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### Filing Opens For County & State Offices

By Emily Killete

Filing for county and state offices opened at noon on Jan. 7 with three persons on hand to file. The deadline is Feb. 4 at noon.

Incumbents Doug Clark, County Commissioner William Costin, and Register of Deeds Christine Williams were the first to file for the May primary. Clark and Williams had announced their candidacy in December of 1979.

Doug Clark is presently serving his first term in the House of Representatives. He stated that he has tried to serve the people of Duplin County over the past seven years, and said he felt county citizens could see a change in the politics of Duplin. "My greatest service to the Duplin County citizens is talking with them and to the press. Also, the weekly newsletter sent to Duplin voters during the sessions of the General Assembly was to keep the citizens in the county informed," Clark said.

As a member of the General Assembly, Clark was appointed to the Education and Agriculture Committees, and he said he hoped to be reappointed to these committees if he is returned as Duplin's Representative.

County Commissioner William "Bill" Costin said he would seek another term in which to continue efforts to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Duplin. Some of the needs which Costin pledges support were better management of tax dollars, better medical care

through physician recruitment efforts, industry to employ the 800 unemployed in the county, better housing for the 35% of the Duplin families who live in sub-standard houses, and to continue good law enforcement and education efforts.

Costin commented that he believes in the future growth of Duplin County and will work to make the coming decade more progressive than the past decade.

Christine Williams, who served her first term as register of deeds in 1952, and has served more terms than any register of deeds in Duplin, filed for re-election. She stated that continuous and dedicated study and effort created a superior records management system which the people of Duplin County deserve to aid their record needs from birth to death, and their events in between.

Williams added that many improvements to modernize the register of deeds record systems have been completed since 1952 such as microfilming security copies of records to protect them from fire or disaster.

Upon re-election, Williams said she would continue to work toward building and maintaining the most modern and efficient set of records possible to meet the needs of all Duplin County citizens at the lowest possible cost.

Both Williams and Costin will be running for four-year terms, and Clark will be running for a two-year term.

Other offices up for re-election in Duplin County

are: one seat on the Board of Education held by Frederick Rhodes, a six-year-term; office on the State Soil and Water Service, presently held by William F. Pickett, Jr., a four-year term; and the 5th Senatorial District seat of the State Senate, held by Harold W. Hardison, a two-year term.

All seats of the 4th Judicial District, held by Judges

Walter P. Henderson, Kenneth W. Turner, Stephen M. "Steve" Williamson, E. Alex Erwin, III, and Nelo Martin, will be up for re-election to four-year terms.

Two seats on the County Commissioners, the 1st District held by William Costin, and the 5th District, held by D.J. Fussell, Sr., will be up for re-election to four-year terms.

### One Hurt In Car-Train Collision

One man was injured and his car heavily damaged in a car-train collision last Thursday at the Seaboard Coastline - State Road 117 crossing near Magnolia.

Injured was Dwight Boykin, 30, of Royal Manor Courts, Warsaw. He was taken to Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville by the Magnolia Rescue Squad. State Highway Patrolman B. E. Floyd, who investigated, said Boykin would be kept at the hospital overnight for observation.

Train Engineer Billy Benton of Wilmington uncoupled the train after the crash so the ambulance could get across the crossing to reach Boykin.

Boykin said he remembered nothing of the accident.

Benton told Floyd he saw two cars stopped on the crossing with the drivers

apparently talking to each other. He said when he blew his whistle, one of the cars moved off the crossing, but the other failed to move. The train, with about 60 cars, some full and some empty, was heading toward Wilmington and proceeded after the investigation.

Boykin was charged with making an unsafe movement, Floyd reported. The train was undamaged. The officer estimated damage to the car exceeded \$1,000.

### Named Area Manager

Harold Lanier has been named as vice president and Kinston area manager for East Federal Savings and Loan Association, with responsibility for Warsaw and Snow Hill operations.



