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# CHARLES DEMPSEY, PROMINENT FARMER, NAMED IN COMPLAINT

## Trial & Error

Hall Tis true this has been a week of trial and error. Our little typist, Ann Chesmore is on vacation this week — and of all weeks, the Tobacco Edition comes. Now Anne can type about ninety miles an hour. I searched over Duplin to find a typist to work for three days, but could not find one. So who turns out to be the typist, Yours Truly.

My back right now feels like the little quote we said when we were children, "A biased pain with a peccot ruffie, right up and down my hemstitched misery." But backs will heal after a good night's sleep, and I shall appreciate Anne better from now on. There's no life like newspaper life!

One thing I plan to do this year is go to a tobacco sale. I haven't been in a long time, and I really want to go. All of the tobacco ads are pouring in, and it makes you long to hear the chant of the auctioneer and see the farmers with their loads of tobacco milling around the warehouse. Another thing that I have never seen is the sale of loose leaf tobacco. Maybe soon I will write my impressions of the tobacco sales.

\*Nuf said for today.

## Alert Police Officer Captures Escapee's

Last Friday afternoon, as a road squad of Sampson County Convicts were working in the vicinity of Turkey, three men escaped.

The news of the escape was put on the police radio and the report was heard by Policeman Doug Townsend.

Later in the afternoon the Warsaw police department received a call that three "strange men" were near the old Mary Stafford place below the stop light on Highway 117.

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## Duplin Announces ESEA Kindergarten Program

ESEA Kindergarten program will be in operation during the 1967-68 school year in the following schools: Beulaville, Branch, Calypso, C.W. Dobbins, Chinquapin II, Douglass, E. E.

## Faison Man Selected Scientist-Astronaut

Dr. William E. Thornton, a native of Faison, has been selected one of the eleven new scientist-astronauts by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Dr. Thornton has been engaged in aerospace medical research for the U. S. Air Force for several years. He received an award last year while at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, for outstanding research in the aerospace medical field.

Presently in Los Angeles, Dr. Thornton expects to be transferred immediately to the Space Center at Houston, Texas.

Dr. Thornton was born April 14, 1929 and attended Faison schools. After high school he continued his education at the University of North Carolina.

He did intern work in San Antonio, Texas, and graduated from UNC Chapel Hill in 1952. It was at UNC that he met his wife, the former Jennifer Fowler of London, England, an exchange student at UNC, studying to become a doctor. The Thorntons have two sons, Simon 8, and James, 6.

Dr. Thornton's mother, Mrs. W. E. (Rosa) resides in Faison. His father passed away in 1940.

## Two Cars Demolished

A Beulaville man plead guilty to failing to yield the right of way in a wreck Friday noon

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Smith, Kenansville, Magnolia, P. E. Williams, P. W. Moore, Rose Hill I, Rose Hill II, Teachey, and Warsaw.

All children who will be five (5) years old on or before October 16, 1967, will be eligible to attend the kindergarten of their choice. Each child is required to have a Birth Certificate and a record of all immunizations by the date school opens; August 31, 1967. Kindergarten children will register August 30, 1967 as all other Duplin County school children.

Teachers in the Kindergarten Program will be assigned as they were last year. Teacher aides are being assigned across racial lines. All Negro Teacher Aide positions have been filled. Some white teacher aides are needed in the following Negro schools: Chinquapin II, Douglass, P. W. Moore, Rose Hill II. Aides are required to be High School graduates, but preference will be given to those with training beyond the High School level.

## Wallace Mother Missing

A missing persons bulletin has been issued by the Wallace Police Department for a Wallace mother who is also an epileptic.

Sheriff T. Elwood Revelle said that Frances Hughes Pittman left home on or about July 13, 1967 and was last seen in Jacksonville, Florida.

Mrs. Pittman is described as 22 years old, brown hair, blue eyes, dark complexion and scar on left cheek.

Mrs. Pittman left her three year old child with her father Sherman Hughes of Wallace.

An epileptic, Mrs. Pittman requires daily medication of 1-1/2 grain Dilantin with 1/2 Phenobarbital.



