

# Duplin Times

## PROGRESS SENTINEL



Dean Eubanks, a native of Beulaville, assumed his duties as postal employee in the Beulaville Post Office July 15. Dean attended Beulaville High School and joined the navy in 1956 serving until 1961. He was also employed by the Beulaville Western Auto Store and came to the post office after about three years employment at J. P. Stevens Company in Wallace. Mr. Eubanks attends the Presbyterian Church and is interested in all sports, particularly basket and foot ball. And girls, he is NOT married. (Story Inside)

(Photo by Ruth Wells.)

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#### School Opening Announced

Duplin County students will report for school August 29, according to information released from Superintendent O. P. Johnson's office this morning. Teachers will report for work August 24. Some principals begin work August 8; others begin August 15.

#### HELP NEEDED

It has been reported to the Duplin Times-Progress Sentinel office that a collection is being taken in Warsaw to help meet funeral expenses of the Ezzell child that was drowned Monday afternoon. Any one wishing to contribute to a good cause, here is your opportunity.

#### ROSE HILL TO COLLECT DELINQUENT TAXES.

At a regular meeting of the Town Board held Tuesday, July 12, 1966, the Board discussed the matter of collecting the delinquent taxes that some of its citizens owe.

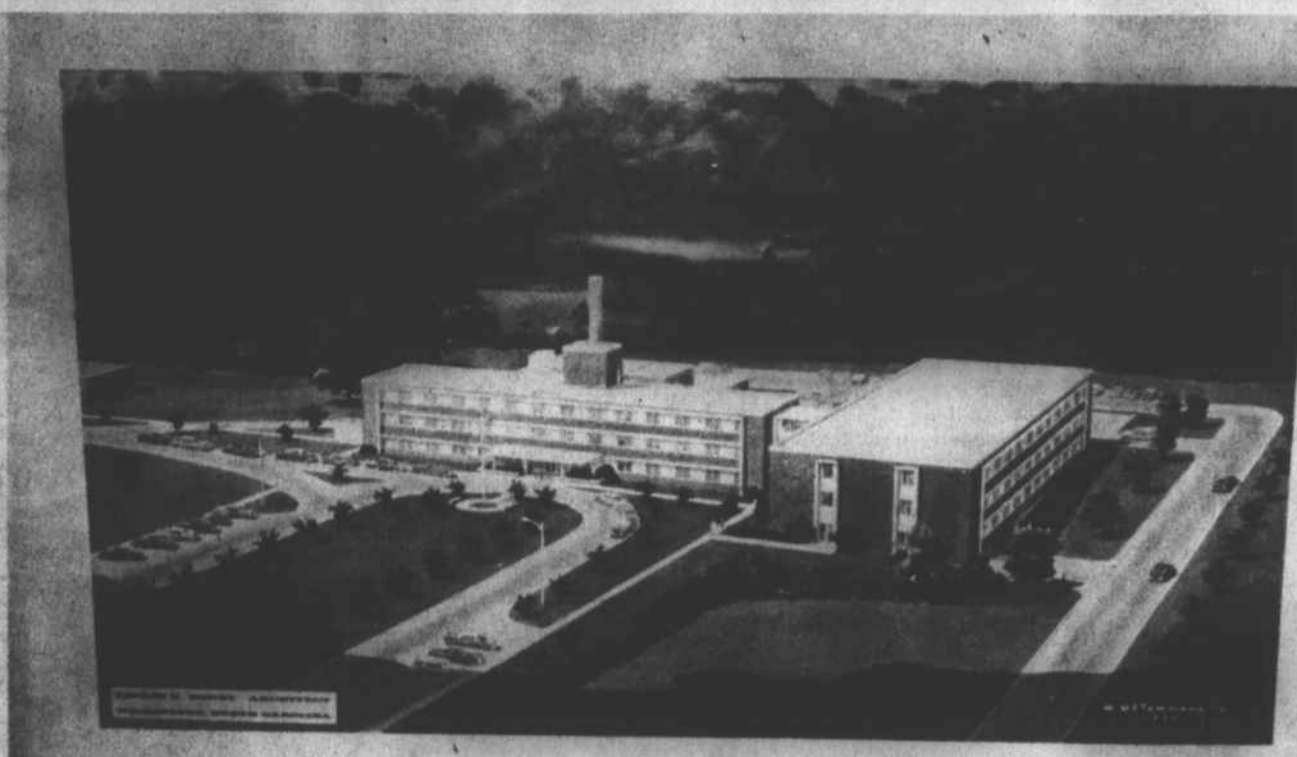
At the next regular meeting an Attorney will be present to present a plan to collect these taxes.

