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Trial & Error

This day has been both a trial and error. Two machines broken down on Tuesday is really a catastrophe in our office. It is a trial on the disposition, and an error that the day ever happened. Oh, well!

Did you see in the paper last Friday that the Indian Chief, whose likeness is imposed on our Buffalo nickels, died at the age of 104 in New York State. He was 52 years of age when his likeness was made and put on the nickel.

I really pulled a miss-hap in the column that I wrote about my trip to New Jersey. I am in the dog house with my son-in-law and do not know whether I will ever be forgiven or not. I failed to mention "Emma". Roger, I apologize. "Emma" is the model A Ford (1931 model) on which Roger has spent many, many hours of labor, thought and loving care. He got it running the week that I was there, actually put seats in it so we would not have to sit on the floor and took the family riding all around Lake Arrowhead. It was marvelous and had one of those old timey ooga-ooga horns. Emma has been painted and shines like a new dime and the ride was much fun. They extend an invitation to all of you to come visit them and go for a ride. (I guess that will shut them up on the subject.)

Dick Harding, organist, and Buddy Dawson, drummer are now playing at the Blockade Runner. They are a great team, and you should dine and dance with them. Buddy Dawson's father is in the printing business too.

Lucille Williams of Warsaw brought in the first cotton bloom of the season. Mrs. Williams will receive a year's subscription to the Duplin Times-Progress Sentinel free, as this has been the tradition for many years.

Mrs. Sudie Langston, better known as Granny Langston, celebrated her 91st birthday in Duplin General Hospital this past week end. Granny Langston has been in the hospital for several weeks, but up until this time has enjoyed a long life of good health.

Ruth

Representative Johnson Returns Home

The long-drawn-out 1967 session of legislature has adjourned and Duplin's Representative, Hugh Stuart Johnson, has returned to his business affairs at the Rose Hill Hardware Company. When asked to evaluate benefits to our county by the Rose Hill reporter for the Duplin Times he very kindly sent a list of accomplishments of interest to Duplin and a summary of the Highlights of the 1967 session. This will be printed in two installments in the Times and should be of interest through out our county.



HUGH S. JOHNSON

Rep. Hugh S. Johnson, Jr., was appointed to serve on the Legislative Research Committee, to Interim Study Group composed of the speaker of the House and President, pro-tem, of the Senate and five senators. It was Johnson's third term to serve in this capacity by appointment of the speaker.

Johnson of Duplin and Johnson of Wake are first cousins and came to be known as the "Stonewall Johnsons." These two co-sponsored several measures during the 1967 session. One of which consolidated several requests for funds to provide new programs in Agricultural Research and in-

cluded a new program of research for Blueberries, Sweet Potatoes, Irish Potatoes, cucumbers and food processing. This new program will assist many farmers in the eastern area of our state.

They also gained approval of another measure to up-date the soil and water conservation laws.

Next week we will present the highlights of our 1967 session as reported by Rep. Johnson to us.

WEEK END MARKED BY VIOLENCE More Segregation - A Must In Duplin

Duplin Schools must integrate to a greater degree - at least 12% stated Washington officials on last Thursday night. The two officials, Miss Anne Lassiter of Murfreesboro and Dr. Alexander Walker of Washington, D. C. met with the Board of Education and Supt. O. P. Johnson. Both representatives are from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and inspected schools here last week.

Miss Lassiter stated that the integration of students and faculty is going backward instead of forward. Last year Duplin had 2 1/4% intergration. The

guideline, she said, calls for elimination of the dual school systems. She stated that she and Dr. Alexander had ridden over the county asking questions and interviewing different persons and further stated that the "Freedom of Choice" system is not working here. She said, "Duplin has to change its method." She told the Board to look at the school system and see how the problem can be solved.

The Board stated that they had looked at the problem and future plans are for one consolidated high school for the entire county and they were

quickly informed that the Government had no guarantee from the county that this would take place.

