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### BB&T Loses Insurance Suit

After 2 1/4 years, the State Supreme Court Tuesday reversed itself and ruled that Branch Banking and Trust Co. is not entitled to recover \$314,354.38 from the State and the Insurance Co. of North America. The ruling involved a case in which L.C. Woodcock was convicted and sentenced to prison on charges related to an alleged cover-up of a shortage in the Farmers Grain Elevator at Warsaw, which Woodcock managed.

Associate Justice I. Beverly Lake dissented sharply, saying that under the majority ruling, the bank not only is denied recovery from its insurance company and the State, it "cannot even recover from Woodcock." The case involved a debt of \$545,424 incurred by the Southeastern Farms Grain Association. The bank held a note for that amount, which was backed by Southeastern grain stored in the Warsaw elevator. The bank held receipts the elevator issued for Southeastern grain deposits. In a new transaction, the bank surrendered the receipts to Southeastern in return for a new note and the pledge of 13 new receipts issued by the elevator for grain deposits by Southeastern. The elevator canceled the old receipts. The fraud involved issuance of receipts which were not actually backed by grain in the elevator, according to court records.



**BOND BOARD SWORN INTO OFFICE** - Members of the Duplin County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority were sworn into office Monday by Clerk of Court John A. Johnson. The Bond Board was established by a resolution passed by the County Commissioners. Members of the Board are, front row, left to right, R. E. Wilkins, Mrs. Ray Smith and John Goodson. Back row, left to right, Dr. Gary Broadrick, Melvin Pope, Allan Williams and Homer James.

### Bond Board Sworn Into Office Monday

Duplin County's Industrial Bond Board was sworn into office Monday by County Clerk of Court John A. Johnson. The county Board of Commissioners established the Board by a resolution in July and re-affirmed the resolution in a special meeting Monday. Dr. Gary Broadrick of Warsaw was named chairman for a six-year term. Mayor Melvin Pope of Magnolia was named vice-president, with a six-year term and Mrs. Ray C. Smith of Beulaville, secretary-treasurer, to a four-year term. Other members of the Board are Allen Williams of Wallace, six-year term; R. E. Wilkins of Warsaw, four-year term; and John Goodson of Route 1, Mount Olive and Homer James, Route 2, Wallace, two-year terms. The first tentative proposal for industrial bonds to the county was made by the Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority was from National Spinning Company. Phillip Wander of New York, vice president of finance for National Spinning, and Don D. Rice of Whiteville, group vice president, presented the tentative proposal. They said final determination of their request would depend upon the result of a market study now being carried out by the company. National Spinning has two plants in the county, and there is a possibility the firm might expand its Beulaville operation if the current marketing study looks good. The firm also operates a large plant at Brunswick, southwest of Whiteville. The next step in processing the request for industrial bond issuance will be a pre-application conference in Raleigh with the N.C. Department of Commerce officials, the county industrial bond board and the company, according to Bruce Strickland, Jr. of the department. Strickland reminded the county officials no tax money could ever be used in any way to help pay off any industrial bonds issued under this authority. The benefit to companies is that they can issue the bonds, if approved, at a lower rate of interest than usual because the bonds are tax exempt. He also noted the bonds can only be issued on fixed assets. The objective of the bond issue has to be worth at least the amount of the issue.

### James Sprunt Institute Graduation Set For Sunday

The annual graduation exercise for James Sprunt Institute will be held on Sunday, August 28 at 6 p.m. in the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Amphitheatre in Kenansville. Over 170 graduates will receive degrees, diplomas, and certificates in the technical, vocational, and adult diploma programs offered on campus. This is the largest number of graduates in the school's history. The public is invited.



### Governor Names Monk To JSI Board

Governor Jim Hunt has appointed Edd Dudley Monk of Magnolia to serve on the Board of Trustees of James Sprunt Technical Institute. Monk is a farmer, businessman, and president of the Rose Hill Funeral Home. He is a member of the Region P Neuse River Council of Government, the Duplin County Good Neighbor Council, the Duplin County Planning Board and is trustee board chairman of the Kenansville Eastern Baptist Association Training Institute. He is a re-appointee to the Sprunt Institute's Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is composed of 12 members -- four appointed by the Governor, four elected by the local Board of Education, and four elected by the county commissioners. Members serve a term of eight years. The purpose of the Board is to promote the development of the institution, helping it serve the state in a way that will complement the activities of the other institutions and helping it perform at a high level of excellence.

