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### Duplin Youth To Participate In 4-H Fire Safety Bowl

Kenansville Elementary School will be the site of the 1983 Duplin County 4-H Fire Safety Bowl on Saturday, March 26, beginning at 9 a.m.

Competing teams and the fire departments they represent are: Warsaw, Magnolia, Faison, Beulaville, Wallace, Oak Wolfe, Teachey, Pleasant Grove, Chinquapin and Rose Hill. These ten teams will be vying for the right to represent Duplin County at the Eastern Regional 4-H Fire Safety Bowl to be held April 30 in Kinston.

According to Ray Rhinehart, associate extension agent, 4-H, the contest will highlight the completion of a very successful 4-H Fire Safety program. He added that during the month of February, firemen from 14 Duplin County fire departments provided instruction at their departments for approximately 400 4th and 5th graders, 300 of whom received certificates for com-

pleting six hours of instruction. Each fire department then selected a five-person team to represent them in the upcoming Bowl.

The public is invited to cheer and support your local team. "I think you will be pleasantly surprised at how knowledgeable these young people have become in the area of fire safety and this contest will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned," said Rhinehart.

Four-H Fire Safety is one of the many programs con-

ducted through the Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service in an effort to provide further educational opportunities for Duplin youth. The Extension Service would like to thank each of the firemen who volunteered as instructors. Appreciation is also expressed to the following sponsors: Southern Insurance Agency, Aubrey Cavenaugh Insurance Agency, Walter P. West

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**CAST FOR MUSICAL AT NORTH DUPLIN** - North Duplin High School will present the musical "Hello, Dolly!" under the direction of band instructor Brian Hoxie on April 22 and 23. The production is the third annual performance directed by Hoxie. The musical will be presented in the

high school gymnasium nightly at 8 p.m. Pictured above, left to right, is the cast of "Hello, Dolly!" Rodney Wilson, Angie Kennedy, director Hoxie, Sarah Best, Linda Walker, Donny Taylor kneeling, Phil Evans and Jill Best.

### April 22 & 23 North Duplin Presents Hello Dolly

North Duplin High School will present the musical, "Hello, Dolly," April 22 and 23 in the school gymnasium at 8 p.m. The drama is the third annual production directed by the North Duplin band instructor, Brian Hoxie. "Hello, Dolly!" is based on the story, Matchmaker by Thornton Wilder. In the musical, Dolly Levi is hired by Horace Vandergelder to

find him a suitable wife. Vandergelder is a well-known half-millionaire. According to Hoxie, the production usually includes as many as 15 songs during the two acts. The musical comedy is sponsored by the North Duplin Band Boosters Club and the high school.

Starring in the lead roles of Horace Vandergelder and Dolly Levi are John Lewis

and Lynda Walker. John is a junior at North Duplin and has played the lead role in both the previous drama productions at the high school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis of Faison. Lynda is a junior at North Duplin and has appeared in both dramas produced at the high school by Hoxie. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derl Walker of

Route 2, Mount Olive. The students at North Duplin under the direction of Hoxie have produced the musicals "Oklahoma" and "Finian's Rainbow."

"The play is educationally worthwhile," Brian Hoxie said. "It is the only thing we have in the area of drama. There are no drama classes at North Duplin." The performance of "Oklahoma"

was seen by more than 900 people during the two-night run. And, more than 600 people turned out for the musical "Finian's Rainbow." Seating capacity in the gym for "Hello, Dolly!" is estimated at about 300 people nightly, Hoxie said.

There will be more than 50 people in the show," Hoxie said. "It is really a school effort to put on the production. The shop classes build any complicated props and set and the agriculture classes help with the set." Admission is tentatively set at \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for students.

The cast also includes Dannie Taylor, a senior, as Corneliuss Hackl, Jill Best, a sophomore as Irene Mollory, Phil Evans, a junior, as Ambrose Kemper, Sarah Best, a senior, as Ermenegarde, Angie Kennedy, a senior, as Mini Faye, and Rodney Wilson, a sophomore as Barnaby.

### Southern Pine Beetle

Few forest pests have gotten the publicity in the South in recent years that can rival the "print" received by the southern pine beetle. But, according to Dennis Knowles, Duplin County forest ranger, this beetle deserves all the attention it is getting and more, because it is the single most destructive pest in the southern-forest. Many forest landowners are asking "Should I beat the beetle to the punch by harvesting timber now before it is wiped out? Is there something I can do to lessen the likelihood of beetle attack?"

Thanks to some important forest research in recent years, there are now answers to these two questions. "The first is answered, by 'NO'. The second by 'YES'."

Knowles said.

Foresters now know that the single most effective prevention measure is to keep timber stands healthy and vigorous. Dense stands containing many slow-growing and weak trees are favorite targets of the hungry beetle. "By carefully thinning out the smaller trees until the remaining trees have adequate space for expansion of their crowns," explained Knowles, "the possibility of a successful attack by pine beetles will be greatly reduced."

Trees that are growing well usually have enough flow of resin up and down the trunk to "pitch out" any beetles that could get through the bark and enter the tree. Weak trees are

more easily overwhelmed by attacking beetles. Mature and overmature trees seldom respond to thinning and consideration should be given to harvesting and replacing them with younger trees.

Damage to the remaining trees during logging should be controlled as well, according to recent research information. It also helps to manage for good hardwood species. These trees, not bothered by the beetle, act as a buffer against pine beetle movement as it progresses through an infested pine stand.

Throughout the South, the odds of any property ex-

periencing a southern pine beetle attack are small. However, by applying these management practices, the odds are greatly reduced in favor of the forest landowners.

"The key is to keep pine stands well-managed and growing so that the adage, 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure' will have an opportunity to be fulfilled," Knowles added.

Additional information and help in managing timber stands to minimize the risk of southern pine beetle attack is available at NRCD-Forest Resources and your local N.C. Forest Service office.

### Harrells Christian Academy Kindergarten Registration

Harrells Christian Academy will hold its kindergarten registration for the 1983-84 school year on Wednesday, April 13 from 9 a.m. through 12 noon.

The North Carolina law and HCA have established certain entry requirements. It is necessary to comply with these requirements which are listed: 1. Immunizations - diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough vaccine, polio, red measles (rubeola) and German measles (rubella), mumps (recommended but not mandatory). Immunization must be completed prior to enrollment in the fall. Early registration will give time to have all requirements completed. Bring immunization record.

2. A birth certificate or other satisfactory evidence of date of birth is required. To meet age requirements, the

child must be five on or before Oct. 16, 1983. Bring birth certificate.

3. A physical examination including the TB skin test is required. The examination should be completed and taken to the school on or before opening day of school for 1983.

4. The kindergarten children presently enrolled will not attend school the day of kindergarten registration.

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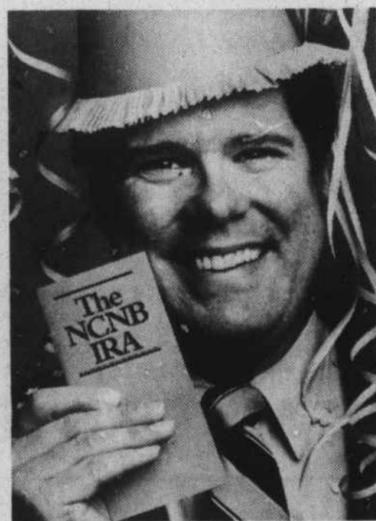
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