

It appears the county commissioners intend to remodel the old Kenansville School into a Social Services complex. This old school building was condemned for Kenansville's children sure seems to remain in the center of a controversy. Though the commissioners desire to alleviate the overcrowding conditions at the present Social Services office building, I believe their direction is wrong. They are jumping helter-skelter to do this-and-that. They should create a committee, or ask the planning committee to look into the immediate and long-range needs of county buildings and work toward some plan. . . I too have a plan. I believe it would be better to build the needed classrooms onto the new Kenansville school so the 7th and 8th grades at E.E. Smith School could be moved to that .To add the needed classrooms at James building. Kenan High School to move the 9th grade to that school and move the Extended Day program to Warsaw Junior High. . . Or, on a temporary basis, move the 9th grade at E.E. Smith school to Warsaw Junior High and turn the E.E. Smith School into a Social Services complex. . . It is better suited for turning into offices. . . It is all on one ground floor. If the old Kenansville School is used, a federal regulation for the handicapped say an elevator would have to be constructed to get wheelchairs to the upper floors. . .I believe the old Kenansville School has finally found its proper place. . .It has become a useful building rather than a wasted building. . . It is being used for many things by folks of Duplin County. . . A meeting place, a display place, and it is the center of the County Fair, which grows each year. . . This past year 15,000 people attended the Fair. . . People visited the county's capital because they wanted to. . . They were not forced to by the courts, taxes, hospital, social services, Register of Deeds, and so on, to be in Kenansville. They were there because they wanted to be. . This entertainment complex, of which the old school building has become an important part, should not be broken up. . . By the complex, I mean the Kenan Gym and Amphitheatre. . . Where is the money coming from?...You remember back at budget time when the commissioners raised the taxes and I said there would be over \$1 million in the county coffers that would not be designated. . . Well, it is almost here. . . The revenue sharing is on its way, . .Some estimated \$800,000 the additional sales tax revenue from the 1/2-cent increase . . Should be between \$400,000 and \$600,000. At this minute , these funds are not obligated. . . By building school

classrooms at Kenansville and James Kenan, and using the E.E. Smith School for the Social Services expansion, and leaving the old Kenansville School to the pleasures of Duplinites, the Board could kill four birds with one stone. . They have the money and construction at James Kenan and Kenansville Elementary School at the same time. . .Can you just imagine the mess the entertainment complex would be turned into if Social Services does move there. . . \*\*\*\*\*

Bet you can't guess where I was Sunday!. . . Don't tell anyone, but I was in the bed with Martha Grey Miller and my mother-in-law was seated at the foot of the bed looking on. . . I was surely enjoying myself and Martha Grey was not having a bad time herself. . .She would kinda giggle and grunt every once in a while. . . Now, before you go jumping to conclusions and get Martha Grey and me into more trouble than we already got ourselves, all by ourselves. ...We were at Alda Norris' home in Chinquapin.

and it was not a wife-swapping party, it was a pot-swapping party. . It was a Sunday dinner, and Martha Grey and I were seated on the edge of a bed eating country ham, chicken, steak and all kinds of things. ...But, someone said, "Look at Joe and Martha Grey — they are in the bed together.". ...So, I decided I'd better explain this thing before it got out of hand. . .But, I sure did enjoy being in the bed with her, even though my face did turn red when it was mentioned. . .

I sure hope everyone has a Merry Christmas. Remember whose birthday it is. Remember the joy is in the giving and if you are a little disappointed and don't get all you wanted, remember you still have more than you did have. . .Someone loved you enough to spend the money they worked for to give you a gift. . .It's the thought that counts. . .Merry Christmas. . .Son-of-a-Gun. . . .

**RESOLUTION HONORS WORK OF ETHEL** 

BATTS SANDERSON - At the December

Board of Trustees' meeting at James Sprunt

Technical College, the children of Mrs. Ethel

Batts Sanderson were presented copies of a

resolution in her memory honoring the many

years of service and support she gave to JSTC. A resident of Chinquapin, Mrs.

Sanderson was a student in art courses offered through JSTC's continuing educa-tion program in the 1960s. Since this early

association, she had been closely associated

with the college's programs as a member of

## **Beulaville News**

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hinson spent the weekend with his family in Wilmington. Mrs. Hipson's brother suf-fered a stroke during the past week and is not doing too mod at this reporting. good at this reporting. The Beulaville Baptist

Choir presented their Christ-mas cantata, "Joseph, The Carpenter" to the residents



of Whaley's Rest Home in Kenapsville Monday night. Lynette Maready of Campbell College in Buies Creek is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Maready for the Christmas holidays. Other students home with their relatives are Gina Lanier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Lanier; Renee Blizzard, with Mr. and Mrs. Elion Blizzard, and Darlene Hunter, with her grandmother, Mrs. Sidney Hunter Bobby Miller, a student, is

also home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Miller Sr.

