



**WINNER WITH 179 BUSHELS.** Harold Smith, Jr. of Route 2, Pink Hill, was the winner of the 1982 Duplin County Agriculture Extension Service corn yield contest. A plaque was presented to Smith, June 16, in Kenansville. The annual contest is sponsored by the Duplin County Agriculture Extension Service and the Duplin Farm Bureau. Pictured left to right, President of

the Duplin Farm Bureau Jack Williams, Harold Smith, Jr., and Duplin Agricultural Extension Agent J. Michael Moore. To participate in the 1983 Corn Yield Contest, Agricultural Agent J. Michael Moore said, farmers may select their best acre of corn and sign-up at the Duplin Extension Service office during harvest time.

Bryan Harper, Bobbie Jo Lewis and Michelle Taylor. Tim Carawan served as stage crew manager assisted by Hugh Harper, Kirby Harper, and Mike Jones. Mrs. Marie Harper, Mrs. Susan Heath and Mrs. Suzanne Landen were in charge of costumes. Make-up was the responsibility of Mrs. Janice Grady. Mr. Jeff Landen, Mrs. Joyce Rouse, Mrs. Kay Barton, Mrs. Lynette Hargrove, Mrs. Suzanne Landen and Tim Carawan. The Publicity Committee was Mrs. Susan Heath, Mrs. Joyce Rouse, Mrs. Jackie Herring, Mrs. Suzanne Landen and Bryan Harper. Prompters for the musical were Jeff Carawan and Dale Barnett. The admissions were handled by Mr. Wiley Cannady, Mrs. Rachel Hatch, Mrs. Janice Kornegay, Mrs. Vivian Martin, Mrs. Shirley Outlaw, and Mrs. Kathy Loftin. Mrs. Nellie Davis and Mrs. Rose Jones served on the program committee. Businesses who funded the programs are Teachey's Supermarket, Grady Sales and Service, Inc. and Westwater, Inc., Country Cured Hams, Warsaw. Sponsors for the operetta were B.F. Grady PTF, Duplin County Arts Council, B.F. Grady Beta Club, B.F. Grady Cultural Arts Committee, American Field Enterprises, East Duplin Vocational Department, and Wallace-Rose Hill High School.

## B.F. Grady Operetta

The seventh and eighth graders of B.F. Grady Elementary School recently presented The Saga of Dead Dog Gulch.

The story took place in a Colorado mining town just before the turn of the century. The miners had recently sent back East for their ladies who immediately beautified the town by painting it in shades of pink, baby blue, and lavender. They even tried to rename the town, Columbine Valley. This turn for the worst led to much arguing and fighting among the entire town.

The conflict grew when a band of cowboys rode into town and decided to take over. Through shrewd plan-

ning, the kids saved the town from the cowboys who decided to remain in Dead Dog and settle down with the now united town folk.

The operetta featured eight musical numbers: "Howdy Folks", "Miners Bragging Tune", "Ladies of the Beautification Society", "We Just Got in From Abilene", "Miners and Cowboys Should Be Friends", "Western Lament", "Dead Dog Hoe-Down", and "So Long Folks".

The cast of characters were Ladies of the Beautification Society: Karla Kornegay, Susan Waters, Christy Smith, Kim Batchelor, Chandra Branch, Rhonda Hill, Kim Hobbs, Hope

Houston, Valerie Newbern, Tracy Smith, Satina Stewart, Vickie Stroud, and Camille Walton. The miners were played by David Short, Kytte Holmes, Allen Taylor, Thomas Best, Darrell Branch, Greg Jones, Randy Lewis, Keith McKiver, Allen Moore, and Kevin Price. Joe Sheppard, Robert Cannady, Willie Kennon, Bob Outlaw, Johnny Summerlin, Darrell Rouse, and Stephen Garner portrayed the cowboys. The little kids were Bryan Harper, Jean Lee, Ed Lee, Heather Loftin and Tracy Outlaw. The sweet Young Things were Angie Price, Renee Price, Dawn Skinner, Bobbie Jo Lewis, Lori Davis, Melanie Lindsay, Jeanine Nethkin, Daphne Mullins, Justina Parker, Rhonda Taylor and Wendy Tyndall.

The town people were Kenneth Thompson, Rudy Jones, Bobby Jordan, and Jamie Stroud who played the lead of Old Josh.

The Director for the production was Mrs. Janice Grady; Mrs. Karla Casteen was the Music Director. Assisting Mrs. Casteen with choreography were Mrs. Sheila Potter and the Easy Moving Company. Other members of the crew were scenery: Mr. Clinton Ayres, Mrs. Mary Ayres, Mrs. Janice Grady, Jr. Jeff Landen, Tim Carawan,



**JAMIE STROUD AND KARLA KORNEGAY**, members of the cast presented Mrs. Karla Casteen and Mrs. Janice Grady, directors with a plaque during assembly on Awards Day.



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