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## Byrd Named Outstanding Educator

William C. Byrd, a Duplin County native, has been nominated and selected as one of the "Outstanding Educators of America for 1973". Byrd was nominated by Dr. Ed Monroe, Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs at ECU.

Among Byrd's recent activities as Director of Community Health Services at E.C.U. has been his serving as Director of the National Training Project for Occupational Consultants. The project trained consultants for business, industry and governmental units in developing policies and programs to assist "troubled employees", especially those with alcohol-related problems.

Byrd served for several months as Interim Director of the Albemarle Human Resources Development System, a model ten-county service system which aids in the delivery of health care to the Albemarle region. He was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the N.C. Public Health Fund, a Chapel Hill-based foundation which promotes the support of health programs in the south eastern states.

As Associate Dean of the School of Allied Health and Social Professions, Byrd conceived of and secured initial funding for the development of E.C.U.'s degree program in Environmental Health and was

a primary planner in the development of the degree program in School and Community Health Education. He has served as a member of the Management Team for the Alcoholism Training Program for N. Carolina and has served on the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Training Institute, both at E.C.U. Byrd developed and directed the "N.C. Regional Medical Program Continuing Education Project for the Eastern Counties," a project which has assisted some ten community hospitals and some twenty-four eastern counties in training for health workers, including physicians, nurses and local agency personnel. This same project is helping underwrite the work of a "community Health Care Task Force" which is currently studying Duplin County's health care system.

Byrd is a graduate of Louisburg College, the University of Florida and UNC-CH. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Byrd of Warsaw and the late W.A. Byrd.

### Savings Bonds Sales

Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in Duplin County during April were \$22,872. January-April sales totaled \$98,193. This represents 42.0 percent of the County's goal of \$234,000.

## Miss Duplin County Participates In Miss N.C. Pageant

Rose Hill's own Angela Hanchey is in the Miss North Carolina Pageant this week. Angela is our 1973 Miss Duplin County and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Hanchey of Rose Hill. In a recent interview, Angela told The Duplin Times some of the exciting things she will be participating in during this "pageant week."

Angela left for Charlotte Sunday, June 10 with Mr. Tim Williams and Donnie Ezzell. They picked up Angela's chaperone for the week, Ms. Kay Gunter of Fuquay-Varina, in Raleigh. Ms. Gunter is a former chaperone for two past Miss Wake Countys and was official chaperone for Miss Patsy Wood, 1972 Miss North Carolina. Angela and Kay are staying in the Coliseum Motel.

Angela sang for the talent competition of the pageant, "Ring Them Bells" is the selection Angela chose. The song

is a comedy-type thing about a Jewish girl looking for love. Angela wore a 1930's red outfit for this competition Tuesday night.

Wednesday night was swimsuit night for Angela. She competed in a lovely pink swimsuit designed to accent her petite figure.

Thursday is free for Angela and will give her a chance to rest for her judge's interview and evening gown competition both on Friday. Angela's presentation gown is white and was created by Eric Enus of Raleigh, a well-known designer of gowns for beauty queens.

Saturday is the highlight of the week with the crowning of our next Miss North Carolina.

Angela has taken souvenirs for all sixty-two contestants. Cates Pickle Co. of Faison has graciously donated sixty-two jars of delicious Cates Pickles.

### Faison Town Board Meets

Faison held its town board meeting Monday, June 4. Mayor Bill Fesperman and Commissioners Ken Arent, Wilson King, Leon Surton and L.S. Guy were in attendance.

The call to order was the reciting of "The Lord's Prayer" by the members of the meeting. Minutes were read and approved followed by a discussion on the Renewal Sharing Fund.

Mr. Guy moved to approve the proposed budget for fiscal year July 1, 1973-June 30, 1974. Mr. Arent seconded the motion. A public hearing on the budget was held Monday June 11, at 7 p.m. Town license plates were discussed next. The board tried to decide on a slogan for 1974 and tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

The Personnel Survey was discussed next. Mr. Arent moved to accept the survey as had been drawn up as of now with certain provisions included. Mr. Guy seconded the motion and it was passed by the board. The board moved and passed a motion concerning the Mayor's raise in pay.

The meeting was adjourned after a discussion about sewage on Winifred Street was completed.



CHIEF WADE WHEELLESS of the Faison Police Department is shown here in his police car

operating Faison's new radar system used to apprehend speeding motorists.

## Speed Checked By Radar

The Faison Police Dept. has just been issued a radar system for detecting speed by the State Highway Safety Program. This device was issued one month ago at no cost to the town of Faison.

The device is placed on the hood of a police car and sends out a detecting beam at the

rate of 10,525 cycles per second. A speeding oncoming car is automatically locked in by the device even before the driver can see the police car. The beam can pick up a truck approximately one mile away from the police car. A regular car, because of its smaller size, has to be a bit closer.

This is the first radar system Faison has ever had. Chief Wade Wheelless when interviewed stated, "We don't want people to feel Faison has become a 'speed trap!' The purpose of this device is to reduce congestion on highways 403 and 117 coming into Faison. So far we have issued thirty-five warnings and twelve citations."

Chief Wheelless would like to remind people entering Faison that the speed limit is 35 mph. and there are warning signs at each main entrance going toward Faison.



"WARNING SPEED CHECKED BY RADAR" is the key in Faison these days. Motorists are urged to obey this sign and "Reduce Speed Ahead."

