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TWO TRUCK LOADS OF MARIJUANA - Duplin deputies discovered some 240 marijuana plants near Warsaw. The plants were discovered at the edge of a field about three miles west of Warsaw, between Warsaw and Bowdens. Plants ranged in height from 10 to 12 feet. Sheriff Elwood Revelle stated the marijuana field showed evidence of about 300 plants; some 60 or so had been harvested. The stalks were

stripped in the nearby woods. Revelle stated the plants would probably yield a pound of marijuana each. That "good local stuff" would bring about \$400 a pound wholesale and once refined about \$1,000 on the street. The incident is still under investigation by the Duplin County Sheriff's Department.

Grants Will Spruce Up Duplin County

Federal Grants and loans total \$1,719,376

Federal development or improvement grants and loans totaling \$1,719,376 have been awarded Duplin County, two of its towns and one industry.

Duplin County is to receive a \$750,000 Department of Housing and Urban Development community development block grant through the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Rose Hill will receive a similar grant for \$615,345.

The North Carolina Hydraulics Co. of Beulaville will receive a five-year EDS loan at 5.5 percent interest for factory expansion. The town will receive a grant of \$71,031 for street improvements.

Emmett Wickline, the company's owner, said the factory now employs 27 workers and makes hydraulic cylinders, selling most of its product to the Champion International Co. with headquarters in Goderich, Canada, and a plant in Columbia,

S.C. He hopes to increase employment to 70 workers over a two-year period.

James Sprunt Technical College of Kenansville will train the additional workers.

Woody Brinson of McDavid Associates, consulting engineers for the county, said the Duplin County grant includes \$601,940 for 11,300 feet of six-inch water main, rehabilitation of 43 houses, removal of 15 houses and addition of 14 fire hydrants in the Burning Bush area just west of Faison on N.C. 403.

Duplin County plans to buy water from Faison and sell to 54 customers in the area. The water line and some of the hydrants will provide fire protection for the Faison vegetable auction market.

The county will use \$148,060 of the grant for a community center in the Rockfish area about four miles west of Wallace on N.C. 41. Plans call for purchasing a 12- to 15-acre site across the road from the Swift & Co. turkey processing plant and construction of a 3,000-square-foot building. The county will lease the

building and grounds to a local non-profit recreation commission for operation.

Rose Hill Mayor Ben Harrell said most of Rose Hill's \$615,345 grant will be used to finance installation of 38,750 feet of six-inch water main, 42 fire hydrants, a 100,000-gallon elevated water storage tank and drilling of a 250,000-gallons-per-minute well.

The facilities will serve 321 homes on the west side of town, including addition of 48 homes outside the city limits. The town will use about \$123,000 of the grant to replace 17,100 feet of water main on the east side of town.

Harrell said this grant will help the town complete its utility structure. "We have some old lines that need replacing and some loops that need to be made. The new tank will help in fire safety. We only have a 75,000-gallon water storage tank now. We need more capacity for fire safety."

Bids for the Rose Hill project are expected to be sought early next spring.

Faison Library To Open In Restored Depot

By Emily Killete

Lighting installation is the final phase of restoring the old Faison depot for use as a library and museum. According to Barbara Margolis, chairperson for the Faison Historic Commission, lighting for the library is currently being installed and plans are to open in October.

"We made the library our first concern," Barbara Margolis, chairperson of the Faison Historical Commission, said. "We really have not done too much with the museum except preparing it for lighting and furnishing." According to Margolis, the library will open in October when books arrive to fill the limited number of shelves installed. Faison's library will feature shelves and some furniture made by Omega Furnishings of Rose Hill. Margolis explained Omega was used because they had worked constructing furnishings for the new Dorothy

Wightman Library in Kenansville. Additional shelves, like furnishings, will be added after the library opens, Margolis said. She estimated about \$1,500 is needed to complete the plans for the library. "We hope people will use the library and want to donate to help add books, shelves and other furnishings. The library will open with only the barest essential things so we can open as soon as possible," Margolis said.

"We are hoping to open in October if we're not waiting on new books. If the books arrived today, we could open next week," Margolis explained. "The Faison Historical Commission does have a few books from the old town library which used to be in the community building. Some of those books will have to be gone through because a number of the older ones are falling apart." Books for the Faison library are being ordered through the Dorothy Wight-

man Library. And, Margolis added, the Faison library will open on a part-time basis and according to community response, business hours may be lengthened.

