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#### SPORTS FIELD LIGHTED

East Duplin High School now has a lighted sports field. One hundred and twenty 1500-watt bulbs light the new field and further enhance the value of one of the best school plants to be found anywhere. East Duplin is served by Tri-County Electric.

#### LIBRARY HOURS

Mrs. E. E. Kelly, acting Librarian has announced the following hours for the Duplin County Library.

Monday and Wednesday — Open all day from 8 till 12 and from 1 until 5 in the afternoon. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday — open only in the mornings from eight through 12 noon. She asks that patrons please come in during those hours and return books and check out new books.

#### 4TH JULY HOLIDAY

Closed to observe the 4th of July holiday will be, The Duplin County Courthouse, The AS-CS Office, The Selective Service Office, Duplin Production Credit Association, Farmers Home Administration, Federal Crop Insurance Office, and The Duplin County Health Department.

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners will meet Tuesday, July 5th for their regular meeting, instead of Monday which is a holiday.

### Leave Abruptly Ended

Two unidentified marines from Camp Lejeune demolished a 1965 GTO Pontiac on the Middleton Mill curve Friday night.

Probably due to a terrific rate of speed the late model car failed to take the curve just west of the potato house on highway 24. The car left the road and clipped off a telephone pole.

The Kenansville Rescue Squad was called and the Marines

were taken to Duplin General Hospital for first aid. An ambulance from Camp Lejeune Air Facility came for the marines. Extent of their injuries was not learned.

The car was completely demolished.

### Hiram Brinson Gets Injury

Hiram Brinson was hospitalized Monday p.m. with a back injury.

Hiram is a member of the Kenansville Rescue Squad. Friday night he and Donald Murphy answered a call to a wreck on the curve just beyond the potato house on Highway 24. The victims needing help were two big hefty marines.

Hiram and Donald loaded them in the ambulance and came to the hospital. Then they removed them from the ambulance into the emergency room. Somewhere along the line Hiram received a back injury, which required hospitalization.

His mother says he is improving and will probably be out of traction in a few days.

### Wake Forest Alumni Meet

A meeting of the Wake Forest Alumni will be held at Carlton's Pond, near Warsaw, on Wednesday, July 13.

Among the prominent speakers and guests will be Coach Bill Tate, Basketball Coach McKlosky; athletic director Gene Hooks and public relations Director, Hank Gartry.

All Wake Forest Alumni of the county are invited as well as friends of Wake Forest College to attend this important meeting. Everyone is urged to

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### Swimming Hole Claims Victim

The first drowning of the season claimed the life of Willie Edwards, Jr., 21, negro man of Route 1, Teachey, at Stallings

Seine Hole in Northeast Cape Fear River. The drowning occurred Sunday afternoon near

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## Graham, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture At Faison Produce Market



Big Jim Graham with familiar big hat and cigar discusses with MR. Harold Precythe, Manager of the Faison Produce Market the potential of expanding the food industry. He was accompanied by various heads of the state Agricultural Department and buyers from many of the larger food stores in North Carolina. The supply was plentiful and farmers were generally well pleased.

Faison rated the second stop on the Agricultural tour of the state by the Honorable James A. Graham, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture, accompanied by guests from the food buying industries and news media.

A chartered bus rolled into the Faison Produce Market at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday morning, right on schedule. Accompanying Mr. Graham were heads of many of the agricultural divisions in the state. Included were marketing, soil testing, weights and measures, dairy, seed testing, livestock, poultry and many other leads.

Also making the tour were representatives from Winn-Dixie, A & P, Harris-Teeter Supermarket, Byrd Food Center, L.L. General Stores, Colonial Stores, The Kroger Company, Associated Growers Mutual, Piggly-Wiggly, FCX Food Processors, and the Progressive Farmer.

This is a tour to present the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and representatives from the food buying industry, and news media to the people of Northeastern North Carolina.

Produce was plentiful. One buyer commented that cucumbers were eternal this year. Even this late in the season prices were good, as many farmers awaited the auctioneer's chant, telling them whether their effort showed a loss, or more likely, a profit.

There were several kinds of peppers offered. Bell peppers were as high as \$3.70 per container yesterday. Hot peppers, not as plentiful as bell, didn't sell as well either. Half bushel containers brought \$1.70.

Squash was also plentiful. One load of acorn type squash went for \$2.15 per container while a container of the winter type squash sold for \$2.00. Egg plants were not so plentiful, but were selling real good.

