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Waccamaw Officers Receive New Positions



FRANK NEELY



VERN CATON



THOMAS MURPHY

nic Lodge, New Bern. Cayton has been very active in Group Three of the North Carolina Banker's Association, having served this group in several capacities.

J. Thomas Murphy has been promoted to Assistant Vice President and named officer in charge of the bank's Rose Hill office.

A native of Lenoir County, Murphy joined Waccamaw Bank in April 1966. He has been serving as Cashier of the Kenansville branch since September 1967.

After finishing high school in Pink Hill, he attended Hardberger Business College in Kingston. Tom Murphy and his wife, former Patricia Bell of Kenansville, and their son, Gary, make their home in Pink Hill.

Murphy helped organize the Pink Hill Jaycee's and he is a past president of that organization. He is a member of the Kenansville Lions Club and is very active in Scout work.

James A. Gill was promoted to Cashier of the Rose Hill branch. He joined the bank in March of 1967 and was elected Assistant Cashier in June of 1967.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Gill is a 1966 graduate of North Carolina State University where he received his B.S. Degree in economics and statistics. Previously Gill was with Wachovia Bank and Trust Company in the Time Payment Department. He also worked during his college years with the State of North Carolina in their Economics Research Department.

Jim Gill is married to the former Constance Anne Frederick of Rose Hill, and they have one child, Laurel Diana. They are members of Mount Zion Presbyterian Church.

While in Rose Hill, Gill has been very active in the Jaycee's and other civic affairs.

Frank Wilson Neely, Jr., who

has been with Waccamaw Bank in the training program since April, has been assigned to the Kenansville office.

Neely, who was born in Rocky Mt. and lived most of his life in Clinton, attended the University of Georgia and Campbell College. He is a veteran of the Air Force.

Frank Neely's wife is the former Mary Rebecca Fields of Tarboro, and is a primary grade school teacher. They are members of the Saint Pauls Episcopal Church in Clinton, N.C.

Before joining Waccamaw Bank, Neely worked as a salesman for the Pilot Life Insurance Company in the Dunn area.

Deputy III

Mr. Rodney Thigpen, Deputy Sheriff of Duplin County suffered a heart attack at his home on Rt. 1 Mount Olive, early Monday morning.

Sheriff Elwood Revell said Thigpen's daughter called him early Monday morning to report her father's illness. She said the attack occurred about 3 o'clock Monday and Thigpen was rushed to Wayne Memorial Hospital by the Mount Olive Rescue Squad.

Latest reports that his condition is slightly improved, but his condition remains serious.

Warsaw Property Owner In Suit

A suit has been filed in Duplin County Superior Court by the Town of Warsaw to force a Warsaw man to bring residential buildings up to acceptable health standards.

Named in the action was Buck Blackmore, a Warsaw property owner.

The action asked for condemnation of property, and if necessary, that the buildings be turned over to the town, in order that corrective measures may be taken.

Frank Wilson Neely, Jr., who

The Seven Springs Manufacturing Corporation announced plans for a new manufacturing facility here. This will be the first manufacturing company for this community.

Mr. Tom Sturken, President of the Corporation and Richard Grady, Vice Chairman of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners and also President of the Seven Springs Development Corporation made the announcement at a luncheon meeting in Mount Olive. Mr. Sturken reported that the pilot operation will get underway in two weeks in temporary

quarters in the Seven Springs School Gymnasium. Fifty persons from this area will be hired initially.

A site for the new plant has been selected and is under option. Construction of the plant which will be a modern air conditioned, 20,000 square foot plant is expected to be complete by early next summer. The general contractor has not been selected. Employment is expected to reach 250 when the new plant is completed.

Mr. Sturken said the plant will manufacture children's sportswear. Applications for employment will be accepted beginning August 12. Persons interested in making an application with the company may apply either at the Southern Bank and Trust Company in Seven Springs where Mr. Sturken and his associates will be located to interview all applicants.

