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DUPLIN COMMUNITY CLUBS GO VISITING - The above picture is of farmers who attended the tobacco nurseries at the Coker's Pedigreed Seed Farms in Hargettsville, S. C. recently from the Oak Ridge and Beutancus Community Development Clubs. Russell Brock is

president of the Beutancus Club and William G. Sullivan is president of the Oak Ridge Club. Highlighting the tour was a trip through 34 new strains of tobaccos, conducted by Jim Brown, Assistant Tobacco Breeder.

## Farm Leader and Businessman

### Leroy Simmons Announces Candidacy For State Senate From Duplin County

Leroy Simmons, prominent Duplin County farmer and North Carolina Farm Bureau Vice President, announced today that he is a candidate for the North Carolina State Senate from Duplin County in the Ninth Senatorial District. Simmons said he will be seeking the Democratic Party nomination from Duplin and Sampson Counties in the May, 1962 Primary. The Ninth Senatorial District is composed of Duplin, Sampson, Pender and New Hanover Counties. There are two senators from the District. Simmons and Duplin County alternate election of the senator under an agreement. The same is true with Pender and New Hanover Counties. Henry Stevens, III, who was appointed to the State Senate when Senator Grady Mercer resigned to assume a position with the North Carolina Industrial Commission, has announced he will not be a candidate to succeed himself. It now appears Duplin County will have at least two candidates running for the Senate seat. Melvin Sording, of Wallace, announced two weeks ago that he is "contemplating" seeking the Senate seat. In announcing his official candidacy Simmons said, "I am interested in seeing North Carolina progress. I think, also that we need more farmer representative in the North Carolina General Assembly."

We are having fewer and fewer farmers representing farmers in the General Assembly each year. I intend giving everything I have to the task at hand between now and the Democratic Primary in 1962." Simmons is President of the Duplin County Farm Bureau, as well as serving as a State Farm Bureau Vice-President. He is a member of the State Executive Committee of N. C. Farm Bureau Insurance, and a member of the 26-man Belt-wide Committee on Tobacco, a position, he has held since the State Committee was organized about five years ago. Simmons is Chairman of the State Marketing Committee of the Farm Bureau. He is a member of the Farm Bureau Legislative Committee. He is a member of the Pleasant Grove Community Club in Duplin County and the Kenansville Masonic Lodge. In 1958, Simmons was named North Carolina Farmer of the Year for his contribution to the advancement and improvement of agriculture in North Carolina. In addition to being an active farmer, Simmons operates Simmons' Grain and Feed Mill, at Albertson in Northern Duplin. He is a graduate of B. F. Grady high school. Simmons is married to the former Edith Martin, of Randolph County. They have three children, W. G., 19; Lisa Kay, nine; and Martin, six. Recently Simmons was appointed to the N. C. Trade Fair Committee by Governor Terry Sanford. The Trade Fair will be held in Charlotte October 12-21.

## Rose Hill Lady

### Mrs. Williams Is Presiding At Farm Home Week Now

Mrs. David Williams, of Rose Hill, is presiding this week over the State-wide annual Farm Home Week being held this week at N. C. State College, Raleigh. Mrs. Williams is one of the most active Home Demonstration ladies in North Carolina and has served in the State-wide organization. Several of Duplin County's Home Demonstration ladies are attending the week-long event.

## Robert Dail Is Killed Sunday Near Warsaw

Excessive speed is blamed as the cause of the automobile death of Robert Jackson Dail, 17-year-old white youth from Mount Olive, R. I., Saturday night near Warsaw. Highway Patrolman Arthur S. Butler, who investigated, said Dail was driving the 1960 Chevrolet when it left the road and turned over around 11 p. m. Occupants of the car who received injuries in the accident were Charles Daniel Anderson, 14, of Warsaw; and Norris Ray Dunn, 14, of Mount Olive. Nathan Garner, 15, of Mount Olive, was uninjured. Funeral services for Dail were held Monday from Long Ridge Free Will Baptist Church with the Rev. Herman Grubb officiating. Burial was in the Dail family cemetery near the home. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dail; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Della K. Dail, route 1, Mt. Olive; a brother, Kenneth, of the home; five sisters, Mrs. Robert Hudson, route 1, Mt. Olive; Lourice, Diane Janet and Wanda, all of the home.

