

Duplin Schools Inclement Weather Procedures Announced

Periodically during the winter months, and other infrequent times, when hazardous conditions prevail, e.g., sleet, snow, freezing rain, it will be necessary to alter the normal school day and operate on a modified schedule that could include either the delay in the beginning of a school day, early dismissal of a school day, or in some instances the cancellation of a school day or days.

The superintendent of schools will make these decisions using advice from the National Weather Service, the Duplin County Sheriff's Department, the Highway Patrol and in most cases, the Duplin County roads maintenance department. In some situations, Duplin County schools personnel representing various geographical parts of the county will be consulted.

In any questionable situation, the safety of the children and employees is the primary consideration and every effort will be exerted to be decisive, timely and in the interest of safety first.

Parents and other citizens also have a keen interest in

what takes place within the public schools, and whenever hazardous conditions are present, they have a strong desire to be informed of procedures and announced action. We recognize this vested right and intend to continually work toward improving our procedures for making decisions, notifying bus drivers and other employees, and notifying Duplin County citizens, said a spokesman from the Board of Education.

"It is with the aforementioned statements in mind that we announce the following procedures to be used at times when emergency school openings or closings are to take place:

1. The superintendent will make all necessary contacts with departments, officials and agencies and make the decision on what course of action will be taken. Unless announced otherwise, the Duplin county schools will operate on scheduled school days.

2. If weather conditions exist so that there is an accumulation on the ground, bus drivers have been instructed to remain at home until 6:30 or until they get a

call, if in their judgment the roads would be unsafe. When drivers are on the road and they reach a point that the roads are unsafe, they will stop in the first safe place, instruct that the doors be kept closed, then get to the nearest phone and call the school bus garage at 296-0479.

(Note: Many times concerned parents and citizens question why some buses do not turn around and return home. That is always a consideration and many times the drivers are turned around, but many times the buses have gone far enough through the route that if they turned around they would run out of gas before getting home, thereby creating another hazard.)

3. If schools are to be closed the decision will be made no later than 6:30 a.m. Many times it will be possible for the announcement to be made earlier and the decision will always be made at the earliest hour and minute.

4. If the school schedule is to be changed in any way the following television and radio stations will be notified no

later than 6:30 a.m. (Note: The calling of these stations will begin at approximately 5:45 and most will announce immediately. Please check the list for those stations that broadcast early):

Rock And Roll For Heart Association

Nursing home residents at Guardian Care will be rocking and rolling for the benefit of the American Heart Association on Wednesday, Feb. 17th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The main event involves nursing home residents rocking in rocking chairs and rolling in wheelchairs for money they can raise in the fight against heart disease and stroke. Some residents will walk for funds pledged.

The joint community effort between the nursing home and young people of all ages in the community has been developed as a worthwhile "fun-raising" time.

Some 75 percent of the money raised during the Jamboree will be used in the Duplin area for public and professional education and community service programs. The other 25 percent will be used at the national level for research.

The public is invited to attend the day-long activities at the Guardian Care Nursing Home. Activities include a bake sale, fortunetelling booth, and free blood pressure checks given by one of the Guardian Care registered nurses. Also there will be a poster contest on display, and the oldest male and female participating in the Jamboree will be crowned at the Valentine party on Saturday, Feb. 13th at 2 p.m.

For more information on how you can "Be a Fun-Raiser for Heart," contact Julie Lane at GCNH, P.O. Box 478, Kenansville, NC 28349, or call at 296-1561.

Powers-Simmons Vows Spoken

In a candlelight ceremony, Barbara Emanuelle Simmons became the bride of Thomas Bruce Powers on Saturday, the thirtieth of January at three o'clock at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Williamsburg, Va.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Alice Whaley S. Baker and the late William Edgar Simmons, and granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Whaley, also the granddaughter of Mrs. Lela Simmons of Beulaville. The groom is the son of Mrs. Mary Elgin of Rochester.

Wisconsin. The Reverend Bobby Atkins, pastor of the bride's mother, officiated at the double-ring rites.

The couple spoke their vows before an altar setting consisting of an arrangement of pink and white carnations, white glads and yellow mums centered on the communion table, flanked on either side with white burning tapers. Two small arrangements of the same colors were on stands at both sides of the table.

The family pews were marked by white streamers.

A program of traditional wedding music was presented by Mrs. Brenda Taylor, who also sang "You Light Up My Life" and "Whither Thou Goest." The couple sealed the bonds of marriage by lighting the unity candle which was resting on a stand entwined with ivy.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother and was escorted to the third pew by her mother, where she was met by the groom. She wore a formal ivory gown of silk organza, fashioned with an empire waist, sheer sleeves with fitted cuffs and snap closures, and a colonial neckline trimmed in lace. Her headpiece was an ivory crown of white miniature roses with a shoulder-length net. She carried a bridal bouquet of white miniature roses and stephanotis trimmed in white net.

The matron of honor was Sandra Simmons Dalrymple of Norfolk, Va., sister of the bride.

Best man was Michael Lenzen of Norfolk, Va. He and the groom wore ivory tuxedos with white carnation boutonnières. Ushers were Stephen Ahler of Burlington, Wis., and Johnny Lee Brock of Mount Olive, cousin of the bride.

Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Mary Elgin were remembered with double white carnation corsages.

The wedding was under the direction of Mrs. Odell Brock of Warsaw, aunt of the bride. Mrs. Dan Wallace and her daughter, Kristie of Albemarle attended the registry.

Reception

Mrs. Odell Brock and Mrs. Johnnie Brock greeted the guests at the entrance of the fellowship hall which was

decorated with two small arrangements of pink and white carnations, yellow mums and white glads with yellow and white streamers. The refreshment table was thrown with a white cloth and centered with a large arrangement of white and pink carnations, yellow mums, white glads, and flanked with white burning tapers. Lime punch was served by Mrs. Dan Wallace and the two-tiered wedding cake, decorated in yellow and green and baked by Michael Lenzen, was served by Mrs. Bobby Atkins. The guests enjoyed other refreshments consisting of pecan kisses, ham biscuits, miniature chicken salad sandwiches and pickles, mints, nuts and green and black olives.

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