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Run-Off Election June 3

The run-off election for the seat on the Duplin County Board of Education will be held June 3, between candidates Faye Bryant of Rose Hill and Hilbert "Joe" Swinson of Mt. Olive.

In the May 5, primary Bryant received 2,344 votes and Swinson led the remaining challengers with 1,721 votes. Because no candidate received more than 50 percent of the votes, the two leading candidates were entitled to a run-off.



Faye Bryant

Bryant, a part-time instructor at James Sprunt Technical College said, "I am encouraged that the citizens of Duplin County voted to entrust me with their voting power on the Board of Education."

"I don't think anyone knows what June 3 will bring, but it (election) will be left up to the people," she added.

If elected in the June 3, run-off, Bryant said she will serve to the best of her ability and will try to improve and continue the present system of education. Bryant is a 1976 graduate of Fayetteville State University where she received a B.A. degree in the social sciences.



Joe Swinson

Swinson is currently serving as the assistant principal of Beulaville Elementary School. And, he has served in the education system for 16 years, which Swinson says has made him aware of the

Warsaw Woman Dies In Wreck

Mary Williams Matthis, 27, of Warsaw was killed in a one-car accident in Goldsboro Tuesday night.

Injured in the accident was the driver, Mary Jones Taylor, 52, of Faison, mother of Mrs. Matthis.

Police reported the car skidded into the support pillar of the overpass over N.C. 581 (Ash Street). The highway was reported slick from the rain falling at the time.

Mrs. Taylor was reported in satisfactory condition in Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro Wednesday.

weak and strong points of education in Duplin County. Swinson has a B.S. degree from Pembroke State University and a master's degree in education and school administration and supervision from Bowie State College in Maryland.

According to North Carolina law, Swinson says, he will have to give up his job with the Duplin County public schools if elected during the run-off. However, he added that he would be willing to work in the public schools of another county in order to serve the citizens of Duplin as a member of the Duplin Board of Education.

The winner of the run-off will run unopposed in the November general election. The new member will take office at the first meeting of the Board of Education in April of 1981.

Member Of The Year



Alice S. Scott

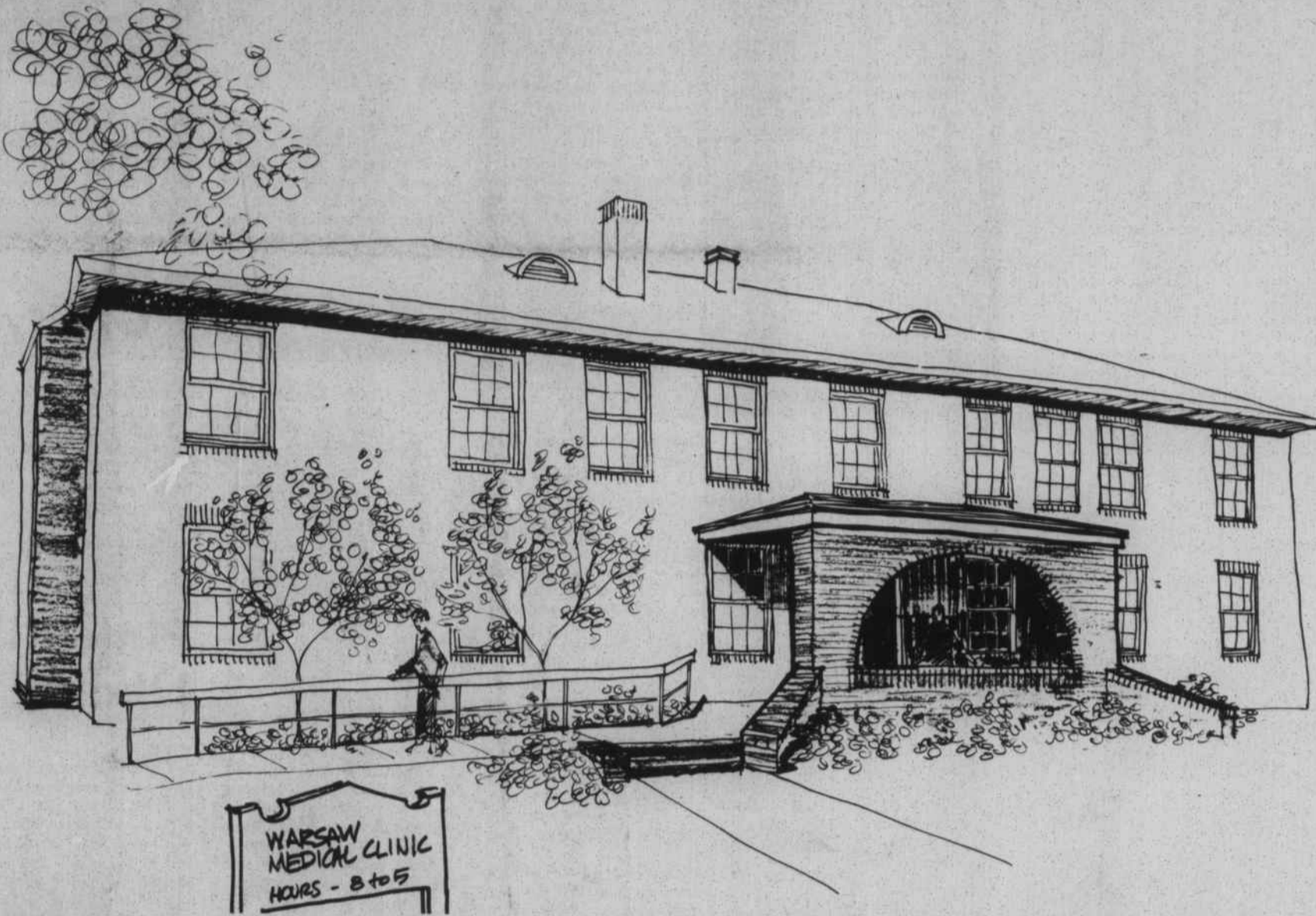
Alice S. Scott, Ph.D., R.D. of Pink Hill was recognized recently as "Member of the Year" by members of the North Carolina Dietetic Association. She and her family were honored at an awards luncheon held during the annual meeting in Chapel Hill. This prestigious award is given each year to the member who has made significant contributions to the profession of dietetics.