## GETS SOCIOLOGY DEGREE

Alameda Police Officer James Merritt of 1024 Begonia Drive, Alameda, California, has earned a bachelor's degree in sociology while serving on the police force. Officer Merritt, who majored in criminal behavior, received his B. A. degree at the recent commencement exercises of San Francisco State College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Merritt, Warsaw, R. F. D. Merritt has been with the Alameda Police force since 1955.

## Thigpen Completes Insurance Seminar

O. S. Thigpen of Beulaville has successfully completed the 10th annual seminar on life insurance underwriting held at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, June 26-29, according to an announcement by John E. Jones, Sales Manager of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. During the seminar, Mr. Thigpen attended classes on estate planning to broaden his knowledge of insurance taxation. He studied subjects ranging from estate taxes to wills and trusts. The entire program was carefully designed to explain the latest developments in life insurance structure and improve the service in North Carolina. The agents who attended are now prepared to offer an improved service to persons in their community. Mr. Thigpen attended the school with 37 other agents of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company.

## Red Cross Annual Meeting Held Thurs. Fund Campaign Report Best In Years

With Attorney William E. Craft at Helm, The Duplin County Chapter, American Red Cross has passed another successful year. A number of increases in the different phases of Red Cross work were noted at the annual meeting which was held in the Chapter House on last Thursday night at 8 O'clock. After the Secretary had read the minutes of the semi-annual meeting, the Treasurer, Paul Ingram gave his report. This was followed by a detailed report of the spring Fund Campaign by Craft who was the 1961 Fund Campaign Manager. His report showed a total of \$2965.87 of which \$503.40 was turned in by the Negro Division headed by Mrs. Irene Carr of Rose Hill. She gave a report of this amount by communities. They both praised their co-workers for their cooperation. These above amounts did not include the donation that came later from the Civilian employees and others at Camp Lejeune which totaled \$1400.00, bringing the combined total this year up to \$3768.87 which is the best year in several for Duplin County. Jr. Red Cross Work of which Miss Annie Mae Brown is chairman showed \$199.00 sent into the National Headquarters. This amount included enrollment fees from 11 Elementary school and 5 high schools. That was an increase of one more school \$34.00 more was sent off this year. Fifty Educational Gift Boxes were also filled and shipped for the overseas project. Mrs. Mattie Sadler, First Aid Classes taught during the past year, during which time 117 certificates were issued. This was a gain of 30 over last year. The Home Nursing report submitted by Mrs. L. Southerland revealed three classes in Home Nursing taught in the Duplin County Schools during the past 12 months, with 55 certificates issued. (36 more than last year) The Community Services report recalled the wonderful cooperation of the various organizations that helped bring Christmas Cheer to the Marines at Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune by their donations of hard candy, nuts, chewing gum, cigarettes, pencils, comic books, pocket edition books, games, puzzles, playing cards and other miscellaneous gifts. Mrs. Norwood Boney's Home Service report showed 255 cases served this year which was an average

Fund Campaign Report For 1961	
Division	Raised
Beulaville	50.00
Bowden	6.00
B. F. Grady and	
Outlaw Bridge	35.54
Chinquapin	20.00
Calyso	7.10
Faison	95.50
Fountain-Lyman	54.75
Hallsville	5.75
Kenansville	40.00
Magnolia	208.91
Potter's Hill	104.40
Rose Hill	78.38
Teachey	248.98
Wallace	38.97
Warsaw	754.52
Negro Group	112.50
Camp Lejeune	503.40
Civilian Employees etc.	1400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3768.87</b>
<b>Negro Division</b>	
Teachey	25.00
Chinquapin	60.00
Chinquapin	10.00
Wallace	57.50
Magnolia	31.50
Kenansville	24.50
Branch Community	10.00
Faison	28.00
Warsaw	105.00
Charity	33.00
Rose Hill	116.37
Miscellaneous	3.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$623.50</b>