The library is housed in two of the three rooms of the depot building. Margolis pointed out no structural changes have been made to the inside of the depot and the two library rooms once served as waiting rooms for train passengers. The ticket office is designated as the museum. Each of the depot rooms has been sanded and the upper portion of the 13-foot tall walls have been painted white. Ticket windows, signal controls, ticket boxes and counters remain intact at the depot.

Lighting for the museum is expected to cost approximately \$400, Margolis said. And, she added, display cases had not even been priced by the historical commission at this stage. Like the library, the Faison His-

torical Commission is expecting donations for the completion of the museum.

"There has been a lot of work done since November," Margolis said. "A fundraiser was held in May for the library and museum. It was sponsored by the civic, social and church groups in the town and they raised \$1,100 for the project. Everyone in the community helped or donated, so I feel like we have the local support to complete the project in the future."

According to Margolis, once the museum is ready to open, the Faison Historical Commission will advertise for donations of historical articles from the community citizens. Each object will be reviewed by the Commission or a group appointed by the Commission for display approval. Currently, she added, no decisions had been made or guidelines set for types of articles to be displayed in the Faison Museum.



NAMED STATE OUTSTANDING - A Duplin 4-H agent has been named one of the state's Outstanding Young 4-H Agents for 1983. Ray Rhinehart, Duplin associate extension agent, 4-H, received one of two awards given to agents with one to three years of service by the North Carolina Association of Extension 4-H Agents. Carolyn Langley, Edgecombe associate extension agent, 4-H, received a similar award. Rodney Sawyer, Currituck associate extension agent, 4-H, and Ken Kindley, Buncombe extension agent, 4-H, received Outstanding Young 4-H Agent Awards for four to seven years of service. The awards were presented Aug. 24 in Goldsboro during the 4-H Agents Association annual meeting. Rhinehart was cited for giving leadership to a balanced 4-H program of community clubs and special interest groups and for recruiting and training adult volunteer leaders.

Wreck Fills Highway With Sea Of Porkers At Warsaw

A semi truck carrying 170 pigs collided with a van and overturned on N.C. 24 two miles west of Warsaw last Wednesday afternoon, injuring two people and killing about a dozen pigs, said Capt. Tommy Combs of the Warsaw Volunteer Rescue Squad.

"There were hogs everywhere," Combs said. The surviving pigs were let out of the trailer because of the possibility of suffocation as the trailer stretched across the highway and blocked both lanes of traffic for about an hour after the 1:30 p.m. accident.

Firefighters hosed the pigs

with water to keep them cool as rescuers used the "jaws of life" cutting machine to open a door on the van to reach Lenora Frederick, 52, of Route 1, Warsaw, a passenger in the back seat of the van who was injured, Combs said.

Ms. Frederick and the driver of the truck, Billy Ray Daughtry, 23, of Clinton, were taken to Duplin General Hospital after the accident, Combs said. The hospital refused to release information about the condition of Daughtry or Ms. Frederick that night.

The pigs belonged to the Lundy Packing Co. in Clinton, Combs said.

Hunt Names Wickline To James Sprunt College Board

Governor Jim Hunt has named Emmett E. Wickline of Beulaville to serve on the board of trustees of James Sprunt Technical College. His term will expire June 30, 1991.



Emmett E. Wickline

Wickline is president of Wickline Industries, Inc. He serves on the advisory board of the Employment Security Commission and on the JSTC Foundation Board. He has served in the past on the Governor's Community of Excellence Committee and as the Duplin County chairman of the Walter Hagen Candler Society Golf Tournament.

The 12-member board is the local advisory body for JSTC. It applies standards established by the State Board of Community Colleges, including admission and graduation requirements. It elects the president or chief administrative officer of the school subject to approval by the state board and purchases land necessary for the operation of the school.

Arts Council Photographers Show Planned For Fall

Due to such good response to the photography exhibition this past spring, the Duplin County Arts Council is planning another competition and show for the fall. 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 at the DCAC office. Requests may be made by phone, 296-1922 or mail: Duplin County Arts Council, P.O. Box 36, Kenansville, NC 28349.

The contest deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 27. Entries may be brought to the DCAC office at the courthouse in Kenansville.



LIBRARY TO OPEN IN HISTORIC DEPOT - The Faison Historical Commission announced tentative plans to open the town library in October. The project to restore the Faison depot began approximately three years ago when the building was donated to the town and moved to the park and recreation grounds. The three-room structure

will also be used as a museum, said Barbara Margolis, chairperson of the Faison Historical Commission. According to Margolis, the ticket office area of the depot will house the museum. She added the museum will not be ready to open when the library begins operation. Pictured above is the Faison depot.