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TRUCKLOADS OF MARIJUANA - 28 hundred pounds of it worth an estimated \$300 thousand, was found in several cornfields outside Beulaville Friday, July 24th. Two Beulaville men, Virgil and Virgil (Mayo)

Sanderson, were arrested by Duplin County sheriff's deputies and are now being held in the Duplin County jail in Kenansville. Bond has been set at \$58,000 each.



SEVERAL PASSERSBY STOPPED at Williams Crossroads outside Beulaville to get a first-hand look at the confiscated marijuana. Most of the marijuana was still in the green stage and averaged six feet in height.

Two Men Arrested Friday In Beulaville Drug Raid

Duplin County sheriff's deputies arrested two Beulaville men, Virgil Mayo Sanderson Sr., 44, and Virgil (Vick) Mayo Sanderson Jr., 22, Friday, July 24 on drug charges after patches of marijuana were found in a cornfield at Williams' Crossroads southwest of Beulaville.

Sheriff Elwood Revelle, who headed the operation, said his men spotted the marijuana from an airplane. Revelle said his officers had been told some time ago that someone was growing marijuana in the area. Last week they pulled up 400 plants but found no one in the field. Deputy Sheriff Glenn Jernigan said that some of the haul Friday had been staked

out and the rest spotted by airplanes. The marijuana was found in five different locations and the plants averaged six feet tall. According to Jernigan, 28 hundred pounds of green weight marijuana was found at an estimated value of \$300,000. "Some had been harvested, but most of it was still in the growing stage,"

said Deputy Jernigan. There were eight pounds of dry marijuana. "It was easy to spot," he said. The confiscated marijuana will be destroyed. The sheriff's department, S.B.I., Highway Patrol and Beulaville Police Department aided in the investigation. Both Sanderson men are being held in the Duplin

County jail in Kenansville under five counts of violating North Carolina controlled substance laws ranging from manufacture of marijuana to conspiracy to manufacture, sell and deliver marijuana. They have been unable to post the bond of \$58,000 each.

The Sandersons first appeared in court on Monday morning. The preliminary hearing for the case was set for August 10.

Costin Tapped Into State 4-H Honor Club

One of the highest honors in 4-H work was bestowed Monday night on a Duplin County youth. Wanda Costin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Costin of Route 1, Warsaw, was "tapped" into the state 4-H Honor Club in a colorful candlelight ceremony marking one of the highlights of the North Carolina 4-H Congress in Raleigh.

Membership in the some 1,200-member organization is a reward for outstanding service to 4-H work. The 4-H'ers are judged on their leadership abilities, moral standards, 4-H activities and project achievement. Selection is made after careful study by the Honor Club members. The tapping is a distinction that is reserved for less than one-half of one

percent of the state's 4-H members. Wanda has been a 4-H member for eight years. During this time she has received many honors, including trips to National 4-H Congress in Chicago as a state winner in public speaking long-time record book, to the American Institute of Cooperatives convention in Montana as state

winner in the American Business System demonstration, and to the Eastern Regional Engineering Event in Virginia as state winner in small engines demonstration. Wanda is currently serving as secretary-treasurer for the southeastern 4-H district and in 1980 she was named one of the outstanding senior 4-H'ers in Duplin County.

Duplin Arts Council Receives \$6,035 In Grants

The Duplin County Arts Council has received two grants from the North Carolina Arts Council totalling \$6,035. A grant of \$4,205 was awarded DCAC through the Grassroots Arts program. An additional \$1,723 may be awarded in the fall, pending action of the North Carolina Legislature. Grassroots funds are used for DCAC's arts-in-the-schools program which last year reached every student in the county's school

system, according to DCAC Director Mary Gardner. "With the help of Grassroots and funds from the board of education, the Arts Council was able to sponsor performances and residencies by nine touring groups and individual artists in the schools last year," Ms. Gardner pointed out. "Students experienced opera, puppetry, folk music, dance, theater and literature through Arts-in-the-Schools." To help offset the rising costs of booking artists for

school and community events, DCAC also received \$1,830 from the N.C. Touring Program of the state arts council. This grant will enable the arts council to sponsor performances by the Byard Ray Traditional String Band in September; the Frank Holder Dance Company in December, and return visits by the Ward-Phillips Duo. The Duplin Arts Council is funded through the county of Duplin. The board of education, the state arts council and private contributions.

