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Christmas Time At Liberty Hall In Kenansville

Ashley Quinn Telethon December 29

The Kenansville Jaycees have set a goal of \$50,000 in a countywide fund-raising campaign for Ashley Quinn of Kenansville. A telethon broadcast from WTRQ Radio in Warsaw will be part of the fund drive, said Woody Brinson, Kenansville Jaycee president.

The telethon is set for December 29. According to Brinson, WTRQ will be broadcasting the Ashley Quinn benefit telethon at 7:30 a.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m. Jaycees will be on hand to answer phones taking pledges. Brinson added volunteers are still needed to assist in answering telephones for the Dec. 29

fund-raiser.

WTRQ is located at 1560 on the AM radio dial, phone 293-7861 to report pledges during the telethon. Other numbers accepting Ashley Quinn Trust Fund pledges are: The Children's Nook in Mount Olive at 658-5396; Bob Marker in Pink Hill at 568-3864; and The Duplin County Jaycees in Kenansville at 296-9175.

Ashley Quinn, a Kenansville infant, may be a candidate for a liver transplant at the University of Minnesota Hospital. The transplant must take place within the next 90 days and hospital and surgical costs may reach as

high as \$200,000. Funds raised by the countywide fund drive coordinated by the Kenansville Jaycees are to help defray the cost of the transplant surgery. And, through the cooperation of Duplin General Hospital, a list of hospitals throughout America has been supplied the Jaycees. A poster seeking a donor for Ashley Quinn and over letter are currently being addressed and mailed to each hospital. In addition to the nation's hospitals, Brinson said, letters are being mailed to neurosurgeons and pediatricians. The mailing list for Ashley Quinn is 12,000, Brinson said.

Give Holiday Gifts From Duplin County

Swift To Increase Turkey Production By 30 Percent

Swift & Co. will increase its annual production of its turkey processing plant near Wallace by 30 percent starting next year, manager Dave Bray said Thursday.

He said the plant has an economic impact on the area of \$5 million to \$6 million a year.

While the plant has expanded production from 29 million pounds in 1978 to more than 50 million pounds this year, the Southern Cold Storage freezer next to the Swift operation has made the new increase easier, Bray said.

Bray said he expects to put out 65 million pounds of turkey meat next year. That will mean about 78 million pounds live weight or 5.5

million turkeys, he said. About 82 percent of live turkeys' weight remains in dressed turkeys, nearly 30 percent more than for pork or beef.

The plant, about five miles west of Wallace, is the site of a large agricultural industry. It also provides jobs for about 375 people year-round. The expansion next year will add 25 to 30 workers, Bray said.

The plant's payroll now averages about \$2.9 million a year.

"We support our area economy to the tune of \$5 to \$6 million a year," Bray said. "We pay the people to grow the turkeys. Area-grown corn and soybeans feed the birds. Then there's transportation

and other supplies to think of."

While year-round consumption of turkey is increasing in the United States, exports are not keeping pace due to heavy subsidies for turkey production by many countries, Bray said. He said about 5 million to 6 million pounds of turkey meat a year is exported from the Wallace plant, mostly through the port of Wilmington.

The holiday season still brings a great demand for whole dressed turkeys, Bray said, but sales are no longer limited to holidays. Demand for turkey parts is increasing throughout the year.

Bray believes North Carolina's poultry industry will

top tobacco as the leading producer of farm income for the state. The state is also a leading turkey producer with an estimated 27 million to 29 million birds this year.

The state's climate gives producers an advantage over the traditional turkey leader, Minnesota, which has fallen to second place. "We don't need the expensive houses they must have in Minnesota," he said.

Southeastern North Carolina is also within an overnight truck drive from almost half of the nation's population, which gives it another advantage over the Midwest, he said.

Bray echoed the plea of other Southeastern North Carolina industrial leaders

for the need for the Interstate 40 link between Wilmington and Benson to make the area more accessible to its markets.

Turkey production and merchandising have changed drastically since the early 1950s, he said. Not only are today's turkey prices lower, the bird itself is of a different variety and is more thoroughly dressed before ending up in supermarkets.

Forty years ago, consumers were sold New York dressed birds, with heads, feet and intestines left intact. Most of the feathers were removed, but the buyer had to dig out black pin feathers. Virtually all turkeys marketed today have white feathers.

When doing last minute gift shopping, consider some items made in Duplin County — pickles and wine.

The holiday season brings many joys and those who still have some last minute gifts to buy may want to show pride in Duplin with purchases of pickles from Cates of Faison or wine from the Duplin Winery in Rose Hill.

Cates offers a gift pack made especially for the holiday season and can be purchased only at the company sales office in Faison. The gift pack is made up of four jars, each 16-ounce, containing the Kosher Iceberg, the Kosher Gherkins, the Sweet Mix and the Bread and Butter Crispies. Gift packs are not available in local supermarkets, but most of the Cates brand pickles are on the grocery shelves where they can be picked up easily for last minute gifts.