## Man Shot In Warsaw

Walter Graham McDuffie was shot Sunday, June 10, in Warsaw around 6 p.m. McDuffie was a 47 year old black male who lived on 502 Prospect St. The Warsaw Rescue Squad aided McDuffie. He was dead on arrival at Duplin General Hospital.

The shooting occurred on the corner of Cross and College

Streets in Warsaw. Ernest Smith Jr., 39 year old black male from Warsaw, age fifteen, and William T., age eleven. All three were charged with the shooting. He is now in the Duplin County jail without bond, pending hearing on June 27, in District Court.

It is alleged that the two men were both drinking and arguing when the shooting occurred.



TRACTOR-TRAILER COLLIDES ON 117-On Monday, June 9, a tractor-trailer collided with a pick-up truck one and a half miles from Magnolia on U.S. 117. The wreck occurred around 2:25 p.m. George Wendell Chapman, white male from Wilmington, was the driver of the tractor-trailer. The truck was a 1971 International Tractor-Trailer belonging to Ryder-Truck Rental Co., of Wilmington. The driver of the truck sustained no injuries during the accident. Thomas Alva Herring, white male from Rt. 1 Warsaw, was the driver of the pick-up truck. The

truck was a 1964 Ford pick-up that was pulling a trailer. Mr. Herring had with him his two sons, James D., age fifteen, and William T., age eleven. All three were admitted to Duplin General Hospital with various injuries. Mr. Herring was traveling south on 117 and attempted to turn left into a private driveway. Mr. Chapman tried to pass Mr. Herring and smashed into his pick-up truck. The two trucks came to rest in a road ditch. The accident is under further investigation.



"FAISON'S REMARKABLE MARKET" is shown here during a busy, productive morning. Farmers bring their produce to this

opening and line up all the way down the market.

## Faison's Remarkable Market

By Jo Carol Jones

Summer has begun and it is time for simple food eating. And the Faison Produce Market, here in Duplin County, plays a vital part in moving fresh produce from our fields to national markets.

The Faison Produce Market has come a long way from its horse-drawn carts loaded with vegetables of the 1800s. This busy, interesting corporation has managed to expand, but still keep a beautiful air of wonder for anyone visiting the market. Efficiency and small-town hospitality best described the Faison Produce Market.

The Produce Market has been an active part of Faison since the turn of the century. The market was first located next to the railroad tracks, just as one enters Faison. At this original shed, produce was brought to market by lumbering freight cars and mule-drawn carts. Today the produce is brought to market by fancy refrigerator trucks and hard-working pick-ups. The present market was constructed around 1940 and is located on Highway 403 going toward Clinton from Faison.

People are the main thing that makes the Produce Market click. The market is under the management of Harold Precythe, a well-known Faison businessman. One is amazed by his smooth control of what appears to the outsider as a hectic operation.

Office manager is Mrs. Eva Cortie. Mrs. Cortie and her

staff take care of checks going to the farmers. The market would not be complete without auctioneer, Jimmy Jolliff. All day long, at ten minute intervals, Mr. Jolliff walks the length of the market shouting bids for prospective buyers. He is constantly being followed by the buyers, produce workers, and interested bystanders.

Young people are the heart of the market. Young men track the trucks, mark the produce, and generally keep the market alive everyday they work. Woman's liberation has not reached the market yet—luckily. While the boys are doing the manual labor, the girls are writing checks in air-conditioned comfort. But, for this type of corporation, that is how things flow their smoothest. Ah yes, young people are definitely the heart of the Produce Market. But its lifeblood is the Duplin farmer.

The Produce Market opened this year on May 28, with the first basket of vegetables being sold to buyer and manager, Harold Precythe. The main vegetables on the market for the next few weeks will be squash and beans.

The height of the season is the middle of July with over 38,000 packages of produce sold a day. Pick-up trucks, hot farmers, and busy buyers will be furiously working to keep the fresh produce on the move. During a busy week, trucks can be backed up through Faison on up 117 waiting to sell their produce. Supply works to meet demand.

Peppers are the largest selling produce on the market although all other produce sells very well. The gross income for the market in 1972 was \$3,872, 847.75 with 1, 143,072,000.00 packages being sold. The market was open around ten weeks last summer and is never opened during any other part of the year. Faison really has a productive corporation. The market will close this year around the last of July or the first week in August marking an end to another summer of worth-while work.

The Faison Produce Market is a living part of Duplin County. People recognize our county when one mentions the market. We feed the nation through this familiar corporation.

Look at the importance of the Produce Market. A hungry America, tired of winter canned goods, is eager for Duplin County's fresh produce. Duplin farmers are anxious to move their choice, perishable crops rapidly. Thus, the Produce Market is an important link in this country's economy.

The market is one of the last "down-home" operations left in America. People working at the Produce Market do not worry about how much money they make, just about how quickly a good product can be sent to the public. This is the Faison Produce Market—a place of never-ending amazement, hard-work and good for the people of Duplin County.



SCOUT-O-RAMA-The Tuscarora Council B.S.A. observed it's 50th Anniversary Celebration with the location of their new Tuscarora Reservation near Bensonville last week. The Scout-

orama was part of the week long celebration with troops in the council participating. Pictured is the 2nd Marine Division from Camp Lejeune.