

## PROGRESS SENTINEL

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**WARSAW'S NEW POST OFFICE.** — Postmaster Fred J. Baars and his crew moved into Warsaw's new, spacious and modern postal quarters last week. The building is one of the finest in Duplin and should afford adequate facilities for many

### People On Duplin Farms Decrease While Crop Acreage Increases

Of the 20,265 people living on farm tracts in Duplin in 1963, 1,390 had moved off the farm by the next year. Only 18,885 were reported to be living on farm tracts in the January 1964 census survey for Duplin County.

According to the survey, there were 394,242 acres of farm land in Duplin, of which 94,045 acres were devoted to

### Trial & Error

Was talking to my good friend Mr. Henry Belk, Editor of the Goldsboro News Argus, this morning by telephone. He had been in Duplin County Sunday night and visited a friend in the South Wing at the Hospital. He was commending Duplin County on our fine Hospital and South Wing. He was most complimentary of the entire set-up, service and decor of the building.

Dixon Hall, Director of James Sprunt Institute has surely been strutting around lately. He threatened when he came to Duplin that James Sprunt would increase the population in Duplin, and so it has been none other than the director himself and his wife who have presented Duplin with a new son. This is the second son for Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Hall. They have recently moved to a new home in Kenansville.

Dedication ceremonies of the new post office in Kenansville on Sunday afternoon were most impressive. But I do not believe I have ever experienced anything more touching than the flag raising ceremony. It was a beautiful, cool and balmy Sunday afternoon. The band of the 82nd Division at Fort Bragg was playing the Star Spangled Banner. As the flag climbed the pole to the strains of the music, the breeze made the flag literally float to the top of the pole, bringing together a mental picture of the mountains and the sea and all the beauties of America, merged into one great and glorious picture. — "The land of the free and the home of the brave."

Ruth

the production of crops in 1963 an increase of 4,896 acres over 1962.

Over 51,000 acres lay out as idle cropland in 1963 in Duplin and acreage devoted to soil improvement and crop failures amounted to 10,563 acres, so that 16% of the farm land was in soil improvement and idle. Three per cent, approximately 14,000 acres were devoted to pastures and 57% to other land, woods and waste, leaving only 24%, less than one-fourth of farm land in harvested cropland.

The main increase in harvested crops was corn, from 48,175 acres for all purposes in 1962 to 52,629 acres for grain and silage in 1963, a difference of 4,454.

This report has been released by the Duplin County Commissioners, J. W. Hoffler, chairman, from information supplied through their farm census supervisor and township lists and compiled by the Crop Reporting Service, N. C. and U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Some 500 patrons, neighbors, friends and former residents of Kenansville, gathered at the new and modern post office at Kenansville Sunday afternoon to hear a band concert and take part in the impressive dedication ceremony.

The band of the 82nd Airborne Division of Fort Bragg, under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer Ralph C. Leichen, provided music for the occasion.

A. C. Holland, postmaster at Kenansville since August 31, 1963, and twenty-seventh postmaster to serve the institution since it was established on November 14, 1838, 135 years ago, opened the program with timely remarks. Rev. Lauren R. Sharpe, mayor of Kenansville, was master of ceremonies and gave the address of welcome. Mayor Sharpe remarked that this was the first time that a federal building was being dedicated in Kenansville in the long history of the town, and was probably the last dedication of a federal facility.

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years to come. There is ample patron parking space in front of the building which is recessed from Hill Street, and plenty of space to the rear for postal vehicles.

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### Draft Boards Sending 18-year-olds For Exam.

North Carolina Selective Service Local Boards are forwarding 18-year-old registrants for complete examination by the Armed Forces, Mr. William H. McCachren, State Director of Selective Service said today.

Mr. McCachren emphasized that the examination of 18-year-olds does not mean that they face induction in the immediate future.

The examination of these young registrants who are out of school and not deferred for other reasons initiates a program announced by President Johnson on January 5, 1964. The President directed the Secretary of Defense and the Director of Selective Service to begin the early examination of 18-year-old registrants after a presidential task force study determined that large number of young men being found disqualified for military service were interested in obtaining educational, vocational, and medical rehabilitation.

In announcing the plan to examine younger registrants, the President pointed out that early examination will "... enable those who are qualified for military service to plan intel-

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### FLASH!

Word was just received as we were going to press that Lyman Earl Jones, 26, of Beulaville was killed in a wreck at 4 p. m. Wednesday afternoon. He was killed eight miles South of Edenton while driving a Beulaville Milling Company truck. Particulars on the wreck were not available at this time. He is the son of the late Simon Jones and Mrs. Wainie Baker of Kenansville, RFD. He is survived by his wife and 2 small children.

