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WE JOIN YOU IN

### Thanksgiving

We join with you, our friends and neighbors to give thanks for our countless blessings. For our Advertisers, Subscribers, Correspondents, and Readers, we are grateful. Your help and support, along with God's blessings, will enable us to be a major voice for the future growth and prosperity of Duplin County. As we gather with family and friends in happy celebration of this Day, we should pause to remember our Forefathers, to be grateful as they were, for the good things of life, and to pledge ourselves, as they did, to honor and preserve the freedoms that are ours.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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## Warsaw Shopping Center Ravaged By Fire

One of the most destructive fires ever to hit this area ravaged a Warsaw Shopping Center Sunday afternoon.

Clarks Shopping Center which contained Clarks Drug Store and Western Auto, along with eight other businesses sustained damages conservatively estimated at \$150,000.

The Drug Store and Western Auto were completely demolished. One observer was reported to have said "I wouldn't give a nickel for the salvage value of merchandise from both stores."

A ladies apparel shop, Hobbs Town & Country Shoppe, owned by Mrs. Cleo Hobbs, was heavily damaged by smoke. Fixtures in Hobbs Beauty Salon also owned by Mrs. Hobbs was smoked a sticky jet black. Some of the cosmetics and equipment were removed, but Mrs. Hobbs estimated her loss to be over \$30,000.

Valuable records were removed and preserved from the office of attorney Robert L. West. Mr. West's office sustained only smoke damage.

The Spinning Wheel, a fabric shop that specialized in coordinated materials of a very good quality, and notions for virtually every sewing need, had a thick film of smoke on everything. Mrs. R.V. Phillips said she had no idea of the damages yet.

The city Barber Shop operated by Cecil Bostic had right much smoke damage.

Attorney E.C. Thompson was in his office when he heard a terrific explosion about 4:15 Sunday afternoon. A friend with him was frightened, but he dismissed the noise as a "sonic boom." They left the office and circled the block. About that

time the fire whistle blew.

Thompson removed his records and valuable paper shortly after the fire broke out. He said that an 18 in. wall from the old Best Livery Stables saved his office from the fire. Damages to his office was mainly from the smoke.

An explosion was witnessed by several persons before the fire broke out. After the explosion, fire spread into both the Western Auto Store and Clark's Drug Store.

Fire Departments from Kenansville and Faison assisted the Warsaw Department and did a magnificent job of containing the fire in the shopping center.

A building adjoining Western Auto, now Farmers Hardware and Merchandise Company was only slightly damaged. A plate glass in the front window was broken and some smoke entered the building.



Fire swept this shopping center in Warsaw Sunday afternoon and left only the walls of Western Auto and Clarks Drug. A plate of plastic flaps in the Farmers Hardware and Merchandise window, which received only minor damage.

### Chinquapin Library Open House

Open House was observed at Chinquapin School Library Friday morning, November 22.

A program was presented in the school auditorium where school patrons, students, special guest and friends were assembled.

Mr. George Frank Landen, Principal of the school welcomed the group and introduced special guest. Among those recognized were: Mr. Charles H. Yelverton, Superintendent of Duplin County Schools; Mr. Byron Teachey, assistant superintendent; Mr. D. D. Blanchard, member of the County Board of Education; Mrs. Sallie Ingram, superintendent of Schools ESE A; Mrs. Virginia Quinn, Library Supervisor; Miss Annie Mae Brown and Miss Annie Mae Kenion, elementary supervisors, and others who are contributing to the success of the school.

Guests were invited to the Library which contains more than 4,000 volumes valued in excess of \$12,000. Carpet has been installed on the floor and a acoustical tile on the ceiling which contributes substantially to eliminating outside noise. Adequate lighting and draperies have also been installed.

Refreshments were served to the guest from the school lunchroom.

### Firemen Sponsor Blood Typing

On Saturday, November 30, from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., at the Town Hall in Rose Hill, North Carolina, the Rose Hill Volunteer Firemen through the cooperation of laboratory technicians from Duplin General Hospital, will sponsor a blood typing program.

Everyone in Rose Hill and the surrounding communities, and any age, are asked to be sure and come by to have their blood typed. These typings will be recorded on a blood rostrum, and left in Rose Hill for the convenience of the communities.

This rostrum is very important and will be very beneficial. Remember Saturday, November 30. A program that is necessary, and will benefit you, your family, and friends.

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### Duplin Farm Bureau Opposes Tobacco Cut

The thirty-third annual meeting of North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation was held at the Jack Tar Hotel in Durham, November 17-20. Duplin County Farm Bureau was represented by its nine voting delegates and four Insurance Agents. Registration began at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday with a Vesper Service at 7:30, concluding with a candle light memorial service in memory of A.C. Edwards of Hookerton who died on 3-28-68.