THREE INCUMBENT OFFICERS FILE FOR RE-ELECTION - Filing for the May primary began Monday, Jan. 7 at noon, with incumbents Representative Doug Clark, County Commissioner William Costin, and Register of Deeds Christine Williams being the first persons to

register for re-election. Filing for the May primary will continue until noon, Feb. 4. Pictured above is Christine Williams, William Costin, and Doug Clark with his wife Sue on the left, and Chairman of the Duplin Board of Elections Claude Hepler on the right.

### Stevens Announces Candidacy For House Of Representatives



Lloyd Stevens, retired assistant superintendent Duplin County Schools, and a farmer, announced his can-

didacy for the next regular term of the North Carolina House of Representatives on Monday.

Stevens is excited about Duplin County's potential in the areas of agriculture, industry, clean air and water, recreation, housing, food processing and education.

A Wayne County native, he and his wife, the former Frances Sitterson, and son Henry, live on a farm on Route 1, Kenansville. He is a four-year veteran of World War II, and a graduate of Campbell College High School. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, and has done post graduate work at UNC-Chapel Hill and at ECU. He is a member and elder of Grove Presbyterian Church

in Kenansville. His work experience includes construction, trucking, farming, teaching, as a principal, and assistant superintendent. "I believe," said Stevens, "long-range planning is imperative to preserve the quality of life in Duplin

County. Changes must be made for the betterment of all our citizens, and desirable employment made available to retain more of our young people. If elected to this office, I will endeavor to

### Annual Tobacco Meeting At James Kenan

Duplin County tobacco producers are invited to take part in the tobacco event of the season on Jan. 14 at the James Kenan High School cafeteria - the annual tobacco meeting hosted by the Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service.

Featured speakers for the informative event are Dr. W. K. Collins and Prof. Furney Todd, both of NCSU. Dr. Collins is Phillip Morris extension specialist with tobacco responsibility at NCSU. He will provide an in-depth analysis of several economic and agronomic problems faced by producers in 1979, and will give his outlook for the future of tobacco production in 1980. Also to be discussed will be the quality and growth characteristics of the five new varieties available for 1980.

Prof. Todd is Phillip Morris Extension specialist with plant pathology responsibility. His work deals with identifying and controlling diseases affecting tobacco.

Local agri-businesses have donated several door prizes to be awarded during the program and two chemical companies will sponsor supper for anyone involved in tobacco production. Tobacco farmer wives are invited to join their husbands for this event.

All festivities will take place at James Kenan High School cafeteria Jan. 24 and supper will be served at 6:30, and the program will begin shortly afterwards.

Anyone planning to attend should contact J. Michael Moore, assistant agricultural extension agent, at the Extension office in Kenansville

### Get Yours Early 1980 License Tags On Sale

By Emily Killete

"Get Yours Early" is the theme of the state's Motor Vehicle Division campaign to get vehicle owners to purchase their 1980 validation stickers and license plates early.

In Duplin County, the license plate agency at Rockfish Plaza in Wallace has been busy with a rush of vehicle owners who want to get their license plates or validation stickers, said Gladys Sikes, an employee at the agency. According to

her, over 600 people had been in the agency by lunchtime last Thursday to get their new stickers and plates which went on sale January 2.

Approximately 4.5 million renewal cards were mailed December 27 for purchasing the new validation stickers and plates. And all registration renewals, stickers or tags must be displayed no later than midnight, Feb. 15. Illegible license plates can be replaced at no charge during the upcoming registration

period if the owner can provide the worn plate. Failure to provide the new plate at the time of registration will cost the owner \$5 for the replacement of the license plate.

The 1979 session of the General Assembly passed legislation which will enable the Division of Motor Vehicles to create a staggered registration system for the state beginning in 1981. After 1981, North Carolina motorists will no longer purchase stickers or tags under the current system.

According to Transportation Department figures, motor vehicle fees make up about 30% of the state's highway fund revenues. Vehicle registration fees are the same this year as in 1979, with \$16 for private passenger automobiles.