## Gail Newton Graduates With Honors At Meredith

Gail Newton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Newton, of Kenansville, was graduated at the Meredith College June commencement, receiving the degree of bachelor of arts. Miss Newton is a 1957 graduate of the Kenansville High School. Meredith, she carried a major in piano. She had three unusual honors in her years at Meredith, having been chosen as alternate soloist with the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra in 1960-61, as "Miss Raleigh" in 1961, and as soloist with the Raleigh Piano Ensemble. She served on the executive board of the college chapter of the national music fraternity, Sigma Alpha Iota, on the executive board of the annual fall homecoming plays and the German Club. She was chosen as a member of the Meredith College Chorus, and of the smaller select vocal group, the Meredith Ensemble, which sang for churches and civic organizations over the State. She held memberships in the college chapter of the American Guild of Organists and the Philatelic Society. She maintained "Dean's List" honor scholastic rating. At the commencement "Awards" program, Miss Newton received three awards, all from the National Piano Guild: first place for her national auditions this year, first place in the collegiate senior auditions and first in the biennial piano recording competition. She was the winner of two gold medals and forty dollars in awards. She also was the S. A. I. winner of the Patroness' scholarship for 1960-61. She will attend Meredith again next year, taking courses for the degree of bachelor of music; and will also serve for the year as "Miss Raleigh."

## Trial & Error

Well, this has been such a hectic week that we are all beginning to wonder if vacation was really worth it. It seems that every thing that happened last week is supposed to go in the paper this week too, and to cap the climax the current went off in the middle of the work day on Wednesday and was off for about three hours. What slaves we are to electricity! I t seems that some man ran off of the road and knocked a power post down between Warsaw and Kenansville, so no power. Still vacation was lots of fun. I, for one, crowded every thing I could possibly get into one short five days, from an art exhibit, to fishing and even saw the first Wrestling match that I have ever seen. Saw the heavy weight Buddy Rogers wrestle Alex Jacobs. It was exciting and lots of fun to watch the ring, but Oh Boy! the scenes on the side line were much more interesting than what went on in the rings. During a tag bout between Von Braunnors vs L. Garcia and Chief Bigheart-now that was a time on the sidelines. It took several police officers to keep the crowd in order. Buddy Rogers threw Alex Jacobs right out of the ring almost into my sister's lap. He groomed and carried on and looked to me as if he might die, but no one seemed to be particularly interested, so he finally left the Arena. Some experience. A most effective job was done on the highways of North Carolina for the week of July 4th. All up and down the highways on the shoulders were placed wrecked cars with terrible reminders to be careful. If your foot got the least bit heavy on the road, and you would immediately take care of yourself, one of these cars would be on the side of the road, and you would immediately become conscious and careful in your driving. One of the most effective reminders was in Warsaw an another just outside of Rich square. My young friend, Brad Minshew of Warsaw, thinks he has had a rough summer, and he has. Around the first of July he had acute appendicitis and had to have an appendectomy. Well that was not too bad except for the fact that Brad had counted the days and the minutes until July 4th which was his birthday his sixteenth one at that, and he was to get his driver's license. Now to all young boys and girls that is a most important event! Brad got out of the hospital in short order and got his driver's license on the sixth, got in the car, and drove himself back to Duplin General Hospital and was operated on for hernia on the seventh of July. That is really a tough break, but he got along just fine an dis back home now. Brad asked me the last time I went to see him at the hospital to send him a little patience and though he would get along better. So Brad I am sending you the words of Shakespeare, "How poor are they who have not patience! What wound did ever heal but by degrees." Ruth

