



The fastest growing part of the county government is the social services. There are many reasons why and one of the major reasons is that the federal and state governments foot most of the bill. Don't misunderstand. . . Everytime the federal and state portions increase, so does Duplin County's share. The budget for social services this year is around \$11 million. . . That's almost as much as the school budget. . . As it is growing, the once big house on the hill is now the little house on the hill. More space is needed to house workers and applicants. . . As there are many areas in which a person or family can obtain help. . . and those applying are supposed to be down and out. . . the ideal situation would be to house all social service departments under one roof. . . However, Monday the county commissioners decided to make an offer on the old Land Bank building which is located on Highway 24, clear across town. . . According to Millie Brown, social services director, if the building were to be bought or rented, she would move 14 workers to the new building after some redesign of the inside. . . Check this. . . There are only eight parking spaces at the building and the state Department of Transportation recommends no parking on Highway 24. . . It's going to be kinda hard to park the workers' autos in the limited parking area — much less those applying for help. . . I guess this is one way to cut down the bill. . . Or, maybe, the county will start a bus service transporting folks from here to there in Kenansville. . . Seems the most logical thing to do would be to add to the present building. . . In the long run it would cost no more, and, after all, the federal government will pay 68 cents of every dollar spent. . . It must grow. Let it grow where it is. . .

There will be a rush to the election office Friday, I suppose. . . So far, few have filed for the municipal offices, town board seats and mayors. . . Probably one reason is that the job is more than it looks, and it does not pay too good. . . However, there is much compensation in the fact you are helping your town to move in the right direction. . . Here are the tax rates set by the present town board members. . . Beulaville, 60 cents; Faison, 57 cents; Greenevers, no town tax; Kenansville, 68 cents; Magnolia, 60 cents; Rose Hill, 70 cents; Wallace, 67 cents; and Warsaw, 73 cents. Calypso's tax is set at 60 cents. . .

Kenansville is, I suppose, trying to out-do Faison. Faison has a home-town hero, Astronaut William Thornton. . . Monday in the late afternoon, the town of Kenansville tried to send a fire hydrant into orbit. . . Or it sounded like it. . . A lady called the town hall advising that water had been running from a hydrant for some time. . . However, now the hydrant was gone. . . blew away. . . However, it didn't make it into orbit; it was found nearby by the blow-out hole. . . Before the hole was located and the way to cut the lines off in that area was determined, both of Kenansville's water tanks were drained. . . So, it didn't take gasoline to get this thing off the ground, but it did take a couple of hundred thousand gallons of water. . . Glad that's not my water bill! . . .

The Duplin County Agribusiness Fair is underway and this year's promises to be better than last year's. . . And I thought it was excellent last year. . . If you are just messing around tonight and without much to do, the county commissioners are supposed to be showing off their country ways, shucking corn and such tonight at the fair. . . Commissioner Dovie Penney of Wallace is to be showing up in a pair of overalls loaned to her by Commissioner Calvin Turner of Albertson. . . Now, it wouldn't take a great deal of thinking to come up with some outstanding headlines about these two and one pair of britches. . . But, I am going to leave that up to you and your thinking. . . Makes my face turn red. . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .

Along the Way

By Emily Killeto

The southern section of Duplin County became famous as one of the world's largest strawberry markets and part of its success was based on the area's access to the railroad.

According to information from the May 17, 1947 issue of THE DUPLIN TIMES, the Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad was now open to the depot at Mrs. Teacheys, 42 miles north of Wilmington, and cars will run regularly to that point. Within three weeks 10 more miles will be thrown open to travelers. The bridge across the Neuse River is ready for laying down the iron and every hour diminishes the distance to be traveled over the stages. . . Several months later, February 1839, the following story was published: "We regret having been unable to attend the big celebration in Waynesboro on February 22, in connection with the completion of the railroad between Wilmington and Waynesboro. This is an important event and will mean much to the development of the state. Farmers near

Waynesboro are now shipping their hogs and produce to Wilmington and the shipment is less than a day in transit." Waynesboro was located on the Neuse River just southwest of present Goldsboro and by March of 1840 the Wilmington and Weldon line was completed. The railroad depots became centers of trade and business; homes, churches and schools began to be established near the lines. The depots of Mary Holmes Teachey, now the town of Teachey, and Duplin Roads, now the present town of Wallace, were among the growing depot communities. One sign of progress was the location of Dr. Hanson F. Murphy within the community. Murphy was the area's first resident physician and . . . D. McL. Graham and Dr. L.W. Robinson followed, locating practices in the community. And, Duplin Roads changes its name to Wallace in honor an Atlantic Coast Line official by that name. The original settlement of the area was located near the old Red House cemetery. The settlement was referred to as Red House or sometimes Rockfish, and it dates from the 1740s. Some of the founding families are: Wells, Boney, Teachey and Stallings. Jacob Wells came to Red House from Craven County. He was Swiss and his ancestors had come to America with Baron De Graffenreid in the settlement of New Bern in 1710. Jacob Wells and his family lived on the Youkey Branch in what is now the Magnolia township. Daniel Teachey also came to Duplin from Craven. Like Wells, Teachey's ancestors had come to settle New Bern under DeGraffenreid. Teachey was German and he is thought to have married the sister of Jacob Wells. Jacob Boney came to Duplin from New Hanover County and he died about 1763. Shadrach and Meshach Stallings came to Duplin and quickly became political, social and Revolutionary War leaders. All of the above men came to the area as farmers.

Hey! Ho! Come To The Fair!

