

## Along the Way

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Occasionally Along The Way features items of specific interest to just a few folks, and this week citizens of Kenansville can read and remember their town as it was more than 30 years ago.

An editorial was written in the November 10, 1950 issue of THE DUPLIN TIMES by owner and publisher J.R. Grady. The editorial was written about trees but depicts small-town life in the town of Kenansville. It was titled "Old Landmarks Move On" and reads as follows:

The moving finger writes, and having writ moves on. . . and so old landmarks must make way for progress. Fifteen years ago Kenansville was hardly more than a crossroads. Had it not been for the courthouse and jail one could hardly have said there was a Kenansville. Today as Duplin marches forward toward greater days its county seat town moves with progress.

Today nostalgia is in the air as we look out and see the three old sycamore trees, that once were the pride of the sidewalk club in Kenansville, shed their last leaves and are pulled up by the roots. No longer will we see Coy Kennedy sitting on the bench beside the old barber shop (which burned a few

months ago) chewing his tobacco, whittlin' his sticks and telling tales of old days in Duplin and his experiences with his coon and hound dogs. Eurie Johnson will have to find another shady spot to tell about experiences in his long life as one of Duplin's most reputable house painters and tell the boys about his brother and the doings in Miami when he visits the land of Sunshine. Bob Dail with his market apron will have to look another direction to find shade when he wants to cool off in the summer and Slim Dail can no longer park his car under the shade of those old sycamores. These old trees have been as much a part of business life of Kenansville as has the drug store, the gossiping center for the ladies, which was saved from destruction by those very same trees in the fire last spring. Not only can the drug store be thankful for those trees but so can every building on that side of the street for when the old Dail store, the barber shop and "Pap" Sitterson's office burned these trees helped confine the fire to these buildings. It was under these trees that hundreds of Duplinites who came into conflict with the law would cool off as Justice Sitterson

## Gifted/Talented Students Participate In ECU Science Camp

Approximately 350 junior and senior high school students from North Carolina and Virginia participated in East Carolina University's annual Gifted / Talented Science Camp during July.

Duplin and Lenoir County participants include Melissa Price of Beulaville, Gigi Ammar, Bertha Wilson and Perrie Fennell of Kenansville, Lisa Brady and Kimberly Stokes of Wallace, Anna Lee and David Neal

Quinn of Warsaw, and from Lenoir, Dennis Harper of Deep Run.

The camp included two week-long sessions. The first was for seventh and eighth grade students and the second was for ninth and tenth graders. Each session featured enrichment activities in various fields of science.

Among the topics offered were computer science, photography, astronomy, analytical chemistry, radiation science, microstructures, plate tectonics, anthropology and biotechnology.

Campers attended laboratory sessions and lectures in their chosen fields of interest while residing on campus. They were selected on the basis of school recommendation and achievement in science and mathematics.

The annual camp is one of several summer science camps sponsored by the ECU department of science education. Directors were Dr. Floyd Mattheis and Karen Collier of the ECU science education department.

## Midget Football Tryouts

Warsaw and Faison Midget Football tryouts will be held August 22 at 5 p.m. at the Warsaw Elementary School and Faison tryouts at the Faison Recreation Center.

Boys 9 years of age before Oct. 15 and those who do not reach their 13th birthday before Oct. 13 are eligible, according to Paul Brewer.

would hear their cases.

Yes, the old sycamores are gone. New trees could be planted (but they never will) in this spot, and with them goes a very intimate part of old Kenansville. Lovers of trees here look at the open space and the tune of that familiar song and poem by Joyce Kilmer comes to mind:

I think that I'll never see  
A poem lovely as a tree  
A tree whose hungry mouth  
is pressed  
Against the earth's sweet  
flowing breast.  
A tree that looks at God all  
day  
And lifts her leafy arms  
to pray.  
A tree that may in summer  
wear  
A nest of robins in her hair  
Upon whose bosom snow has  
lain  
Who intimately lives with  
rain.  
Poems are made by fools  
like me  
But only God can make  
a tree.

## Students Take Part In Peace Writing Institute

Even before three area residents start college as freshmen on Aug. 23, they will have written at least 8,000 words in a program worth two college credit hours. The area residents are Eva Bodor of Route 1, Kenansville, Holly Chestnutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Chestnutt of Route 1, Warsaw; and Julie Carlton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Carlton of Warsaw.

The effort will have taken place at Peace College three weeks before the freshmen officially start college. The students are among the 79 freshmen who are currently taking part in the college's summer writing institute.

The 13-day intensive workshop started July 31 and ends Aug. 13. It is open to all freshmen who want to get a headstart on college skills — particularly writing — and to have an early immersion in college life. The students live on campus and spend their time concentrating on the writing and thinking skills faculty members think they need for success in all of their courses.