A list of those Citizens who owe taxes is being prepared and will be published in the paper if the Board appoints a delinquent tax collector. If you owe the Town of Rose Hill delinquent taxes you should make payment at once to avoid your name being published in this list," stated C. T. Fussell, Jr., Town Clerk.

#### NOTICE!

Football practice at James Kenan will begin next Monday, August 15, at 3 p. m. "Uniforms will be issued at that time", stated Coach Lewis.

## Child Drowns In Abandoned Well



This is how Duplin General Hospital will look when the proposed addition is made — subject to the vote of the people of the county on August 27.

Larry Ezzell, age 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ezzell of Warsaw, was accidentally drowned at his home on South Railroad Street in Warsaw, Monday afternoon, August 8.

The body was found in an unused well under the back porch of the home, about 5 p.m. The child was reported missing shortly after 2 p. m. by his twin brother, Lynwood.

Chief of Police Perry Smith aided by policeman Douglas Townsend, began a search for the boy. Around 4 o'clock all policemen, including those off duty were assigned to the search, later all firemen were called in to help.

Chief Smith said that he was told Mr. Robert Blackburn suggested to Mayor E. D. Strickland that there was an abandoned well under the Ezzell home, accompanied by the oldest Ezzell boy investigated and sighted "a lump or mass" in the well about 5 p. m. The boy was dead when the body was recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezzell have five other children, all boys. Mr. Ezzell is employed by the Duplin County Board of Education during the summer months, and during school he serves as janitor for Warsaw Elementary School.

The Ezzells reside in an old house built before Warsaw had city water, and as was the custom at that time the well was located on the back porch of the house for convenience. With the installation of city water the well was covered over, presumed safe, and forgotten.

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## Bond Election Set For August 27

Duplin General Hospital is literally bursting at the seams.

For the past two years the patient load at the hospital has been so great that many patient beds have been placed in the halls. The need for additional beds and facilities is acute. In order to meet this need,

the Board of Trustees of the Duplin General Hospital have called for a special Hospital Bond Election to be held August 27, 1966.

Be sure and register, if you are not already registered, before Saturday, August 13, when registration books will close.

Register at your local voting place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The proposed project would add 50 private rooms with baths to the present facilities. Also included in the proposed plans are: to fully air condition present facilities as well as new; to enlarge dining room and kitchen, heating system, and parking area; to enlarge emergency room, out-patient department, X-ray department, operating room, laboratory, and physical therapy department.

The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$2,155,300 with the Federal Government contributing \$905,300. The Bond issue would provide the additional \$1,250,000 needed. In 1952 the county issued a

quarter million dollars of hospital bonds. Half of this bond issue has been paid off in cash.

The State and Federal Governments contributed a much greater per centum of the total cost in 1952 than today. The State makes no contribution now.

It will be about three years before the proposed Hospital Bonds are issued. County tax values have been increasing approximately two million dollars per year on new property. If these increases continue for the next three years, the taxable valuation will be approximately six million dollars more than this year. The added revenue from increased valuation should amply take care of the annual bond payment in installments.

### Border Prices Good

Radio reports from Jim Graham, N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture, at the opening of the border belt tobacco market are good sales.

