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## Duplin Voters Select Murphy, Revelle, Nethercutt, Pate And Penny In June 29th Primary

Duplin Voters overwhelmingly cast their votes for political newcomer Wendell Murphy in the N.C. House of Representatives race. Murphy polled 5,561 votes while incumbent Doug Clark received only 2,566 votes in Duplin. In Jones County Murphy's win was even more decisive with a three to one margin. 1,822 Jones County voters chose Murphy, while

592 voted for Clark. Totals for both counties Murphy 7,443; Clark 3,158. Murphy carried every precinct in both counties. In the sheriff's race incumbent Elwood Revelle won over three challengers. Revelle's victory margin was sufficient enough to eliminate any run-off possibilities. Duplin voters cast 4,217 votes to insure Revelle a sixth term as sheriff. David

Underhill received 1,824; George Garner received 1,418 votes; while Jimmy Hatcher received 720. Incumbent Allen Nethercutt, County Commissioner for District Three, was successful in his bid for reelection to a second term defeating challenger John Albertson by 325 votes. Nethercutt received 1,046, while Albertson received 721 votes.

In the Board of Education race for District Three Carl Pate of Beaulville was the clear winner. He received 1,262 votes while Doug Lanier of Chinquapin received 494.

Dovie Penny was chosen by the voters of District Four to be their county commissioner. The first female ever to run for and be voted to the County Board of Commissioners. Here too, four were seeking the seat and Penny polled a sufficient number of votes to halt any run-off possibilities. Penny received 1,137 votes, Joe Batts received 379 votes, Ray Johnson received 361, and Willie Biggs received 95 votes.

Duplin voters were very clear in their choice in the U.S. Congress race. Incumbent Charlie Whitley of Mt. Olive received 7,169 votes while challenger Leroy Gibson of Jacksonville received only 931 votes.

8,511 Duplin Democrats voted Tuesday June 29.

Precinct	Candidate	House		Sheriff		Ed. 3		Comm. 3		Comm. 4				
		Clark	Murphy	Garner	Hatcher	Revelle	Underhill	Lanier	Pate	Albertson	Nethercutt	Batts	Biggs	Johnson
Warsaw		407	714	166	58	769	133							
Faison		112	182	17	15	232	38							
Calypso		63	93	2	3	66	88							
Woffescrape		93	280	13	3	138	222							
Glisson		48	143	17	6	143	36							
Albertson		53	149	34	6	125	37							
Smith		31	92	18	7	79	20							
Cabin		63	112	25	52	66	32							
Hallsville		89	213	65	25	153	54	60	237	185	115			
Beaulville		220	341	80	66	342	80	130	432	256	305			
Cedar Fork		79	139	61	32	63	67	45	170	49	172			
Cypress Creek		89	229	51	80	90	99	155	163	100	215			
Chinquapin		110	242	62	88	102	103	95	250	122	228			
Locklin		34	89	28	19	37	40					34	3	29
Charity		67	370	39	20	139	236					119	8	79
Wallace		370	793	245	63	652	203					199	78	276
Rockfish		47	187	108	13	80	32					24	6	27
Rose Hill		129	406	106	48	268	114							
Magnolia		86	197	60	39	108	42							
Kenansville		333	577	208	69	508	131							
Absentee		43	53	13	8	57	17	9	10	9	11	3	0	0
TOTALS		2566	5561	1418	720	4217	1824	494	1262	721	1046	379	95	361

## Murphy - Revelle 'Humbled' By Voter Support

By Sharon Overton

A little over a week ago, the two hottest races in the Democratic Primary here were those for state representative and Duplin County sheriff. Now, with what turned out to be cool wins behind them, Wendell Murphy and Elwood Revelle say they feel "humbled" by the voters' support.

When the votes were finally tallied late Tuesday, Wendell Holmes Murphy had taken 5561 of the votes to incumbent Doug Clark's 2566. The Rose Hill businessman won the nomination by a convincing 70 percent margin. Although a political newcomer, Murphy said he had been confident of the win for several weeks.

