrant Program.

Lawyers of Mount Olive attorney George Kornegay have filed 20 more motions to dismiss charges of embezzlement and corporate malfeasance against their client, according to an AP report in the Raleigh News and Observer.

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most of the children are from the Whitfield Camp in Wayne County and the Ellis Camp near Faison. The Whitfield Camp is located in southern Wayne, near Mount Olive. According to Martin, no programs like the North Duplin migrant school for migrants are offered in Wayne County.

"In order to get the school age children involved in the program, we had to provide care for the younger ones," Martin said. "By only offering a program for school ages, we found not many could attend because they were needed at home to stay and care for their younger brothers and sisters while the parents worked in the fields. And, when children reach the age of 14 or 15 years they go to the fields with their parents. The North Duplin Migrant Program is set up to begin about the time the migrants first arrive in the area in mid-June and end as they begin to leave the last of July. The migrants come to the area to pick produce and a few have already begun to leave." The North Duplin Migrant Program is staffed by three teachers and three teacher-aides along with office personnel. One of the three teachers speaks Spanish, and Martin said, she works with the youngest students.

"Not only does the program assist migrant parents, but we are able to look after the children's health needs," Martin said. "The parents are not able to give their children the proper health care." Along with reading and math, the migrant children are taught basic personal hygiene. Martin pointed out the most common health problems among the migrant children are lice and impetigo. Dental and health needs of the migrant students are taken care of at Goshen Medical Center in Faison.

The migrant children have a high tolerance for pain," Elinor Ezzell, family counselor at Goshen Medical Center said. "We try to teach the migrant children cleanliness but when you have to carry the water for a bath and wash in a tin tub, it is hard to want to take a bath." Impetigo and lice are both cause-related to unclean environments.

Along with assistance from Goshen Medical Center, the North Duplin Migrant Program has received support through donations of clothes, individual hygiene kits and instruction in the arts from organizations like the Duplin County Arts Council, the Mount Olive Jayettes, Gamma Gamma Sorority, church groups, local private citizens and the summer gospel ministry of Tom and Debbie McCloud in Magnolia, sponsored by the Magnolia United Methodist Church. The migrant program is coordinated by the Duplin County Board of Education.

## Cottle Says One-Fourth Of County Budget Mandated

About one-fourth of the money budgeted this year by the Duplin County Board of Commissioners goes for state and federally mandated programs over which the board has little or no say, either in direction or in financing, said Ralph Cottle, county manager.

He called this portion of the budget "restricted funds." These mandated programs primarily involve human services including Medicare and Medicaid.

The amount of restricted funds in the county budget has gradually increased, Cottle said. The total budgets, amounts of the res-

tricted funds and their percentage of total budgets for the past four years follow:  
1980-81 — \$7,723,316; 16.76 percent.  
1981-82 — \$8,285,937; 18.85 percent.  
1982-83 — \$8,533,855; 20.04 percent.  
1983-84 — \$8,708,804; 25.06 percent.

Some of this restricted money comes out of "pass through" funds received from state and federal sources, Cottle said. County property tax collections contribute slightly more than half the total budget. Sales and other excise tax collections make up about one-

third of the total. Cottle said the amount of restricted funds limits the freedom of county boards to appropriate money and leads to criticism about limited appropriations to schools or other local services while the overall budget increases.

The county board had \$6.5 million in unrestricted funds to finance schools, law enforcement and general county government, the county manager said.

The board increased the county property tax rate 5 cents to 75 cents per \$100 for the fiscal year that began July 1. When calculated at a 95 percent collection rate,

the increase should bring in \$324,000.

The county budget for the current fiscal year increased \$175,000 over the 1982-83 figure of \$8,533,855.

The amount of unrestricted money available to the board for the current year — \$6,526,179 — was increased by about \$32,000 or 0.5 percent over last year's \$6,493,421, Cottle said. The remaining \$142,000 increase was required to meet the mandated programs, Cottle said.

