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TRAIN-AUTO CRASH TAKES LIFE—Mrs. Nash Johnson of Rose Hill was killed Wednesday when the automobile she was operating was hit broadside by a Seaboard Coast Line train near

Rose Hill. The 1968 Cadillac was carried some 1,000 feet down the track from the point of impact. (Photo courtesy of Special Investigator Glenn Jernigan)

Train-Auto Crash Takes Life

Mrs. Mary Louann Johnson, age 70, wife of Nash Johnson of Rose Hill, was killed last Wednesday as a result of a train-auto collision near Rose Hill.

The incident occurred at

Principal Retires

Mr. W.E. Smith, former principal of Douglass High School, retired from the Duplin County educational system as of Aug. 31st after serving in various capacities for forty-one years. A native of Watauga, he received his public school education in Warsaw. After finishing high school here he entered Fayetteville State University where he earned the B.S. degree. Later the M.A. degree was awarded at NCCU. He has done further study at NCCU and ECU.

The retiree taught elementary

grades at Douglass High School for twenty-three years, was teacher-principal at Magnolia Elementary School two years and principal of Douglass High School thirteen years. He worked with the Duplin County Board of Education three years as Director of Pupil Personnel Services. As Principal at Douglass he saw the faculty grow from 29 to 45 in number, and the student body to more than 1,000.

Mr. Smith is a community and religious worker having organized Troop 143 of the Boy Scouts.

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bile was directly across the track when it was struck broadside by a Seaboard Coast Line train. The vehicle was carried approximately 1,000 ft. down the track from the point of impact. The auto was a total loss, with minor damages to the train.

Mrs. Johnson died moments after the train crew reached her. Special Investigator Glenn Jernigan said Mrs. Johnson was

4-H'er To Represent N.C. In Regional Contest

Rouse Ivey, Duplin County 4-H'er, will represent North Carolina at the Regional Tractor Operators' Contest September 23-26. The event will be in Richmond, Va. Rouse won the right to represent N.C. by going through county, district, and state competition during the past few months.

Vote On Toll Free Telephone Service

Telephone subscribers in Kenansville, Rose Hill and Wallace exchanges will soon have an opportunity to vote in connection with extended area service between Kenansville-Rose Hill and Kenansville-Wallace. If the plan is adopted, long distance charges on calls between Kenansville-Rose Hill and Kenansville-Wallace will be discontinued.

W.S. Richardson, local manager for Carolina Telephone, announced that the company plans to begin a survey by mail among its subscribers in the Kenansville, Rose Hill and Wallace exchanges on Oct. 1, 1973. In order to be counted, all votes must be in by Oct. 15, 1973.

If a majority of those vo-

ting favors the plan and if it is approved by the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 8,837 telephones in the three telephone exchanges will be linked together without long distance charges. Included in the enlarged calling area will be Cherry Hill, Concord and Magnolia communities located within the Rose Hill exchange and Chinquapin, Penderleath, Teachey, Tin City, and Watha and Willard communities of the Wallace exchange.

In order to provide this service, Carolina Telephone will construct additional circuits between Kenansville-Rose Hill and Kenansville-Wallace and will expand its central office equipment in the three telephone exchanges. To compensate the

company for the investment required for these additions and the revenue loss incurred by elimination of long distance charges between the towns, slight upward adjustments of local service rates for Kenansville, Rose Hill and Wallace subscribers will be necessary when the service becomes effective.

Because extended area service requires equipment designed specifically for these new exchanges, it will be approximately 30 months before the new service can be put into effect.

Previously EAS service was extended to patrons of the Wallace and Rose Hill telephone exchanges and later to the Eulerville, Kenansville, Warsaw and Faison telephone exchanges.

EAS Survey To Begin

Richardson stated that if the increases in Kenansville monthly rates will become effective if the plan is adopted: residence-four-party, \$1.25; two-party, \$1.75; one-party, \$1.80; and business-four-party, \$2.75; two-party, \$4.25; and one-party-\$4.75.

Because additional equipment required to provide the new service, it will be approximately 30 months before the plan can be put into effect, according to Richardson.

Kenansville, Teachey, Magnolia and Rose Hill Town Boards have endorsed the proposal. The Rose Hill Chamber of Commerce also endorsed the service. The Wallace Chamber of Commerce endorsed the service in a vote of membership May 4, 1972.

If this vote is approved on Oct. 1, 1973, it will be another progressive step by the citizens of Duplin to provide better communication throughout the country. The amounts of the increase in rates approved by the State Utility Commission is to offset installation costs and revenue losses, and will apply to main line connections only. The cost of extension telephones will not be affected.

Efforts to secure the increased service in this area were initiated due to requests from a large number of persons in the areas to be served. A favorable vote will be one more positive step by citizens of Duplin in making this area more attractive for business and industry investments which provide more job opportunities and a high standard of living.

