

Along the Way

By Emily Killette

The county fair is this week and the Duplin Community Theatre is among the attractions. The Community Theatre organization is presenting its first production of the 1982-83 season at the fair. And, THE FISHERMAN features four of Duplin's high school students and James Sprunt Technical College's new visiting artist.

THE FISHERMAN is being directed by Jack Ireland of Kenansville, who originally produced the one-act play during the 1982 LIBERTY CART season. The summer presentation of THE FISHERMAN was one of many studio productions at the LIBERTY CART given for the entertainment of local and professional cast members of the outdoor drama.

Starring in the summer production of THE FISHERMAN and returning to entertain visitors at the Duplin County Agribusiness Fair are Allison Stroud and Mike Whaley of Kenansville, Tina Jones of Chinquapin, and Andy Maready of Beulaville. All of the returning actors are members of the 1984 graduating class in Duplin County high schools.

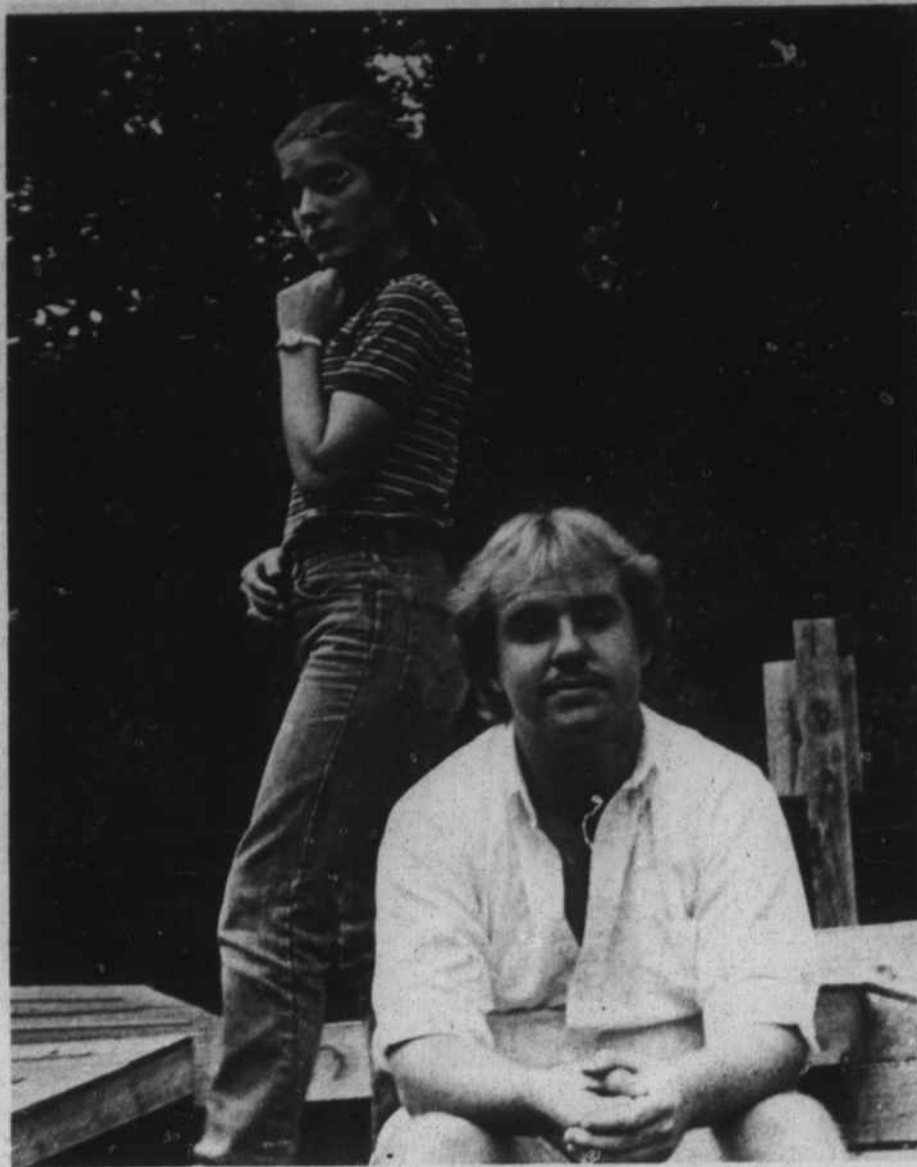
"And on your left, what is usually considered one of the finest views hereabouts. On a clear day all seven rings of Saturn are visible," said the Angel in THE FISHERMAN. The play is set on a fluffy cloud during eternity and heaven has a new arrival, Audrey. And Audrey makes friends with the Fisherman, Jonah.