"When we took Warsaw and Calypso early in the evening, we were reassured of a win," said Murphy. "I was very pleased with the final vote. The people of Duplin County have handed me quite a mandate. I feel very humble and hope I will be able to live up to those standards."

Doug Clark, a certified public accountant from Kenansville, was thwarted in his bid for a third term as representative to Duplin and Jones Counties. He was first elected to the office when he defeated T.J. Baker of Wallace in the 1978 primary. Clark stayed in Raleigh for the legislative session during much of the campaign, telling the people that he was "running on his record."

Murphy, on the other hand, began a vigorous campaign seven weeks before election day, having announced his candidacy just hours under the filing deadline.

Murphy said he wanted to keep the race "clean" and would not "offer criticism on anything he's (Clark) done or hasn't done for the past four years."

The campaign began to turn muddy when a letter written by Kenansville lawyer Bruce Robinson to the State Board of Elections surfaced a few days before election day. The letter contained allegations that Murphy had failed to report certain contributions and expenses.

Although Clark denied any connections to the letter, Murphy stated the day after his victory that he believed it was a deliberate attempt by his opponent to discredit his campaign.

"It was unfortunate and I'd rather it hadn't happened," said Murphy. "However, I don't think it had any negative or positive effect on our results and I doubt it had any on Doug's. I give the voters credit for having the intelligence to see through that sort of thing."

"We have complied with the law fully," he added.

"All bills that have been paid have been reported. All contributions received were reported as required by law. Of course there are still unpaid bills and some that we haven't even received yet, but we are not required to report them until they are paid. Everything will be in the final report due next week."

Murphy, 43, has been involved in politics only to the extent of an appointment to the Governor's Agricultural Advisory Committee. He admits that for the first few years he will probably have to "sit on the back row and keep his mouth shut."

"I know I've got a lot to learn," he said. "I plan to use this period of time to learn as much as I can about state government and particularly the needs of Duplin and Jones Counties."

"I'm not the representative yet. The election will be in November. Right now I'm just a Democratic nominee with no Republican opposition. So I've got to start to work now to learn about the political process so I can be as effective as possible when the legislature convenes in January. I know I won't make any big waves immediately. There are lots of people in Raleigh with much more experience than me. I hope that after a period of time I will develop the respect and leadership capabilities to do a good job for Duplin County."

## Liberty Tour Summer Entertainment Bargain

In a summer of economic anguish, The Liberty Cart Outdoor Drama in Kenansville, offers an almost unbelievable opportunity to groups and organizations looking for the most from their entertainment dollar.

The Liberty Tour, now in its seventh year, is available to groups of fifteen or more, and includes a guided tour of historic Kenansville, a tour of Liberty Hall and the Cowan Museum, a wine tasting visit to Duplin Wine Cellars in Rose Hill, a pre-show dinner at the Country Squire or the Graham House Inn, and a performance of The Liberty Cart, or Godspell.

The price per person for The Liberty Tour is \$15.00 for a group with a minimum of fifteen people. Advance booking is required, as logistics limit bookings to three groups per day. Groups are encouraged to book well in advance to assure availability of desired dates for The Liberty Tour.

The Liberty Cart has also announced special rates for all area Scouting Troops and their Scout Leaders.

Unlike Murphy, Sheriff T. Elwood Revelle was a little surprised at the relative ease with which he downed his three challengers. Revelle, who was faced by George Garner of Warsaw, David Underhill of Rone's Chapel and Jimmy Hatcher of Chinquapin, was running for his sixth term as Duplin County Sheriff.

"In my opinion, the campaign went very well," said Revelle. "I was really overwhelmed that the people got out and expressed their wishes like they did. I'm humbled by their support."

Revelle said he was also confident that the voters would put him back in office, but feared that there might be a second primary. If he had not received a majority of the votes, a run-off election would have been called.

"I had three good men running against me that were really working hard," he said. "In this game, you can't be sure of anything until it's over. You vote, you think and you guess, but you never know."