Dr. Walker and Miss Lassiter told the Board that unless the problem of desegregation is taken care of by 1970 the County would be given a hearing and if the hearing was turned down Federal Funds would be cut off, except lunchroom and intergration would be conducted by the Federal Government.

The Board pointed out several plans to the officials which would take several years to formulate. They were of the consensus of opinion that to rush

this matter would put an end to the traditions of the South too suddenly and would be a disservice to the children of both races. "We can gradually grow into it," they said.

On being asked by board members to interpret certain phases of the law, Miss Lassiter stated that the office of Education only administers the law. The Board asked Dr. Walker and Miss Lassiter repeatedly to offer some plan or suggestions for their consideration or approval that would be within the confines of the law. They only repeated, "We have no plan, it has to be done right away."

A Board member asked the two, "If you were in our place, what would you do?" to which Dr. Walker answered, "Leadership carries quite a bit of responsibility and the Board must take the responsibility." A Board member then asked

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Sheriff T. Elwood Revelle and his deputies reported that the quietness of previous week ends gave way to violent outbreaks and last week end was one of the busiest on record with much of activity taking place in the upper end of the county.

Woman Dies In Murder-Suicide Plan

An apparent murder-suicide plan fell short of its goal when neighbors sent victims to hospital where husband is recovering from a heavy dose of medication.

Mrs. Annie Ruth McMillan, 51, died in New Hanover Hospital Monday morning from a bullet wound in the head.

Charlie McMillan, 61, is in Pender Memorial hospital where he is expected to recover.

Neighbors found the Japanese woman and her negro husband in an unconscious condition Sunday morning and notified officers. Police Chief Earl Whitaker found a .22 caliber rifle and an empty prescription bottle near the couple who were both on the floor.

Female Assaulted

Deputy E. E. Proctor was called to the home of Frank Wright in the Charlie Blizzard section on Route 1, Mount Olive, Sunday morning about 3:30. Wright was sitting on the front porch armed with a .32 caliber automatic pistol. Proctor disarmed Wright and entered the house where Wright's wife, Mertie Wright was on the bed severely beaten. The weapon used for assault was a home made bench.

Proctor said the whole room was bloody, with blood spouting from the woman's head with each heart beat.

A rescue squad was called and the woman was taken to a Goldsboro Hospital. Empty beer cans were strewn all over the place.

Wright is in jail charged with assault on a female with intent to kill.

Bond was set at \$500 for appearance in the Duplin County Superior Court August 28th.

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Tobacco, Cotton, Peanut Farmers To Vote July 18

North Carolina tobacco, peanut and cotton growers will vote on a total of four issues in a joint referendum to be held Tuesday, July 18.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman has announced this date for tobacco growers to vote on continuation of the present acreage-poundage control program with price supports.

The three commodity groups; Tobacco Associates, N.C. Peanut Growers Association and the N. C. Cotton Promotion Association, have selected the same date to have farmers vote on continuation of the respective assessment programs which support the work of the three

groups. These are the issues to be voted on:

1. Continuation of tobacco acreage-poundage program for

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Rose Hill Mother & 2 Children Rescued

By: Mrs. L. A. Wilson

Mrs. Norwood Fusell and two of her four children were rescued from deep water in Topsail Sound on Friday by Mrs. Carl Williams, the former Mildred Brown of Rose Hill, and her fifteen year old son, Jeffery. The Williams reside in

Burgaw. Mrs. Fussell is now in Pender Memorial Hospital in Burgaw and has asked us to say that she is in good condition. She is being closely watched by her nurses and Drs. to see that she escapes pneumonia, and will

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Pickers Plague Processing Plant

"The threat of a strike, including pickets, hung over Rose Hill Poultry Corp. Thursday

while plant officials refused to negotiate with union representatives," stated a recent story in the News and Observer.

The chicken processing plant is located near Rose Hill on Hwy. 117 and has about 160 employees. It has an annual payroll of about three-fourths million.

