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School Panel Approves Social Studies Program

The Duplin County Board of Education last Tuesday night approved a social studies program to provide seniors with first-hand acquaintance with county government, judicial and law enforcement offices and officers.

The program will permit 125 students of the four high schools to visit the various offices and talk with officials during a three-day period next spring.

It is an outgrowth in student interest in social studies beyond world and U.S.

history. The students will take a course in law and justice during the fall semester and in Duplin and North Carolina history in the spring semester.

The only extra charge for the course will be the cost of meals during the visitation period.

The exact week for the visitation has not been set. However, the program is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. on Thursday of the week to be selected; from 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Supt. L.S. Guy told the board 8,280 students attended the first day of school, 100 fewer than on the first day last year. He said the state estimated Duplin County would lose 200 pupils. Its enrollment has been dropping at about that rate for several years.

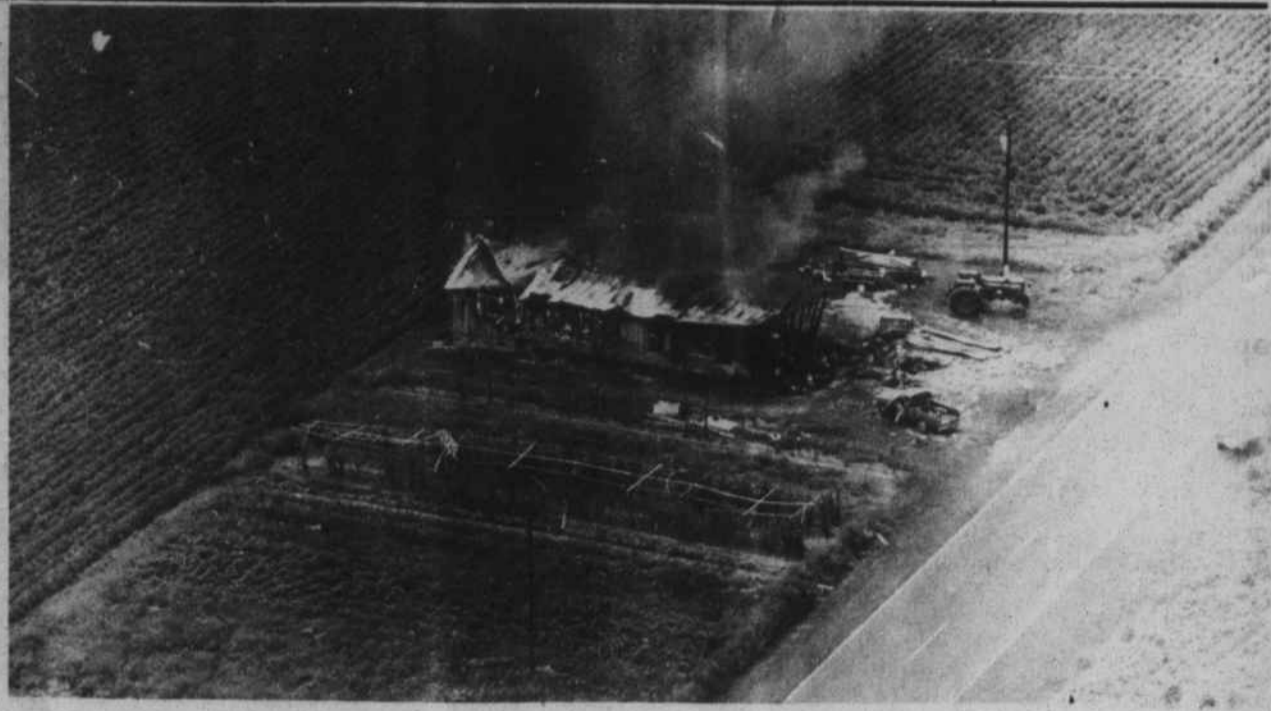
"Perhaps this means we have leveled off, but it will be several days until we can be sure," he added.

The board promoted Gary Sanderson to associate superintendent. His salary will be increased from

\$27,108 to \$28,332 per year, all paid from the state allocation. He was assistant in charge of high schools. He now is in charge of instructional services.

Sanderson came from Wayne County, where he had been a school principal.

The board renewed the contract of Dr. Alice Scott, head of vocational education and pupil personnel services at a salary of \$28,308. The state pays about 70 percent and the county 30 percent of her salary. She holds assistant superintendent rank.



WHITMAN HOUSE BURNS - It was easier to burn it down than to tear it down. Herman Whitman's house was damaged by fire caused by lightning earlier. After

salvaging what was salvageable, he burned the rest. The home was located near C.M. Outlaw's Store on Wards Bridge Road east of Warsaw.

