



THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT WINS - The second annual softball and field day held between the Eighth and Fourth Judicial Districts was held last Friday in Kenansville. The Eighth Judicial District, made up of Lenoir, Wayne and Green counties, won the softball game against the Fourth District of Duplin, Sampson, Onslow and Jones counties. The teams are made up of young people who have come in contact with the juvenile court

system during the past year. The teams are coached by court counselors. The first softball game and field day, held in 1979, was won by the Fourth District. Pictured in the top photo are the members of the winning team from the Eighth District, and below are their opponents from the Fourth District.

Deaths — Funerals

JOHN M. SUMNER
PINK HILL - John M. Sumner, 71, died Sunday. Arrangements by Community Funeral Home, Beulaville.

AUSTIN M. SWINSON
MOUNT OLIVE - Austin M. Swinson, 79, died Tuesday. Funeral, Tyndall Funeral Home chapel. Burial, Maplewood Cemetery.

Surviving: widow, Mrs. Stella McArthur Swinson; son, William N. Swinson of Mount Olive; daughters, Mrs. Ray Smith and Mrs. Robert H. Best, Jr., both of Mount Olive; brother, Dan Swinson of Warsaw; sister, Mrs. Forest Dail of Mount Olive; seven grandchildren; a great-grandchild.

GEORGE SWINSON
MOUNT OLIVE - George Washington Swinson, Sr., 67, of Route 2, Mount Olive, died Thursday. Funeral, Tyndall Funeral Home chapel. Burial, Walker family cemetery.

Surviving: sons, G.W. Swinson, Jr. of Mount Olive, Marvin Swinson of Route 2, Mount Olive; daughter, Mrs. Bobbie Deaver of Route 2, Mount Olive; seven grandchildren.

EVA M. BONEY
ROSE HILL - Mrs. Eva M. Boney, 64, died Wednesday. Funeral, Olive Creek A.M.E. Church. Burial, family cemetery.

Surviving: widower, William Oscar Boney; sisters, Mrs. Vera Williams of Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Elizabeth Kenan of Warsaw; brothers, Rivers McCollop of New Britain, Conn., George McCollop and J. Wilkins McCollop, both of Rose Hill.

CLIFFORD RAMSEY
WALLACE - Clifford Ramsey, 79, died Thursday. Funeral, Poston Baptist Church. Burial, Rockfish Cemetery.

Surviving: widow, Mrs. Annie Laura Southerland Ramsey; stepdaughter, Mrs. Daniel Cottle of Clinton; son, Clifford Ramsey, Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla.; sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Vdovich and Mrs. Lottie Zandy, both of Burgaw. Mrs. Mildred Wilmoth of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Estelle Porter of Warsaw; brothers, James T. Ramsey of Teachey, Aubrey Ramsey of Burgaw; a grandchild; two step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren.

WOODROW BATTS
CHINQUAPIN - Woodrow Wilson Batts, 66, died Wednesday. Funeral, Edgerton Funeral Home chapel, Beulaville. Burial, East Duplin Memorial Gardens.

Surviving: widow, Mrs. Alice Lanier Batts; daughter, Mrs. Faye Edwards of Goldsboro; sister, Mrs. Caroline Johnson of Beulaville; brothers, Fayette Batts of Warsaw, Tom Batts of Rose Hill; three grandchildren.

NEALIE R. EVANS
WALLACE - Mrs. Nealie Rivenbark Evans, 94, died Wednesday. Funeral, Edgerton Funeral Home chapel. Burial, Little Creek Cemetery.

Surviving: daughters, Mrs. Ruby Bradshaw and Mrs. Mildred Pigford, both of Rose Hill, Mrs. George W. Brown of Wallace; sisters, Mrs. Sallie English of Wilmington, Mrs. Lillian Quinn of Warsaw; brothers, Claude Rivenbark and Ben F. Rivenbark, both of Rose Hill; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren.