Mr. Sturken reported that he and his associates selected the Seven Springs area because of the available labor supply, friendly atmosphere and progressive attitudes of a city and county leaders and their favorable outlook on new industry. The Wayne County Industrial Development Commission, Seven Springs Development Corporation, Wayne County Commissioners, the Department of Conservation and Development, and officials of the Southern Bank and Trust Company all worked closely on the project and received special thanks for their assistance.

Although most job opportunities will be for women, several men will be needed, Mr. Sturken emphasized that a job will be available for all who sincerely want to work and he encouraged an early response from applicants.

SEVEN SPRINGS GETS INDUSTRY

Poultry Princess Beauty Pageant Date Set

Friday night, October 4, promises to be a thrilling night in the lives of some of the area beauties. The fourth annual Southeastern N.C. Miss Poultry Princess Pageant will

Youth Dies In Wallace Auto Collision

Weekend accidents took their toll on Southeastern North Carolina highways leaving one victim dead, another reportedly in critical condition and several others injured.

Trooper E. R. Warrick reported that Freddie English, 15, Rt. 2, Wallace, died Sunday morning in New Hanover Memorial Hospital from injuries he received in a head-on collision Saturday at 3:10 p.m., five miles east of Wallace on N. C. Highway 41.

English was a passenger in a vehicle driven by Johnnie Lane Hancey, also of Rt. 1, Wallace. He suffered a broken arm and small cuts.

Driver of the second vehicle involved in the accident, William Alton Bell of 75 Dianne Drive in Jacksonville is in New Hanover Memorial Hospital. His condition is listed as critical.

Janice James, also a passenger in Hancey's car, was admitted to New Hanover Memorial Hospital with a broken leg and small cuts.

According to Trooper Warrick, Hancey was traveling west on Highway 41 and Bell was traveling east on the same road.

Investigation is continuing to determine which driver was at

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be held in the Rose Hill Elementary School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

The Rose Hill Jaycees have long felt the need for an annual pageant where the young ladies of this area gifted with nature, beauty, and talent could be honored. The pageant, patterned after the Miss N.C. Pageant, will have swim suit, casual and evening clothes, and talent competition. Five contestants selected on their performance in these areas will answer question for the selection of Miss Poultry Princess for 1968-69. Miss Poultry Princess will receive a \$100 bond and the 1st and 2nd runner-ups will also receive cash awards and trophies.

The following day, Miss Poultry Princess will reign at the annual Poultry Jubilee sponsored in Rose Hill by the local Jaycees Chamber of Commerce, Lion's Club, and Poultry Industry. In addition to representing this area with her beauty, charm, and talent, she will act as an ambassador of our growing Poultry Industry. She will have an opportunity to make many appearances as "Miss Poultry Princess". Extensive promotion will be made throughout the state on her behalf.

Persons interested in either sponsoring an entry or being a contestant should contact any Rose Hill Jaycee or call or write Poultry Princess Pageant, Rose Hill, N.C. Telephone 289-2429.

Wallace to Speak In Wilson

Reports from various communities throughout the Greater Duplin area indicate that there will be a large delegation of Duplinites at the Wallace for President Rally in Wilson Friday night, August 9.

George C. Wallace, former governor of Alabama and can-

didate for President, will speak in person at the Wilson Fairgrounds at eight o'clock.

Wallace supporters from Duplin towns and surrounding rural communities are showing keen interest in the rally, and groups

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'Tom Thumb' In Trouble Again

William Allen "Tom Thumb" Hines, 28, white male of Warsaw, was arrested last week, charged with a two-car theft. Apparently the urge to "use the jail keys" was too strong.

"I'm giving you the keys to the jail, it is up to you to use them," said Superior Court Judge William J. Bundy, last January when he sentenced Hines in Duplin Superior Court to two years suspended, placed on probation for three years. The charge was breaking, entering, and larceny.

Hines made sure the jail keys would be used last week when he allegedly stole a car

in Warsaw belonging to Evertette Young. The car developed generator trouble in Tarboro and was abandoned for a car belonging to a nearby truck driver.

Hines was arrested in Weldon and will be tried in the August 12 term of Superior Court in Edgecombe County.

