



HELP WITH FESTIVAL SIGN - Malcolm Williams and Robert Hall, pictured left to right, are assisting the Warsaw Recreation Department with art work. The Warsaw Recreation Department is planning a weekend festival for Oct. 29 at the park. The Autumfest will feature sports, musical entertainment, Halloween costume contests, crafts and exhibitions and the sale of chicken plates.

The celebration will begin at 11 a.m. Williams and Hall worked with the Duplin County Arts Council on the children's fantasyland exhibit at the Duplin Agribusiness Fair. With the Arts Council, the artist painted cartoon characters and assisted with the construction of the exhibition.

Ingram Joins Others To Warn Of Use Of Auxiliary Heaters

Fall is fast approaching and winter is not far behind. That means that it will soon be time to turn on the heat. With an increasing number of injuries, fires and deaths resulting as a result of the improper use and installation of space heaters, the N.C. space heater safety committee announced the kick-off of a statewide information and education program designed to give consumers safety information on the use, maintenance and installation of these heaters.

The insurance commissioners office joined private industry that supplies fuel for space heaters (natural gas, LP gas and kerosene), other state agencies, and the U.S. Product Safety commission to coordinate the program statewide. The intent is to prevent needless loss of life and reduce injury associated with improper use

and installation of space heaters.

Appearing with representatives at a news conference in Raleigh, Insurance Commissioner John Ingram said that even though North Carolina citizens are seeking ways to conserve heating dollars, that conservation need not occur at the expense of our citizens' lives and the lives of their families.

Ingram said that while the emphasis on the campaign is geared to carbon monoxide poisoning on gas space heaters, his office has placed additional emphasis on fire loss due to wood burning stoves as well as space heaters.

Ingram said the efforts of his fire and rescue division's education program is augmented through the building codes division and the life-safety codes administered through that division.

"Total public awareness is

the only way to correct existing and future problems which may come as a result of the improper installation and use of space heaters," Ingram said. He said, "Carefully selected, installed and operating units can provide alternative heating sources during winter months, but they have the potential to be dangerous and should be treated as such."

The major thrust of the project will work with local governments. Each energy supply industry will distribute safety literature directly to their customers. A statewide media campaign will be conducted, emphasizing safety via local newspapers, radio and TV. The Extension Service and fire officials will serve as resource people and distributors of literature.

Ingram told reporters there are many other ways in which users can protect themselves. He said N.C.

fire codes and safety regulations say these space heaters cannot be used in bathrooms and sleeping rooms. Heaters should be properly installed and vented. Oil heaters should use a special type sulfur-free grade of kerosene and he said that there is a 36-inch minimum clearance for space heaters from all combustible material.

Ingram reminded that last year's Wilmington fire in a senior citizens complex started as the result of combustible material too close to an electric space heater.

He also reminded that with winter approaching, fireplaces, wood-burning stoves, chimneys and furnaces should be cleaned and inspected before firing them up. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and in this case, it could save lives as well," he said.

Drainage Is Problem In Warsaw

About 15 resident of the south side of Warsaw have asked the town board to help them get better drainage for their homes. In wet weather water backs up into their yards, they said.

The resident appeared at the town board's Monday night meeting last week. This was not the first time that the group has asked the board for help.

"This is the second time we've been here. If we don't get some results this time, we're going to the governor," said Linwood Owens, a spokesman for the group.

The first time the group approached the board, they

asked for a large ditch to be dug down the center of the block along the rear property line. The board investigated but found that the area's topography would keep the suggested ditch from draining.

Commissioner Walter Foster said that since the group's last appearance, the town's town backhoe has cleaned the existing ditches rather than opening a new, unsightly ditch.

"It's hard for you to know what's going on if you don't live there," Owens said. "If you're not going to do anything but pick up the trash, we'd just as soon go back into the county."

Foster said he has visited the area after rains and has seen which way the land drains.

Douglas Williams complained of three streets in the area not being paved. He said Washington, Garfield and Lincoln streets for about two blocks from Front Street to U.S. 117 are not paved. Beside the south side streets, there is only one other unpaved street in town, he said. Williams said he wanted to know why south side taxpayers don't get more return on their taxes.

Mayor Sam Godwin said the town is working on the problem but noted that all property taxes paid amount to less than 25 percent of the town's budget. That is not even enough to support the police department's budget of \$75,000, he said.

The board members said they haven't decided what roads will be paved. State "Powell Bill" money, which funds local paving projects, has not yet reached the town.

In other business, J.H. Hines of Kenansville asked to put mobile homes on three lots at the junction of Chelly and Hill streets. The property is zoned R-6, which allows mobile homes but because Hines intends to rent the units, the town considers the project a mobile home park. City law requires mobile home parks to have a minimum of two acres.

The matter was tabled and turned over to town attorney Garrett Ludlum, who was asked to clarify the distinction between mobile homes and mobile home park. Part of Hines' land is outside the city.

Tom Rabon of Warsaw, who had previously approached the board with

plans for building 28 moderate - or medium - income apartments on the north side of town, on Monday of last week told the board he would now like to build the project near Warsaw Elementary School. The new site requires land to be rezoned from industrial to multi-family and the board scheduled a hearing on the rezoning for its next meeting.

In order to build the apartment complex on the north side of town, about \$58,000 would have been required to build sewage pumping facilities.

The board also scheduled a public hearing at its next meeting on a request to annex property on U.S. 117 north of town. Walter P. West is petitioning to annex what is known as the old J.J. Barden property. The property is vacant.

The board also awarded bids to rehabilitate five houses with \$44,677 from the federal Housing and Urban Development money. Two of the homes will be rehabilitated by Frederick Building Co. of Warsaw and the three others will be done by Robert Green of Warsaw.

