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### Trial & Error

If you wish to find out how smart or lazy you are, just take a vacation - sleep too much, eat too much and do nothing on regular schedule - then come back to work. I have certainly found out the week how smart I am NOT. It has been terrible, and the work seems double. However I am proud of my crew, for they did a wonderful job while I was gone.

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Please let me indulge in one sentence about my grandson. He is just the finest, best looking, smartest, most alert boy and has really grown since last summer - I could truly make this a long sentence, but I will be merciful this time. Incidentally Beck and Roger are pretty nice too.

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Margaret and I travelled to New Jersey by Route 13 on the Eastern Shore. But their crops are very far behind ours and they needed rain desperately. Corn in Maryland was only about six inches high and we did not see much tobacco. The area of Virginia, Maryland and Delaware through which we travelled was referred to as the DELMARVA section and it is a large broiler area. Twenty five percent of the income of this area is derived from poultry industry which brings in an annual income of \$231 million. We didn't see nice large chicken houses as we see in Duplin, but of course they may have been off the road. But another thing which impressed us was the lack of pretty farm houses as we have in Duplin.

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From there on to Jersey and the section in which Beck and Roger live is perfectly beautiful. The houses are not fabulous, expensive homes, but small, modest, well kept homes circled around the two or three lakes in Denville. The roads are winding, the trees are plentiful with many white birch. The flowers were blooming prolifically in the yards and on the hills. One can easily understand why New Jersey is called the Garden State. BUT leave the quiet and peaceful hills for one block and zoom-zoom-zoom, six lines of traffic greet you with all of the noise and bustle of New York City. I cannot understand how there could be that many cars in the U. S. Several times it took us about 10 minutes to get into the line of traffic.

One day we rode over in the valley of Denville, which is an agricultural area. They were cutting cabbage for shipping. With all of the unused space in Jersey, why do all the people have to crowd into what they call small towns or burroughs? They didn't seem so small to me though, they looked like cities.

We rode over to the Gettysburg Battlefield in Pennsylvania which was a beautiful sight. Our ride took us through the Pennsylvania Dutch country where all of the barns are marked with Hex signs which are supposed to keep the evil spirits away. The Pa. Dutch are most thrifty and have the cleanest farms in the world. We passed by screened-in corn cribs near the road. They also raised much cattle.

Gettysburg Battlefield was beautiful even if we did lose the battle there. It also is mountainous, but not high mountains, more like the Valley of Virginia. It would take a book to tell you of all the monuments so I will only say that I was most proud of the North Carolina Monument. On the east side of Confederate Avenue stands this beautiful monument erected by the State of North Carolina to commemorate the most important part of which our sons played in the Civil War. There is possibly no monument on the field which better portrays the action and determination than this reproduction of the men in gray. I believe that information stated that N. C. lost three out of every four soldiers killed in the battle.

Then back to Duplin - and what a pretty sight. Crops were beautiful.

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BEULAVILLE - On the skids and really moving, this house, the property of Mr. Lib Edwards, is being moved back from busy Highway 24 in preparation for expanding its present two way road into four way traffic lanes with parking spaces and sidewalks on each side. (Photo by Ruth Wells).

### EMC Heard By Equalization & Review Board

Representatives from three Electric Membership Corporations serving Duplin County were in Kenansville Monday for a hearing before the Board of Equalization and Review.

In order to work out long standing differences between EMC and private power companies, Governor Dan K. Moore urged the Legislature to enact laws to regulate the controversial differences.

Enacted in 1967 and effective January 1967 the EMC was ordered to list ad valorem taxes in the 98 counties in North Carolina served by EMC.

Workshops have been set up through the area to arrive at a fair and equal listing with private companies who service thirty three customers per mile as compared to only four customers per mile served by EMC.

The Jones-Onslow group with

offices in Jacksonville attending were: Alvin Morton, Manager; Albert Venters, President and Chairman; H. M. Mallard, Vice President; J. M. Foscutt, Secretary-Treasurer; Archie Horne, James Melton, H. G. Phillips and E. M. Philyaw, directors; and G. R. Cowan, member-consumer.