Revelle, 58, has a combined total of over 30 years with the Duplin County Sheriff's Department. He began his duties as sheriff on May 26, 1962.

"Things have changed in Duplin County, in the state and in the nation since I first began work here," he said. "There has been a lot of progress in law enforcement and we're going to try to progress right along with it."

## 20-Year Tradition Interrupted

### Frying Pan To Leave Rose Hill

This October the World's Largest Frying Pan will leave Rose Hill for only the second time in 20 years. It is to be featured for one day at the Duplin County Agricultural Fair.

The 47 ft. cast iron skillet was the creation of Rose Hill poultryman Dennis Ramsey. Since 1962, it has been the center of attention at the Rose Hill Poultry Jubilee, an event which annually honors the poultry industry in Duplin County. The pan won't be needed in Rose Hill this year because for the first time in two decades, the Jubilee is not going to take place.

Billy Thomas, former president of the Rose Hill Jaycees, said Friday that the week-long affair had become too much of a financial burden for the organization to carry alone.

"For the past four years we've been putting on the Jubilee with the help of only six or seven people," said Thomas, whose club membership has fallen from one of the strongest in the state to a roll of only 20 members.

"Everyone more or less expects the Jaycees to put on the Jubilee. But recently we just haven't been making any money on it. Last year everything we made went to pay expenses."

The Jaycees have previously donated any profits from the Jubilee to various charities, including the Association for Retarded Children.

Early this year, the Agribusiness Council approached the Rose Hill civic group about joining forces with the county fair. Since the events were to take place in October, both groups decided it would be more profitable to work together.

The Jaycees met with the Agribusiness Council again last Thursday to work out details of the frying pan's role in the county fair. The Jaycees will be in Kenansville with their pan for the entire day on Saturday, October 9. The huge iron skillet will be set up next to the fence so that they may serve chicken plates inside or outside the fairgrounds. The Jaycees hope to raise money this year from the chicken plates and their traditional cake sale. They are also considering continuing the Poultry Queen pageant as well.

"I think we could justify keeping the Poultry Jubilee alive if everyone would be

## Elections board makes minor changes

KENANSVILLE — The Duplin County Board of Elections Thursday made three minor changes in the preliminary count during its canvass of the 1982 primary results.

The canvass upheld all preliminary totals for the candidates, but added 100 votes against the proposed state constitutional amendment to increase terms of legislators to four years and 100 votes against the amendment to recall retired judges for temporary duty on

any court. It deducted 25 votes from the total against authorizing the Supreme Court to review direct appeals from the state Utilities Commission and added one vote to the total against revenue bonds for private schools.

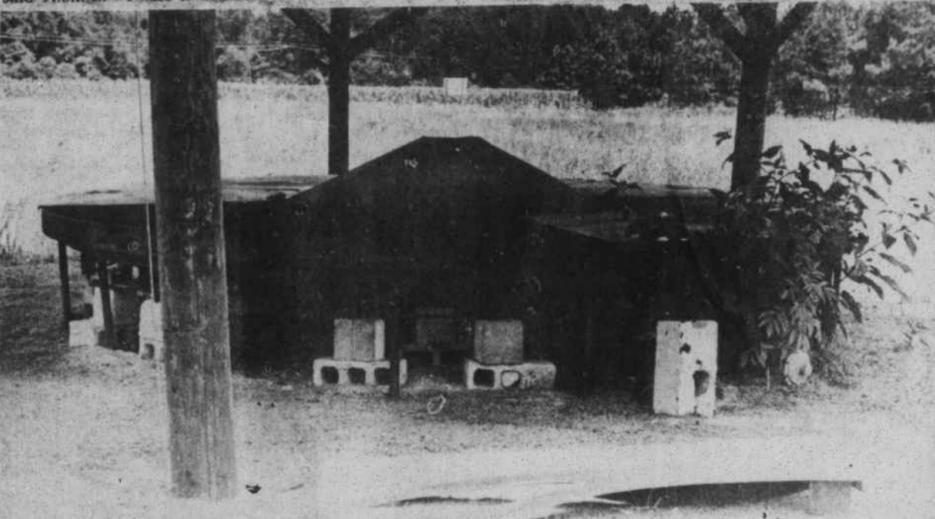
Duplin County citizens cast 8,511 ballots in Tuesday's voting. They rejected the four-year term proposal 5,243 to 1,988, the seaport-airport revenue proposal 3,701 to 3,103,

and allowing private schools to issue revenue bonds, 3,682 to 3,197.

