

Duplin Personalities

Editor's Note: Duplin Personalities will be appearing weekly featuring area citizens who have contributed time and talents to make Duplin a better place to live.

Drawing the county together through the organization of the Agribusiness Council and the fair has been a challenge headed by Roy Houston, president of the Duplin Coastal Production Credit Association. Houston, a native of Duplin, born in the Pottery Hill community. The Duplin Agribusiness Council has been organized most three years and has now extended an incorporated branch to the Duplin County Fair Committee. Houston pointed out the county fair began as one of the Agribusiness Council's first projects. He served as president of the newly-organized Agribusiness Council and now serves as manager of the Duplin County Fair Committee.

"The fair grew to the size that it took all of the Agribusiness Council's time," Houston said. "The Duplin PCA and co-manager of the Duplin County Fair Committee, said. An incorporated branch as extended from the Agribusiness Council called the County Fair Committee, so the Council could continue with more projects." The goal of the Agribusiness Council has been to draw participation from each section of the county in projects to benefit and unite the citizens of Duplin, Houston explained.

"Duplin County is very large and is so divided, with people going outside the county to shop and be entertained," Houston said. "There is not really a dominating city within Duplin, so the Agribusiness Council formed with the idea of functioning like a county

chamber of commerce. With the participation of citizens from all parts of Duplin working for the county, rather than each city doing their own thing, more people benefit and they unite.

The county fair was one of the first projects. The Agribusiness Council wanted to be a working organization. And, a county fair was the best way to reach the most people. Today I think the fair has been a success from the standpoint of bringing county people together. There is a lot of pleasure for me when I see Duplin people come and work together on a project. It is rewarding to know that the county fair is put on by people within Duplin for our citizens to enjoy.

"Projects like the county fair bring Duplin citizens together and make them more receptive to support projects for their county," Houston said. The Duplin County Fair began as a part of the National Farm-City Week observance, chaired by Houston.

Houston is married to the former Ann Barbee of Richlands and they have two children, Jeff and Trace. Jeff is age 14 and Trace, 10. The Houston family resides in Kenansville. Ann Houston is the director of nursing at Duplin General Hospital. They are members of Grove Presbyterian Church and the Kenansville Elementary and E.E. Smith Parent Teacher Organizations.

After graduation from Richlands High School, Houston enrolled in a Charlotte business school and received a degree in wiring business machines. At the end of a tour of duty in the Army, Houston could not find employment wiring business machines due to the modernization of the office technology. He became employed with GAC Finance



Roy Houston

and worked up the ranks and received a management position in a Greensboro branch. Houston later transferred to a South Carolina branch of GAC Finance to become manager.

"After several years in South Carolina, we were tired of moving and ready to come back to Duplin County and settle down," Houston said. "So, in 1970, Mr. Garland King (former president of the Duplin Production Credit Association) was gracious enough to give me a job.

"I feel at home in this job. I can communicate with farm and rural people because I was raised on a farm and am used to hard work. And, I feel PCA is service-oriented and we contribute to the well-being of each of our clients." Houston became president of the Duplin PCA in 1976 when Garland King retired.

Letter To The Editor

P.O. Box 65
Gloucester, N.C. 28528
April 22, 1983

To the Editor:
Please let me, through the columns of your paper, express my appreciation to the sportsmen from Duplin and other District Two counties who attended the district meeting in Kinston on April 19 and voted to retain me as the Wildlife Commissioner from this district for another term.

The vote I received there, 807, was the most that any candidate for commissioner has ever received in North Carolina and the people from

your part of the district helped establish this record. I am proud of the total and very appreciative to those who expressed their confidence in me.

I would also like to say to all sportsmen that I intend to represent the district just as fairly as I have during the past six years. I bear no ill will and, as I said in the talk I made at the convention, I cannot be other than objective in dealing with the problems that come before the Wildlife Commission.

It seemed to me during the campaign leading up to the district meeting that there

was some confusion in the minds of many as to the true role of our commission. I hope that the meeting itself helped to clarify some of the confusion. Pure and simple, the Wildlife Resources Commission was created in 1947 to establish and maintain a statewide game program, with emphasis on statewide, with the intent of assuring that hunters and fishermen have a maximum of opportunity without endangering the wildlife heritage of the future. This is still our goal.