### Black Shank Meetings Wednesday

Tobacco field meetings to observe research tests on controlling black shank with chemicals will be held on Wednesday, July 15 on Milton Maready's farm, Chinquapin, N. C. from 8 a. m. to 9:30 a. m. and on Taft Herring's farm, Mt. Olive, Route 2, from 10:15 to 11:45 a. m.

### BRIEFS

**RECEPTION HONORING REV. AND MRS. SPARKS**  
The public is cordially invited to attend a reception honoring Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Sparks in the Methodist Church Fellowship Room Sunday evening, July 12, from 8 to 10.

### STROUD APPOINTED ON NATIONAL COMMITTEE

President M. James Gleason of the National Association of County Officials recently announced that County Commissioner J. B. Stroud had been appointed to the National Health and Education Committee.

### COUNTRY CLUB PICNIC

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Duplin Country Club announces that a family picnic will be held July 21st at 6:30 p. m. at the club. Bring a picnic lunch, bring your family and enjoy the fellowship.

### TAX COLLECTION

The Board of Commissioners report that tax collections for June amounted to \$36,186.07.

### WIGGS HOME ON HWY. 117

Mrs. Ora H. Wiggs, Warsaw, rented the house to Paul Barnett which was burned recently on Highway 117 South. Mrs. Wiggs says that the house had two rooms of her belongings in it, including a piano and a number of books, and having lived there for a number of years the house was of great sentimental value to her aside from the actual monetary loss of the house and her goods stored there. The Barnetts lost all their belongings.

### County Tax Rate Remains \$1.65

The Board of County Commissioners on July 6, approved the 1964-65 Budget, and adopted the Annual Appropriation Resolution for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Appropriations made for the operation of County Government and its subdivisions for the new fiscal year are as follows: General Fund \$583,348.19, which includes General Fund tax rate .20; Poor, etc. tax rate .08; Health tax rate .07½; Administration of Old Age Assistance and AFDC tax rate .06; Agricultural and Home Agents tax rate .06½; County Accountant's office tax rate .03½; Civil Defense tax rate .01; County Fire Departments tax rate .02.

Property Revaluation \$6,568.00 - tax rate .01; County Debt Service (Bonds and interest) \$60,496.85 - tax rate .09; Old Age Assistance \$228,480.00 - tax rate .03½; Aid to Families of Dependent Children \$274,676.00 - tax rate .03½; Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled \$196,568.00 - tax rate .04½; Aid to Blind (County's part) \$7,271.00 - tax rate .01; Operation, Equipment and Maintenance of Hospital \$49,680.00 - tax rate .08;

Industrial Development \$30,725.00 - tax rate .05; School Current Expenses \$356,694.00 - tax rate .14; School Capital Outlay (new buildings and equipment) \$356,630.00 - tax rate .58; School Debt Service (Bonds and interest) \$18,295.00 - tax rate .03; TOTAL (all funds) \$2,169,452.59 - tax rate \$1.65.

Estimate of revenue to be available other than tax levy which includes fees, grants, contributions, etc., for the new fiscal year is as follows: General Fund \$257,165.69; Property Revaluation Fund \$603.00; County Debt Service Fund \$6,631.85; Old Age Assistance Fund \$207,532.50; Aid to Families of Dependent Children \$253,728.50; Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled \$169,635.50; Aid to Blind \$1,286.55; Operation, Equipment and Maintenance of Hospital \$1,800.00; Industrial Development \$800.00; School Current Expense Fund \$272,904.00; School Capital Outlay Fund \$9,500.00; School Debt Service Fund \$340.00; Total - All Funds \$1,181,927.59.

### Final Polio Dose Set For August 9

The third and final polio clinics will be held in Duplin County Sunday, August 9, from 12 o'clock noon to 5 p. m., according to an announcement by Dr. Guy V. Gooding, president of the Duplin County Medical Society.

Strain I of the Sabin vaccine was given in Duplin on April 19 and Strain II on May 17. It was first thought that Strain III would be given in September or October and then the jobbers of the vaccine thought they could supply enough of the oral vaccine so that clinics could be held this month, but they were unable to do so, but have promised sufficient vaccine for August 9 so that

this final and third dose can be given to every man, woman and child in Duplin.

While the Salk "shot" vaccine gives only temporary immunity, the Sabin "sugar cube" type will give lifetime protection and remove the deadly virus from carriers as well.

