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## Duplin Schools Open August 22

Duplin County school children will hear the school bells ring again soon, calling them back for another year of educational training. Students will report to their individual schools on Tuesday, August 22. Principals will be at their desks on August 22, and teachers will report to work on August 22. Superintendent of Schools, O. P. Johnson has called a meeting of principals to be held on Friday, August 4, in the Kenansville Elementary School at 9:00 A. M. At this meeting many of the problems for the coming year will be taken up and discussed.

The school calendar has been worked out for the year. School will open for the children on August 22, with the first holiday of the white children falling on September 19

when the school teachers attend the District NCEA Meeting, and the first holiday for the colored children on October 27, when the teachers attend their District NCEA meeting.

Schools will have two holidays for Thanksgiving and schools will close on December 29 for Christmas holidays, opening on January 2. The last holidays for the year will be April 20 and 23, Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Schools will close for the year on May 18, if the schools are permitted, due to weather conditions, to follow their schedule.

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Ernest R. Maxwell  
43 Years Service

## Mail Carrier Retires At Pink Hill Monday

Monday, July 31, was a red letter day for Ernest R. Maxwell of Pink Hill. He retired as Rural mail carrier after 43 years of service.

Maxwell recalls his first day on the mail route was March 25, 1918, when he drove a horse and buggy on his 27-mile route. For several years after that he drove horses and a model T Ford. Road conditions were terrible. At times they were so bad that the maintenance crew would get stuck trying to fix bad places. Yet his job was to get the mail through, and that he did regardless of all circumstances.

"Maxwell relates that he had every kind of car trouble it is possible to have had. He had been stuck, his car broken down and stranded and he has walked as many as six miles to get relief. Among his hardships was having the steering gear to break in mud holes and have to crawl under the car in the mud to fix it. Two tires have punctured at the same time in the days before spare tires. "What a mess," he says, "During World War II, I had a flat tire on my new Oldsmobile on one of the hottest days I have ever experienced. I put the spare on and another tire went flat. I did not have an extra tube, so after patching several times and changing the second time I got going. And this was at a time when tires and gasoline were both rationed. Too much of what should have been my take home" pay has gone with the wind and had tires." Once Mr. Ernest almost broke his spine trying to

get unstuck.

But in spite of all the difficulties he has experienced, Mr. Ernest has enjoyed his work as rural mail carrier for Pink Hill Route 2, and with the hundreds of thousands of miles he has travelled, he has never had an accident. He recently received a Safety Award stating that it dated back as long as the Safety Award Program has been in force.

Maxwell's wife was the late Glenn Sutton of LaGrange of the Bucklesberry section, and they had one son, Junius Kenneth Maxwell who is married and lives in Pink Hill. He has two grandchildren, Beth and Ken, and although Mr. Maxwell says he has no definite plans after a few weeks vacation in the Rocky Mountains, he intimates that he plans to enjoy his grandchildren plenty.

On Friday evening, July 28, George Turner, Pink Hill Postmaster, Dempsey and Earl Smith, Jerry Smith and Emmett Rogers had a fish stew honoring Mr. Ernest. The stag supper was held at the VFW Hut at Pink Hill.

Mr. Ernest can relate many wonderful experiences from his forty-three years on the route, and probably tell a more complete story than anyone of the various changes in the rural picture of the counties during that time.

During these years he has served under Postmaster Jesse J. Smith, Postmaster Jasper J. Smith, Acting Postmistress, Mrs. Grace Howard, and the present Postmaster George Turner.

From his first model T. Ford named "Mud Turtle" to his present Corvair has been a long span of service to his fellow-man.

## BRIEFS

### ATTEND WORKSHOP

Mrs. Louise Hunter Brown, Mrs. Anne B. Jackson, Mrs. Norma B. Miller and Mrs. Eleanor H. Norris of Beaufort, Mrs. Sebelia W. Brown of Chingupian, Mrs. Lillian Hunter Grady of Kenansville and Rebecca W. Lanier of Wallace attended a workshop at EOC which ended on Friday. The use of visual aids in educational processes was the theme of the workshop and films, displays and graphic art were used and studied.