"Well, yestidy I was settin' here fishing, just like you and me, when all at once I hooked a monstrous big eagle... it was him and me.

to and fro for ten minutes," the Fisherman explains as he tangles his line through a cloud. Jonah continues to fish as Audrey asks for help to get her boyfriend, Henry, into heaven.

Peter, played by JSTC visiting artist, adds to Audrey's fear of losing Henry — "I wish I could have done something for her. But you jest ain't worth messing up my records." Peter explains to Henry after he sneaks in heaven and sets off the alarm system! The drama continues and unravels into a delightful ending with all happy in heaven and in the Amphitheatre audience.

The Community Theatre will begin auditions for the second production of the 1982-83 season on Sunday, Oct. 10 at the JSTC Hoffer auditorium. Auditions will begin at 2 p.m. and all members of the public are invited to read for parts in ON BORROWED TIME or become workers among the stage and production personnel. ON BORROWED TIME is a drama based on a grandfather's love for his grandson, and features parts for 10 adult men, one boy, and three adult women. Duplin Community Theatre encourages local folks who visited the production of THE FISHERMAN at the county fair and other interested citizens to attend the auditions or call the Duplin County Arts Council for more details about the drama.



LOCAL STUDENTS ENTERTAIN AT FAIR - Pictured above, Allison Stroud of Kenansville and Andy Maready of Beulaville perform in THE FISHERMAN, a one-act comedy at the Duplin County Agribusiness Fair. THE FISHERMAN is the first production of the Duplin Community Theatre 1982-83 season and features four Duplin

high school students and the James Sprunt Technical College visiting artist. Both Allison and Andy were members of the 1982 LIBERTY CART cast where THE FISHERMAN was first produced under the direction of Jack Ireland of Kenansville. THE FISHERMAN is free with fair admission.

Handicapped Week Observed

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Handicapped Week, Oct. 3 through Oct. 9, has been proclaimed by the President of the United States to call attention to needs of the handicapped. The Job Service office works with the handicapped every day, but will be devoting an extra effort to find jobs for the handicapped applicants during the week.

Many handicapped people have been kept from full participation in our society because of false attitude barriers of employers and employees. I hope this article will make people think about their feelings about working with the handicapped.

Some handicaps are visual, some are not. Unfortunately, too many people relate wheelchair and handicapped. Like an automatic reflex, employers will turn to reasons why the handicapped person would not be able to perform any job in their business. No one, including the handicapped, wants the employer to place them in a job they cannot do. But, the right person in the right job can reduce the turnover.

Could the handicapped be used in a job where his limitations are not a factor in a job opening? We ask the employer to compare the person's ability to the job requirements. There's no

better time to get started than "Hire the Handicapped Week," Oct. 3-9.

Some of the misconceptions that employers have are:

1. "Workman's Compensation rates will rise."

Fact: Rates are based on the relation of accident costs to total payroll, and statistics prove that handicapped workers have a better safety record than able-bodied employees. In addition, North Carolina has legislation that protects employers from second injury claims.

2. "Sick benefits and group insurance will cost more."

Fact: Rates are based solely on age and sex, and no study ever indicated handicapped workers are more liable to illness or injury than other workers.

3. "Able-bodied workers are more efficient."

Fact: Reliable studies show that handicapped workers are equally as efficient as their fellow workers when placed in employment according to their abilities.

4. "Absenteeism and turnover will increase."

Fact: Studies show that handicapped workers in general are superior in attendance and length of service.

5. "Handicapped workers are accident prone."

Fact: studies show that the handicapped have fewer accidents than the non-handicapped.

6. "Handicapped work-

ers cannot be transferred readily."

