

# Along the Way

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While many landmarks considered as historical deteriorate with age and neglect, a great majority of them are destroyed by fire. The original Dobson's Chapel Church building was burned during April of 1949, according to the April 22, 1949, issue of THE DUPLIN TIMES.

The chapel building of Dobson Church dated back to 1860 when the land was deeded to the Eastern Baptist Association by Calvin D. Adshaw. In addition to the historic chapel, Dobson's members had just completed a five-room Sunday school addition which had not even been painted, and both were burned in the fire. The cause of the Tuesday, April 20th fire was unknown. Local resident David Bland discovered the blazes about 9:30 a.m. and he suffered severe burns to his hands while attempting to enter the chapel and save some of the church's historic furnishings. The church was led by the Reverend N.E. Gresham.

A week later THE DUPLIN TIMES reported Dobson's chapel's plans to rebuild their church. From within an old tenant house near the site of the church, members of Dobson's Chapel planned a fund drive and appointed planning and finance committees. Plans were set to construct a new brick church even though no compensation would be received from the sale of the chapel and Sunday school addition because neither were insured. Appointed as members of the planning committee were Charlie Brown, Verdell Teachey, Otis D. Brown and Adrian Bostic. Members of the finance committee included David John Kilpatrick, Edwin Register, Mrs.

Mattie Lee Cavanaugh, Mrs. Phelix Bostic, Mrs. Hez Dobson and Miss Lillie Teachey.

And, J.R. Grady, editor of the 1949 DUPLIN TIMES, wrote the following poem about Dobson Chapel.

In each life some rain must fall  
As we plod along and drink life's gall.  
Behind each cloud  
The sun still shines  
And it shines brightly, for all.

A builder built a temple  
He wrought it with skill and care  
But the clouds came  
The fires raged  
And the temple  
Was no longer there.

The temple was  
Old Dobson's Chapel  
Down the years it was loved by all.

As our memory serves us  
To the lingering day of old  
And turn our faces upward,  
onward  
To the new day  
Our God-given goal

The new day is dawning  
For me and for you  
As we go forth in this worthy cause.

The Lord will guide us,  
Each, all in all  
As we roll up our sleeves  
And answer the call.

## Davis Reunion

The descendants of Dan and Hattie Davis Tyndall will hold their annual family reunion on Sunday, Sept. 18 at the park in Pink Hill. All friends and relatives are invited to come and bring a picnic lunch.



**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED** - Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Hinson of Goldsboro announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis Lynn Jeffrey Turner, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Turner of Deep Run. A November 19 wedding is planned in the Oak Heights Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro.

## Duplin Towns Win Governor's Awards

Gov. Jim Hunt announced that Kenansville, Magnolia and Rose Hill have been named winners of the Governor's Community of Awards.

Gov. Hunt will present the awards to officials of the three Duplin towns at a statewide economic development conference on Oct. 19 in Raleigh.

Hunt said, "My congratulations to community leaders for winning the awards. Building an economic development organization is one of the best things a community can do to attract industry or encourage expansions."

The award goes to communities with under 15,000 people which have met requirements designed to make them more attractive to economic development.

The Award is administered by the North Carolina De-

partment of Commerce. Communities must qualify for the award each year.

The following are some of the standards communities must meet to receive the award: An economic promotional organization must exist to promote the community for industrial plant location; A development corporation must exist with the ability to option, purchase and sell property; and Industrial sites must be available.

Department of Commerce representatives visit each community to assure the standards have been met. Winning communities will receive highway signs designating them as winners. They are also given special promotional attention when working with industries looking for a plant site in North Carolina.

## JSTC Offers Basketweaving Class

The continuing education department of James Sprunt Technical College will offer a 24-hour basketweaving class from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Pamela's This & That located approximately 5 miles north of Wallace on Highway 11 beginning Sept. 8. The class will meet each Thursday.