### JOHN SPRUNT HILL

One of Durham's best known citizens, banker and philanthropist, John Sprunt Hill died in his home in Durham on Saturday. He was 82. Hill was a native of Duplin County, having been born in Wilson. He became a member of the University of North Carolina Board of Trustees in 1904 and served until his death. He was one of the university's greatest benefactors.

## Duplin Softball League Standings Through July 8

The Duplin County Community Club Softball League standing through July 8, are listed below. They are:

ADULTS	W.	L.	Pct.
Beautancus	5	0	1.000
Pleasant Grove	3	2	.750
Cedar Fork	2	2	.500
Oak Ridge	2	2	.500
Potters Hill	1	4	.200
Rone	0	4	.000

JUNIORS	W.	L.	Pct.
Beautancus	5	0	1.000
Potters Hill	4	1	.800
Cedar Fork	3	2	.600
Oak Ridge	3	2	.600
Pleasant Grove	2	4	.333
Rone	0	4	.000

## Again Up Broiler Growers Oppose Controls On Poultry Output

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## R. L. West Elected Commander Post 127

Robert L. West was elected Commander of American Legion Post 127 on last Friday evening. The meeting was held in the Legion Home at Warsaw.

Other officers elected were: William A. Bartlett, 1st Vice Commander; Francis McColman, 2nd Vice Commander; Sidney Katz, Adjutant; J. F. Johnson, Sergeant of Arms; and Rev. Norman H. Flowers, Chaplain.

Following a brief talk given by the outgoing commander, Duke Matthis, the members went to the Coffee Shoppe and enjoyed steaks.

## Pink Hill Boy Killed By Tractor

Tommy Dean Houston 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Houston, was instantly killed Friday morning when a farm tractor overturned near his home, near Pink Hill.

The youth was driving the tractor alone when the accident occurred at about 8 a. m.

Funeral services were conducted from the home at 3:30 p. m. Saturday. Burial was in the Sand Hill Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by four brothers, Ray, LeRoy, Dewey and Sherill; two sisters, Martha Sue and Hilda Faye, all of the home; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown.

## EDITORIAL IT CAN BE DONE!

Talk has been flying recently about the possibilities of a private swimming pool for the Magnolia, Kenansville and Warsaw Communities. A swimming pool for the three communities which will be built and maintained by individual subscriptions.

Off hand, many skeptics will say, it can't be done. But what will keep us from doing it? Many things have been done in Duplin County that a lot of people have said were impossible.

Take the small town of LaGrange for an example. They have just completed their swimming pool and it is now in use. They have a swimming pool 35'x75', 3 to 10' deep with 2 diving boards, a wading pool for the younger children 20x20 ft. and 12 to 18 inches deep. The pools are completely surrounded by a storm fence and have a concrete deck around the pool and wading pool. They have a deep well which will pump 50 gallons of water a minute and complete overhead lighting for night swimming. The cost of their pool included a filtering system and also bath houses which have not been quite completed as yet.

Many citizens of the county have been approached on the subject and the response has been good. Isn't this a goal for us to work toward to enjoy by July 1 of 1962? Think about it and let us know your feelings.

## 40 Admirals Now In Duplin Duplin Admirals Club Being Organized

A Duplin County Admirals Club is in the process of being organized in connection with the fund drive to bring the Battleship USS North Carolina to Wilmington as a permanent memorial.

E. C. Thompson, prominent Warsaw banker spearheading the Duplin effort, said today the club would be made up of men who have qualified as honorary admirals in the North Carolina Navy; no other persons will be eligible for membership. Members will be among the most prominent business men in the county.

There are presently 40 admirals in Duplin. Their names, along with those who may become admirals before the September 6 deadline, will be published in a later edition.

"No new admirals will be commissioned after September 10", Thompson pointed out, emphasizing that anyone desiring to become an admiral should contact him on or before that date.

The Battleship USS North Carolina will leave New Jersey under tow (by tugs) on September 6 and is scheduled to reach Wilmington on September 13. A day of celebration is planned for September 16 when all admirals in the State will ride the big battleship up the Cape Fear River to the site chosen as her permanent berth.

"This promises to be a highly exciting event," Mr. Thompson asserted. "The cruise will get underway at 11:00 a. m., a picnic lunch will be served aboard ship at noon and the USS North Carolina will be berthed at 3:00 p. m."

