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**DELIVERY TO SANTA** - The Kenansville and Duplin County chapters of the Jaycees sponsored a Toys for Tots program in cooperation with the Duplin County Social Services Department. The donations of used toys were collected in Kenansville at Wiley Booth's Insurance office and Duplin County Jaycees at the Kenansville Correctional Center made necessary repairs to the toys before they were taken to the Social Services

office for distribution. The Jaycees delivered the van-load of toys to Santa at the Department of Social Services Dec. 21. Pictured, left to right, above, Advisor of the Duplin County Jaycees Buddy Avant, Toys for Tots project chairman Truett Booth with the Kenansville Jaycees, Department of Social Services "Santa" Johnny Pickett, and president of the Duplin County Jaycees Randy Brake.

## Duplin Farmer Invited To White House

Furnie Lee Boyette of Kenansville is glad to have the worries faced by the majority of farmers because he knows they are the rewards of three years and \$25,000 spent in conservation practices on his farm.

Conservation work done by Boyette with the assistance of the Duplin County Soil and Water Conservation Service has saved 25 to 30 tons of topsoil per acre on the farm and brought local, state and national recognition to the family. Boyette was named the Duplin Conservation Farmer of the Year, along with winning the district and state titles. The state award will be presented in Charlotte Jan. 10. In addition, Boyette and his wife, Margaret, were named among the national finalists in soil and water conservation families from 35 states and invited to the White House. During the trip last week the couple met the nine other finalists, U.S. Secretary John Block and officials of the National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation. Farmers from Wisconsin, Oregon and Kentucky were selected from the 10 finalists to receive \$1,000 awards from the National Endowment.

"We took a disaster and

made something of it," Furnie Boyette said. He purchased the 146-acre farm in 1969 and the second season rains washed gullies taking acres of crops and soil. "The first year's crops were fair and we thought every year would be better, but it kept going down," he said.

This season Boyette shared the worries of drought on the crops which cut corn yields by 50 percent over last year. But, Boyette explained, his corn crop dropped to 60 bushels or less per acre until water control methods were installed on the farm. The 1982 corn crop averaged 120 bushels per acre on the Boyette farm and tobacco production has increased 1,500 to 2,100 pounds per acre.

Boyette has worked three years installing conservation techniques and lacks one waterway which he intends to build this winter. To date, Boyette has eight waterways which required hundreds of hours of labor transplanting grass to form the bottom before rains turned the land back into gullies. Parallel terraces and diversions to stop the flow of water were also installed along with grassed field borders. According to Boyette, as much as a 50-foot drop can be

found in some of the fields on the farm which caused a rapid run-off during rains.

"The second year after we bought it, we got six inches of rain at one time and that is when we started finding out about the problems," Boyette said. "I called Kenneth Futral (Duplin Soil and Water Conservation director) and he said we needed to start immediately working on conservation, but money was so scarce we didn't begin right away. And, with every rain, more of the land washed away until we had to do something because there wouldn't be any land left in a few years."

Total spending, Boyette estimated, was \$25,000 on conservation practices for the farm. The greatest portion of the funds was received on loan from the Farmers Home Administration. Funds were also received from the Soil Conservation Service.

"I doubt if my farm would be worth \$75,000 today without the conservation work," Boyette said. "The water washing kept making the fullies in the fields deeper and wider." According to the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation figures, the Boyette farm has a market value today of \$175,000.

## Sickle-Cell Anemia Claims Aspiring Pupil Of Wallace

Peggy Ann McMillian had planned to go to college next year, but last week she died.

Relatives said the 18-year-old woman's death was caused by sickle-cell anemia.

Miss McMillian had been through "good days and bad days" but had not appeared seriously ill until recently, family members said. They said this was the first death from sickle-cell anemia that they knew of in the family.

Funeral services were held in Adoram Baptist Church in Wallace with the Rev. Jack Ezzell officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

A senior at Wallace-Rose Hill High School, Miss McMillian had been getting information from various colleges and planned to apply to several for admission. "Now she won't ever get to go," a relative said

Miss McMillian was the daughter of Alice McMillian of Wallace.

Sickle-cell anemia is a hereditary disease that occurs chiefly among blacks. The disease limits the oxygen supply in red blood cells, causing them to assume a sickle or half-moon shape.

It causes attacks that include severe pain, high fever and damage to body tissue.

Poultry producers in the Southeast fear the deadly strain of avian flu now devastating the Pennsylvania poultry industry might spread and cost the nation's major poultry producing area hundreds of millions of dollars.

Producers in North Carolina are taking extra precautions to prevent spread of the disease to the state.

The poultry industry has become one of North Carolina's major sources of income in the last three de-

acades, grossing just under \$1 billion last year. The state is one of the top three in the United States in overall poultry production and the leader in turkey production.

