

Aycock To Perform Concert As Fund Raiser For Rotary Club

The Warsaw-Kenansville Rotary Club announces that James "Jim" Aycock, an interpretive pianist and composer, will present a concert on Sunday, May 29 at 3 p.m. in Kenansville.

Carey Wrenn, a spokesman for the Rotary Club, stated that the concert is being staged to raise funds for the Rotary scholarship to be given to a rising senior at James Kenan High School.

Aycock, a native of Fremont, was educated at Atlantic Christian College and Western Carolina University, earning degrees in history and music education. He has played throughout the United States.

A variety of musical styles will be featured ranging from Bach to Gershwin, Stephen



Jim Aycock

Foster to Rogers and Hammerstein, and Chopin to Glenn Miller. This program will have something for every musical taste.

Two guest soloists, Keith Ferrell and Carol Ann Tucker, will be featured in Aycock's presentation of some of his own compositions. Both of these vocalists are

former students of Aycock. Advanced tickets may be purchased from members of the Rotary Club or on the day of the concert for \$3.

Carol Ann Tucker is a native of Magnolia and attended James Kenan High School. She did her undergraduate studies at East Carolina University.

Williams Honored

Mrs. Christine Williams, Duplin County register of deeds, was one of several women elected officials in North Carolina who were honored by the N.C. Federation of Women's Clubs at a recognition breakfast held in Raleigh May 4.

Mrs. Juanita Bryant, international president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, saluted the honorees for their leadership roles and brought greetings from the General Federation.

The breakfast was held during the five-day annual convention of the N.C. Federation of Women's Clubs. While Mrs. Williams is not a member, she has become known throughout

the state for her professional leadership in the area of records management and in several other areas including the leadership development of women.

A Change Of Wedding Date Announcement

Owing to the unexpected acceptance of the groom as a professional football player, Mr. and Mrs. Robert James Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Riddick are obliged to change the date of their invitations for Saturday, the Twenty-first of May to Saturday, the fourth of June.

OAK TREES AND SPANISH MOSS - This photograph was taken from the second story porch of the Graham House Inn in Kenansville at dusk... An eye-catching scene...

James Sprunt Technical College HDR Hires New Instructor

The Human Resources Development program at James Sprunt Technical College has added a new instructor, Sonja Blizard Smith of Pink Hill.

Sonja graduated from East Duplin High School and East Carolina University where she majored in health education. She is married to Anthony C. Smith and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Blizard of Beulaville.

The Human Resources Development program is a pre-vocational training and placement program funded by the North Carolina General Assembly. Operating in 45 of the 58 institutions in the community college system, HRD is mandated to reduce public assistance benefits and unemployment in the lives of its students.

As a training program, HRD provides instruction in the basic communication skills and in some cases basic academic skills, such as reading and math, which are prerequisites to securing and

maintaining employment. As a placement program, HRD offers graduates assistance in job placement or entering a skills training program.

The HRD program is now in its 56th cycle of serving students. Asked about teaching, Smith stated, "I am very enthusiastic about being involved with the

James Sprunt HRD program. I feel that it serves a needed purpose in the community. The program not only enhances the lives of the people who are high school dropouts and are interested in preparing for their General Education Diploma (GED), but it also enhances the lives of the people who are in-

terested in pursuing a college education and want to refresh their memories in such areas as English, reading and math."

Anyone interested in the HRD program should contact Ms. Shirley Thomas, director of the program at JSTC, phone 296-1341, extension 252.

Memorial Services Planned At Oak Ridge

The public is invited to attend a memorial service in honor of the deceased American veterans on Sunday, May 29 at 2:30 p.m. at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Pink Hill.

American Legion Post 379 of Albemarle and the Ladies Auxiliary and the Legionnaires will join efforts to remember those who served

the country in the armed forces. Wreaths will be placed by the auxiliary while the Legionnaires will place flags on the graves of the veterans. Taps will be played by Mrs. Major Rickards of the Salvation Army of Kinston. A solo will be sung by Cindy Waters of Seven Springs. Rev. Randolph Terrell, Pink Hill Presbyterian minister, will join in the service.

