

Trainable Class To Give Program

The Rose Hill Trainable Class of the Duplin County Association for Handicapped Children will give its Annual Christmas program in the Auditorium of the Rose Hill Grammar School No. 1 on Friday evening, December 13th at 7:30 p.m. There are twelve children

in the Rose Hill class. Duplin has three classes of trainable children. One class is taught at E.E. Smith School in Kenansville, and there is a class also in Chingapah which began this past September.

The Rose Hill Trainable Class is presenting its Christ-

mas Program for the regular meeting of the Duplin Co. Association, which meets monthly and has four public meetings each year, of which the December meeting is one.

The public is cordially invited to attend the program.

Bankers Cited For Service To Agriculture

The bankers of North Carolina have been given a top national award for the 24th consecutive year for outstanding service to agriculture through the activities of the N.C. Bankers Association.

The County Key Banker for Duplin County, Philip Kretsch Jr., Vice President, Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co., Kenansville, was advised today that the NCBA has won the Agricultural Award presented by The American Bankers Association for notable service to agriculture. The award recognizes the wide range of projects carried on as a means of better

understanding and cooperation between the farm and financial community.

These projects, according to Mr. Kretsch, include the Short Course in Modern Farming at N.C. State University which has been attended by over 1,800 young farmers on scholarships provided by their hometown banks; a farm credit conference for bankers and farmers; and a land judging meet in which thousands of FFA members participate.

News of the award was received by Sam K. Sain, vice president of American Bank and Trust Company, Monroe, chairman of the NCBA's Agr-

cultural Committee. L. R. Bowers, president of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, Whiteville, was chairman of the committee last year when the record was compiled upon which the award was made.

NCBA President J. Paul Ford of Belmont said the award again shows the continuing interest of bankers in agriculture in North Carolina.

With Our Boys

Airman Lannie M. Hines

AMARILLO, TEX.-- Airman Lannie M. Hines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lannie Hines of Warsaw, N.C., has completed basic training at Amarillo AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Sheppard AFB, Tex., for training in the civil engineering mechanical/electrical field.

Airman Hines is a 1967 graduate of James Kenan High School.

Private Tommy G. Oates

FT. POLK, LA. (AHTNC)-- Army Private Tommy G. Oates, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Oates, 107 E. Jean St., Mount Olive, completed nine weeks of advanced infantry training

Nov. 29 at Ft. Polk, La. His last week of training was spent in guerrilla warfare exercises. During his guerrilla training he lived under simulated Vietnam conditions for five days, fighting off night attacks and conducting raids on "enemy" villages. He was taught methods of removing booby traps, setting ambushes and avoiding enemy ambushes.

Other specialized training included small unit tactics, map reading, land mine warfare, communications, and firing the M-16 rifle, M-60 machine gun and the 3.5-inch rocket launcher.

Thomas G. Parrish

WITH U.S. COMBAT AIR forces, Vietnam -- Sergeant Thomas G. Parrish, son of

Mrs. Mertie Lanier

Mrs. Mertie Lanier was born in Duplin County, July 25, 1898.

Mrs. Lanier was formerly Miss Mertie Brown. Her husband was the late William Lanier.

Although 80 years young, Mrs. Lanier still gets around pretty good. When asked what she enjoys doing, she replied, "I just love to visit and talk

with people." People are of great interest to Mrs. Lanier.

Mrs. Lanier has five children thirteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Lanier enjoys going to the Missionary Baptist Church, where she is a member.

Cedar Fork is very proud of its Senior Citizen

Mr. and Mrs. Viron L. Parrish is on duty at Bien Hoa AB, Vietnam.

Sergeant Parrish, an aircraft propeller mechanic, is a member of the Pacific Air Forces. Before his arrival in Vietnam, he was assigned to Dover AFB, Del.

The sergeant, a 1964 graduate of North Duplin High School, Calypso, has studied at Mount Olive Junior College.

Phillip D. Bell

SAN ANTONIO -- Airman Phillip D. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mayland O. Bell of Rt. 2, Faison, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, TEX.

Phillip W. Grady

Army Private Phillip W. Grady, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard F. Grady, Route 1, Albemarle, N.C., completed an eight-week field artillery basic course Nov. 22 at Ft. Sill, Okla.

During the course, he was trained in the operation and maintenance of the 105mm and the 155mm towed howitzers. He also received specialized training in firing such weapons as the M-60 machine gun, the M-79 grenade launcher and the 3.5-inch rocket launcher.

His wife, Lucinda, lives on Route 2, Elm City, N.C.

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