The clinics have been provided by the Medical Society of Duplin County. Over 20,000 people in Duplin received the first two doses and are protected against certain strains of the deadly disease. The third dose will complete the series. The clinics will be held at nine locations over the county.

### Pink Hill Post Office Contract Let By Dept.

Pink Hill will have a new post office building, according to Postmaster George M. Turner, Jr.

The new building on Front Street, between Walnut and Broadway Streets, will represent an estimated total investment of \$13,580.00. It will be rented to the Department for five years, with three 5-year renewal options, at an annual rental of \$1,689.96 for the basic term.

Postmaster General John A. Gronouski has announced that a contract has been awarded to Mr. T. J. Turner to build the new post office, and that his bid was the lowest received by the Department on a competitive basis.

The new one story building will be air conditioned. It will have an interior space of 1,300 square feet and an area for parking and movement of postal vehicles of 3,000 square feet. The new facility is expected to be completed by November 1, 1964.

### Youth Takes Pickles For Ride

Willie Brown, 18-year-old Mount Olive Negro, borrowed a '59 International 2-ton truck from Cates Pickle Co. at Faison Wednesday night. The truck was loaded with the famous Cates Pickles and Brown took them for a ride around Mount Olive and Goldsboro, utilizing all of the 19½ gallons of gas in the truck riding more than a hundred miles. He was apprehended by Deputies L. G. Jernigan and R. S. Thigpen, charged with larceny and is now in jail, having failed to raise a \$400 bond, being held for Superior Court. He did not bother the pickles.

Brown is on probation from the last term of court for larceny of a farm tractor for a

Mr. Gronouski explained that the Department's capital investment is limited substantially to postal equipment. The building will remain under private ownership, with the owner paying local real estate taxes.

### Warsaw Jaycees Sponsor Talent Show

The Warsaw Jaycees will sponsor a Talent Show featuring "HOMER BRIARHOPPER AND HIS GANG" Wednesday night, July 15th in the Kenan Auditorium in Kenansville at 8:00 p. m.

Homer and his gang can be seen on Channel 11, Durham, and Channel 6, Wilmington, during the week.

Admission for the show which promises to be great is adults, \$1.00 and children under 12, 50¢.

Scheduled to appear on the

talent show are: Conrad Jenkins Warsaw Charles Newman and Larry Mercer of Pink Hill, Briscoe Ellett 11, James Lanier and two other guitarists from Pink Hill, The Carolina Cloggers and the Junior Carolina Cloggers of Jacksonville, The Richland Cloggers of Richlands, Alex Bryan, Malcolm Duff, Raymond Bryan, Richard Hansley and Benny Cherry, Gene Padrick of Jacksonville, Billy Knowles, Bobby Barrette, Jimmy West, Melvin

### Practical Nurse Training Fully Accredited

According to Mrs. Priscilla O. Ballance, R. N. Chairman of the North Carolina Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education, the practical nurse education program sponsored by the James Sprunt Institute, has been "fully accredited" having met all standards for conducting accredited programs of practical nurse education in North Carolina. These standards are authorized by the State's General Statutes, Chapter 90, Article 9A. In accrediting the school, the members of the Board expressed interest in the program and offered encouragement for future development.

A third class will begin September 9. Mrs. Susan Saunders, head of the program, urges all interested students to make application now.

### Consultant To Fight Poverty Available

The Duplin County Commissioners were told Monday that a community service consultant could be hired under a federal grant to coordinate efforts to combat poverty in the counties of Duplin, Wayne and Greene.

The federal grant has been received by the State Board of Public Welfare to employ 25 consultants throughout the state. The federal funds would pay the salaries of the consultant and a stenographer. The county in which the central office is located would provide office space.

The primary responsibility of the consultant would be to coordinate efforts of health and welfare officials, civic leaders, the Salvation Army and service clubs in the three counties. The consultant's duties could be discontinued at the pleasure of the commissioners.

The Duplin County Commissioners voted to continue the committees set up when the tri-county area made application some months ago for a N. C. Fund grant. Seven areas out of 51 were selected for the grants, but this area failed to receive these funds. All areas which submitted applications for the grants from the N. C. Fund were contacted concerning the consultant proposal.

The Greene County Commissioners advised that they do not have office space available. Duplin will be able to furnish office space.

### Magnolia Constable

W. B. Kisner has resigned as constable for Magnolia Township because of his health and hospitalization. The Board of Commissioners of Duplin County at their meeting Monday appointed Earl Chestnut to fill Mr. Kisner's unexpired term, which ends the 1st Monday in December, 1964.

Mr. Chestnut was nominated for the position in the May Democratic primary.

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