## Three Negroes Seriously Wounded By Negro Man Sun. Near Albertson

Jesse "Peter" Exum, Negro, 27, is in Duplin County jail without privilege of bond for the Sunday night shooting of four Negroes at Kathleen Davis, Cafe near Robert Grady's Store in the Albertson section of Duplin County. Exum, from Seven Springs, R. I., went on a shooting spree with a .32 caliber pistol and seriously wounded Maxine Baines, Louis Ford and J. R. Thompson, and an unidentified man who ran from the scene of the crime and has not been heard from since. Baines, 19-year-old Negro woman, from Dillon, S. C., is in Carolina Memorial Hospital with a pierced right chest and lodged in her back. Her condition is said to be "grave," according to Sheriff Ralph Miller. Louis Ford, Negro, 20, and J.

R. Thompson, Negro, 22, are also in Carolina Memorial Hospital in serious condition. Ford has a pierced right lung and Thompson was shot in the abdomen, the bullet lodging in his spine. All three of the above Negroes wounded were taken to Duplin General Hospital for treatment before being transferred to Carolina Memorial Hospital, according to Sheriff Miller. Exum is in jail charged on three different counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. The Ford Negro is from Lenoir County and the Thompson Negro lists his address as Dillon, S. C. In connection with the shooting, John Lee Whitfield, 19-year-old Negro from Seven Springs, route 1, was charged with larceny. Sheriff's Officers said Whitfield is alleged to have picked up Maxine Baine's pocket book after she fell when hit by the bullet. The pocket book allegedly had over \$100 in it which she had made from burning tobacco. When it was turned over to officers, it contained \$30 and no identification, Sheriff Miller said. Investigating the shooting and larceny were: Sheriff's Deputy Deputy T. E. Revelle, and Deputies Snyder, Dempsey, Graham Chestnut and Sylvester Tew.

## Lightning Hits Eight Killed

Tragedy hit two miles Southeast of Clinton on Wednesday afternoon when a bolt of lightning killed eight persons and injured one. The tragedy occurred on the farm of Rufus Bryant on Route 2, Clinton in the Roman church section, when tobacco workers were occupying a tobacco barn during a heavy rain storm. Killed were three white persons and five Negroes. They were Oscar Lee Cutler, aged 28 his wife, Annette, aged 21; and a 13 year old boy, William Keels, who lived near the Cutlers, all white. Colored were Samuel Newberry, Earl Bell, Mary Morrissey, Joyce Ann Mathis and Lattie Mathis all of Clinton. A ninth person was injured and hospitalized at Sampson Memorial Hospital. He was identified as Eugene Daughtry, aged 16, Negro of Clinton. Authorities who immediately went to the scene deduced that the victims were leaning against parts of the eucer system and that the lightning bolt entered the barn through a ventilation vent and followed metal parts of the curing system. Very little damage was done to the tobacco barn. Workers who were on the outside of the barn were not injured. The victims had entered the barn only a short time before the bolt struck to get out of a heavy rainstorm which was accompanied by thunder and lightning.

## Walter Lee Pettis Is Charged With Breaking And Entering Duplin Home

Walter Lee Pettis, 41-year-old Negro man, is still in Duplin County jail in Kenansville in lieu of \$1,500 bond. Pettis, a migrant laborer who has been working on the Arthur Hardison farm, near Tin City, is charged with breaking and entering the home of Clinton Savage around 4 p. m. Saturday evening. The Savage live near Tin City. Mrs. Savage discovered Pettis standing on the stairs in her home after her husband left to go to Wallace Saturday afternoon. She was home with their young son at the time. After Mrs. Savage discovered the Negro man standing on the stairs as she walked from the kitchen to the living room, she picked up her son and ran from the house to a neighbor's, Alton Carter, where she called the Wallace Police Department.

Island Creek Constable Bill Sholar went immediately to the Savage home, but could not locate Pettis. Pettis was picked up for questioning around 11 p. m. Saturday by Deputy Snyder Dempsey and Sholar. Under questioning, Pettis admitted he had entered the house but that he was "drunk and did not know" what he was doing, or where he was. Pettis told officers that he had stood behind a shed at the Savage home until he saw Savage drive away and then entered the house. Pettis has been arrested seven times in the past for various crimes, but none as serious as this one. Other arrests have been for driving drunk, operating a motor vehicle without license and assault. He is from Suffolk, Virginia.

