

**DONATION TO ASHLEY QUINN BENEFIT CAMPAIGN** - To help kick off the campaign to raise \$50,000 for possible liver transplant surgery for Kenansville infant Ashley Quinn, Jimmy Jackson of Jackson's IGA donated the food for the Kenansville Jaycee-sponsored Vance Gavin roast at which a cake

auction yielded \$280 for the Quinn trust fund. Jackson's IGA Deli catered the ceremony roasting attorney Vance Gavin Dec. 6. Pictured above, right, Kenansville Jaycee Tom Bowman accepting donation for Ashley Quinn benefit campaign from Jimmy Jackson, left, owner and operator of Jackson's IGA and Deli in Kenansville.

## Whitaker Takes Oath In Wallace

Earl Whitaker, a former local police chief, was sworn into office as mayor of Wallace last Thursday.

Whitaker succeeds Melvin Cording, who has served as town board member or mayor for 24 years. District Judge Stephen Williamson of Kenansville gave the oath of office.

Cording was first elected to the town board of commissioners in 1947 and served until 1957 when he was first elected as mayor. He served as mayor from 1957 to 1967. He was again elected mayor in 1979 and served in that post until Thursday night.

Whitaker became the sixth person to hold the mayor's seat in some 40 years. The others have been Aubrey Harrell, Willard Hoffer, T.J. "Tommy" Baker, who left office to serve in the state legislature, and Charles

Farrior. Whitaker served as Wallace police chief for 23 years before joining the Duplin County Sheriff's Department, from which he retired about two years ago.

Also sworn into office were incumbent town commissioners Charles Blanchard, N.H. Carter and Arnold Duncan, who were unopposed for re-election in November.

Before the swearing-in ceremony, the board, under Cording, completed old business.

The board awarded the contract for construction of Brown's lift station, part of the sewage project in Southwestern Wallace, to T.A. Loving & Co. of Goldsboro on a bid of \$45,850. The company became the apparent contract winner for improvements to the city's sewage treatment plant earlier in the week.

Other bidders on the lift station were the Sneeded Co. of Wilmington at \$47,352 and H.V. Allen Co. of Greensboro, \$77,809.

David Criser of Henry von Oesen & Associates of Wilmington said work should be completed in about 90 days. He said the station will serve 40 percent of the city.

The new board re-elected Duncan as mayor pro tem. It reappointed Blanchard as commissioner of streets and recreation, David Jordan as public safety commissioner, Carter as sanitation and utilities commissioner, and Luther Powell as library and town properties commissioner.

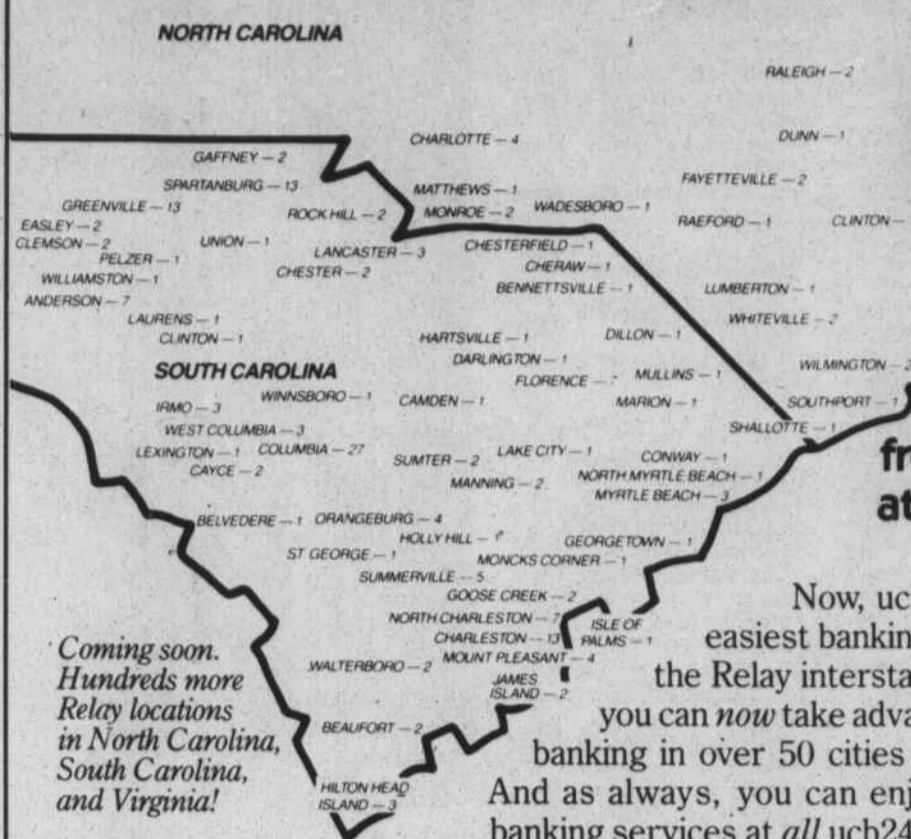
The board agreed the town's top priority is developing some new water wells to tap a different aquifer than the one from which the town's 10 present wells pump water. The present wells have the capacity to draw down the level of water in the aquifer and cannot sustain a long period of maximum output. Engineers have recommended the town seek a well field toward the southeast, in the direction of Chinquapin.



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