

1983 Veteran's Day Theme Announced

Remember the Big Apple? And "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas"? How about the jitterbug and bobby socks, zoot suits and "Pepsi Cola hits the spot, 12 full ounces, that's a lot. . . Can you call up those vocal harmonies and brassy sounds of the big-band era? And do the names Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, Artie Shaw, Cy Oliver and Les Brown call to your mind's eyes and ears a wonderful era of entertain-

ment — in a time where "entertainment" was the only escape from the chaos and pain and struggle of a world at war?

The World War II years from 1935-1945 have been selected as the time period which will be the theme of this year's Veteran's Day Parade. With special emphasis on each branch of the armed services during these years, participants in the parade and festivities as well as the Warsaw mer-

chants are asked to use this theme in their preparations for the day.

The 1983 Veteran's Day theme committee met recently to establish a theme for this year's Nov. 12 celebration and parade in Warsaw. The committee includes Marguerite West, Jean Smith, Sue Hix and Merle Creech. Mary Taylor, representing the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce, also assisted in the planning and decision-making.



Along the Way

Emily Killeto

Outdoor drama opens its eighth exciting season at the William R. Kenan Amphitheatre in Kenansville Friday night. But, even before THE LIBERTY CART previewed in 1975, Duplin was familiar with outdoor drama after staging THE DUPLIN STORY two consecutive years, 1949 and 1950, in Kenansville.

The two-act play was

written by Sam Byrd and it involved hundreds of local citizens in the cast. The first act began in a London park near the Houses of Parliament and was followed by scenes in a tobacco field near Faison, the landing of a river barge at Sarecta in 1755, the command post of Colonel James Kenan at Rockfish in 1781, and open fields in Duplin on a spring night in 1863, and Libery Hall in June

of 1865.

Act Two of THE DUPLIN STORY opened at John W. Gresham's General Merchandise Store in Beulaville Friday, October 30, 1980, and followed with scenes of the park in London, Graduation exercises on the grounds of James Sprunt Institute in 1910, outside the Warsaw railroad station May 1917 waiting for the "shoo-fly" and ended with victory Sunday morning in Duplin, August 19, 1945.

County participation in the outdoor production of THE DUPLIN STORY was widespread. The Kenansville High School, Duplin County Negro Schools, B.F. Grady School, Wallace High School, Company M, 119th Infantry, North Carolina National Guard in Warsaw, Beulaville High School, Magnolia High School, Calypso High School, Chinquapin High School, Faison High School and the Magnolia Civic Club sponsored scenes in Act One of THE DUPLIN STORY. Scenes in Act Two were sponsored by the Beulaville Lions Club, Kenansville High School, Warsaw Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Rose Hill Woman's Club. The amphitheatre grounds were donated for the period

of the production by Hampton D. Williams of Kenansville. The amphitheatre lighting equipment was provided by the Battery D, 150th AAA Gun Battalion, N.C. National Guard of Wallace. The Goldsboro High School provided the production with a brass band.

The author of THE DUPLIN STORY was a native of Mount Olive. Sam Byrd was schooled in Florida and was awarded honors both as a writer and lieutenant-commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

As an actor Byrd portrayed 1,151 consecutive performances as Dude Lester, the poor-white Georgia boy in "Tobacco Road." He toured two seasons in the Pulitzer prize play, "Street Scene," and Byrd played the role of Curley in the Critics' Prize play, "Of Mice and Men."

Byrd left the Broadway stage and returned to the South where he wrote his first book, "Small Town South," which won him a Life-in-America prize. His second book came after service with the Naval Reserve and Combat at Normandy. The book was entitled "Hurry Home To My Heart." The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial

Foundation awarded Sam Byrd a fellowship in creative writing in 1946 and renewed that fellowship in 1948. Byrd used the sponsorship of the Guggenheim Foundation to study the wartime disruption of family-like which carried him to England in 1946 and to the Mediterranean countries in the summer of 1948. After lecturing for the American Information Service in England, Byrd returned to the United States and accepted a position as a sociology instructor at the College of Charleston in South Carolina.

While serving in the naval reserve, Byrd was beachmaster of a section of Omaha Beach during battle on D-Day. His performance of duty under fire won him two decorations of heroism. Byrd also witnessed the battle for Okinawa and the occupation of Japan, where he accepted the surrender of the seaplane base at Sasebo, Kyushu.

Byrd was a natural to write and create the historic drama Duplin citizens were wanting to celebrate their 100th birthday in 1949. After the end of the 1949 production of THE DUPLIN STORY, Sam Byrd was made an honorary citizen of both Duplin County and Kenansville.

Photographers Show Planned For Fall

Due to such good response to our photography exhibition this past spring, the Duplin County Arts Council is planning another competition and show for the fall, according to Merle Creech, director.

Entries will be judged and cash prizes awarded prior to the Duplin County Agribusiness Fair, and the show will hang as an educational exhibit during Fair Week.

Entries may be black and white or color. All entries must be framed and able to

be hung. Details and entry blanks will be available in August. Early questions may be registered at the Duplin County Arts Council, P.O. Box 36, Kenansville, NC 28349, or by calling 296-1922.



Attention Duplin County Quilters

The Duplin County Arts Council is working on plans for the Agribusiness Fair in October.

A display of quilts or quilted objects is being planned. This would be an

educational exhibit with no sales or competition with antique and newly-made quilts on display. Special security will be given the display.

Quilters are also invited to

work in the exhibition room on objects during the exhibition hours. Call the DCAC office to register your interest or let them know of individuals whom they might contact at 296-1922.

Creech Named State Winner In Essay Contest

Laura Creech, 13, has been named state winner in the 1983 National Music Week essay contest sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs. May 1-8 is National Music Week.

As Virginia's state winner, she is eligible to be chosen as one of fourteen district winners from across the U.S.

Students in grades seven through eleven entered the contest with 500-word essays on the topic, "Music, the Invisible Bond."

Laura, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Creech, is on the eighth grade at Garrisonville Middle School. She entered the contest at the

urging of her piano teacher, Faith Rumph, with whom she has studied piano for five years. Mrs. Rumph is a member of the Woodbridge Music Club, an affiliate of the Virginia Federation of Music Clubs.

Laura is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Creech and great-granddaughter of Mrs. Elen T. Howard of Route 1, Pink Hill.



The earliest known members of the modern cat family first appeared about 13 million years ago.

BUSINESS RUNS GRAND OPENING - The Shoe Outlet, located on Joe Sutton's Corner at the intersection of Highways 24 and 50 in Warsaw, will be running its grand opening through July. The store is owned by Allen Sutton and Delbert Taylor and is managed by Faye Jackson, pictured above. Store hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Shoe Outlet offers men's, women's and children's shoes at discount prices. First quality merchandise is featured. Handbags, socks and hosiery are also available.

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Stroll along display trails and select while Daylilies are blooming from several hundred varieties in many colors to plant now or order for Fall delivery.

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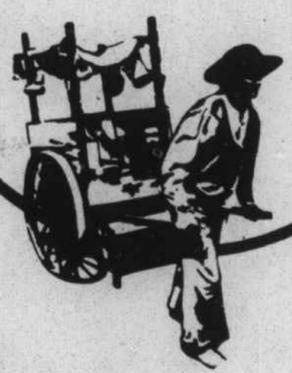
Watch for entrance sign on Hwy. 24E, turn off Hwy. 24E onto Acacia Street. Travel one block to enter unpaved approach to "Wildwood Gardens."

1983 Season July 8 - August 21

Wednesday thru Sunday

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