Four County group with offices in Burgaw and Rose Hill attending were: Bill Beverage, Manager; J. R. Powell, President; J. A. Ward, Secretary-Treasurer; Garland P. King, Buck Pendergrass, A. B. Herring, James Malpass, L. A. Sutton, Homer James, and J. E. Stephens, directors.

Tri County located in Goldsboro was represented by Manager Bob Holmes; President, Lewis Outlaw and director, Leslie Bell.

### Inducted in May & June

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James Carlton, Teachey; Horrice Lee Kornegay, Faison; Lonnie Earl Sholar, Wallace; Gene Allen James, Kenansville; Gregory Allen Mabley, Wallace; Jerry Kelly Grady, Mt. Olive; Eddie Earl Heath, Fina Hill; Ronnie Williams, Wallace; William Joseph Grimes, Wallace; Delwood Lanier, Chinquapin; William Paul Newmons, Magnolia; Romie Henry Williams, Beulaville; William Wayne Mobley, Beulaville; Matthew Lee Jordan, Kenansville.

The induction call for July 1967 is for 9 registrants to be forwarded on 10 July 1967.

The following registrants failed to report for physical examination in May:

Harry Lee Miller, Warsaw; Douglas McAuther Wells, Chinquapin; William Carnell Dobson, Mt. Olive; Judge Ward, Rose Hill.

The following registrants failed to report for physical

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### Presenting 25-Yr. Pin To Mrs. Boney Highlights Annual Red Cross Meet

The Annual Meeting of the Duplin County Chapter of the American National Red Cross was held on Thursday afternoon, June 22, in the Chapter House at Kenansville. The meeting was called to order by the vice-chairman, Mrs. Clyde Potter of Albertson in the absence of the out-going chapter chairman, Dr. Hugh M. Powell of Rose Hill.

Following the words of welcome by the presiding officer to the 20 present representing six communities, the invocation was made by the Rev. Troy D. Mullis, pastor of Grove Presbyterian Church.

After the minutes of the semi-annual meeting has been read by the Secretary, a report was heard from Paul Ingram, Treasurer. His report was followed by reports of the 1967 Fund

Campaign Managers. Mrs. John L. Grady gave donations made by the various communities which totaled \$2,816.42. In the absence of Mrs. Lillian M. Farnior, chairman of the Negro Division, her report was read by Mrs. Irene A. Carr of Rose Hill in which a sum of \$342.47 was read by her division.

Mrs. W. M. Ingram gave a report of the Youth Activities. This was followed by a report of Safety Services read by Mrs. Mary B. Mullis in the absence

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Mrs. Louise K. Boney (center) in recognition for outstanding service to the American Red Cross, was presented a 25 year pin at the countywide meeting in the Red Cross office Thursday afternoon. Mr. Robert West (left), made the presentation, and Mrs. West, (right) pinned her. (Photo by Ruth Wells).

### Survey Committee For Old Buildings

Tuesday, June 15th at 12:30 p.m., a meeting was held at the County Squire for the Survey Committee of buildings in the County more than one hundred years old.

After a delightful Dutch luncheon, the meeting was called to order by John Nick Kaimar, President of Duplin Historical Society. Informality was the order of the day and many ideas were expressed. Mrs. C. V. Brooks of Wallace who is to coordinate this work asked that all area correspondents who are appointed to collect information please turn it over to her so that she can pinpoint it all on a large map. Mr. Kaimar

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### Body Tentatively Identified

Identification of a body found in rural Duplin County on June 17th may be positively identified by a dental plate.

Tentative identification indicated that the body is that of Mrs. Margie Virginia Boise Murphy, colored, of the Rose Hill area who has not been seen alive since June 10th.

The autopsy indicated that the

body found had been dead six to eight weeks, however, neighbors and friends looked at the clothing and said it looked like the blouse and skirt of the lady who had been missing less than two weeks.

Records show that Douglas Murphy, 44 and Margie Boise were married November 29, 1957 at Kenansville. Murphy told

Sheriff T. Elwood Revelle that they had been separated about three years. He reported his wife missing on June 22 only after the newspapers had reported finding a woman's body in a wooded area of Duplin County.

Finger prints made by the SEI and the FBI could not be identified.