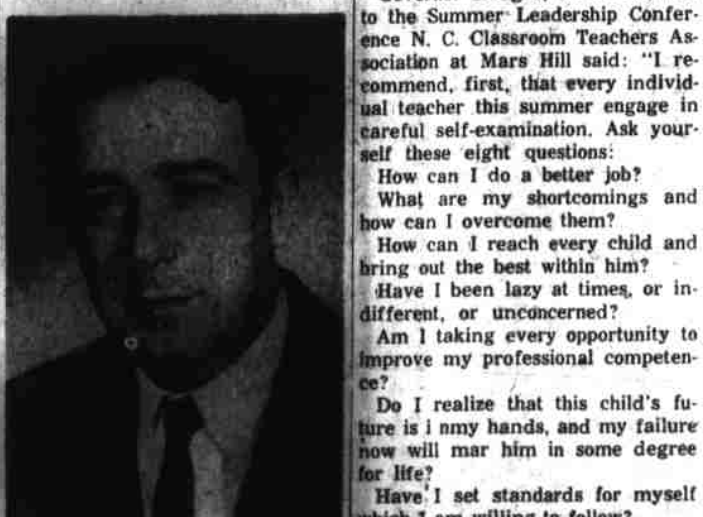
As of August 1, Duplin County had raised \$5,627.05 in the Battleship USS North Carolina fund drive and it is hoped that by September 10, Duplin will be well over 400 per cent of her quota.

## Eastern Tobacco Belt To Open On August 22

The 17-market Eastern Tobacco Belt will open for sales on August 22.

The date was set at a meeting in Wilson Tuesday by Warehousemen.

The vote on the opening date was approved unanimously.



J. B. STROUND

J. B. Stroud who was elected a Director of the State Association of County Commissioners at the County Commissioners Convention held in Asheville from July 23-28. This was a meeting of Commissioners, Auditors and Tax Supervisors. Attending this meeting other than Stroud were J. W. Hoffer and F. W. McGowan.

## Miss Gail Newton Has Pleasant Experiences During N. C. Pageant

By Paul Barwick  
One of Kenansville's beauties, Miss Gail Newton is spending her time relaxing after a hectic, but enjoyable, week in the Miss North Carolina Pageant in Greensboro. Miss Newton, who was Miss Raleigh in the annual beauty pageant,



Miss Gail Newton

said the week was "one of the most pleasant experiences" of her life.

She admitted that she went much higher in the contest than she had thought she would once arriving at the pageant in Greensboro.

"Everybody was looking over the competition and evaluating themselves," she said, "but there was not one bit of jealousy on the part of anyone."

In the final showdown, Miss Newton, who is 22 and a graduate student at Meredith College, in Raleigh, finished in third place as the Second Runner-up.

It is interesting to note that all five of the finalists in the Miss North Carolina contest had freckles. "Freckles were very popular at the beauty pageant this year," Miss Newton said.

For Miss Raleigh, there was very little sleep during the entire week. She averaged getting about three hours of sleep each night from Monday through Saturday night, and as many cat-naps as possible throughout the day. But even with this little sleep, each contestant had to be spirited, charming, poised and beautiful.

Mrs. William N. Law, of Raleigh, stayed with Miss Newton throughout the contest and served as her chaperone and "maid," doing such things as helping her keep her clothes ironed and tending to small chores.

"The biggest thing I noticed about the entire pageant was the lack of jealousy," she said. "Every body helped where they were needed. Little tips that mean so much in a beauty pageant were passed from the girls who knew to the girls who happened not to know. Such things as putting vaseline on the teeth to make it easier to smile is what I am talking about."

Miss Newton is an accomplished pianist. She played "Revolutionary Etude" by Chopin, and won in her division of the talent contest.

She received her B. A. Degree in Music (Piano) from Meredith College this year and plans to return to Meredith in September and begin work toward her Masters Degree in Music.

Miss Newton is a graduate of Kenansville high school.

Miss Newton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Newton, of Kenansville.

Miss Maria Beal Fletcher, Miss Asheville, was crowned Miss North Carolina for 1961-62.

## Paul Barwick Withdraws As Candidate For N. C. Commissioner Of Agriculture

Paul Barwick, editor of the Weekly Gazette, LaGrange, and Farm Editorial reporter for WGBR Radio, Goldsboro, announced Monday night in a speech before the Goldsboro Kiwanis Club that he has withdrawn as a candidate for N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture. Barwick announced his candidacy in the 1964 Democratic Primary for the position on December 17, 1960.