Fact: Through selective placement, job change or transfers can safely be made.

7. "Handicapped workers require special attention."

Fact: Generally, the handicapped worker does not want or seek any special consideration.

8. "Other employees will object."

Fact: Experience shows that fellow employees will work with the handicapped without restraint or discomfort. In fact, hiring of the handicapped most often results in better morale of other workers.

9. "Our regular physical examination rules out handicaps."

Fact: Industrial doctors are familiar with company job requirements and can evaluate the handicapped in terms of their capacity to perform the physical requirements of the jobs. Any physical examination that eliminates all but the perfect specimen will reduce the employers supply of qualified workers.

Of course, the key to employment lies with the employers. We have had good cooperation with some local employers and James Wallace, the Kenansville Job Service manager, would like to thank them in helping the disabled veteran and other handicapped find employment. Let's work to make Duplin County a place

Whaley Serves As Page

Mike Whaley of Beulaville, son of Faye Q. Whaley, served as a page in Governor Jim Hunt's offices in Raleigh during the week of Sept. 27-Oct. 1. Mike is a junior at East Duplin High School.

Trips To The Young People's Concerts

The Duplin County Arts Council is offering a series of three trips and concerts to the North Carolina Symphony's Young People's Concerts in Raleigh for the 1982-83 season. Eleven o'clock Saturday morning concerts for children will have three themes this year. The first, Oct. 16, will be "Meet the Orchestra," Jan. 22 will be "Sleeping Beauty" and March 19th is titled "Musical Animals."

The Arts Council will sponsor a van going to each concert, loaned courtesy of Rivenbark Motors, Warsaw Motors and Phelps Motors.

An appropriate number of chaperones will accompany the children. The \$24 cost will include \$12 ticket fees, help with gas, and help towards chaperone tickets. For each trip the group will go to lunch at a Raleigh restaurant, with each child responsible for his or her own lunch money.

"There is no certain age that a child must be in order to go to these concerts," said

Merle Creech, director of the DAC. "I would like to stress that children be old enough to enjoy such a trip and be able to share some responsibility for taking care of themselves. We'll need to leave about 9 a.m. and will return about 3 or 4, so we'll have full, but really exciting days. If your children are ready and willing, I am!"

For reservations, call the Duplin Arts Council at 296-1922. Reservations must be made by Oct. 11 (Monday.)

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Warsaw Garden Club Meets

The Warsaw Garden Club will exhibit two gardens at the entrance of the Kenan Auditorium Oct. 4 through 9 at the Duplin County Fair.

Mrs. C.M. Rice, club president, has announced that all living materials for the display gardens will be furnished by the Duplin Nursery, Inc., Route 2, Rose Hill.

Among the shrubs to be shown will be leyland cypress, dwarf aucuba variegata, ilex compacta, ilex helleri, golden pfitzer, blue pfitzer, parsoni and blue Pacific junipers, pittosporum variegata, globe arborvitae and dwarf barberry. All varieties are especially suited and grow exceptionally well in Duplin County.

Mrs. W.J. Weatherly, chairman of garden therapy, and her committee - Mrs. Benny K. Wilson, Mrs. Hugh Wells, Mrs. James C. Sullivan, Mrs. Donna Sue Williamson, Mrs. Robert West, Mrs. E.H. Keeter, Mrs. S.L. Dixon and Mrs. George Penney, chairman of horticulture committee, have planned the gardens with the expert help of Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Rouse of the nursery.

Presbyterian Officers Installed

At the regular morning worship service at Grove Presbyterian Church, the Rev. David Dickey installed the following officers for the Women of Grove Church for 1982-83: President, Anne Houston; Vice-president, Jill Long; Secretary, Ruth Wells; Treasurer, Martha Sitterson; Historian, Louise K. Boney; and chairpersons, Circle #1, Annie Catherine Rhodes; Circle #2, Doris Sitterson; Ecumenical Missions, Carolyn Outlaw; Personal Faith and Family Life, Louise W. Mitchell; Leadership and Resources, Frances Stevens; Christian Community Action, Inez Chestnutt; and White Cross Work, Mary B. Mullis.

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