The mayor, David Cole, and the town commissioners have been invited to the

services. There will be short message and greeting by Commander F.E. Smith, also by Past 7th District Commander John Mewborn, both on the welcoming committee. Unit president Jean Grady will lead a military song. Tents and chairs will be provided by Pink Hill Funeral Home. 7th District President Violet Smith will give the response.

Mrs. Jean Grady said the services are expected to be "quite impressive" and the public is invited to attend.



PAGE APPOINTMENT - Al Worthington of Kenansville was appointed by Lieutenant Governor Jimmy Green to serve as a page in the North Carolina Senate during the week of May 9-13. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worthington. The duties of pages includes working with the 50 senators, and with the staff of the General Assembly. Pages assist in the Senate Chamber during the Senate's daily sessions. They are also assigned to the various committee meetings during the day when the Senate is not in session.

Kenansville Jaycette Membership Drive

Any women, ages 18 to 35, who are interested in joining the Kenansville Jaycettes are asked to contact Carol Stankus at 293-7030 (home) or 296-1647 (work).

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Along the Way

Emily Killeto

Rose Hill has one of Duplin's oldest businesses within its city limits, the Atlantic Coffin and Casket Company, which was established in 1980.

An article published in the May 8, 1941 issue of THE DUPLIN TIMES accounted the events of a Rose Hill Woman's Club tour of the coffin and casket company. The group of women were led by their secretary, Mrs. J.M. Jerome of Rose Hill. Guiding the tour was Atlantic Coffin and Casket employee L.K. Alderman and company secretary Annie Louise Herd.

The tour began with an explanation of the building process. The Atlantic Coffin and Casket Company owned its own mill where locally-cut cypress and pine logs were brought and sawed into lumber. The lumber was then taken to the industrial plant where it was dried under steam heat in a dry kiln. The dried lumber was cut, pieces jointed, glued and smoothed into dimension stock. The dimension stock was taken to the cabinet room for assembly. The assembled framework was moved to the finishing room for interior work. After the finishing room completed the interior, the casket moved to the sewing room for the final designs in the upholstery.

Interior designs were each hand-finished by women in patterns of a cloverleaf, "v," "xl" and a loose stitch on velvet, taffeta, satin, crepe or cotton broadcloth. The interior colors were done mostly in shades of white, flesh, gray or orchid. Once a casket or coffin was finished, it was moved to storage or into the display room. The display room contained some of the most expensive to the least expensive works of the Atlantic Coffin and Casket Company in an array of colors and materials for both the adult and the child. Alderman explained the more expensive a coffin or casket, the more heavy hardware finishing it displayed. And the most expensive models had the double or removable mattress.

Each year the company,

under the presidency of Dallas Herring, then mayor of the town of Rose Hill, produced about 10 caskets daily and 3,000 annually. A payroll of about 35 people was the normal for the Atlantic Coffin and Casket Company. The company used about 600,000 feet of native timber each year in the production of caskets and coffins.

The company sold wholesale to North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina funeral home directors; three salesmen were employed by Atlantic. The caskets were shipped in lots of 28 by truck.

At the conclusion of the tour, Alderman recalled a request in 1940 for a double-sized casket. A young married couple had died in an auto accident and through a prior request, Atlantic had been hired to construct a double-sized coffin for the burial.

Card Tournament

If you like to play bridge, canasta, hearts or any kind of cards, meet the group Friday night, May 20, at 7:30 p.m.

The Duplin General Hospital Auxiliary is planning much fun for you at James Sprunt Technical College in Kenansville. Refreshments will be served and prizes awarded.

Tickets are \$2.50 per person. Get up a table and

try your best luck at beating your friend at cards.

All proceeds go to Duplin General Hospital for new equipment.

For tickets, call Sally Eva Tyndall at 296-0786, Ann Outlaw at 296-7360, Rachel Blanchard at 296-7385 or Edith Costin at 293-7252 or any Hospital Auxiliary member.

JSTC Small Engine Repair Class

The continuing education department at James Sprunt Technical College will sponsor a 42-hour class in small engine repair, designed to teach the why-and-how of gasoline engine operations. A careful study of the theory and operating principles, plus actual practice in servicing and repairing engines

will enable anyone to minimize engine troubles and to correct those that do exist.

The class will begin May 24 and meet each Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Outdoor Power Products in Teachey. The shop is located on state road #1170, one-half mile north of Swift Turkey plant.

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