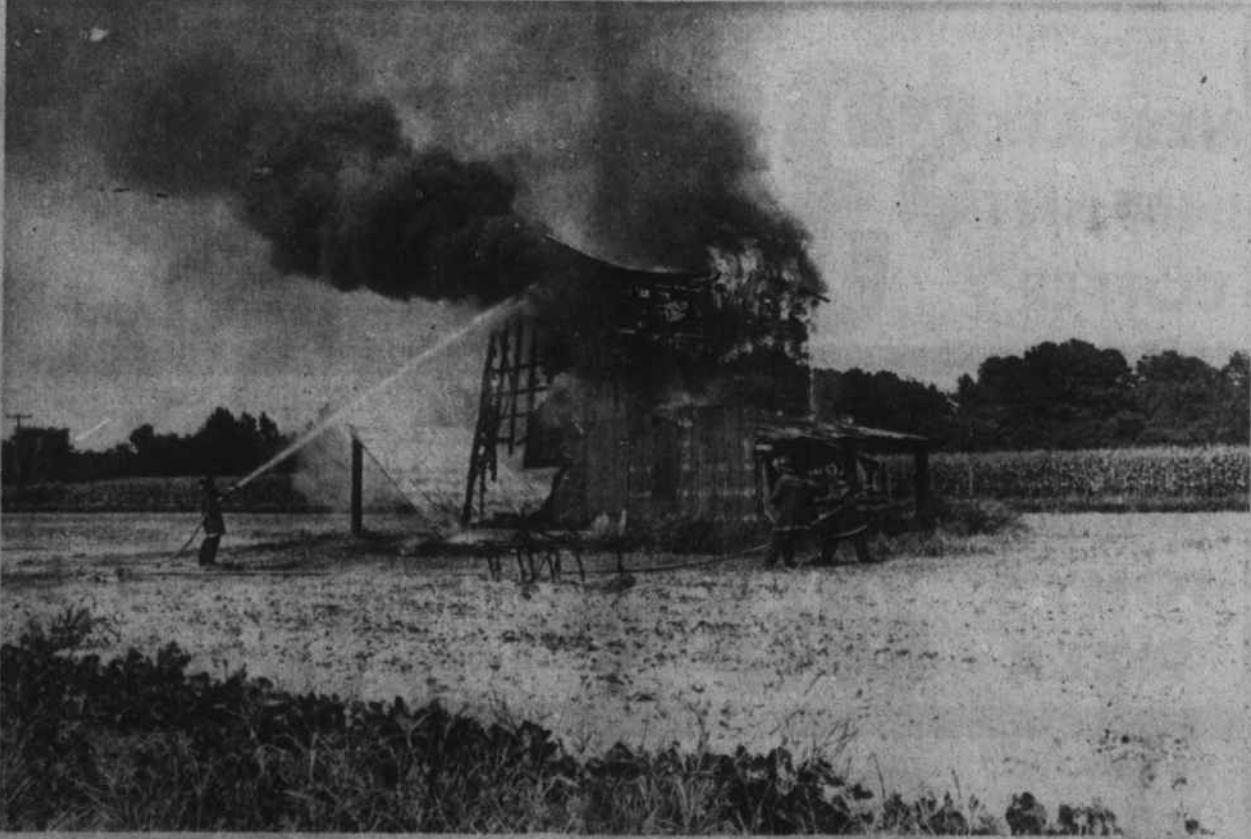
Sprunt Settles Roofing Suit

The James Sprunt Technical College Board of Trustees, which earlier found a 20-year bond on a roof meant little in payment of repairs 10 years later, accepted an out-of-court settlement of a suit against Owens Corning Fiber Glass in connection with faulty shingles. The school had asked for