Dr. Scott is currently Assistant Superintendent of Duplin County Schools where she directs vocational education and pupil personnel services. This includes health occupations and student services relating to health, mental health, social services, job corps, attendance, guidance and exceptional children.

Dr. Scott received a B.S. degree in Home Economics from East Carolina University in 1964. She received a M.S. degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1965 and was awarded a Ph.D. in Food Science from North Carolina State University in 1970.

A long list of honors include Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year, Who's Who of American Women, Who's Who in the South and Southwest, World Who's Who of Women, Dictionary of International Biography, Men and Women of Distinction, and Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans.

Dr. Scott is a member of the Pink Hill United Methodist Church where she is currently a Sunday School teacher, Lay Leader, President of United Methodist Women and a member of the Council on Ministries and Administrative Board. She is married to Delmar Lester Scott, Jr. and they have three children, Rodney, Ashlea, and Todd.



Physicians To Locate In Warsaw

by Emily Killeite

The Duplin Medical Association Incorporated is in the process of raising money for the Warsaw Medical Center which will be located across from the Warsaw Baptist Church.

The medical center will be leasing the educational building, the remains of the old Baptist Church, from the Warsaw Baptist Church, said Gerald Quinn, a member of the Duplin Medical Association. The medical center will be staffed with Dr. Stephen Griffith and Dr. Clark

Hamner who announced plans in the fall of 1979 to locate a general practice in Duplin County.

While Dr. Hamner works in Beulaville at the East Duplin Medical Center, he will also work in Warsaw, Quinn said. The medical center will not be a clinic which features many free services, but a regular doctor's office with the standard fees, Quinn said. And, the doctors will be working with Duplin General Hospital, he added. Practice will begin in July at the Beulaville location, but Quinn says the Warsaw center will not be

opened until about Thanksgiving. Until Thanksgiving both doctors will be working out of the Beulaville office.

Renovation of the building in Warsaw will cost approximately \$150,000, Quinn said, and the Duplin Medical Corporation has obligated itself to a five to one matching grant from the North Carolina Office of Rural Health Services. In order to qualify for the grant Warsaw had to be designated as a Rural Health Site, Quinn said, and to match the grant, \$25,000 will have to be raised in the

Warsaw community. The state health services has asked that the Corporation raise the money by small contributions from at least 750 families, Quinn said.

"The idea is to get small contributions from a lot of people, to ensure community support for the project from the very start of the idea. And, what the Corporation would like to see is about 1,600 families contributing \$12 to \$15 each," Quinn said. According to Quinn a fund drive is being conducted in the trading area of Warsaw—a four to seven mile

radius in and around the town.

Renovation of the building will be supervised by Sam Godwin of Warsaw. Godwin will be acting as project construction manager and will be subcontracting the renovations, Quinn added, that work on the building can begin in about 30 days after the property is re-zoned from residential to commercial.

Dr. Griffith and his wife, Nora, have two children and are presently living in Tuscon, Ariz. Dr. Hamner and his wife, Debbie, have one daughter and are presently living in Fayetteville.