Registrars And Judges Of Elections Appointed

The Duplin County Board of Elections completed appointments of registrars and judges of elections at its meeting Sept. 1. Certificates of appointment are being readied for distribution at an early date. It is important to note that all of these appointees are available to register new residents or unregistered persons in the precinct of their appointments, according to Claude E. Hepler, chairman of the board. "Since this is a voluntary service, it is only fitting that they be called or contacted for an appointment to register," said Hepler.

The following are those appointed:

Warsaw: Registrar-Brooks Boyette, Judges - Lee Brown and Timothy Williams; Faison: Registrar - Edward Bradshaw, Judges - Catherine C. Kennedy and Frances R. King; Calypso: Registrar - Ann Nunn, Judges - Virginia Hines and Debbie S. Daniels; Wolfscrape: Registrar - Gerald Bell, Judges - Elbert Davis and C.C. Weaver; Glisson: Registrar - Lena S. Davis, Judges - Thomas, Leon Stroud and Annie Lee Deaver; Smith: Registrar - Veachie T. Smith, Judges - Grover Rhodes and Charles Linwood Tyndall; Cabin: Registrar - Nell Rae Kennedy, Judges - Haywood Tyndall

and Ressa A. Kennedy; Hallsville: Registrar - Josephine Lanier, Judges - Grace Albertson and Milo Pickett; Beulaville: Registrar - Eddie Ray Maready, Judges - I.J. Sandlin and Carl G. Baysden; Cedar Fork: Registrar - J.D. Sloan, Judges - Hassell Brown and Harold L. Raynor; Cypress Creek: Registrar - Graham C. Raynor, Judges - Keith R. Sholar and Johnny D. Manning; Chinquapin: Registrar - Nell Bryan, Judges - Denver Sholar and Nancy F. Bryan; Locklin: Registrar - Eva Marie Carter, Judges - Linda C. Farrior and Charlie W. Brinkley; Wallace: Registrar - Z.R. Atkinson, Judges - Verda R. Wells

and Nina Mae Cavanaugh; Rockfish: Registrar - Judy Matthews, Judges - Annie Ruth Wells and Eunice W. Knowles; Rose Hill: Registrar - H.M. Price, Judges - J.D. Dafford and Sallie W. Blanchard; Magnolia: Registrar - Lillie F. Sanders, Judges - James A. Powell and Joseph Rose; and Kenansville: Carolyn C. Hall, Judges - Paul Ingram and Robert E. Hughes.

A list of municipal registrars and judges will be released next week.

The voter registration deadline for the Nov. 3 municipal elections is Oct. 5 at 5 p.m.

Lenoir CC President Speaks At James Sprunt Graduation

Approximately 250 students will be graduating during James Sprunt Technical College's 19th annual commencement exercises Sunday, Sept. 20 at 6 p.m. in the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Amphitheater in Kenansville.

Graduating students will receive degrees, diplomas and certificates in general education, technical, vocational and adult diploma programs offered on the campus. The public is invited to the exercises and to hear this year's speaker, Dr. Jesse L. McDaniel, president of Lenoir Community College in Kinston. McDaniel is a native of Kinston and has served since 1971 as president of LCC. Before returning to Kinston, McDaniel had worked across the state in the educational field, serving as a teacher, principal and superintendent of public schools. He moved from the position as superintendent of Franklinton City Schools to the University of North Carolina at Asheville, where he served as dean of student personnel services two years, and head of the education department for three years. He left UNC-A to become a dean at LCC and served in that capacity until 1971 when he was named as president.



Dr. J.L. McDaniel

In addition, McDaniel serves on the Kinston Wachovia Bank & Trust Co.

Meeting Postponed

The meeting of the Duplin County Democratic Executive Committee, which had been scheduled for Sept. 10, has been postponed due to Mrs. Patricia Broadrick's change in moving plans.

The meeting had been scheduled after Mrs. Broadrick twice informed party Chairman Melvin Williams that she was definitely going to resign on Sept. 1 and that her resignation would be effective Sept. 15.

The Democratic Party had also received an official resolution from the Duplin County Board of Education asking that great care be taken in appointing Mrs. Broadrick's successor.

"Mrs. Broadrick told me on Sept. 2 that she did not decide to withhold her resignation until Sept. 1, the day she had set for her resignation. We are glad she will be staying in Duplin County with us for a longer period of time," Williams said.

board of directors. He has served the Lenoir County community as a fund-raiser, Jaycee, Lion, Rotary and Chamber of Commerce member, and a church lay leader and teacher. McDaniel has also served on the executive committee, as president-elect and as president of the N.C. Association of Colleges and Universities.

He is married and the father of two daughters.