## Local PCA Represented At Conference in Atlanta

"Production Credit Associations in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, furnish over 47,000 growers, farmers and ranchers with more than \$350 million in the Duplin Production Credit Association.

Mr. Kennedy, who has just returned from Atlanta, Ga., where he attended the annual conference of production credit association directors, general managers, and key personnel, said, "reports indicate that volume this year will exceed \$370 million." "Modern

farming is requiring more credit to meet increasing operating cost and to finance mechanization and other capital investments," Mr. Kennedy said. "This will increase efficiency of farms and enhance opportunities of increasing net farm income." Mr. Kennedy predicted that the volume of short and intermediate credit used by farmers, growers and ranchers in the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida will likely double in the next 10 years. The demand for credit by all sec-

tors of the economy is at unprecedented high levels, he pointed out.

"The Duplin association served 1714 farmers with loans totaling \$4,753,000.00 in 1965 in Duplin," Mr. Kennedy added.

Other officials of the Duplin association attending the conference included Mr. Eugene R. Carlton, vice president, of Warsaw; Mr. Woodrow W. Maready, director, of Chinquapin; Ralph Britt, director, of Mount Olive; Mr. Taft Herring, of Mount Olive, and Garland P. King, general manager.

## Kelly Wins Commissioner Race

E. E. Kelly was elected County Commissioner of the Second District by an unofficial count of 128 votes.

Voting was heavy for an off year election with only one race involved. Voters gave Kelly a total of 769, while incumbent Kenneth Grady, received 641 votes cast.

Voters in the second commissioner district take their voting seriously. Four years ago 1184 votes were cast in the May Pri-

mary and 1762 votes in the June run-off.

Mr. Kelly is not a newcomer to politics. He served as commissioner of the second district for a number of years and was unseated by Kenneth Grady in the May Primary of 1958.

June 25, 1966 voting was as follows:

Preinct	Grady	Kelly
Calypto	68	71
Wolfsrape	81	269

#### BLOODSHED

RALEIGH - The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A.M. Monday, June 27, 1966:

Killed To Date.....729  
Killed To Date Last Year...654

## Tractor Burns in Freak Fire

By: Ruth Wells

As a reporter, if I may call myself that, I covered my first fire Thursday afternoon. A tractor, described to me as "a little farmall," located in the E. E. Smith Agriculture Shop, burned.

I talked with James Fields, who lives right beside the school. He said he was at his house doing some painting when some boys came by on their way to call the fire department. He understood from them that the school building was on fire. So he rushed over to see if he could help. He found that the building had not caught, but it might have, had the fire not been extinguished rapidly.

He thought the fire started from a five gallon gas can beside the tractor. He removed the can from the building, and

from a nearby tap, began drawing water to extinguish the blaze. He said the janitor (he didn't know who the janitor was) had been working at the shop, but he didn't know if the janitor was at the shop or not when the fire occurred. I later learned that Jud Middleton is janitor at E. E. Smith, but I did not talk with him.

With camera in hand I anxiously rushed up to make a picture. The smoke was thick enough to almost cut with a knife. Then I realized I didn't

have a flash bulb. So, back to the car I went. Back on the scene with a flash bulb, I was still unable to stand the smoke, so my friend and fireman, Shannon Brown made a picture for me.

Of course the Kenansville Fire Department was at the scene when I arrived and everything was under control, except the smoke. But their equipment was at work taking care of that. By the time you could see the

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## Cat Gets Hospitalization

The J. T. Grady family has several beautiful cats. Some are black and some are white. Mrs. Grady says they are "just cats," not registered or pedigreed. Their coats are so glossy you feel like they are

extra special. And they may think too, that they are special.

These cats seem to have an overwhelming love for cars. Any time the Grady car is at home, you may see one-to-six cats sleeping on the car. They may be on the hood, or the

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## Machine Revolutionizes Tobacco Harvesting

Tobacco barning season began June 23 for Herman Whitman, of Route 2, Warsaw. It was a different barning day from any Herman had ever had before. Early that morning his supplier delivered him a mechanical looper, or tobacco sewing machine.

Herman has twenty three acres of the finest tobacco you ever saw. Just a few feet from the end of the row, one is lost in the luscious growth of the golden weed. The variety he plants is 2326. He fertilizes with a ton per acre of 3-9-9 heavy meal plus 300 lbs of

8-0-24 top dresser. The growth shows a good color, smooth, and beginning to ripen just right

Mr. Whitman has always used six men in the field to pull the tobacco from the stalks. That part hasn't changed.