Both doctors plan a general practice including obstetrics. And, Quinn said, that both doctors would be on a salary paid by the federal government.

Members of the Duplin Medical Association Incorporated include Russell Bostic, Cecil Miller and Rusty Lanier of Beulaville, Elwood Murray of Rose Hill, Hubert Bowden, Linda Kitchin, Sylvia Weatherly, Al Beard, Dr. Gary Broadrick, and Gerald Quinn of Warsaw, and ex-official member Richard Harrell Duplin General Hospital Administrator.

National Spinning Announces Cut Back At Warsaw Plant

Officials of National Spinning Company announced a cut back of 60% in their Warsaw plant operations at a news conference held at Carson's Restaurant in Warsaw on Friday morning.

This would mean that about half of the 250 Warsaw plant employees would be laid off.

Ben Ellenberg, Warsaw Plant Personnel Director, introduced Fred Archer, Warsaw Plant Manager and Don Barham, corporate vice president of industrial relations, who made the announcement.

"I have some good news and some bad news," stated Barham. "National Spinning business is very, very strong. We are producing products that are immune to inflation. In 1979 National Spinning enjoyed the best profit year in the company's history."

"The bad news," Barham

continued, "our Warsaw plant will be cut back to 40% capacity until we can get products and equipment similar to that of the Beulaville plant."

He blamed the production curtailment on business conditions.

The layoffs will involve all levels of personnel "from management to hourly wage earners," he said.

The plant makes filament yarn for fashion fabrics. Barham said the material is expensive on the retail market and demand for it is adversely affected quickly in a downturn economy.

The company has earmarked \$4 million worth of new equipment for the Warsaw plant with delivery scheduled early next year, however, Barham said this plan would be subject to improved economic conditions. He said the equipment was open-end spinning

machinery generally used for hosiery and other popular materials.

In 1976 the company's Beulaville plant was closed while the company installed open-end equipment. At that time the plant employed 200 persons. Since re-opening in 1978 the plant has been enlarged and now employs

about 300 workers.

Barham said the Warsaw plant would continue operating on a three-shift, around-the-clock basis five days a week.

The Warsaw plant has been losing money in recent months while the other plants in the National Spinning system have been showing good profits, Barham

said. The Warsaw plant lost \$352,000 during the first quarter of the year.

"This is a good labor market," Barham said. "The employees are the best and are being laid off only because of economic reasons."

The plant normally closes down for vacation July 4 for a week. He said employees

due vacations would be paid vacation pay. He said the company would keep up the health and accident insurance on the laid-off employees for a month. The laid-off employees will also have first chance at any job openings in the Beulaville or any other National Spinning plants.

The Liberty Cart Receives State Theatre Arts Grant

"The Liberty Cart," an historical outdoor drama in Kenansville, has received a state theatre arts grant for \$5,000, it has been announced jointly by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. and Sara W. Hodgkins.

Recommendation for support was made by N.C.

Theatre Arts, the section of Cultural Resources which works with the state's professional, non-profit theatres, at the spring meeting of its 13-member board.

The grant will be used to assist in the production's promotional package.

The Duplin County board is conducting a series of budget review sessions to cut the \$10.4 million requested by the various county departments to about \$7.5 million in order to hold the tax rate at the present 68 cents per \$100 valuation.

The departmental requests would have required \$7.45 million of ad valorem tax funds which would have meant a levy of \$1.27 per \$100 valuation, County Manager Ralph Cottle said.

He said the board has cut requests to a total of about \$7.85 million. It will continue the work sessions into next week to try to eliminate at

least another \$300,000, he added. A budget of \$7.5 million would require about \$3,974,00 from ad valorem tax funds. The county anticipates about \$3.35 million in revenue from other sources.

The board is reviewing a

proposed overall salary increase of 7 percent. Each 1 percent county employee salary increase costs the county \$16,593, Cottle reported.

Reserve funds will drop from \$590,000 at the end of

fiscal year 1978-79 to an estimated \$200,000 at the end of this year.

Tax Supervisor Frank Moore reported assessed valuation of Duplin County is now \$615 million compared with \$586 million last year.

Duplin Board Conducting Budget Review Sessions

Mt. Olive Man Dies In Truck Crash

A 40-year-old Mount Olive resident died Saturday evening when his 1978 Chevrolet pickup truck left the road, sideswiped several trees and overturned.

The victim, identified as David Earl Blizzard of Route 1, Mount Olive, was the only occupant of the truck when the accident occurred at about 7:28 p.m. on Rural Unpaved Road 1522 approxi-

mately 13 miles east of Mount Olive, according to Trooper S.P. McCorquodale. No sign of excessive speed was apparent in the accident, McCorquodale said.