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Trial & Error

The month of February, and this week in particular, has several outstanding dates. In this week on February 11, 1847, Thomas Edison was born. On February 12, 1809 Abraham Lincoln was born. And on February 14 is the famous old sentimental St. Valentine's Day.

Have you been in the Fish Market in Kenansville lately? Mrs. Fureal, wife of the owner of the fish market, has the most beautiful display of potted plants that I have seen in a long time.

In the last few months, Kenansville, has lost by death three lovely women — Mrs. Kate Quinn, Mrs. Lillie Sitterson and Mrs. Irma Williams. They were truly Senior Citizens who have meant so much to our town in years past.

"Miss Lillie" Sitterson, as we all affectionately called her was such a small dainty little woman, and dressed so prettily. She talked in little quick tones and moved around so spryly.

Mrs. Lee Maxwell sent me another lovely poem which I

Political Wheel Rolling

After two years of quietness, the political wheel slowly starts rolling over and begins whetting the ambitions of political aspirants.

This is an "off-year" for county elections with only the office of Register of Deeds and County Commissioners of the first and fifth districts in the running.

In the First District for County Commissioner, composed of Warsaw and Faison, the only person who has filed to date is Joe Sutton of Warsaw to succeed himself.

The Fifth District made up of Kenansville, Magnolia and Rose Hill, which speculation had thought would be a hot race between newcomer D. J. Fussell of Rose Hill and present commissioner J. B. Stroud of Magnolia, was in for a surprise on Tuesday when Stroud announced that he would not be a contestant in the race.

Against Register of Deeds, Mrs. Christine Williams, David T. Grigg, Jr. of Albemarle has filed. Grigg is a newcomer to the political front.

For Congressman of the third District, even though the TIMES has not received word from Cong. David N. Henderson, it is assumed that he is in the running. Don Howell of Goldsboro has filed and announced that he is running again.

Grigg Files For Register Of Deed's Office

David T. Grigg, Jr. of Albemarle has filed for election to the office of Register of Deeds in Duplin County.

Mr. Grigg, a native of Duplin County and a member of the Woodland Methodist Church, is the son of Mr. Paul Gaston Westbrook and Mrs. Ruth Westbrook. He is a 1960 graduate of B. F. Grady High School, having attended Pine-land Junior College and The University of Tennessee.

David Grigg is presently serving in the United States Army and plans to complete his tour of active duty in May of this year.

Mr. Grigg is a young and aggressive man that desires to serve the Citizens of Duplin County and feels that he is capable of rendering the services

Austin, who could not re-register in Johnston County because the registration books do not open before the Feb. 23 filing deadline for candidates, is expected to announce next week he will seek the GOP nomination for Congress in the new 3rd District.

A race which promises to be most interesting and exciting is the contest for District Judgeships of the Fourth Judicial District. Four judges will be elected to serve the four coun-

Warsaw Attorney, West Runs For Dist. Judgeship

Robert L. West, Warsaw Attorney and former Judge of the General County Court, announced that he will seek one of the four District Judgeships in the Fourth Judicial District. The fourth District is comprised of Onslow, Jones, Duplin, and Sampson Counties.

West, for seven years was solicitor of the General County Court of Duplin County and was in office at the time he entered Military Service in 1942. He is a former city attorney for the Town of Warsaw. He was serving as the Judge of the General County Court when he re-entered service during the Korean Emergency in 1951.

West, 58, a life resident of Duplin County, attended Louisville College, Duke University, and earned a Special Law Degree at Wake Forest College in 1935. He also studied at George Washington University.

ties of Duplin, Sampson, Jones and Onslow. To date there are seven contestants in the race. They are Russell J. Lanier of Kenansville and Beulaville, Robert L. West of Warsaw, Paul M. Crumpler of Clinton, Walter P. Henderson of Jones County, and from Jacksonville, Attorneys Carl Venters, Harvey Boney, Jr. and Cooper Hamilton.