Don't miss the things at the Duplin County Arts Council presents the week of Oct. 3-8 at the Kenansville Old School along with the Duplin Agribusiness Fair.

prior to the fair. The photographs will represent over \$150 in prizes. Children's art will be displayed throughout the Old School and will also have ribbons reflecting the decisions of judges. Many ribbons will be given and the children's individual works will be judged separately from the whole class projects. The entire third floor of the school will be a children's environment for viewing and

for working with different art media. There will be no charge for the exhibit or for working with the projects. Called "Pathways-Peaceways-Playways," the area will feature a real live clown to welcome children and will represent the work of many children and people throughout the county. Special helpers will assist with pottery, collage, painting and space critter sculptures. A special room called "What If You Couldn't. . ." is being furnished by Duplin

General equipment to use and with which to become familiar; the idea of this area is to begin to understand handicaps and to focus on the ideas of NOT being able to play and jump and run. The fair is for everyone -- and the Duplin County Arts Council hopes to see you there. Hey! Ho! Come to the fair! This project is supported in part by the Grassroots Arts Program of the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency.

Children's Section At Fair Features Huge Puzzle!

You may find yourself gone and lost at the Duplin County Arts Council's children's area at the fair! A gigantic maze built of fabric and wooden flats and paintings is the opening room for the children's area at this

year's Agribusiness Fair. With giant paintings done by the James Sprunt Technical College's art students and with fabric walls from Omega Enterprises and J.P. Stevens, the maze creates an intriguing entrance into a

world called "Pathways-Peaceways-Playways." At certain stops along the way of the maze, children (of all ages!) will be able to create new works of art. Painting, clay and collage will be offered. Hand-on experiences of other kinds will

be also available. And displays and artwork from our county's school children will be on display. Some of the large flats will be painted by school children and have been used as teaching tools for special units.

Planning Floats For Veteran's Day Parade

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 entertainment 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 1935-45 has 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 merchants are asked to use this theme in their preparations for the day. Each float and parade entry that is to be eligible for prize-winning must be carrying out the 1935-45 theme. Also, merchants' window displays and clothing will be judged. The store awarded the Best Window display will be given a prize of \$50. The store with the Best Dressed employees (according to the theme) will be awarded a \$50 prize. Judging for stores will take place on Friday, Nov. 11. Warsaw schools are also eligible for dress-up prizes. At each school prizes will be given for the Best Dressed Boy - \$10; and Best Dressed Girl - \$10; and the Best Dressed Teacher - \$10. School judging will be done on Thursday, Nov. 10. Questions? Call Mary Taylor at 293-7814 or Merle Creech at 296-1922.

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EDUCATION AT DUPLIN FAIR - Many of Duplin's high schools have educational displays at the Agribusiness Fair in Kenansville this week. Pictured above, students in the Wallace-Rose Hill High School carpentry class display a model house which the

students are constructing as a learning project. Exhibits from James Kenan, East Duplin and North Duplin high school clubs and classes can be seen daily until 10 p.m. in the old Kenansville elementary school and Kenan Auditorium through Oct. 8.

JSTC President's & Dean's Lists

James Sprunt Technical College has released the President's and Dean's Lists for the summer quarter. The Presidents List consists of those students who completed a full-time class load and made all A's. The Dean's List earned a grade point average of 3.00 (B average) with no grade lower than C.

- President's List**
- James C. Atkinson, Lorenza Bullock, Deborah Butler, Johnny Cannon, Richard Collins, William Cooke, Charles Corley, Johnny Grimmer, Jean Hall, Robert Hall, Dana Hanchey, Billy Higgs, James Hill, Joey Jones, Tony Kerrin, Douglas Kornegay, Kirk Kuykendoll, Jack Lewis, Lynn Mobley, William Moffett, Dorothy Moore, James Murray, Sarah Pickett, Lonnie Quinn, Loranda Rouse, Norwood Sanderson, Betty Simmons, Wilson Smith, Robert Taylor, Brenda Underwood, Michael Ward and Roy Young.
- Dean's List**
- Gladys Ayers, James Brake, Ross Brock, Jennifer Byrd, Rivers Carr, Woodie Carr, Linwood Carter, James Chambers, Pamela Costin, Cassandra Davis, Tamara Drew, Robert Dumont, Johnnie Durham, Byron Edgett, Elmer Ellis, Robert Ezzell, Gaston Fordham III, James Foster, Pamela Futrell, Edward Gavin, David Harrell, Martin Herring, Lillie Huffman, James Humphrey, Angela Jackson, Rufus Jenkins, Kay Jones, Leslie Kelly, Paula King, Mavin Mathis, David Moore, Travis Mazingo, Hope Odom, Luada Patrick, Hiram Petty, Wanda Quinn, Cathy Register, Judy Rich, Kristin Robertson, Laura Sanderson, Angela Smith, Bobby Smith, Dexter Smith, Priscilla Smith, Victor Smith, Brian Stewart, Rufus Spellmon, Rhonda Stroud, Nathaniel Wallace, Bud White, Arlene Williams, Carolyn Williams, Larry Williams, Richard Williams, Robert Williams, Malcolm Williams and Karl Wilson.

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Chicken Pastry Barbecue Pork Dinner

There will be a chicken pastry and barbecue pork dinner October 8 at the First Original Free Will Baptist Church fellowship building in Warsaw. Serving will begin at 11 a.m. Chicken pastry plates are \$2.50 each and barbecue plates are \$3. There will be extra cakes and pies available for sale. All proceeds will go to Mount Olive College.

Invitation

The children of Bill and Josephine Thigpen invite you to share with them their parents' Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary celebration on Saturday, October 15, 1983, from five to seven o'clock in the afternoon at Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Pink Hill.

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