Persons wishing to purchase a personalized license plate will have to wait until after registration is over in February, said Mrs. Sikes. Applications for personalized license plates are only taken between Feb. 16 and Sept. 1. The fee is \$10, and the plate will not be issued until the following year.

Also, minimum liability insurance levels for vehicles registered in North Carolina will be raised on policies renewed in 1980. The new minimum levels are: \$25,000

for bodily injury or death of one person; \$50,000 for bodily injury or deaths of two or more people; \$10,000 for property damage. The figures were raised from \$15,000, \$30,000 and \$5,000. All the state motor vehicle owners must certify their insurance coverage on registration renewal notices when purchasing new tags or stickers.

Vehicle owners who have not received a renewal card by Jan. 15, or who need to report a change of address, should notify the Vehicle Services Section, Division of Motor Vehicles, 1100 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27697. Cards which could not be delivered by the Postal Service will be forwarded to the nearest license plate agency where owners can pick them up.

The motor vehicle validation stickers will be used to renew the registration of the following types of vehicles: private passenger automobiles, 4,000-pound trucks, motorcycles, trailers and rental or leased automobiles. All remaining types of vehicles will receive license plates.

The 1980 validation sticker is black and white and should be placed in the upper right corner of the current license plate on top of the 1979 sticker.

### Multi-Family Housing Trend

The total building permits issued during the first nine months of 1979 indicate a continued trend toward multi-family dwelling construction, a press release from the North Carolina Department of Labor indicates.

Permits for multi-family dwellings were up 18.7 percent when compared to the same nine-month period in 1978, and single-family permits dropped 7.5 percent during the same time.

Overall in the first nine months of 1979, construction activity was up 12.1 percent over the same period in 1978, with the 1979 total of \$667,320,241 over \$595,540,329 a year ago.

Duplin County has followed in the multi-family housing unit construction with units in Warsaw, Wallace and Beulaville, and construction planned for such units in most other towns in Duplin.



MISS DUPLIN COUNTY CONTESTANTS - Pictured above are six of the seven girls who will be competing for the title of Miss Duplin County 1980. The pageant will be held in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium Jan. 19 at 8 p.m., with

Charlie Gaddy of WRAL-TV of Raleigh as master of ceremonies. Tina Brewer, Miss Duplin County 1979, and Miss North Carolina will be special guests. The pageant is sponsored each year by the Warsaw and Calypso Jaycees.

### Rotary Student For January



Tammy Killete

The Rotary Student for the month of January is Tammy Killete, a senior at James Kenan High School.

Tammy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George "Frank" Killete of Warsaw. She plans to attend Duke, Wake Forest or State and study pre-med and then attend medical school.

While attending JK, Tammy has been active in

the Pep Club and served as manager of the junior varsity girls basketball team for one year, and statistician for the junior varsity boys basketball team for one year. Tammy also participated in chorus in her first year at James Kenan. She has worked with the annual and is presently serving as business manager. Tammy works as school reporter for the DUPLIN TIMES/DUPLIN TODAY.

Tammy is a member of the James Kenan chapter of the National Honor Society and has served as a Marshal. She was named to Who's Who Among High School Students and was a member of the Presidential Classroom in 1978-79.

Outside of James Kenan, Tammy is an active member of 4-H and has served as president. She is also active in church activities, where she sings in the choir and teaches a Sunday School class. Tammy has also donated her time as a hospital volunteer and as a rest home worker.

### Nona Tippett Honored As District Secretary

Mrs. Nona Tippett of Duplin County was honored Monday at N.C. District Secretary of the Year by the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The plaque was presented by Association President Ralph C. Tucker of Greenville at the 37th annual meeting in Pinehurst.

Mrs. Tippett was praised for her faithful service to the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District and to the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation. She was nominated by the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District and selected in statewide competition among other nominees.