In the accusations, Pete Leake of Raleigh, business agent for Local 25 Meat Cutters Union (AFL-CIO) said "the employees are very dissatisfied with working conditions at the plant." Leake said the em-

Dr. Richard Capwell Visiting Lecturer

Dr. Richard L. Capwell will be the second guest lecturer in a series of lectures for the Humanities Program at James Sprunt Institute. The lecture and discussion will be conducted in Room 105, Thursday, July 13, 1967, from 7 - 10 p.m. Dr.

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Hitchhiker Flees Car Taking Payroll

A foreman of a group of migratory workers located just across the Duplin County line in Sampson, was robbed as he traveled a Duplin road Saturday afternoon.

Mario Montanez Juarez, a Mexican from Brownsville, Texas, had collected \$1109 in payment for the laborers of the group he represented. The mo-

ney was in a bag on the seat beside him when he stopped and picked up a hitchhiker, Bobby Evans, colored, male age 26, of Pompano, Florida.

Evans told Juarez "Let me out here." Juarez stopped the car and Evans fled through a field carrying with him the bag of money.

Deputy Sheriff Glenn Jerni-

gan was called to the scene and another motorist stopped. Hearing the description given of Evans, he reported having given Evans a ride to a house at a nearby migrant labor camp.

Jernigan, accompanied by a Sampson County Deputy Ray Moore, Faison Police Chief, F. W. Wheelis, and deputies E. G. Chestnut, Rodney Thigpen, E. E. Proctor, Jack Albertson and Alfred Basden proceeded to the camp located about 200 yards inside the Duplin County line, arrested Evans and found in his possession \$1,059.38 of the stolen money.

Evans was charged with Larceny in a hearing before Paul Grice, Justice of the Peace of Faison and placed under

\$5,000 bond for appearance in the August 28th term of Superior Court.

7 Year Old Cars Drag Racing

Two Route 2, Rose Hill youths were charged with drag racing Saturday night in a hearing before R. F. Powers, Justice of the Peace, of Wallace.

Ezzard Charles Pickett, negro male age, 16 driving a 1960 Chevrolet, was charged with

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Guest Take Savings

Overnight guests are charged with relieving their host of a sum of money kept in his rural home near here.

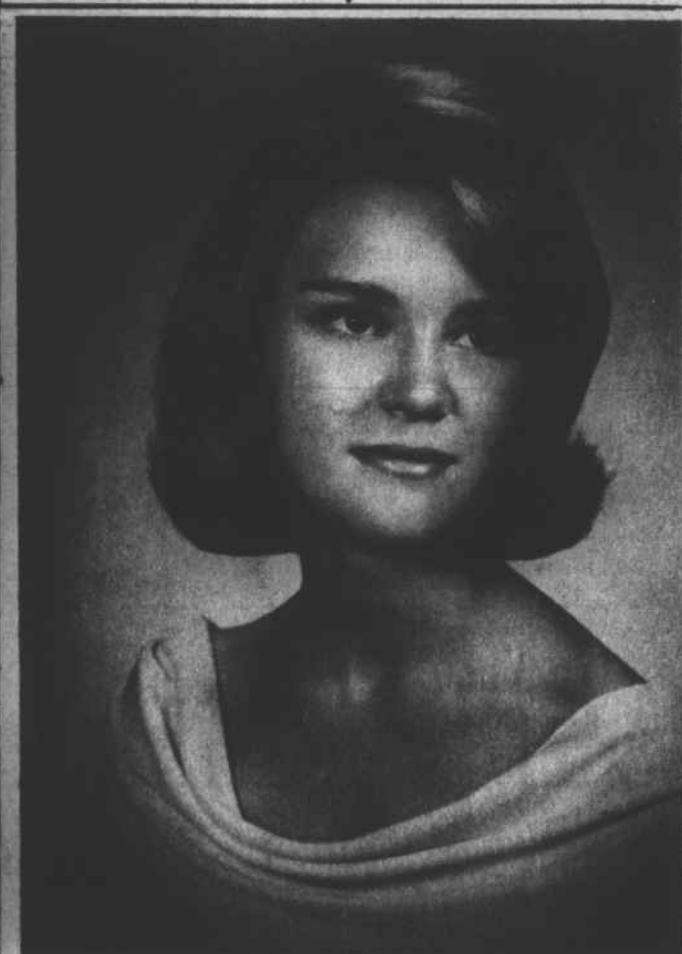
Bobby Carr and Rossie Smith, both negro males of Faison, were reported to have "spent the night" with James Moore, Route 1, Magnolia. Upon their departure early Sunday morning Moore discovered \$400 was missing from the bedroom where money was kept.