Duplin County Probation Officer, J. Gordon Blake said he would advise the Edgecombe County Probation Officer of the January sentence imposed upon Hines by Judge Bundy.

Blake noted the trial date, August 12, is Hines' birthday. He will be 29.

Commissioners Adopt Airport Regulations

The Duplin County Commissioners adopted regulations pertaining to the Air Port Commission, for control of same, at their regular first Monday meeting.

The commission will be vested with authority to acquire, maintain, equip, regulate and operate such airports and shall serve as an advisory body to the Duplin County Board of Commissioners in connection with the airport.

A budget covering its proposed expenditures for the year shall be presented to the Board of Commissioners on or before the first day of April each year.

The Airport commission shall consist of 12 members, one each from the nine incor-

porated towns, two members at

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Stroud's Jumbo Muskmelon

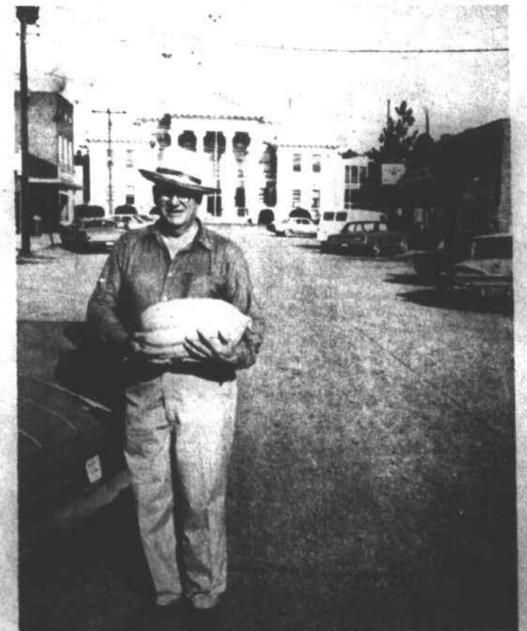
Mr. J. Cameron Stroud, prominent farmer of Rt. 2 Warsaw, Unity Church Community, exhibited a 17 pound, 14 ounce muskmelon, probably the largest muskmelon on record.

Mr. Stroud said a Wayne County man produced one recently that weighed 17 pounds, and at the time was the champion.

Known as "Stroud Jumbo Special", Mr. Stroud said that the original name had long since been forgotten, as the seed of this giant muskmelon had been reproduced each year by his family for the past 52 years. As a child he sold seed for some seed company and his family probably turned out to be his best customer, planted seed of the muskmelon, which proved so popular it has been treasured by the family every since.

Sometimes dry weather or other adverse weather conditions has caused Mr. Stroud to temporarily lose seed, but he is prepared for just such, his brother near Pink Hill also has seed and grows them each year. Between them the seeds are reproduced each year.

This particular member of the canteloupe family measures 20 inches long and is 27 3/4 inches in circumference, and every bite is a choice morsel.



Mr. J. Cameron Stroud, Rt. 2, Warsaw, displays a 17 pound 14 ounce muskmelon which he grew on his farm in the Unity Church Community. He believes this is a record for this area. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

Ins. Agency Occupies New Office



The Wiley T. Booth Insurance Agency has moved into its new home on Front Street in Kenansville.

Following the trend to restore Kenansville to its original Colonial splendor, the architectural design is early American. Antique Brick were used for the walls and mahogany paneling completes the interior. Subdued shades of brown and green are used in the color scheme.

Booth's Insurance Agency is owned by Wiley Booth and he is assisted in the operation by Mrs. Booth. They carry a complete line of insurance including Life, Fire, Auto, Crop, Marine, Trip and Bonds.

Mr. Booth is a native of Rose Hill and after graduating from Rose Hill High School he attended Kings Business College. Mrs. Booth is the former Hilda Brinson of Kenansville. They are active members of the Kenansville Baptist Church and participate in all civic affairs.

The Agency was formerly located on the opposite side of Front Street in a building adjoining the Kenansville Drug Store, which is in the process of being annexed to the drug store.

Wiley T. Booth Insurance Agency has moved Front Street in Kenansville. (Photo by Ruth Wells) into its new office on the West side of Front