### Tools Stolen From County

Duplin County officials are investigating the theft of tools and equipment estimated at more than \$6,000 stolen from the county landfill and garage early Monday. Thieves stole two Blackhawk tool boxes, complete with tools, a heavy-duty half-inch drill, an acetylene welding outfit, an IBM typewriter and a desk calculator as well as a collection of automobile and truck parts and some loose tools. William Henry Carr, Jr., 20, of Wallace, was arrested Tuesday and charged with the shooting of windows at Dixon's Grocort Store and Alfred Brown's house. Randall Brown informed the Sheriff's Department Tuesday that \$3,460 worth of building materials had been stolen from

Route 2, Wallace, building site. Randall had the outside of the house framed up, and was storing miscellaneous building materials and fittings inside. Pete Bradshaw of Route 2, Wallace, reported a CB radio and antenna were stolen from the cab of his tractor-truck. He placed the value of the equipment at \$200. Phillips Farm Supply Co. of Kenansville, reported 174 gallons of the chemical, MH-30, worth \$1,211, was stolen. The theft was reported Tuesday, but it is believed to have occurred late in July.

### Red Carpet Weekend Planned

### 'No Contest Contest' Winners To Come To Warsaw

According to WIS, the promotion was to create listeners, but the Warsaw Chamber felt that the radio tapes incorrectly portrayed the town as a place no one would like to visit. Many local merchants and citizens have already volunteered to help welcome the Joseph C. Wilsons to Warsaw and Duplin during the weekend of October 21st in order to demonstrate that Warsaw and Duplin County is a great place to be. Warsaw Mayor John Powell stated, "I don't like to see anyone or any place downgraded, and I think Warsaw was unfairly portrayed in the radio station WIS contest, called the 'No Contest Contest.' We, in turn, intend to show the winners, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson, of Leesville, S.C., a weekend in Warsaw they will long remember, and at the same time, showing these fine people a true picture of Warsaw... a great little town..."

**Football Game**  
Friday Night  
East Duplin  
At North Duplin  
8 P.M.

### Whitley To Be In Duplin

Congressman Charlie Whitley announced he will visit Warsaw on Wednesday, August 31st. He will be at the Fire Station from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. He will be in Wallace on Thursday, September 1st. He will meet with the Wallace Chamber of Commerce at 1 p.m. and will be at the Wallace Town Library from 2:30 till 4:30 p.m. to meet with persons having matters they wish to bring to his attention. Whitley said that during the August District Work Period, he will be visiting throughout the Third District.

"No Contest Contest" winners, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Wilson of Leesville, South Carolina, have been invited by the Chamber of Commerce to visit Warsaw for a Red Carpet Weekend, October 21-22. The invitation came as the result of a promotional gimmick of radio station WIS in Columbia, S.C., which the Chamber felt was in extremely poor taste. WIS produced a series of radio tapes entitled "No Contest Contest", which featured a consolation prize of a vacation to New Orleans, and a grand prize of a round trip bus ticket to Warsaw, N.C.

### Duplin Woman Sentenced On Murder Count

Mattie Kenan Miller, 23, of Wallace, was sentenced to not less than 26 nor more than 30 years in North Carolina Women's Prison on a murder count Tuesday in Superior Court. She pled guilty to a charge of second degree murder Monday before Judge Elbert Peck of Williamston. The charge carries a maximum sentence of 80 years. Mrs. Miller was taken to the Raleigh prison by Sheriff's Officers Tuesday. She was charged with the stabbing death of Mary Ann Carlton Farrior, 20, of Teachey, early July 25 in the parking lot of a night club outside Wallace.

### JSI Offers New Scholarship

Beginning Fall Quarter, September 1977, James Sprunt Institute will offer five merit scholarships in the following areas: two in the Vocational Programs; two in the Technical Programs; and one in the General Education Program. Each scholarship is valued at \$100. All Duplin County residents not currently enrolled as a full-time student are eligible to apply. Selection will be based part academic achievement, scholastic honors, and extracurricular activities. Deadline for making application is Tuesday, September 13. Scholarship applications and additional information may be obtained from Mrs. Joyce Thomas, Financial Aid Officer at JSI.



**WHITLEY VISITS IN COUNTY** - Third District Congressman Charlie Whitley spent Tuesday in Pender and Duplin Counties. Whitley met with constituents at The Country Squire for lunch. On a "district work-break" from Congress, Whitley talked to the twenty persons in attendance, and answered questions.



**BACK TO SCHOOL** - Orientation for Duplin County school children was held Tuesday and classes for the new school year began Wednesday. These students at Kenansville Elementary show expressions of happiness and lackadaisicalness at the opening of school.