Sincerely,
Woodrow Price,
Commissioner
Second Wildlife District



RECEPTION - Duplin County Sheriff Elwood Revelle greeted Rep. Wendell H. Murphy at the N.C. Sheriff's Association reception for the members of the General Assembly. Sheriff Revelle is a member of the executive committee and past president of the association.

Whitley Mobile Office

Congressman Charlie Whitley's Third District mobile office will visit Duplin County on May 3. Rodney Knowles, field representative, will be manning the office and available to persons having matters they wish brought to the Congressman's attention.

Locations and times are as follows: Beulaville, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.; Post Office; Greenevers, 11 a.m. - 12

Board Advances East Duplin ROTC Plan

If the Army agrees to a one-year reduction in local funding, Duplin County will have its first Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps class next fall at East Duplin High School in Beulaville.

The Army had asked the school system to put up \$20,000 in local funds to pay for a portion of the salaries of two faculty members — an officer and a non-commissioned officer.

Last week, the Board of Education voted 3-2 to approve the JROTC program but asked for a \$10,000 reduction in the local funding for the first year while the program is put into operation. Board members said they believe only one JROTC teacher will be needed during the first year.

Voting for the program were Jimmy Strickland, Carl Pate and Joe Swinson. Voting against it were Bill Richards and R.W. Wilkins. "I don't see why they should get our meager funds," Wilkins said. "It seems unfair when all the money's going into the military."

"If we pass this, then we're obligated to the \$10,000 no matter what," Richards said. "It means if

the commissioners don't approve our budget, this \$10,000 is going to have to come anyway and we may have to drop something else to pay for the program."

Strickland said JROTC has helped discipline in schools that have had the program for several years.

In other business, the board named Linda Thompson to the Warsaw Elementary School advisory committee and Betsy Lanier to the Beulaville Elementary School committee.

The board approved an increase of \$750 for the annual school system audit because of a change in audit requirements. Edward Barrow of Kinston bid \$5,800 for the contract. The \$750 will be added to that bid.

Focus On The Family

SHAPING THE WILL WITHOUT BREAKING THE SPIRIT

The second film in the "Focus on the Family" series to be shown at Warsaw Elementary School on Sunday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m., is "Shaping the Will Without Breaking the Spirit." This film deals with inappropriate use of anger to motivate, hooking behavior with consequences... when to let go of your child, and how. The series is open to the public. There is no admission charge. Leaders for this series will be Gerald Yount, Jimmy Creech and Tony Mure.

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The JIM HUNT Record



Ted Kennedy
FDM PAC Head



Jim Hunt
Out-of-State Liberal Support



Julian Bond
BLAC PAC Head

Jim Hunt Says: Out-of-state campaign contributions "create obligations you ought not to have."

Fact: Out-of-state BLAC PAC and liberal Fund for Democrat Majority PAC, headed by Ted Kennedy, are helping Jim Hunt defeat Jesse Helms.^{2,3}

What Did Julian Bond And His BLAC PAC Say?
Julian Bond said: "I'd like to see us run a picture of Jesse Helms in North Carolina newspapers with a rifle's crosshair over his chest..."²

What Did Ted Kennedy Say: "We can—and we must—end the disgraceful power* of Jesse Helms in the Senate."³

*** (Is this because Jesse was using his power in the Senate to preserve the tobacco program while Kennedy was using his power to destroy the tobacco program?)**

"... There's a streak of meanness and intolerance in the campaign to 'get' Helms that has no place in American politics — and that should be disturbing to all regardless of party label or ideology." ⁴The Augusta Chronicle

ASK YOURSELF —
WHY DO BLAC PAC AND KENNEDY PAC WANT TO ELECT JIM HUNT TO THE U.S. SENATE?

1. Asheville Citizen 10/6/82

3. In These Times 3/2-8/83

2. Atlanta Constitution 5/2/82

4. The Augusta Chronicle 3/19/83

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