The institute made it debut last summer as the second of its kind in the nation, according to Dr. Sally Buckner, coordinator of English studies at Peace. The only other similar workshop she knows about was one begun in 1981 at Bard College in New York.

Peace's first institute in Aug. 1982 was quickly over-enrolled and successful enough that 100 percent of

the participants said they would recommend it to incoming freshmen; 98 percent said they thought they were helped to improve their writing skills.

Again this year nearly 40 percent of the freshman class took part in the institute and again the enrollment was at capacity. The emphasis on individual help keeps the enrollment at about 79.

## Duplin County Opening Of School

The school bells will ring throughout Duplin County on Monday, August 22 for the first day of school. An orientation day will be held for students and parents on Thursday, Aug. 18. The buses will not operate on orientation day.

Because of the lateness of the tobacco crops in Duplin County, the Board of Education voted to grant excused absences during the first 10 days of school to those students working in tobacco. It is important that students report to school on Aug. 22 to enroll in school and for their membership to count toward the allocation of professional personnel.

The allocation of funds and resources from the State

Department of Public Instruction (SDPI) is based on average daily membership (ADM). The State Department of Public Instruction will make an adjustment in the allotment of personnel after the first 10 days of school.

Duplin County gained 244 students during the first month. If these students had enrolled on the first day of school, additional teachers would have been allotted to Duplin County to serve these students. A rough estimate based on ADM indicates that Duplin County lost five teachers due to students' failure to enroll in school on the first day.

To share a few statistics, the enrollment on the first day of the 1982-83 school year was 8,231. By the 5th day it was 8,389, a gain of 1.58. By the 10th day, the

membership was 8,455, a gain of 66 additional students. By the 20th day, the membership was 8,475, a gain of 20 students. The net gain during the first 20 days of school was 244 students. Therefore, it is imperative that students enroll in school Day One and continue in membership.

## Aglow Women Meet

The Women's Aglow Fellowship, Kenansville chapter will meet Aug. 13 at 8:45 a.m. for fellowship and 9:30 a.m. for the regular meeting at the General Store in Kenansville, according to Linda K. Lanier of Beulaville.

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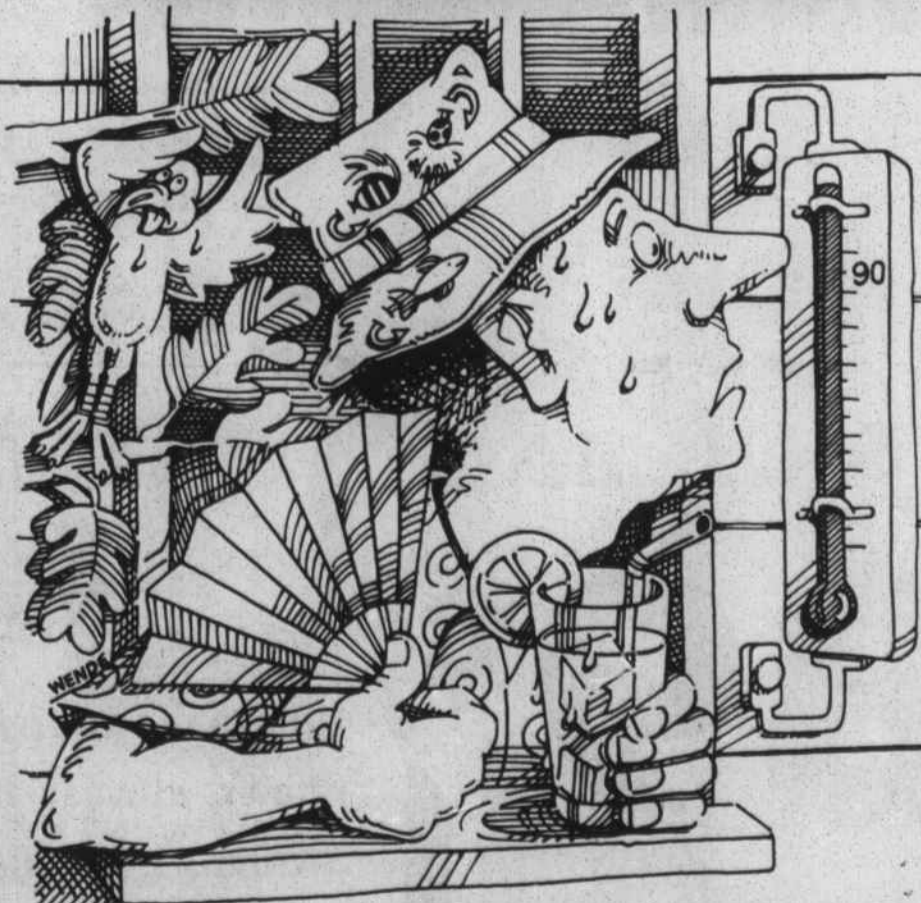


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