Senator Leroy Simmons

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ROBERT L. WEST

ten years active duty with the United States Air Force. He is currently in the active reserve with the Air Force, presently assigned as a Lt. Colonel to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. He is a former United States Air Force Academy Liaison Officer.

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D.J. Fussell, Sr., Resigns As Mayor Of Rose Hill

D. J. Fussell, Sr., who has been serving as Mayor of the Town of Rose Hill, is resigning as of February 15. He is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County Commissioner for the Fifth District, comprised of Rose Hill, Magnolia and Kenansville precincts.

In an open letter to the citizens of Rose Hill, Mr. Fussell States:

"I wish to express my appreciation to all the townspeople. I have received tremendous cooperation from all our citizens and am grateful for the

Librarian Announces New Service

More answers more quickly is the goal. The telephone is the means. The time is now.

Inward Wide Area Telephone Service (IN-WATS) for toll-free reference assistance from the North Carolina State Library was started this week. Seventy public library systems headquarters, including the Duplin County Public Library and which serves all of Duplin County and Kenansville who will be direct recipients of the new service.

"This will reduce the time factor in interlibrary loan by at least two days," he said, "and time is of the essence in our fast paced world."

Information must follow need almost immediately today

or tomorrow may be lost," he continued.

This new service will enable local librarians to get information for their patrons by calling a special number that will connect them with an IN-WATS telephone desk in the Reference Services Division of the State Library. The IN-WATS telephone desk will be staffed by a professional librarian from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

An automatic answering and recording device will take over when the State Library is closed. Recorded request for information and interlibrary loans will be played back when the State Library is open again. Information will be called back to the requesting library headquarters to be used there or relayed to another library in its service area.

"Because a single IN-WATS line must serve the entire State, use of the line will be restricted to reference and interlibrary loan requests," Ogilvie stated.

"We hope to extend and expand this service later this year," he added.

Ramblewood Drive Goes Over Top

Wilbur Hussey, Jr. president, has announced that the membership drive for Ramblewood Country Club, Inc. for Beulaville, Pink Hill area has gone over the top with a total of 207 members as of Monday, February 12.

A goal had been set for 200 members. The loan money of \$189,000 has been approved by Farmers Home Administration to be available as soon as 200 membership cards were signed and \$37,000 deposited in the bank. Resident membership is \$200, non-resident is \$50.

Officials are now holding weekly meetings, rotating between Pink Hill and Beulaville, in an effort to expedite completion.

The 140 acre site is located between Beulaville and Pink Hill at the Free Will Baptist Assembly Grounds. Facilities will include a nine hole golf course, swimming pool, driving range, club house, pro shop and picnic area.

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Mrs. Ethel Kelly, acting librarian at the Duplin County Dorothy Wightman Library makes use of the Inward Wide Area Telephone Service. This IN-WATS service will enable her to obtain materials from the North Carolina State Library at least two days earlier than previous service by mail. (Photo by Ruth Wells).

Stroud Will Not Run Commissioner Fifth District

J. B. Stroud, Commissioner of the fifth district, made the following announcement to the press today:

"I hereby announce that I will not be a candidate for county commissioner from the fifth district.

"I have enjoyed working for and being a part of the progress of Duplin County for the past fourteen years. I sincerely thank the people for their support and cooperation in the past"

J. B. Stroud

During Mr. Stroud's past fourteen years in County Government he has seen many changes take place and the county

steadily progress. He served as Chairman of the Board at one time and has been a member of the Board of Directors of the State Association of County Commissioners for about seven years.

Mistrial In Lawsuit

A hung jury resulted in a mistrial in Wayne Superior Court in an action seeking \$149,052 in two traffic deaths.

Arnold H. Daniels, father of the deceased an administrator

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F.B.I. Sales Conference Attended By Local People

The annual sales conference of North Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance Company was held at the Jack Tar Hotel in Durham, February 9-11. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worthington, Gerald Edwards, William J. Knowles, Jr., and Theodore Outlaw from Duplin County attended.