Following the graduation exercises, the public is cordially invited to attend a reception on the grounds of the amphitheater. In the event of inclement weather, the graduation and reception will be held in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium.

Attendance Policy For Duplin County Schools

The Duplin County Board of Education approved a new attendance policy on August 4. The policy is designed to improve school attendance and student performance, according to Dr. Alice S. Scott, assistant superintendent.

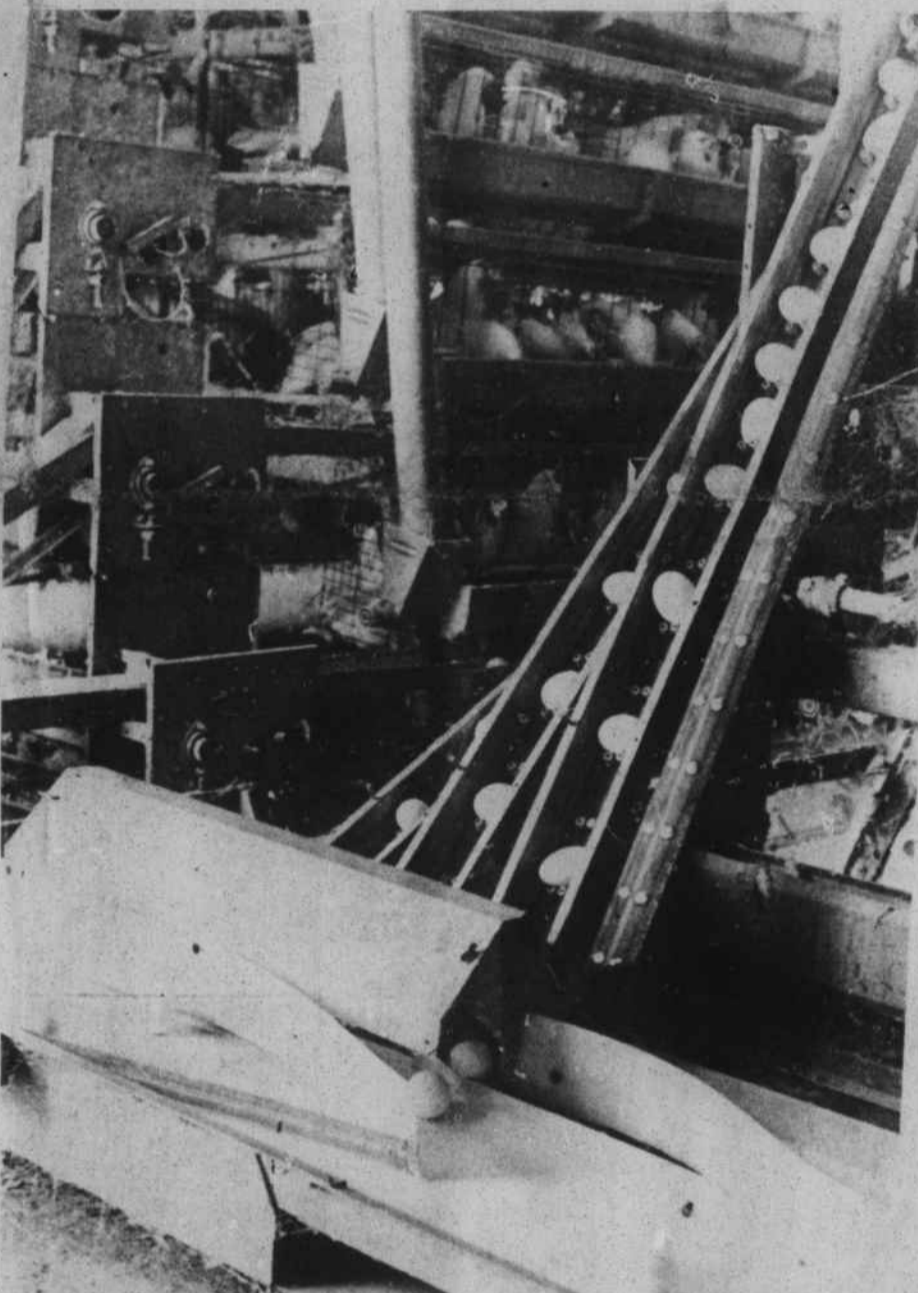
California Achievement Test (CAT) date clearly shows a strong correlation between good attendance and student performance. The CAT results for 1980-81 ninth grade students in Duplin County illustrate the correlation of attendance and performance. Ninth grade students who were absent 0-7 days scored on the total battery a grade equivalent of 10.0; students absent 8-14 days scored 9.0 - one grade equivalent lower; students absent 15-21 days scored 7.7; and students absent more than 21 days scored 6.3. The average attendance for all schools in 1980-81 was 94.03%.