About \$150,000 of the budget is in contingency or uncommitted reserve funds, he said.

## James Sprunt Technical College Affected

## Legislature Increases Fees For Continuing Education Courses In Technical Institutes

Effective Aug. 1, students enrolling in continuing education courses in community colleges and technical institutes will be faced with increased registration fees.

A student currently pays an \$8 registration fee. This fee will increase to \$10. Courses classified as occupational and academic include such courses as Spanish, income tax preparation and genealogy.

Fees for vocational and practical skills courses will change from \$15 per course to 75 cents per classroom hour. This means a student enrolled in a class with 60 hours of instruction will pay a registration fee of \$45. Examples of such courses are sewing, small engine repair, practical woodworking, self-

defense for women, and interior design.

Joe Jones, director of continuing education at JSTC, stated, "I don't think we will be able to offer many avocational or practical skills courses due to the excessive registration fees students have to pay. Most of these skills classes are designed to teach people how to become more self-sufficient. This in turn helped participants save money by doing their own household repairs, clothing, construction, automotive repair and much, much more. I could list a hundred things people learned to do themselves or things they learned to look for if they were hiring the work performed by someone else to insure they got what they were paying for.

"There is a second point. That is whether or not the State should be funding these types of classes. I heard one of our students state, 'I'm glad they did this because the taxpayers are tired of paying for these types of classes.' The fact is that the majority of students who take avocational or practical skills classes are, or have been, taxpayers for many, many years. Students include housewives, working mothers, doctors, lawyers, nurses, teachers, CPAs and many others with just about any type of occupation you can think of. For many of these, primarily females between 35 and 65, this is the only educational benefit they will ever receive for all the taxes they have paid. For these reasons, I don't think

such a drastic increase in fees was quite fair."

Dr. Carl D. Price, president of JSTC, stated that the new fee structure will have an adverse effect on the continuing education department at James Sprunt because many will be unable to afford the increased fees.

The "open-door" philosophy on which the community college system was built is in danger. The door is slowly but surely being closed to the people who most need low cost, easily accessible education.

JSTC will continue to offer courses requested by the people in Duplin, but if each class has to be filled with only those who can afford to pay, the number of courses will be drastically reduced.

## Fewer Counts Sought

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**ROTARY WELCOMES GUESTS** - The Warsaw-Kenansville Rotary Club met with District 773 Governor John C. Hood Jr. of Kinston last Thursday. Hood encouraged the Rotarians to carry out the 1983-84 Club theme by "sharing Rotary to serve people." Welcomed to the luncheon meeting at The Country Squire were members of the production staff of the Kenansville outdoor drama, THE

**LIBERTY CART**. Pictured above, left to right, Property Mistress Eva I. Rader, Assistant Costumer Dianne Tatar, Costumer Katherine Walton, Hood, Kenansville-Warsaw Rotary Club President Benny Wilson, Liberty Cart Technical Director Karen Griffin, Production State Manager Carol Hawkins and Assistant Stage Manager Lisa Saari.

## Three Generations Of Beulaville Family Serving Time In Prison

Three generations of a Beulaville family are serving prison sentences on related drug convictions.

Hubert Mayo Sanderson, 65, of Beulaville surrendered to Duplin County Sheriff's Department officers at 6:30

a.m. Thursday, two years to the day after he was convicted in Duplin County Superior Court in Kenansville on a charge of trafficking in marijuana. Sanderson was sentenced to seven years in prison and a

\$25,000 fine but he appealed the conviction. The N.C. Court of Appeals however rejected the appeal and with the rejection Sanderson was required to begin the sentence.

His son, Virgil Sanderson

Sr., and grandson, Virgil Sanderson Jr., were arrested and convicted in Duplin County Superior Court two years ago on drug violations. Virgil Sanderson Sr. was sentenced to 58 years and Virgil Sanderson Jr. to 28 years in prison.