On Wednesday night they attended a banquet and dance in the ballroom. Thursday the men were privileged to hear some outstanding insurance men from Iowa and Tennessee speak. The women toured the Duke Chapel, shopped and appeared as guests on the Peggy Mann Television show, which was very enjoyable.

Thursday night was the Awards Banquet. At this time the outstanding agents during the year 1967 were recognized and presented awards. The awards to the agents from Duplin were as follows:

Theodore Outlaw - Top ten in state in Crop Hill Insurance.



ROBERT WORTHINGTON

Top Ten in State in Fire, Farmers Liability, Blue Cross-Blue Shield Hospital, and Life Insurance. Also Mr. Worthington won a large trophy for his outstanding work and being top Agency Manager in his district for 1967 which consists of 12 counties. He qualified to attend the Southern Farm Bureau Round Table Meeting in St. Petersburg, Florida, by producing in excess of one-half million dollars of Life Insurance during 1967. This expense paid trip for Mr. and Mrs. Worthington will be April 22-25, 1968.

Republican Convention Well Attended

The Republican County Convention was held in the Duplin County Court House Thursday night, February 8, at 8 p.m. with practically every precinct in the county represented.

Mr. Sam E. Godwin of Warsaw called the convention to order and Mr. Sam Waller of Glisson Township gave the invocation.

Mr. Godwin was unanimously re-elected chairman, as was Mrs. Sallie W. Blanchard, Rose Hill, Vice Chairman and Mrs. Davis Lee, Rose Hill, Secretary-treasurer.

Plans were made to attend the State Convention in Goldsboro, which will be held February 17th. Delegates were elected as follows: Sam Waller, Glisson; Sam Godwin, Warsaw; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farrior, Calypso; Robert King, Faison; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Johnson, Rose Hill; William Clifton, Faison; Mr. and Mrs. Nash Johnson, Rose Hill; Miss Tina Wilkins, Rose Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Johnson, Rose Hill; James Ward, Rose Hill; Charles Hall, Rose Hill; Mrs. Sallie Blanchard, Rose Hill; Miss Sallie R. Wilkins, Rose Hill; Mrs. Davis Lee, Rose Hill; Dr. B. B. Komegaya, Calypso; and Mr. and Mrs. Colton Sullivan, Wolfscrape.

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Mrs. Williams Announces For Re-election For Register of Deeds

Mrs. Christine Whaley Williams, Duplin County Register of Deeds since 1962, has filed for a fourth four-year term.

In announcing for another term, Mrs. Williams states: "I am begging the good people of Duplin County to allow me to serve them for another four years in one of the most important positions of trust and responsibility in the county and in one that during the past year has brought more changes, new duties, and challenges than all of the other combined years I have served."

"There never was a time when experience is so important in helping our people with records and responsibilities associated with the office of Register of Deeds as there is now and as there will be in the next few years ahead," she added: "There never was a time when speed, accuracy and the employment of the best in record-keeping methods was so important."

Mrs. Williams says that she is asking for the privilege of serving another term based on her record of personal service to all people. Prior to becoming Register of Deeds, she served as manager of the county farm office from 1933 to 1941.



MRS. WILLIAMS

Mrs. Williams lives alone on Pink Hill, Route 2, in Smith Township where she maintains an office at nights and on Saturdays by appointment for the issuance of marriage licenses for couples who find it difficult to come to the office in Kenansville during regular office hours Mondays through Fridays.

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Mr. Sam Godwin, (center) of Warsaw was re-elected chairman of the Republican Party of Duplin County at the convention held Thursday, February 8th. Also re-elected were (left)

Mrs. Davis Lee, Rose Hill, secretary-treasurer and (right) Mrs. Sallie Blanchard, Rose Hill, vice chairman. These officers will serve for a period of two years. (Photo by Ruth Wells)