Man Dies in Head-On Collision During Fog

James David Russell, 22, of Seymour Johnson AFB in Goldsboro, died in a head-on collision at 6:30 a.m. Monday on Highway 11 north of Beulaville.

Investigating Highway Patrolman Woody Sandy said Russell was driving south on the foggy highway headed toward Camp Lejeune. Russell's vehicle collided with one driven by Herman Craft, 22, of Beulaville, who crossed the center line, Sandy said.

Craft was uninjured, and Russell's 20-year-old wife Nancy was injured and taken to Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville.

Sandy said he planned to file criminal charges against Craft after an investigation.

Sandy said he investigated three other accidents on state roads in the county during the morning fog, but there were no other deaths.



Along the Way

By Emily Killeto

Duplin women are becoming more active in political affairs of the county, and today there are five women holding locally elected offices in our county.

After the Civil War when black men won their independence, America had still another group of citizens without rights — women. While the fight for women's rights was not as violent as the Civil War, the cause was just as great. However, the Civil War and women's suffrage cannot really be compared, because once America's women were granted a vote, they had little trouble exercising their right. Once blacks were granted a vote, many laws and restrictions were passed to prohibit the black man from exercising his rights.

Now, almost a hundred years later, America has many laws which protect the civil rights of each citizen. And, more people from the different minorities are becoming involved in the government of the United States. In Duplin County, women are becoming involved in the government of their towns, 55-60 years after women's suffrage. But, the lack of effort has not been the delay. The first woman to run for public office in Duplin County was Mrs. Marshall Williams of Faison in 1936. Mrs. Williams was running for the office of Representative to the North Carolina House.

Mrs. Williams was known throughout Duplin and the state for her artistic works and her work with the Democratic party. She had served 16 years as the only woman member of the board of directors of the state hospital in Raleigh, six years as a member of the state executive committee of the Democratic Party, and served as vice-chairman of the Third Congressional District Democratic Party. Regardless of Mrs. Williams' interest and knowledge of the political affairs in Duplin

and the state, she was not elected. She ran on a ballot with two opponents, both men, and each received more votes than did Mrs. Williams.

Today, in Duplin County, 44 years later, we have five women involved in local governments — three of the five make up a majority on the Faison board of town commissioners. The remaining two women hold offices in Kenansville and Teachey. Helen Britt, Rachel Clifton and Billie Hollingsworth are three of the five Faison commissioners. Betty Long is a Kenansville commissioner, and Ruby Ramsey is the Teachey mayor.

It was only within the past decade that citizens in Duplin County elected their first women to local offices. And, the first lady to be elected was Helen Britt to serve as a town commissioner. It was during the last election of local government officials that Hollingsworth and Clifton were elected to the Faison board, with both replacing male members. Betty Long is presently serving a second term on the Kenansville board of commissioners. Ruby Ramsey was Duplin's first woman mayor and she is currently serving a second term in

Teachey. Another lady was elected as mayor of Magnolia during the last election, but declined the office — Marjorie Pickett. Pickett has served many years as the town clerk, and recently retired from that position.

As Duplin County grows, more women will be running for local government offices and the county is seeing a trend toward women on the board of education. The first woman to serve on the Duplin Board of Education was elected in 1978 — Pat Broadrick of Warsaw. And, as the county grows more, citizens, not just women, can be expected to run for the local government offices. The black population of the county will be joining the ranks of Duplin county commissioners, board of education members, town mayors and town commissioners.

Legal Notice

NORTH CAROLINA DUPLIN COUNTY NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Austin Mason Swinson, late deceased of said Duplin County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to file them with the undersigned at Rt. 2, Mount Olive, N.C. 28365, on or before the 24th day of December 1980, or they will be barred from asserting their right to recover against said estate.
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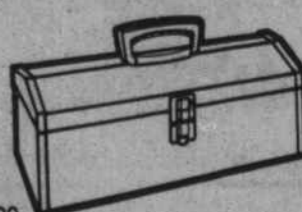
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