On Monday morning the annual report was given to the policyholders of the N.C. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company. General Manager G.D.

Culp outlined the growth of the company over the past 10 years. Mr. Culp then introduced R.L. Worthington, Agency Manager from Duplin County, who addressed the crowd of approximately seven hundred fifty people. Mr. Worthington gave a very interesting talk on unity and stressed that farmers should stick together in all phases of the Farm Bureau programs that are being offered.

The Monday afternoon session was featured by an address of the Honorable Everette Jordan, U.S. Senator. He also stressed farmers uniting into marketing programs, so that they could realize more pro-

fits from its product. Tuesday, the Honorable James A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture and Dr. Brooks James, from office of War on Hunger, Dept. of State, Washington, D.C. addressed the group. Both gave very inspiring talks.

Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday consisted of sessions dealing with the resolutions that had come from all the counties. Some resolutions of special interest to the people of Duplin County consisted of the State Farm Bureau endorsing a recommendation asking for a 10% cut in tobacco to try to get the

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## Ramblewood Country Club Open House



Mr. Wilbur Massey, Jr., Beulaville, president of Ramblewood Country Club cuts the ribbon, formally opening the club at open house Sunday afternoon, November 24. Directors with him left to right are: Richard Williams, Beulaville;

Ramblewood Country Club observed open house Sunday afternoon November 24. The nine hole golf course will be open to the members for the first time on Monday Nov. 25.

President Wilbur Massey, Jr. of Beulaville said that some 500

Roy Taylor, Pink Hill; Russell Bostic, Beulaville, and Albert Smith of Pink Hill. Directors not present for the picture were Harold Hardison, Lynwood Turner, Luther Ledford, Bill Cutler, and Morris Grady.

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## Belk-Tyler Opens New Store



A major attraction at Belk-Tyler's grand opening in Mount Olive was this lovely young lady demonstrating one way to "keep fit." (Photo by Ruth Wells)

Throngs of people from far and near were on hand last Thursday for the opening of the new Belk-Tyler Store in Mount Olive.

Mayor D.F. Odom Jr. cut the ribbons officially opening the new store. Dignitaries attending the ceremonies included Congressman David Henderson,

President John Belk of Belk Stores, Executive Vice President, Arthur Tyler of Belk-Tyler Stores, Manager Paul Eason of the Mt. Olive Store and Dr. Kenneth Watkins of Goldsboro, constructor of the building.

The new facility is located adjacent to ample parking facilities, and is an asset to Mt. Olive and the surrounding area.

Personnel for Belk stores throughout eastern North Carolina were brought to the store to assist in the grand opening.

A favorite in the store was near the front door where a lovely young lady demonstrated the way to keep fit. Many people looked wistfully, few participated.

## Traffic Fatality At Smith Township

Duplin County's traffic deaths passed the mark set in 1967 with the fiery death of a Smith's Township man Saturday night.

Bobby Wayne Smith, 28, of Rt. 2, Pink Hill was pinned in his car which burst into flames following a head-on wreck on Highway III about 8 p.m. November 23.

Robert Lee Raynor, driver of the other car involved, was reported in serious condition with head injuries at Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville.

Riding with Raynor in a 1966

Ford Fairlane were Ronnie Sumner, 17 and Jeff Lanier, 23. All three of the men were from Beulaville. Sumner reportedly received a broken jaw, but only Raynor was hospitalized.

State Trooper Edwin R. Kirby, investigating officer, said Bobby Wayne Smith was traveling south on Highway III in a 1968 Ford. Evidence in-

point of impact and burst into flames.

Raynor's car, traveling north, came to rest upside down in the center of the highway, 155 feet from impact.

Funeral services for Smith were held at 2 p.m. Monday, at Howard and Carter Funeral Home in Kinston by Rev. Troy

D. Mullis, pastor of Smith's Presbyterian Church. Burial followed in Oak Ridge Memorial Park near Pink Hill.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Linda Sue Dean Smith; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chancy Ivey Smith of Rt. 2, Pink Hill;

a son, Ivey Wayne Smith of the home; a sister, Mrs. Ben Grady of Warsaw; a half-sister, Mrs. Allen Strod of Albertson; two brothers, Thomas

I. of Pink Hill and George Dillon Smith of Kenansville; four half-brothers, Willie James, Kenton W. and David E. of Pink Hill, and Lenwood Smith of Lawton, Okla.

## Home Federal Occupies New Office

Home Federal Bank moved their new office to the corner of Hill and Broadway streets in Kenansville.

Presbyterian minister gave the invocation.

Mayor Ed Mitchell presided at the ceremony.

William J.V. Wolfe of Kinston presided in the ceremony.

The new office is inside

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