Wildlife Officer Stationed In Duplin

Duplin's main wildlife sports are deer and small game hunting, trapping and fishing, and the northern section of the county has recently received a new Wildlife officer.



Bill Williamson

Bill Williamson began work in Duplin October 1 as a Wildlife officer enforcing hunting, trapping and fishing regulations. The new officer will be patrolling the

northern half of Duplin County. Williamson is stationed in Duplin after completing Basic Wildlife School in Chapel Hill this summer. The Duplin assignment is the first for Williamson as a Wildlife officer.

"Since I have been in Duplin, I have met with several hunting clubs trying to become familiar with the area and the people," Bill Williamson, Duplin Wildlife officer said. "I like Duplin because it reminds me a lot of the county I grew up in."

Williamson was a resident of Greene County where he grew up on a tobacco farm.

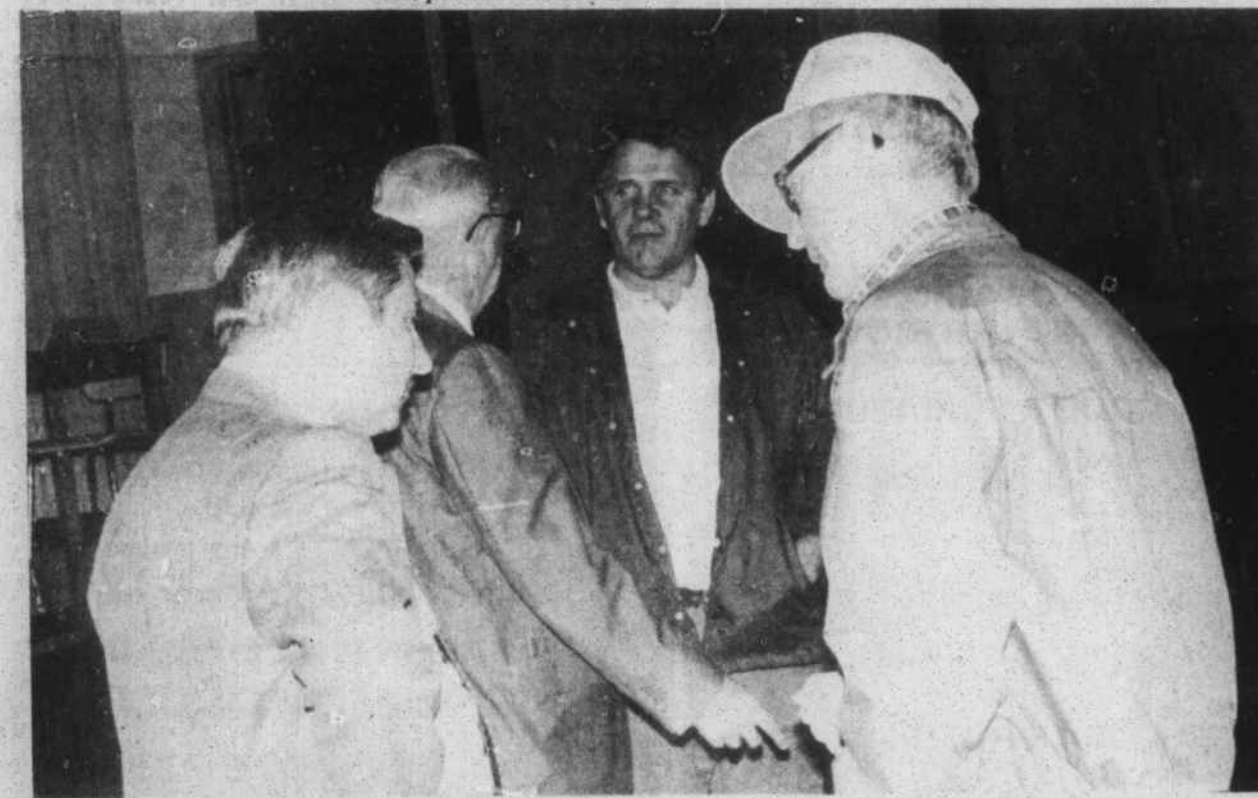
He is a 1976 graduate of East Carolina University. At East Carolina, Williamson pitched for the Pirate baseball team which advanced to the NCAE playoffs two of his three years with the team. Williamson entered the Air Force after graduation from East Carolina University and served four years. Leaving the Air Force, Williamson worked with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in Goldsboro.

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GROWERS CONVERSE WITH LOCAL POLITICIANS - Clayton Bryant explains some of the items to Rep. Wendell Murphy of Rose Hill. Earl Cavanaugh and Senator Harold

Haridson share their concerns following the hearing at Chinquapin Primary School.

Rock-A-Thon For Cystic Fibrosis

A Rock-A-Thon, sponsored by the Kenansville Jaycettes for the benefit of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 22. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. in front of the Kenansville Fire Department.

The event is open to all youngsters and adults who wish to help support the fight against cystic fibrosis, the number one genetic killer of children and young adults in the U.S. There is at present no cure for the disease, which affects approximately one in 1,800 births.

According to Kathy Helton, those who wish to

participate should obtain sponsor sheets from the Jaycettes. Participants should then solicit pledges from their relatives, friends or neighbors for each hour they rock. The total amount to be collected from their sponsors after the event is based on the total amount of time the participants rock.

Prizes will be awarded to those who raise the most funds. Everyone who collects \$30 or more will receive a Cystic Fibrosis T-shirt. Everyone who collects \$90 or more will also receive a toll tote-bag. Rockers may also compete for a grand prize which will be an AM-FM

radio with headset or a gift certificate.

Anyone who has a rocking chair available for use is asked to contact chairperson Kathy Helton at 296-1219. For further information, contact her or any Kenansville Jaycette.

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