Both Carr and Smith are charged that they did "take, steal and carry away moneys belonging to affiant James Moore in the approximate amount of \$400, the said money being taken from bedroom of affiant James Moore, and did aid and abet in same."

Bond for Carr and Smith was set at \$500 each in a hearing before Justice of the Peace, W. J. Sitterson, for appearance in July 25 term Duplin County Court.



MISS DOROTHY BRITT



MISS ALLIE SHEFFIELD

Two Warsaw Ladies To Be Presented

Two lovely young Warsaw ladies will be presented by the Terpsichorean Debutante Ball on September 8, at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh. They are Miss Allie Sheffield, the daughter of Mrs. E. L. Sheffield and the late Mr. Sheffield and Miss Dorothy Britt, daughter of Mrs. A. M. Britt and the late Mr. Britt of Warsaw. Mrs. Sheffield made her debut from Clinton.

Miss Dorothy Britt is a 1966 graduate of James Kenan High School and is a rising sopho-

more at UNC-G, majoring in Biology. During her high school years she was a member of the Beta Club and the Science Club. She was also a Marshal in her Junior Year. She is a member of the Warsaw Presbyterian Church.

Miss Britt's Chief Marshal is her uncle, Deems Hardy Clifton of Clinton. Her Assistant Marshal is Michael Steven Cornwell of Clinton.

Miss Britt is working with the Head Start program in Wallace for the summer months.

Miss Sheffield's chief marshal will be her uncle, Langdon Chevis KERR, Jr., of Clinton. Bernard Cleveland Sheffield, III and David Anthony Rivenbark of Warsaw will act as marshals for Miss Sheffield.

Miss Sheffield is a rising senior at St. Mary's Junior College in Raleigh.

Miss Sheffield's curriculum of activities is large. She was voted one of ten outstanding seniors by her senior class. Miss Sheffield was Editor-in-Chief of the James Kenan an-

nal, "The Wakema" and was a member of the annual staff during her junior year. She has served offices in the following organizations while in high school; Science Club, Chorus,

Beta Club, and F.B.L.A. She was a waitress for the Jr.-Sr. Banquet and a marshal for the graduating class, during her junior year. She was an entry in the county and district typing contest for two years.

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The Clark Family

New Minister In Duplin

Kenansville's Methodist Minister, Rev. William Thomas Clark, Mrs. Clark, their daughter, Lisa Ann, age 5, and Thomas Brantley, age eight weeks, Niki is the Stamese cat and Pud'n is the pekinese, Manchester dog.

Mr. Clark is a native of Milan (Western Tennessee). He received his BA degree at Lambeth, in Jackson, Tennessee and BD from Duke University Divinity School, graduating in June 1967. Prior to coming to North Carolina he served on the New Bern Circuit on the Mississippi River. He has also served as associate minister of the First Methodist Church

in Washington, Hebron Memorial Church in Roper, served on Kinston Circuit for two years and Bethel Circuit, Route 1, Graham.

Mrs. Clark is the former Alexaine Bourdas of Kinston. She graduated from Grainger High School and attended East Carolina College.

The Clarks are vitally interested in the religious, civic and recreational life of the community. A most interesting couple, they list among their hobbies, golf, bridge and photography. They reflect the friendliness with which they say they have been received both by the Methodist, and the entire community.