Floyd Davis of Clinton and J.D. Cottle made a business trip to Virginia Friday. Mrs. Sidney Hunter and

several of her grandchildren shopped in Jacksonville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Kyle, and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Edwards shopped in Fayetteville Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Ed-

Tuesday, Dec. 20. wards and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lanier and Kyle joined Mr. and Mrs. Gene

Swinson and family in Jacksonville Sunday for a gettogether and dinner. Mrt and Mrs. Olen asked the group to save all cancelled stamps and bring to the January meeting. Lawrence and Ella Moss

Maready and children at-tended the Morton wedding in Jacksonville Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morton also attended

Sandy Plain Senior Citizens The Sandy Plain Senior Citizens met Dec. 10 for their

monthly meeting in the edu-

cational building of the

church. A picnic dinner was enjoyed by the 74 members

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closed with the arrival of Santa with gifts of candy for Gordon Kennedy is recuerating at home from a stay each member attending. Lenoir Memorial Hospital The next meeting will be held Jan. 7. in Kinston. Herman Gore has also returned home from

New Year's Eve Sing

and Josephine B. Williams. Mrs. Bostic asked for prayers

for all shut-ins. Dora Jones

Houston led the evening

The Limestone Singers will be in concert at the Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church New Year's Eve. All friends are invited to join them for some singing and gospel entertainment.

and visitors. Rev. Rashie Kennedy returned thanks. The building and tables were decorated in white, red and LOST OR STOLEN - Femal green. Following the dinner, a brief business session was presided over by Mrs. Bostic. She requested names of area shut-ins for the annual fruit baskets. She requested volunteers to help ith the delivery of them on

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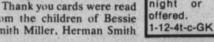
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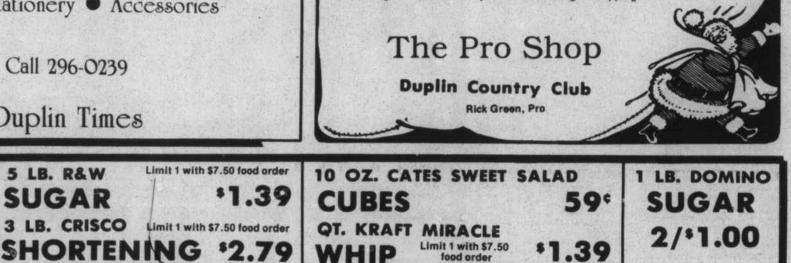
from the children of Bessie Smith Miller, Herman Smith

Brittany Spaniel bird dog, orange & white in roam pattern. Weighs approx. 35 lbs., stands 191/2'' at shoulder, 51/2 years old. Just weaned a litter of pups. No collar. If you have seen or think you have seen, call Frank Norris at Goshen Kennels, collect, 296-1981 night or day. Reward



the Chinquapin continuing education center Christmas List advisory committee for many years. In honoring her memory, the Board, in its IZOD resolution, cited her "outstanding spirit of community service in support of the ideals Great Gifts For The Family LACOSTE and purpose of James Sprunt Technical College." Pictured, left to right, are Dr. Carl Izod Lacoste short sleeve shirts (reg. \$25.00) Price, president of JSTC; James Strickland, Izod Lacoste long sleeve shirts (reg. \$32.00) chairman of the Board of Trustees; and the Izod sweaters and sleeveless sweaters (\$30.00) 25% Off recipients of the resolution honoring their Izod fall slacks, sizes 32-40, (reg. \$36.00) mother: Mrs. Nellie Henline of Chapel Hill. Izod jackets (reg. \$38.00 to \$75.00) Mrs. Thomasine Kennedy of Chinquapin, Mrs. Kay Williamson of Kenansville. Izod j.g. shirts, sizes 8-20, (reg. \$18.00) Izod j.g. sweaters, sizes 8-20, (reg. \$22.00) Lacoste Haymaker shirts, (reg. \$24.00) Large selection of sweaters (reg. \$28.00 to \$36.00) 25% Off We Order One Table Reduced 40 - 60 %

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