



Quinn Takes Oath As Magnolia Mayor



Magnolia Board Members Take Oath Of Office

## Ex-Mayor, Present Mayor Trade Charges

The former mayor and the present mayor traded a charge and a denial last week during the annual organizational meeting of the Magnolia town Board of Commissioners.

Newly-elected Commissioner Melvin Pope, the former mayor, voted against the assignments the new mayor, Ruth Quinn, made to board members. "I am not going to cooperate," he said, "until I get an apology from our mayor."

Pope claimed Mrs. Quinn had said that he had bought votes in the office, that he had given Police Chief Sherwood Ezzell, who opposed Mrs. Quinn for the mayor's seat in the November election, \$200 to run for mayor and that Ezzell had used the money to pay his taxes. Pope claimed Mrs. Quinn's comments were made Dec. 7.

"It was rumored I bought votes. I didn't buy any votes. I did not even advertise or put up any signs," Pope said. "I did not buy any (votes). If anyone says I did they'd better step up and prove it."

Mrs. Quinn replied, "I did not say that. I did not accuse you. You just wanted the public to hear you. Now

they've heard you. Let's get on with our business."

About 20 people attended the meeting.

Duplin County Clerk of Court John Anderson Johnson administered the oath of office to the new mayor. Sworn-in as board members were Rudolph Becton, who was re-elected, Hubert Howard and Pope. Pope had been a board member before he was appointed mayor to complete an unfilled term. He did not seek election as mayor.

Mrs. Quinn was a member of the board and had to resign her board seat to take the mayor's post.

The board appointed Howard, an unsuccessful candidate in the November election, to Mrs. Quinn's board seat.

Mrs. Quinn's board assignments were approved 4-1. Commissioners Becton, Hubert Tucker, Billy Usher and Howard voted for the assignments and Pope against them.

The assignments are as follows: Becton, commissioner of administration and grants; Tucker, fire, rescue and police; Usher, water, sewer and garbage; Pope, streets and drainage, and Howard, recreation, real es-

tate, depot, park and cemetery.

The board authorized Ezzell, an emergency medical technician, to accompany patients in an ambulance to Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville in life-or-death situations, but to go no farther.

The town clerk and police chief were authorized to make daily check-up calls to elderly residents who request the service.

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## NAACP Volunteers Plan Anniversary Celebration

A call went out for an army of volunteers for the National Association of Colored People (NAACP) and an army came, says R.E. Wilkins of Warsaw, chairman of membership and finance.

"More than 250 volunteers were in attendance and many others have agreed to serve," he said. The group was planning for the Diamond Jubilee Anniversary, 75 years as the champion of civil rights in the U.S.

Wilkins described the NAACP as the largest, oldest, most respected, most discussed, and for the unformed, the most cussed civil rights organization in the United States. "It has 1,800 branches in the U.S. and its territories. Probably no ini-

tials are better recognized than the USA itself. Its membership comes from all segments of society, rich, poor, professional, non-professional, white, black, city and rural. It is a truly democratic organization that works to bring into realization the lofty ideals of the American experience," Wilkins said.

In 1984, in Duplin County, emphasis will be on education, voter registration and fair share (an effort to alter the imbalance in employment opportunities).

"On February 12th, the end of our membership drive, we expect to have a total of 2,000 and 6,000 blacks registered to vote," he said.

The Duplin County branch is now the largest branch in North Carolina and has won several national honors.

The drive will end with a birthday rally at the West Hill Street First Baptist

Church in Warsaw at 3 p.m. on Feb. 12. The nationally known Rev. Dr. Emmett Bruns of Baltimore, director of the 8th Region, will be the principal speaker.

## Correctional Center Assists In Local Projects

Inmates of the Kenansville Correctional Center are sponsoring a number of Christmas programs this holiday season.

The inmate Jaycee Chapter will sponsor five residents of the Guardian Care Rest

Home in Kenansville. Christmas gifts such as shirts, shoes and pajamas will be given to residents who are in need.