Eventually, it is anticipated that all telephone exchanges in the county will be linked together, thus providing toll-free calls to all communities. Both communication and transportation are factors in overall growth economically and socially. It will aid in our efforts to provide the best possible service in the areas of Fire Protection - Law Enforcement - Civil Defense - Medical Care - Better Agricultural service - Better Banking and other Financial Transactions - Rescue Squad - County and Municipal Business and Shopping. Job opportunities will be enhanced as better communication can be maintained between workers and their jobs.

P.B. Raiford, Executive Director, Duplin Development Commission, said that emergency services (Fire, Ambulance, Hospital and Police) will especially be enhanced since it will give every one a direct line to these offices which are manned on a 24-hour basis. Mr. Raiford also stated that the ability of a community to provide excellent services of this type aids in the recruitment of new industry and other businesses which provide additional job opportunities for our citizens.

In the future, efforts will be continued to bring about further consolidation of telephone exchanges to include toll-free service county wide.

Road Closed

GREENVILLE-A portion of NC 11 and NC 55 south of Kinston in Lenoir County will be closed to traffic September 26 for needed maintenance work.

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Barham Appointed Vice-President of Guilford-National Company

Kenansville, N.C.—Donnell E. Barham has been appointed vice-president of manufacturing for Guilford-National Co., it has announced by Lee Rosenberg, president of the knitted textile firm head-quartered here.

Guilford-National Company is a joint venture between Guilford Mills, Inc. of Greensboro, N.C. and National Spinning Co., Inc. of New York. Guilford-National produces both tricot and raschel warp knits in its completely vertical manufacturing facilities in Kenansville.

Barham began his textile career in 1943 with Burlington Industries and served with them for the past 25 years in various manufacturing and management capacities, and as a member of Burlington's Manufacturing Cabinet.

His most recent post, before joining Guilford-National, was that of executive vice-president of manufacturing for the Mooreville Division of Burlington Industries.

He also served with the Galey and Lord Division in Cramerton, S.C. for three years and with Burlington's Erwin Division in Greensboro for two yrs. in both these positions as executive vice-president of manu-

facturing.

Prior to these posts, he was a member of the Burlington staff in Greensboro, assigned to Burlington's corporate executive vice-president of manufacturing.

He was also associated for seven years with Burlington's James Fabrics plant in Cheraw, S.C. where he held the position of plant manager; and with the Kernersville Weaving plant in Kernersville, N.C. for two years, also as plant manager.

Barham is a graduate of Elon

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1973 North Carolina Poultry Queen Pageant To Be Held September 29th In Kenansville



Miriam Bailey

Fifth locally young women to be crowned Miss N.C. Poultry Queen. She is a graduate of Kenansville High School and will be held in Kenansville.

Linda Bowden

Misses Linda Bowden of Kenansville; Wylene Booth of Wallace; Debra Ann Brewer of Rose Hill; Paula Hunter of Watha; Heidi Sapp of Kenansville; Bonnie Cox of Wallace; and Cheryl Moss of Kenansville.

ABOUT THE CANDIDATES
MIRIAM BAILEY — The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy and Linda Bailey, Linda is a graduate of Kenansville High School and will be held in Kenansville.



Wylene Booth

Wylene Booth of Wallace. She is five feet, seven inches tall, attends Pine Crest High School in Southern Pines, and is a member of the District Spanish Club, Bridge Club, Drama Club and the Young Life Club. She was the District "Miss Drama" last year. Her favorite pastimes are swimming, show room modeling, photography and reading. Linda is presently employed part-time at a physician's assistant. She is a French teacher and is a active member of the church youth group. After school she plans to attend Peace College in Raleigh. Her talent contribution to the pageant will be ballet. Linda is sponsored by Stone Bros., Inc. of Lumberton.

Debra Ann Brewer

Debra Ann Brewer of Wallace. She is five feet, five inches tall, attends Kenansville High School and is a member of the Spanish Club, Drama Club, and the Young Life Club. She is a French teacher and is an active member of the church youth group. After school she plans to attend Peace College in Raleigh. Her talent contribution to the pageant will be ballet. Debra is sponsored by Stone Bros., Inc. of Lumberton.



Heidi Sapp

Heidi Sapp of Wallace. She is a busy student and her favorite subject is English. She is a Varsity cheerleader, a school journalist for her local newspaper, a member of the monogram club and on the yearbook staff. Heidi says she would like to attend Appalachian State University and study pre-medicine, a course she would like to pursue in order to become a registered nurse. Heidi is a member of the Rockfish Presbyterian Church and is



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Cheryl Moss

Wylene Booth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyley T. Booth of Kenansville. This petite contestant has black hair and blue eyes and is five feet, two inches tall. She is a senior at James Kenan High School, Warsaw, where her favorite subject is English. At James Kenan she is a Varsity cheerleader, a member of the Beta Club and serves on the staffs of both the school yearbook and newspaper. She attends the Kenansville Baptist Church, where she has



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served as a teacher in Bibb School. She would like to attend the University of North Carolina, majoring in psychology, and eventually go into psychiatry. Cheryl enjoys water-sports, basketball, bike riding, and reading. For her talent she will perform a modern jazz dance. Her sponsor is the Golden Skills of Wallace.

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