The Cates Company began as a small operation in 1898, buying only local cucumbers. Today the Cates organization produces Aunt Jane's, Dailey and Tree pickle

labels. Through Cates and other labels, the company distributes to the Eastern entire eastern seaboard and in the Midwest. Cates brand pickles are distributed under the Dailey label in the New England area, and New York and Pennsylvania under the label of Tree. Midwestern sales of Cates. Pickles are distributed under the label of Aunt Jane's.

Each year hundreds of thousands of pounds of cucumbers are purchased from eastern North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia farmers for processing by Cates. The company operates processing plants in Faison and one in Michigan.

Pickle sales at Cates, like sales at the Duplin Winery increase during holidays and are especially up during Christmas. The Duplin Winery in Rose Hill began local distribution in 1976. Today the company distributes throughout North Carolina, in Virginia and Washington, D.C.

The gift boxes from the Duplin Winery contain a

variety of wines or a single selection. The selections can be based in wooden gift boxes made at Omega Enterprises in Rose Hill and inscribed with southern scenes by Dallas Herring, also of Rose Hill. Selections from the Duplin Winery can be purchased in cardboard gift boxes, too. Duplin wines and their accompanying gift boxes are available in local supermarkets and wine shops or can be purchased directly from the company in Rose Hill.

The winery purchases grapes within a 50-90 mile radius of Rose Hill, but a majority are grown in neighboring Sampson County. Only about 30 acres of commercial vineyards exist in Duplin County.

Production at the winery has increased from the 3,500 gallons during the first season to 125,000 gallons this year. Along with the production growth has come an increase in staff. The Duplin Winery now offers employment to approximately 20 individuals.

Heater Suspected In Fire Near Sarecta

A four-story house in Smith Township burned Saturday night in a fire apparently started by a wood

heater, according to Sarecta Volunteer Fire Department and Thomas Earl Smith. He said it would cost about \$8,000 to replace the house.

Smith said Jack Sterling, who works the farm owned by Henry Rivenbark of Wallace, was in the kitchen about 8 p.m. Saturday when he

heard a loud noise in the living room and returned to find the room ablaze.

The fire was under control in about 30 minutes, but

burned for about 2½ hours, Smith said. Firemen from Pink Hill and Beulaville assisted the Sarecta department.

Man Continues To Steal Antiques

Duplin County Sheriff T. Elwood Revelle said he has received reports of a man's stealing antiques from elderly women in Duplin County.

The thief, described as a middle-aged man who drives

a station wagon, has stolen three antique oil lamps and two cast-iron pots from four elderly women in the past six weeks, Revelle said.

He usually chooses victims who live alone and often poses as a friend of the family, Revelle said. In one

case, he told the victim he needed the oil lamp to hold church services at night.

Revelle said he knew only of the Duplin County thefts, but added that elderly people in neighboring counties should also be aware of suspicious borrowers.

DSA Banquet Kick-Offs National Jaycee Week

The Kenansville Jaycees announce that Jan. 15-21 is National Jaycee Week. During that particular week, the Jaycees will be selling jelly door-to-door with all proceeds going to the North Carolina Burn Center in Chapel Hill. Various other activities planned for Jaycee Week will be announced as details are finalized.

To kick off Jaycee Week, several outstanding people of the community will be honored at a Distinguished Service Awards banquet on Saturday, Jan. 14. Outstanding people to be recognized are Outstanding young educator, senior citizen, teenager, young farmer, young law enforcement officer, young firefighter, and the one receiving the Distinguished Service award.

Anyone interested in nominating a possible recipient for any of these awards should pick up the appropriate nominating form from UCB, NCNB, the Kenansville Drug Store, Soil Conservation Service office, ASCS office or the Agricultural

Extension Service office. The form should be filled out and mailed to P.O. Box 711, Kenansville, NC 28349 on or before the deadline of Jan. 6, 1984.

Further details on the DSA banquet will be provided as they become finalized.

Beulaville Man Charged In Death

Richard Earl Raynor, 17, of Route 2, Beulaville, was arrested at 6 a.m. Saturday and charged in the shotgun-slaying of Jessie Ray Davis Jr., 22, also of Route 2, Beulaville, Saturday, according to the Onslow County Sheriff's Department.

Raynor, charged with first-degree murder, was to receive a bond hearing in Onslow County District Criminal Court in Jacksonville. He is being held in the Onslow County jail without privilege of bond.



TO PRODUCE HOLY SACRAMENT WINE - S. Allen Solomon of Goldsboro has formed a company to sell and distribute wine to be used for communion, etc., at churches throughout the area. This wine is without additional ingredients often found in wine at the ABC Stores. It is pure and naturally prepared just as it was in olden times and nearer like the original wine used in Bible-times for ceremonies. This wine cannot be

purchased at ABC stores, only through the distributing company. Participating in the dedication ceremony of the Communion Wine were, left to right, an official of the Missionary Baptist organization, Senator Harold Hardison, David Fussell of Duplin Wine Cellars, Gladys Solomon and the Reverend Spencer Williams.