Loading tobacco for market has gone through a water change as has many things connected with agriculture. No longer are the neatly bundled "hands" of tobacco packed on the smooth stick and the golden weed expose, but rather it is placed in neat circles, each pile weighing approximately 200 pounds and is tightly wrapped in a farm sheet. The tobacco is placed on the market without necessity of transferring from one container to the other. Loading this tobacco is Bryce Williams of Kenansville.

(Photo by Ruth Wells)

## Eastern Belt Ready For Auction Sales

The Eastern Belt Markets embracing the bulk of the world's largest tobacco producing area, is preparing for its 1967 opening of auctions sales on August 24, 1967.

For the next three months or more, virtually every fact of life in the area will hear discussed the same questions: How is your tobacco selling?

What do you think about your poundage? What do you think of this variety compared to that variety? What do you think of the looping machine — or the primer? Did it solve — or save — your labor problem?

The first 95 hours of selling time will allow loose leaf sales. Officials stress that this does not necessarily mean the first nineteen days, as sales time may be cut at any time to alleviate congestion.

Some officials, however, predict that as much as 70% of this year's crop may be sold as loose leaf offerings.

An experiment with pre-sheeting is being tried by some markets which may prove quite advantageous for grower as well as buyer.

Support price for 1967 has been set at 27¢ for NIGG ranging to 39¢ on NIF with 162 grades listed on the support schedule. The support is \$59.9 per pound for 1967 which is \$1.1 up from 1966 support of \$58.8.

The seventeen markets in the Eastern Belt are Ahoskie, Clinton, Dunn, Farmville, Goldsboro, Greenville, Kinston, Robinsonville, Rocky Mount, Smithfield, Tarboro, Wallace, Wilson, Williamston, Washington, Windell, and Windsor.

A complaint has been filed in Wayne County Superior Court in the amount of \$206,000, against a Duplin County man, Richard H. Morton, plaintiff of Mount Olive, through his Attorneys Braswell & Strickland has filed charges against Charles D. Dempsey, defendant, of Wallace, as a result of injuries allegedly inflicted on Morton by Dempsey at the Wallace Produce Market, June 12, 1967.

In the complaint the plaintiff prays:

1. That he have and recover of the defendant a judgment totaling \$206,000.

2. That if execution on said judgment is returned wholly or partly unsatisfied, execution against the person of the defendant be issued by the court.

3. For the cost of this action and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

The charges stemmed from a fracas occurring at the peak of a days sale of produce, when Dempsey, allegedly appeared in a drunken condition and protested the last bid accepted by Morton, the auctioneer, for a load of green beans. Upon continued interruptions of the sale by Dempsey, the auctioneer suggested that the sale be continued when Dempsey allegedly attacked Morton, causing serious and permanent injuries.

The complaint further states "That as a direct and proximate result of the unprovoked willful, wanton, malicious and violent act of the defendant, the plaintiff sustained painful, serious and permanent injuries, consisting of crushed bones in badly comminuted fracture of the head of the left humerus and deep abrasions and contusions of the left cheek; that said injuries caused the plaintiff great suffering which continues to the present day; that the plaintiff has incurred long and expensive medical care, was unable to engage in any sort of work for more than six weeks after said injuries occurred and has been greatly damaged thereby; that the plaintiff is injured, and believes and avers

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Miss Frances Setser, Field Secretary for State Parent Teachers Association of Raleigh, is speaking to a group of PTA officials at the one day leadership conference conducted at James Sprunt Institute, in Kenansville. Mrs. Frances Monds of Hertford, President of the North Carolina PTA is shown on extreme left. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

## State PTA Leadership Conference At JSI

The N. C. Congress of Parents and Teachers conducted a one-day leadership conference at James Sprunt Institute for present and prospective PTA leaders. Fifty members, including 26 PTA presidents from 10 Eastern N. C. counties were present for the one day event. James Sprunt was one of 10 sites selected in N. C. to host the training institute. Alfred Wells, Dean of Instruction at James Sprunt, gave the welcome address and explained the importance and success of James Sprunt Institute and the N. C. Community College System to

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## Job Applications To Be Reactivated In Duplin

Wally Cameron, representing the North Carolina Employment Security Commission in Duplin County, stated today that all employable job-seekers will have the opportunity to bring their applications for work up to date. This can be accomplished

at either of the two local offices in Duplin County. The office in Warsaw located in the town hall will be open to applicants on each Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.; and the office in Wallace operating in the municipal building, will be open to applicants each Thursday from 8:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

## Croom Reunion

The thirty-seventh annual Croom Family reunion will be held Sunday, August 20th, at the Croom meeting house at Sandy Bottom. The meeting house is located about eight miles southwest of Kinston on Highway 55.