Each student will use a variety of cane and weaving techniques to make mail

baskets, key ring baskets, Easter, egg and Fannie baskets. Students will need an awl or ice pick, scissors, fishing line, one dozen clothespins, pencil and needle-nose pliers. Cane may be purchased at the class site. There will be an \$18 registration fee. For more information, contact the continuing education department at JSTC.

## HRD Program Offers New Career Opportunity

Willie Royal Powell of Warsaw enrolled at James Sprunt Technical College in Oct., 1982, as a student in the Human Resources Development (HRD) program.

During the time span of 13 years, Willie was employed at Rose Hill Poultry where he advanced into several supervisory positions. Due to the rapidly changing needs of the work force, he saw the need for continued education that would further enhance his skills. In May, 1981, Willie left Rose Hill Poultry to pursue other career endeavors.

Upon completion, Willie enrolled in the criminal justice technology program at James Sprunt in Jan. 1983. Thus far he has maintained an academic record of 3.5. George Garner, advisor stated, "Willie Powell possesses a positive attitude that reflects on other students. He attends class regularly and participates in class discussion and other activities. Willie tries to learn as much as possible from class lectures and reading the text. I am sure Willie will succeed in making some criminal justice agency a very dedicated employee."

After securing his associate in applied science degree, he plans to enroll in the criminal justice program at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Willie's career goal is to

# 'Astronaut Week' Declared

Astronaut Dr. William E. Thornton Jr. has become the pride of Faison.

This week has been proclaimed "Astronaut Thornton Week in Duplin County by the Faison and Duplin County boards of commissioners.

Faison residents plan to hold a special "Thornton Day" later in the year when their hero can take part.

The Faison native will be the first North Carolinian to serve as an astronaut when the space shuttle takes off from Cape Canaveral. The launch was scheduled for Tuesday at 2:30 a.m.

Last week townspeople strung banners across Main Street and U.S. 117 proclaiming the town's pride in Thornton. Each banner is 30 feet long and three feet high.

Large pictures of the astronauts and the space shuttle have been pasted on the walls of the town's drug store and in nearby schools.

Between 30 and 50 residents who have special invitations plan to attend the launching.

They will be unable to meet Thornton, who will be secluded with the other astronauts before takeoff.

Thornton, a physician, will study motion sickness, which has been a problem for astronauts. At age 54, he is the oldest American astronaut to date.

The Faison native attended the local school and while in high school opened his own radio and television workshop to help the family and help pay his way through college. His father died while Thornton was a boy.

Mayor N.F. McColman, who plans to attend the takeoff party, said that when

Thornton was 17 years old, he and Luther Taylor built a diving helmet out of an old water heater, water pipes and hoses. They tried it out in February in a pond near Faison and it worked. McColman added. The mayor

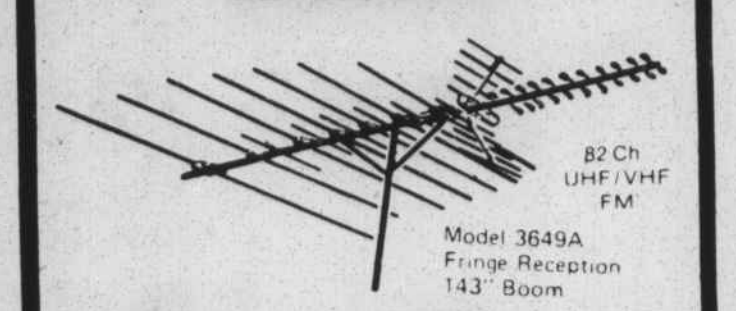
described Thornton as a shy but exceptionally bright youth.

Thornton obtained his medical degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1963. He now lives in Houston.

Faison has a year-round population of about 630 people. It becomes the hub of a huge produce marketing operation, which increases its population and traffic sharply during June and July each year.

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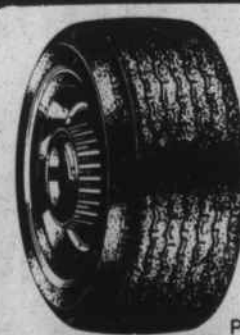
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