\$5,870 in damage for alleged failure of the shingles to hold up. E.C. Thompson III told the board the company had offered to settle for \$3,000. He recommended acceptance. The warranty on installation was good for two years. Cost of the roof repair project will be \$32,360. The

roof on the Herring Building began leaking several years ago. About a year ago the board learned it would have to replace about half of the roof. The board approved 109 employment contracts and salary increases of 5 percent to 5.5 percent for all but 29 of the employees. The 29 al-

ready were paid as much or more than their grade in the community college pay schedule. James Strickland of Warsaw and Jack Williams of Faison were sworn in to new four-year terms on the board. Donna Jones of Rose Hill was sworn in to a one-year term as student member of the board.



GEORGE BLACKMORE'S BARN AND TOBACCO GOES UP IN SMOKE - Warsaw firemen answered the call at 4:20 Sunday afternoon about 1 1/2 miles north on Highway 117. The barn was fully engulfed in flames and mostly destroyed when the firemen arrived on the scene. However, they were able to save two shelters. Blackmore stated there were about 800 to 900 sticks of "almost cured" tobacco in the barn. "I opened the barn door to

check on the tobacco," Blackmore said, "and I saw some oil from one of the burners on the ground. . . It had leaked out and by the time I closed the door, it just shot up, and in 20 minutes or less, the barn and tobacco were gone. . . It was pretty, too. Cured tobacco will average about two pounds to the stick. So I lost the barn and about 1,700 pounds of tobacco."

Either Sex Deer Hunting Voted Down

The Duplin County commissioners voted down an either-sex deer hunting period for the autumn hunting season last week. The N.C. Wildlife Commission must come before the county board to request an either-sex deer season for all or part of the county, according to local legislation originated by the county's legislators. Grady Barnes of the Wildlife Commission appeared before the board to request an either-sex season to reduce the excess deer population of the area south of N.C. 24 and east of N.C. 11. Barnes said Duplin is the only county in the state with this particular legislation. He said due to personnel reductions, the person as-

signed to keep up with varying hunting regulations was no longer with the commission. As a result, more than 10,000 pamphlets listing hunting regulations state that Duplin has an either-sex deer season. The board made its decision after 20 hunters presented a large number of petitions signed by members of hunting clubs objecting to an either-sex season. Barnes said a statement saying there will be no doe season in Duplin County will be placed on the courthouse bulletin board. In other business, Frank Moore, county veterans service director, reported \$2,954,153 came into the county last year in the form of Veterans Administration payments to former service-

men and women. The board agreed to allow Dr. Larry Price, a dentist attempting to set up a practice in Rose Hill, to use the former poultry diagnostic laboratory building in Rose Hill as his office for six months free if he would do the necessary repair work on the structure. The building needs about \$1,500 worth of painting and repairs. After the initial six months, the county, which owns the building, would require \$150 per month rent for its use. The low bid of Brewer Motor Co. of Wallace for three law enforcement vehicles at \$8,403 each was accepted. The bid of Massey Motors of Kinston on five vehicles was also accepted. The com-

pany offered a bid of \$6,073.10 for a compact station wagon and \$6,264.10 each for four Toyota pickups. Two of the pickups will be assigned to the new building inspection department, one to the landfill and one to the dog warden. The station wagon will be assigned to the emergency services coordinator. J.T. Brinkley of Teachey was appointed to the county nursing advisory committee, and the Rev. Julius McMillan of Wallace to a regional aging advisory board. Certificates of commendation were presented to three new Eagle Scouts — Doug and Don Grady of Beulaville and William Quinn Jr. of Kenansville.