### New Minister In Duplin

Rev. and Mrs. J. Huber Dixon moved into the parsonage at Johnson's Baptist Church last week. They came to Johnson's from the Central Baptist Association in Oakridge, North Carolina. Located near Greensboro, Oakridge is noted for its famous Oakridge Military Academy.

A native of Greensboro, Rev. Mr. Dixon is a graduate of Mars Hill Junior College and received an A. B. degree from Wake Forest College and a B. D. degree from North Baptist Seminary of Chicago. He has also had one year at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

He has served pastorates in the American Baptist Convention and has been located in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and West Virginia.

Mrs. Dixon, also from the Greensboro area, is the for-

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REV. AND MRS. J. HUBER DIXON

### Kenansville Board Plans New Lighting

At the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kenansville on June 5, it was decided that a new street lighting system be instituted for the south end of Kenansville on the main roads of N. C. 24, 11 and 50. If this proves to be worthwhile, then it will be expanded to the rest of the town. The construction of this was confirmed by Carolina Power

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### Lightening Sets Destructive Fires

Fire caused by severe electrical storms early Saturday morning in the Beulaville area destroyed two packbarns and did minor damage to a chicken house.

A packbarn owned by Mrs. Oma Miller about two miles west of Beulaville was consumed by fire shortly after three o'clock Saturday morning. Lightening hit and split open a tree nearby setting fire to the barn. Farm machinery and tobacco sticks stored under the

shelters of the barn were salvaged by the Beulaville Fire Department. Damages were estimated "in excess of \$3,000."

Mr. Grover Hill lost a one-row tractor mounted compactor in fire set by lightning which consumed a packbarn on the Jesse Thomas farm about one mile east of Beulaville on highway 24. The barn was described by neighbors as "big nice barn probably worth

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### Notes From Minutes Of Board Of Commissioners

Minutes of the Duplin County Board of Commissioners show that on June 5, 1967:

Official notice that application for alcoholic permits have been made to State Board of Alcoholic Control for the following persons and firms and are on file with the Clerk: Joseph Aaron West, T/A The Country Squire; Mrs. Sarah Lee Johnson, T/A Sarah's Place; Mr. Dennis Ray Evans, T/A The Red Carpet Minute Market.

Applications for County Alcoholic Beverage Licenses for the following persons and firms are

on file with the clerk: Thomas James Creech, Alethia M. Parsons, Sidney Thomas, Jr., T/A Little Harlem Pool Room; Cecil Edward Covington, T/A Covington's Texaco; Daniel A. Williams, Piggly Wiggly, Inc. Sarah Lee Johnson, Dorothy Brooks Johnson, Annie H. Reglster.

A May 1, 1967 item stated that \$2,914 be transferred from the County Current Expense School Fund Budget for 1966-67 to James Sprunt Institute, subject to approval of State Budget Officer.

At June 5, 1967 meeting of County Commissioners, boundaries of the North Duplin Fire District in Duplin County, containing 10 districts, were enlarged, changed and revised.

A May 30th letter to Hon. Claude E. Caldwell, Director of State Personnel Department in Raleigh requested a downward salary adjustment of three steps for all salary grades in the Merit System pay plan to be effective July 1, 1967. The letter also stated that the Board of

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Cedar Fork Community Development Club joins with their guests from Cumberland County, and share with them their know-how in community developments. This was the last stop

of a two-day tour for the visiting group who had toured four counties. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

### Cedar Fork Development Club Hosts

Anyone interested in learning Community Development might take a tip from a group of Cumberland County citizens and visit the Cedar Fork Community. The group, headed by Paul Dew, extension leader, traveled by chartered bus on a tour that included Carteret, Craven, On-

slow and the Cedar Fork portion of Duplin County.

A rural community, the Cedar Fork Development organization is now fifteen years old. "Farming was the way of living for about 75 per cent of the members," said George Cowan, president, "but that has

changed. Not over 25 per cent are now full time farmers.

Vernon Reynolds, Duplin County extension chairman, represented the county. Master of Ceremonies Cowan said that with a wider range of interest, less time could be spent in

Community development now as compared to the beginning of the organization. Long time goals are essential in maintaining interest.

A Boy Scout troop is one of the newer projects undertaken

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