They approved the temporary recall of retired judges, 3,684 to 3,334, and the direct Supreme Court reviews of Utilities Commission appeals, 4,049 to 2,802.

The table provides the official primary election totals for the state House, sheriff, Board of Education and Board of Commissioners candidates in Duplin County.

...willing to get involved in it... this tradition come to an end... oriented thing... some towns... we have our frying pan... said Thomas: "I hate to see... it's become a real hometown... have status to be proud of."



WORLD'S LARGEST FRYING PAN - It's not in the Guinness Book of World Records (yet), but Rose Hill residents boast that they have the world's largest cast iron skillet right in their back yard. That boast may be true since the pan measures 15 feet across, 47 feet around and five inches deep. What do you flip it with? With a six foot handle, of course. The pan will be featured this October at the Duplin Agricultural Fair.

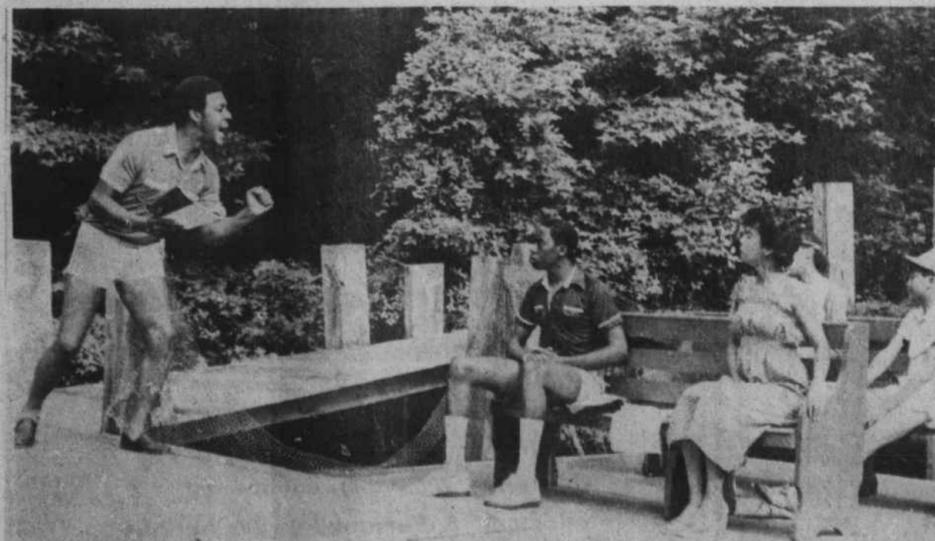
## Rose Hill Man Killed In Motorcycle Crash

A 37-year-old Rose Hill resident was killed Saturday when he lost control of his motorcycle and slammed into a parked car.

John Henry Brown of 107 Hoywood St. in Red Springs died at the scene of the accident at 4:24 p.m. Saturday, according to the Eliza-

bethtown Highway Patrol. The accident occurred on rural paved road 1500 east of Red Springs. Brown was traveling at a high rate of

speed when he lost control, ran off the road and hit a parked vehicle. No other people were involved in the accident.



LAMAR FRASIER a member of the original production of The Liberty Cart in 1976 has returned to the seventh season of Randolph Umberger's outdoor drama to perform,

as Reverend Stephen Daniels and as Joseph. In the above photograph, Lamar and members of The Liberty Cart's professional company rehearse the Act II Revival Scene.