

## Along The Way

By Emily Killette



Duplin was once a very important lumber county and a saw milling operation could be found in almost each town.

The large natural forests found in Duplin hundreds of years ago made the county an obvious choice of lumber milling operations. As the forests disappeared, the lands were turned into farms.

Along the Way looks at two of the large lumber milling operations once in Duplin. Both of the companies suffered large amounts of damage during 1943 when fire destroyed the operations. The first of the two stories appeared Feb. 4, 1943 featuring the fire damage of the Wells-Oates Lumber Co. in Kenansville. February 18, 1943, the DUPLIN TIMES published a second fire story about the damage to the George Lloyd Mill at Bowdens.

### Wells-Oates Lumber Company Heavily Damaged by Fire

Fire destroyed the sawmill of Wells-Oates Lumber Company here Wednesday morning. Fire of an incendiary origin, broke out near the stock room about 2 a.m. and within two hours the entire sawing plant was a total loss. Officials of the company would not reveal the estimated damage.

Warsaw and Wallace fire depart-

ments were called and immediately responded. Had it not been for their efforts the fire probably would have spread to other sections of the plant.

Officials stated Wednesday morning after the fire had subsided that the plant would be rebuilt as quickly

as possible.

Two temporary ground sawing units are being rushed and sawing is expected to be resumed Monday morning.

The fire was one of the biggest in the history of Kenansville.

### George Lloyd Mill at Bowden Burns, May Move to Seven Springs

Fire, believed started from flying sawdust, completely destroyed the saw mill of George Lloyd's at Bowden last Sunday afternoon. The watchman had wandered down by

the mill pond and when he first saw the fire about 2 p.m. it was too late to do much about it. The high wind spread the flames and in a short time the mill was destroyed.

The Warsaw Fire Department was called and responded immediately and succeeded in saving the planing mill and dry kiln.

When contacted Mr. Lloyd stated that the estimated loss was placed around \$5,000 and no insurance was carried. Mr. Lloyd stated that definite plans for the future had not been made but at the present he was seriously considering moving the

remainder of the mill to Seven Springs and to build a new saw mill. At present he is rigging up a small saw pulled by a tractor and will operate that about two days a week until final plans are made.

The moving of the plant to Seven Springs would be a hard blow on the community of Bowden. For years and years a sawmill has been in operation there. Rowland Lumber Company at one time operated a large mill in Bowden and ten years ago Mr. Lloyd took over their plant.

On the other hand if Mr. Lloyd decides to move to Seven Springs it

would prove a small boom to that one time lumber community. Virginia Box and Lumber Company for many years maintained a logging community at Seven Springs and until 1922 the Seven Springs Supply Company operated a large saw mill there. Since this mill was destroyed by fire there has been no payroll of any kind at Seven Springs.

Two weeks before the Bowden mill burned the sawmill of Wells-Oates Lumber Company in Kenansville was destroyed by fire. Wells-Oates are now rushing plans to rebuild in Kenansville.



DAVID SUMNER

## Begins Last Year in Air Force Academy

David Lynn Sumner, a 1982 graduate of East Duplin High School, has just completed his third year as a second classman or junior at the Air Force Academy. He made the Dean's List with 25 hours this semester.

After a four-week leave period with his parents, David and Mary Sumner, he is returning to the Academy for summer programs. David will serve for three weeks as an instructor for basic training and then he will work in the survival programs for three weeks.

Once the academic year begins, he will be third in command in his squadron of 115 people as assistant operations officer. After this last year, he will be out of the Academy and off to flight school.

## Summer Enrichment Program Planned At Kenansville Elementary

Kenansville Elementary School will be offering a two-week Summer Enrichment program in art July 22 - August 2.

The program is open to children who have completed Grades K-6. Registration forms may be obtained at Kenansville Elementary School and will be accepted on a "first-come" basis through July 17.

For more information call Sandy Carr at 296-1647 or Cathy Lee at 293-4227.

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