## BRIEFS

**20 PIG LITTER**  
Gray Counties, a Yorkshire brood sow belonging to Lehman Williams, gave birth to a litter of 20 pigs on Thursday night of the past week. However, by Sunday, seven of the pigs had died.

**JAYCEE VALLEY**  
The Jaycee Valley Miniature Golf Course is open on each night. Thursday night all ladies may play golf free and Sunday night free pop corn for all players. The golf course opens around 7:30 P. M. until? Meet your friends on the golf course sponsored by the Kenansville Jaycees and have a lot of fun. Mrs. Christine Williams, Duplin

**In Raleigh And Chapel Hill**  
County Register of Deeds, met with a committee at the office of the State Bureau of Vital Statistics in Raleigh on Monday, to work out a new unified system of issuing marriage licenses which will be used by all Register of Deeds in the state, beginning in January. On Tuesday, Mrs. Williams was in Chapel Hill to confer with Dr. Albert Coates at the Institute of Government on plans for the publishing of guide books for Registers of Deeds.

**AT CONVENTION**  
Sheriff Ralph Miller and Mrs. Miller, and Deputy Sheriff Elwood Revelle and Mrs. Revelle attended the Sheriff's Convention which was held at the Biltmore Hotel at Morehead City from Tuesday through Thursday. The old part of the Duplin County Court House is to get a new paint job. Plans call for painting the interior, including the basement. The courtroom will not be included. The walls will be scraped, cleaned and cracks repaired before the paint is put on. The job is scheduled to be completed on or before August 25.

**INJURES HAND**  
Mr. George Smith, assistant Maintenance Supervisor at Duplin General Hospital, injured his hand on Monday while working on the elevator at the hospital. Smith had several bones broken in his hand.

**DAIL REUNION SUNDAY**  
The Thomas and Carian Ferguson Dail reunion will be held on July 15 at Goldspark Lake with the program starting at 11:30. Members are asked to carry a picnic lunch and tea. President of the group is Bill Daughtry of Mount Olive. Mrs. Cyrus Rhodes of Summerlin Cross roads is secretary-treasurer.

## At State College

### G. F. Grady Boys Attend FFA Convention

Aaron Smith and Phillip Grady were official delegates accompanied by Larry Davis and Donald Grady, applicants for State Farmer degrees who attended the North Carolina FFA Convention at State College in Raleigh June 28-30. This group of young Future Farmers was one of 428 similar groups attending who represent their local FFA chapter and fellow chapter members. During their three-day stay in Raleigh, these boys participated in organized tours of State College, attended a leadership training school for FFA officers, observed participants in the state FFA contests, attended and participated in the general sessions of the convention, made careful studies of the better scrap books on display, took notes on outstanding accomplishments and performance of others to be used as a guide to help plan a more effective FFA program at B. F. Grady for next year. The top FFA man ever identified with a quick glance says N. L. Ward, FFA Chapter Advisor at B. F. Grady. The better boys seem to take pride in their work and what they do. Donald and Larry certainly have done a good job during the past three years in all the activities included and associated with Vocational Agriculture. They will each be seniors at B. F. Grady next year, and are very promising contenders to receive the American Farmer Degree, which is the highest FFA degree in America. This should be the goal of every FFA boy who has a real interest in himself, his future and in agriculture.



Donald Grady and Larry Davis taking written test at N. C. State College for State Farmer award. They are from B. F. Grady School community and the only FFA members in Duplin County to receive the highest FFA degree that the State Association can confer.



DR. W. BURKETTE RAPER  
Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, will preach Sunday morning, July 16, at Saracina Free Will Baptist Church near Beulaville. The Reverend M. E. Godwin, pastor, announced the above visit today.