Barwick explained that an obscure law in the General Statutes of North Carolina disqualified him as a candidate.

"I was advised about 10 days ago by a friend there was a law in North Carolina which stated the Commissioner of Agriculture had to own and operate a farm," Barwick said.

"Upon checking into the situation, I was advised by R. C. Maxwell, executive secretary of the State Board of Elections, that he was unaware of such a law that he would check and make sure. In checking the law, Mr. Maxwell learned there was such a law but that it did not state I had to own a farm."

Barwick added, "The last sentence of G. S. 106-2 reads, 'The Commissioner of Agriculture and the members of the Board of Agriculture shall be practical farmers engaged in their profession.'"

"Mr. Maxwell added that although it does not require that the Commissioner of Agriculture own a farm, it does require that he must

## Research Station Beulaville Farmers Tour Clayton

The Beulaville Ag. Department organized a tour of the Clayton Research Station last Wednesday. Members making up the group were primarily adults actively engaged in farming: Murphy Simpson, Ray Humphrey, I. J. Sandlin, Jr., Fawn Shaw, Raleigh Lanier, Wayne Kennedy, Alvin Kennedy, and vocational teachers Avin Simpson and Temple Hill.

When the group arrived at the farm they were given a cordial welcome by William Allbrook, Research Station Superintendent. After everyone was introduced, Allbrook gave a history of the establishment of Research Stations in North Carolina in addition to legislation affecting the development of these Stations.

The Clayton Research Station consists of 484 total acres with 265 acres in some type of research. This research involved many areas of concern. For example, basic research is being done in variety study, nematode concentration and effect on variety, germination tests under varying conditions, crossbreeding and developing new lines, etc. These new lines that are developed here are sent out to many of the other 17 experiment stations in the state for testing as to soil and climate adaptation.

The program at the Clayton Station is geared primarily for tobacco research. However, they are prepared and can produce up to 33 different crops. Cotton and soybeans were observed in test plots by the group along with horticultural plots. Of special interest to some, was the work being done with fish and farm ponds.

It was surprising to the group that such a small staff could carry out such a large program of research. Those employed regularly on the farm are: Allbrook, Supt., an assistant farm manager, tobacco specialist, secretary, and nine negro laborers. The entire operation is highly mechanized and organized thereby accounting for the small number of workers needed.

Probably the highlight of the trip from an interest stand point was the chance to see and compare a great number of varieties of tobacco grown under like conditions. The second "interest getter" was the

**BLOODSHED BOXSCORE**  
ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

RALEIGH - The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, July 31:

Killed To Date ..... 864  
Killed To Date Last Year .... 694

## Bill Sullivan On ASC County Board

William G. Sullivan, Duplin County farmer, has been named to the Farmers Home Administration county committee, according to B. A. Parker, Jr., the agency's county supervisor here. The appointment is for three years beginning July 1. The purpose of the county committee is to review applications for Farmers Home Administration loans. Composed of three members, the committee is set up on a rotation basis with one new member appointed each year. Sullivan succeeds David Lane of R-2, Mount Olive, who has served on the committee the past three years. Other committee members are Rhodes Young of Rose Hill, chairman for the coming year, and Henry S. Tyndall of Albemarle.

Sullivan owns and operates a 150-acre farm in the Oak Ridge Community which he has operated for the past 20 years. His crops consist of corn, small grain, watermelons, beans, and tobacco. In addition to crop production, he has a 25 broodstock operation and tops out about 400 hogs each year. He also operates an anhydrous ammonia custom service. He is well known throughout the county having been active in agricultural and community affairs for a number of years. He is a member of Bethel Methodist

## For Taxes Joe Costin Wants To Sell A Car

Joe Costin, of Warsaw, and Duplin County Sanitarian, received a tax notice from Tax Collector Harry Phillips advising him that if he did not pay the tax on his car that it (the car) would have to be sold. Costin was notified.

With the notice in hand, and driving the car to the Court House, Costin stormed into the Tax Collector's office, tossed the keys on the counter, and said, "Here's the keys to that car. You are welcome to sell it for the taxes. I've been trying to sell it for a year and have not succeeded."

And Costin walked out.