The inmate Jaycees along with the Kenansville Jaycees will assist in fund-raising activities for the benefit of little Ashley Quinn of Kenansville, who suffers from the liver disease which took the life of Joshua Brooks recently.

The inmates are repairing and restoring old toys for gifts to needy children in the Toys for Tots project co-sponsored by the Kenansville and Correctional Center Jaycee chapters.

Everybody's preparing for the big Day. Hope it's merry in every way. Our thanks.

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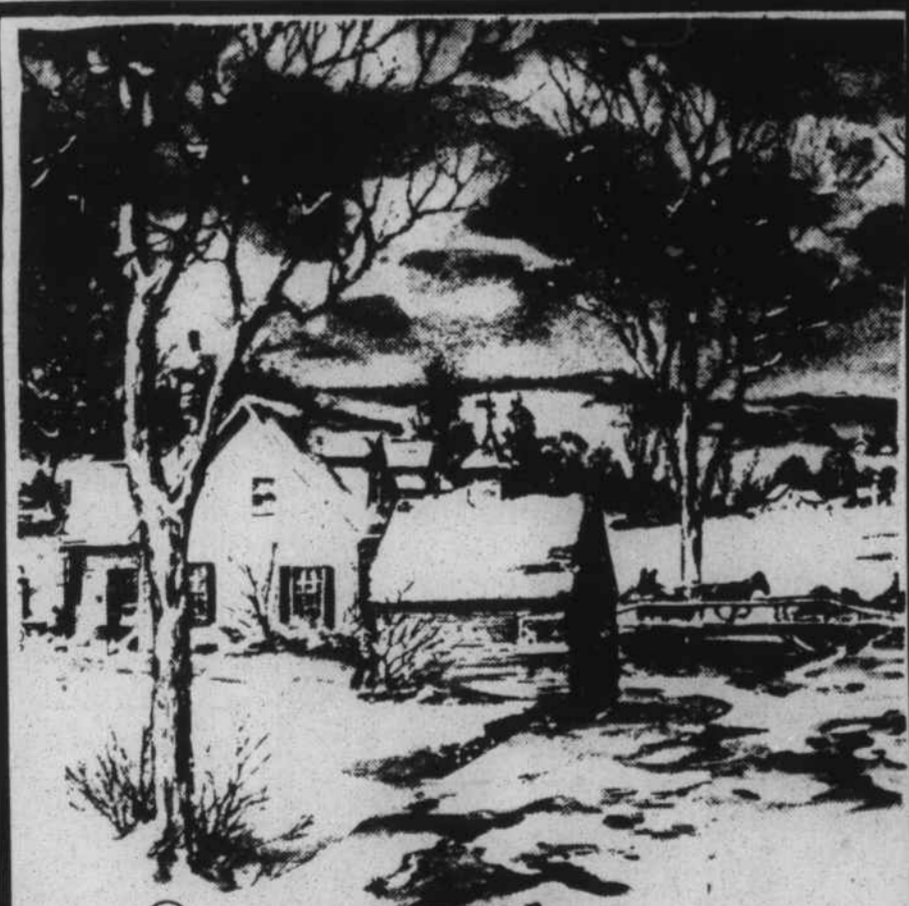
P.S. Merry Christmas To You Also 'FROSTY' And Many More Returns To The Beauty Shop

## Sandy Plain Youth To Meet December 31

The Youth Fellowship meeting of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Church will meet at the Sandy Plain Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, Dec. 31 at 7:39 p.m. The church is located on Highway 421 between Beulaville and Pink Hill.

Immediately following this service, there will be a Watch Night service featuring the Limestone Singers of Potters Hill and the Four in Christ of New Bern. The evening message will be by the Rev. Ransom McAbee of the Sandy Plain Church.

Everyone is cordially invited to worship and pray in the New Year.



## Christmas greetings

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