The compulsory attendance law requires students through age 16 to attend school. The Duplin County BOE has adopted additional policies for grades 9-12. The

policy states that excessive absences (more than 15 per semester) will result in failure of the course(s) involved for that semester. This is a total of 15 excused and/or unexcused absences per semester. Students are not allowed absences. Students are to be in attendance unless there is a valid excuse. Appropriate verification for the absence is to be provided to the school official on the first day back to school.

Tardiness to school and/or classes and skipping school or classes is recognized by the Duplin BOE as significant problems in grades 9-12. It is therefore the policy of the BOE that each school be required to use either in-school suspension or after school detention hall to invoke an immediate penalty.

The BOE is serving to provide the best education possible for the students of the county. As a parent, do your part to get your children to school, to school on time, and to develop a positive attitude toward school, says Dr. Scott.



EGG EXPRESSWAY - Automatic egg handling - Easy does it. Tim Kennedy's automatic egg-handling operation near Beulaville packs over 34,000 per day during peak season. That is, of course, with the help of 36,000 laying hens. The operation is so automatic only one person is needed to move

the cases of packed eggs - the rest is automatic. Tim and one helper work three and one-half hours a day each in the operation. FCX contracts the eggs. Rubber fingers move the eggs gently to the waiting conveyor in the picture.

Grape Festival

Duplin County will be the site of the fourth annual North Carolina Grape Festival on Saturday, Sept. 26. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., Duplin Wine Cellars in Rose Hill will host grape events ranging from a 10,000 meter run to the exciting celebrity Grape Stomp, which caps off the day's activities.

"The Grape Festival has become a highlight of the year for this part of eastern North Carolina," said David Fussell, president of Duplin Wine Cellars and the prime mover in the festival. "We started with just a grape stomp four years ago and the event has grown as rapidly as the area's wine industry."

Brothers Killed

Two brothers, Dail Wayne Harrell, 21, of Route 1, Albertson, and Andy Tyson Harrell, 18, of Route 2, Beulaville, were killed Tuesday morning at 2:20 a.m. three-tenths of a mile north of Levy Harrell's Store at Chinquapin.

Trooper W.F. Sandy said the tragedy took place when a 1974 Oldsmobile driven by Nathaniel Murray of Rose Hill, on Highway 50 ran over the subjects who were lying in the southbound lane. The accident was termed unavoidable and no charges were filed. Sandy stated Murray was unable to see them laying in the roadway because of the heavy fog.

Assault With An Auto

Alice Faye McIntire, 25, of 501 Pritchett Road, Fayetteville, was charged with allegedly assaulting Robert L. Miller of Route 1, Beulaville, with a 1974 Mercury.

According to the warrant, she attempted to back over Miller. Not being successful, she turned around and attempted again to back over him. Beulaville Chief of Police Audrey Murphy charged McIntire with driving without a license. She was also charged on a warrant with shoplifting at the Village Shop. She was released under a \$1,000 bond.

Faison Man Charged With Murder

Atlas Goodman Jr., 34, of P.O. Box 172, Faison, was charged with murder by the Duplin County Sheriff's Department in the shooting death of Cornell Beckton, 37, of Camden, N.J. Duplin County Deputy E. G. Baker stated the incident

took place in the parking lot of Frank Taylor's Place near Faison Saturday afternoon at 4:28. Beckton had been shot one time in the upper right side with a small calibre handgun. Goodman is in the county jail in Kenansville.

Local Library To Host Southeastern N. C. Librarians

The Duplin County Dorothy Wightman Library staff will host the regular quarterly meeting of the Librarians' Organization of the Southeast (LOOSE) in Kenansville on Friday, Sept. 11. Approximately 60 librarians and support staff from 16 public libraries in southeastern North Carolina are expected to attend. Librarian Roberta Williams and her staff, Mrs. Ethel Kelly, Mrs. Eva Miller and Mrs. Marie Todd, assisted by members of the Duplin County Library Board of Trustees, will serve as hostesses.

Following a coffee hour and tour of the new county library facility, the group will adjourn to the Fellowship Hall of Kenansville United Methodist Church for a program featuring a panel dis-

cussion on "People, People Problems and the Public Library."

Appearing on the panel will be Charles and Carolyn Ingram, attorneys of Kenansville; David McMillian, former work-study coordinator for Extended Day School, Board of Education; Mark Vinson, juvenile court counselor of Kenansville; Rev. Ann Dickey and Rev. David Dickey, co-pastors of Grove and Smith Presbyterian Churches, Kenansville.

Discussion will focus on such topics as the legal rights and responsibilities of the patron and library personnel; handling disruptive and unruly patrons; and social concerns which create problems for the staff and patrons, including drugs, alcohol