At the barn, he has always had nine persons working, run-

ning three "looping horses," but that has changed. Now, he has this long bench-looking type of conveyor belt, just a comfortable height at which to work. It is long enough to hold 4 sticks of tobacco, with three metal rods separating each stick. The off looking sewing

machine, located about 3/4 of the way down the conveyor, is equipped to hold a cone of thread rather than a ball. This machine has a most wicked looking needle and it operates very much like any home sewing machine. There is no bobbin underneath, but the stitch is complete. Pulling on one end of the string only tightens the string, but pulling the other end, it falls out easily. So there will be no problem in removing the cured tobacco at grading time.

Back to the conveyor. The first person puts the green tobacco on the belt. The second, places it snugly and evenly against the retaining wall. The tobacco may be placed as thickly as desired, keeping in mind this in only one side of the finished stick. The conveyor belt moves the tobacco, and the next person places the stick on top of the tobacco. Then the second half of the tobacco is placed on top of the stick. By this time it has reached the sewing area and is ready to go through. The needle, truly razor sharp, and about six inches long, begins its up and down motions. And every thing that comes underneath the needle is securely attached by the thread, over the stick. Some one on the end catches the finished product and it may immediately be placed in the curing barn. This machine may be adjusted to do as few sticks as two per minute or it may be stepped up to five per minute. The slower rate appeared to be mighty fast.

Mr. Whitman uses jet type cutters that burn fuel oil. He finds this the most satisfactory, as well as economical way. The machine is a bit expensive but Mr. Whitman says at his present acreage it will pay for itself in two years.



Everybody was busy at the Whitman's as tobacco barning got into full swing. Mrs. Inez DeLuca is removing the last of the tobacco from the truck. Operating the sewing machine looper are Clementine Jarman, Rose Ellis Outlaw and the

Whitman's lovely young daughter, Nancy. In the shadow behind her is Eddie Ginn and Mr. Whitman is in the barn door. On the other side of the looper Mrs. Whitman is being assisted by little Ellen Whitman. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

## Annual Red Cross Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Duplin County Chapter, American Red Cross was held on last Thursday afternoon, June 23 at 4 o'clock in the Educational Building of Grove Presbyterian Church in Kenansville. Dr. Hugh M. Powell of Rose Hill, chapter chairman, called the meeting to order and welcomed those present after which the Rev. Troy D. Mullis made the opening prayer.

After the minutes of the Semi-annual meeting held last January had been read by the Secretary, a report was heard from the Treasurer, Mr. Paul Ingram. This was followed by Fund Campaign reports made by Mrs. Clyde Potter of Al-

bertson and Mrs. Irene A. Carr of Rose Hill. Mrs. Potter told that a total of \$2,924.45 was raised by the various community workers and that \$651.84 was collected by the Negro Division under Mrs. Carr's supervision. They were each presented certificates of appreciation by the chapter chairman.

A report of Youth activities was given by Mrs. W. M. Ingram it revealed the enrollment of 8 elementary schools last fall and three high schools. These 11 schools collected \$188.04 and filled 31 gift boxes to be shipped overseas for the Viet Nam projects.

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## Sucker Control Demonstration

A meeting on tobacco sucker control will be held on a farm operated by Jimmy Summerlin, Kenansville, North Carolina, on Friday, July 1 at 4 p.m. This farm is located just off of Highway 11, about three miles north of Kenansville on the Sarecta Road.

Mr. Roy R. Bennett, former Extension Tobacco Specialist, will demonstrate the proper method of applying Penar for sucker control in tobacco. Penar can be applied to tobacco earlier than other sucker con-

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## Faison Girl in ECC Orchestra

Barbara Rose Lindsay, a native of Faison, is a member of the orchestra for the current season of the East Carolina College Summer Theatre. Miss Lindsay plays the piano in the 23-piece orchestra brought here for this summer's series of six productions. She is a graduate of East Ca-

rolina with BS and MA degrees in music. Previous theater experience includes work with earlier ECC productions and as audition accompanist for the college opera theater and the Summer Theatre.

Miss Lindsay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lindsay of Faison.

The ECC Summer Theatre, a professional non-profit company sponsored by the college, is beginning its third season and will produce weekly runs of "Kismet," "Stop the World I Want to Get Off," "Mary, Mary," "Finian's Rainbow," "Never Too Late," and two consecutive weeks of "The Sound of Music."