Commissioner Graham confirmed that he has feared a drop-off from the high prices paid on the Georgia market. However his fears proved unfounded. Most sales were going from \$68.00 per hundred pounds to \$72.00. The highest Mr. Graham saw sold was \$73. per hundred.

Practically all the tobacco on the floor was untied. The offerings were of good quality, and all major compa-

nies had buyers on the sales. It was expected that today's sale would average \$84.00 per hundred or better.

### Lease Renewed

Mr. Ray Sanderson, Rose Hill Postmaster, has announced a two year renewal of the lease on the present building being

used for Rose Hill Post Office. Plans for construction of a new building for the Rose Hill Office have been temporarily postponed.

### Beulaville Oil Co. Robbed

Avon Oil Company, at the spotlight on highway 24 in Beulaville, was robbed after closing last Wednesday night. An undetermined amount of money was taken, probably \$350.00 or \$400.00. An oil tanker parked beside the station was used by the thieves to reach the window near the top of the station.

A window near the roof of the station was broken, through which entry was made. An oil tanker parked beside the building was used as a scaffold to enter the window.

Beulaville Policeman R. E. Brown assisted by deputies Jack Albertson, Rodney Thigpen, and Irvin Outlaw are investigating.

### Fire In Turkey House

The Kenansville Fire Department answered a call Saturday morning to a fire in a turkey house on the Murray farm located on S R 1900, formerly known as the old road to Warsaw.

Mr. Marvin Lewis, who operates the industries for the Murray brothers of Mount Olive, estimated damages to the building and equipment at about \$400.00. However, 2000 day old turkeys were destroyed in the fire.

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### Raid Reveals Intoxicating Beverages

Jake Bostic of the Hallsville section has been charged with the possession of intoxication beverages for the purpose of resale. Bostic is under \$200 bond for appearance in September 8 term of court.

Officials of the sheriffs department obtained search warrants and searched the place

operated by Bostic. Operating in an old dwelling house, Bostic has a pool table in three rooms, and a dance hall in another room.

At the time the officers arrived, Bostic was not in and Mrs. Bostic did not have the key to the drink box which had to be forced open. It was

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## Hail Storms Leave Destruction

Duplin County received widespread damage in two separate hail storms last week. Each storm covered an area one mile in length.

The first storm hit in the Scott's Store area of the northern part of Duplin County on Wednesday afternoon about three o'clock. Heavy rains and winds contributed to the des-

truction. Many tobacco fields were believed to be a total loss. Most farmers were later with harvesting this year than usual, and in many fields more than three fourths of the crops remained in the fields. Many fields had only been lodged.

Destruction appeared total on the tobacco farm of Mrs. Cyrus Rhodes, Rt. 2, Mt. Olive.

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Duplin County farmers suffered severe damages in two separate hail storms last week when hail hit the Beulaville area and also in the Scott's Store section. This scene was typical of

many fields with tobacco so badly broken that losses were almost total. (Photo by Ruth Wells.)

## Henderson To Be Speaker At James Sprunt Graduation

Congressman David N. Henderson will be the guest speaker at the James Sprunt Institute Graduation exercises to be held August 21, 1966, at 3 p. m., in the Kenansville Elementary School auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend the graduation. There will be an open house on the James Sprunt Institute Campus following graduation.

DAVID NEWTON HENDERSON, Democrat, of Wallace, N. C.; born on a farm near Hubert, Onslow County, N. C., April 16, 1921, son of Virginia Boney Henderson and the late I. N. Henderson; graduated from Wallace High School in 1938, Davidson College, B. S., 1942, and University of North Carolina Law School, LL. B., in 1949; began practice of law in Wallace in 1949; commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Corps as a Reserve graduate of Davidson College in 1942; served overseas in India, China, and Okinawa, and discharged as a major, U. S. Air Force, in 1946; married the former Mary Knowles of Wallace and has three sons, David Bruce, Wiley Bryant and Wimbric Boney; assistant general counsel to the Committee on Education and Labor, U. S.

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CONGRESSMAN HENDERSON