A short formal program begins at 11 a. m., followed by a picnic lunch. Each family

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## Grady Outlaw Reunion

The Grady-Outlaw Literary and Historical Association will hold their annual reunion, August 27 at B. F. Grady School. Miss Mary Anna Grady, president of the clan, has issued a special invitation to all members and friends to attend this year. Of special interest will be the address presented by Mr. M. C. Benton, Jr., Mayor of Winston-Salem, and a native of Duplin County.

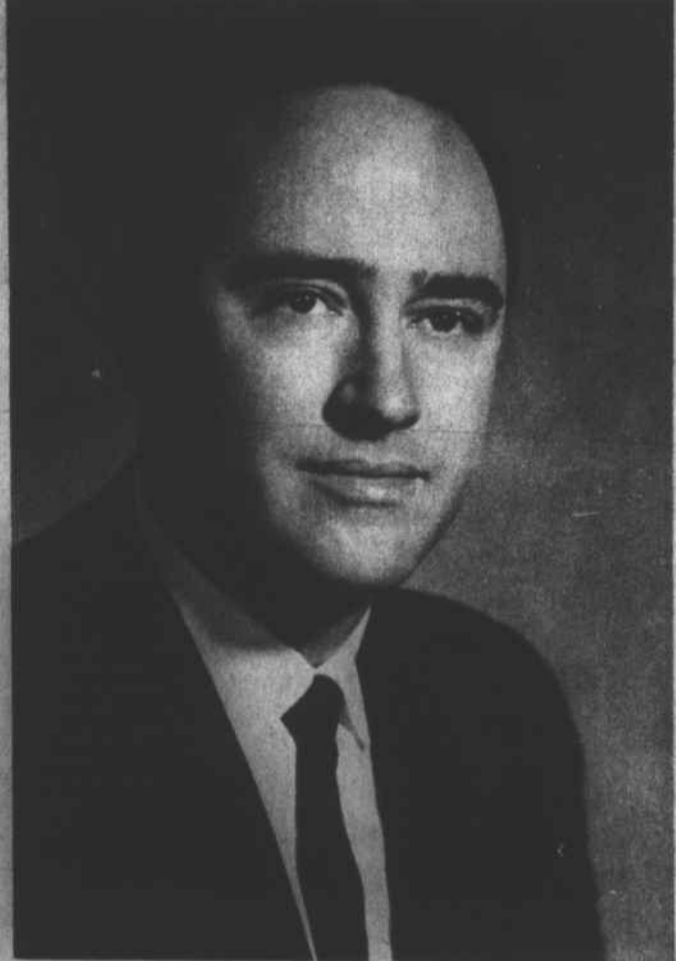
The committee to receive the historical remembrance on display at the reunion is Annis M. Outlaw, Malcolm Grady, Leslie Horton, Myra Maxwell, Mattie Simmons and Susie Smith

Mr. Cameron at this time, wishes whole-heartedly to commit his services and the many varied opportunities for assistance offered by the State Employment service not only to the unemployed of Duplin County, but also to any employers who wish to avail themselves of these advantages.

## Baysden Divorce Continued

Divorce proceedings instituted by Mrs. Kathryn Humphrey Baysden, against William Earl Baysden, paroled counterfeiter, has been continued until the September term of Onslow Superior Court. A lengthy calendar was

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LT. GOV. BOB SCOTT

## Lt. Gov. Scott To Deliver Graduation Address JSI

Lieutenant Governor Robert Scott, will deliver the graduation address at James Sprunt Institute on Friday evening, August 25, 1967 at 7 p. m. This is the fifth annual graduation exercise for James Sprunt Institute and the first in the new academic building.

Sixty-eight (68) graduates will be conferred associate degrees and diplomas in the ceremony being held on the campus.

He holds membership in the Blue Key.

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