Duplin County, in which poultry brought a gross income of about \$130 million last year, has been called the biggest poultry producing county in the nation with a combination of turkeys, broilers, market eggs and hatching eggs.

Principal responsibility for prevention of the spread

rests with the poultry producers, said Dr. Thomas F. Zweigart, director of the N.C. Department of Agriculture's animal health division.

"It's awfully difficult to control what an individual does, but the people at risk with their money are mostly doing what they have to," Zweigart said.

"People are very cautious about letting anyone come on their farms. I understand that in Pennsylvania they could follow visits of service men, mechanics, etc. and find outbreaks in flocks

seven days later," Zweigart said.

"The state and federal governments can't keep policemen out there," he said.

While the avian flu strain does not affect humans or other livestock, it kills a high percentage of birds in infected chicken, turkey, duck and guinea fowl flocks.

By Tuesday of last week, the deadly strain of flu had been identified in 168 flocks, all but three of which were in southeastern Pennsylvania. More than 7 million birds, including chickens, turkeys, guineas and ducks, had been destroyed.

Owners of the birds will receive an indemnity, but this does not include costs of disposal and cost of cleaning up the poultry houses and grounds. Zweigart said the indemnity averages \$1.68 per bird, but varies with the species of fowl, the age of the flock and other factors.

The indemnity does not include the loss of profit to the farmers or the bird

owners and it does not include payment for the time the farmers are without flocks. Loss of their flocks, time and clean-up costs could break many farmers, poultry leaders point out.

More than \$12 million in indemnity has already been committed but that is just a small part of the total loss in Pennsylvania.

"The threat is stirring the industry to protect itself from bringing anything in from that (the infested) area," Zweigart said. "The disease can be spread by people, egg cases, birds, trucks, that type of thing, from infected areas."

"The way I see it, they are going to pretty much have to control traffic on their establishments."

He said hatcheries are taking extra precautions to disinfect anything they have that goes into the affected area.

Dr. Hugh Powell, director of the diagnostic laboratory at Rose Hill, recently said the lab was being asked to test many more birds than usual.

## Cowan Museum May Become Mental Health Facility

By a 3-2 vote the Duplin County Board of Commissioners last week agreed to consider Dr. E.J. Raman's request for space on the ground floor of the county agricultural building in Kenansville for a mental health hospital day-care program.

The space is now occupied by the Cowan Museum. The museum will move to new quarters in a historic Kenansville house now being readied for it.

Raman is director of the Duplin-Sampson Mental Health Department. The mental health program now is on the third floor of Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville.

Voting to consider the request were Commissioners Dovey Penney, D.J. Fussell and Calvin Coolidge Turner. Opposing the request were W. J. Costin and Allen Nethercutt.

Costin and Nethercutt said they were not against giving Raman more space. They suggested that the former Kenansville Elementary school building, which is being given to the county, might provide a better location for his project.

The board also agreed to study the former Kenansville school to see if it could be used for a public meeting center and as a headquarters for the annual county fair.

Roy Houston of the Duplin Agribusiness Council said that the council needs the building and the grounds for the annual fair. He said the fair has grown each year. Last year, he said, 45,000 people attended the fair and it showed a \$5,000 profit.

The board hopes to make a decision on how to use the building. The building needs extensive repairs in January.

County Librarian John Michaud reported on use of a \$44,590 state appropriation to the library. The allocations are: \$25,000 for books, \$1,000 for a typewriter, \$300 vehicle repair, \$500 postage.

## Rose Hill Man Charged With Murder

Bruce Wilder, 20, of Rose Hill was charged with murder Friday night in the shooting death of Thomas James Newkirk, 28, of Route 2, Rose Hill. The incident occurred about 7:30 Friday night at Duff's Creek Trailer Park west of Rose Hill on Rural Road 1137. Newkirk was shot in the head with an automatic rifle, according to reports.

Wilder was arrested at 9:30 Friday night at his mother's home in Pender County. He is in the Duplin County Jail charged with murder without the privilege of bond.

\$5,564 to pay part-time workers for six months in the Beulaville, Faison and Rose Hill branches; \$3,000 to ob-

tain more space for the Warsaw branch; \$1,500 to the Thelma Dingus Bryant Library of Wallace for books, and \$1,726 in a reserve fund.

## Hallelujah Hit Parade Coming To Kenansville



JACK & SALLY JENKINS

## Duplin Shows Off Wine

Bottles of Duplin Wine Cellars award-winning Magnolia wine were presented to the N.C. Board of Agriculture at a recent meeting of the board.

In presenting the 1981 vintage wine, David Fussell, president of Duplin Wine Cellars, told the board that

the wine won a bronze medal at the Eastern Wine Competition held in New York earlier this month.

"The award indicates that North Carolina can produce wines of high caliber which deserve the attention of the consumers both in North Carolina and across the country," Fussell said.

## Woman Killed In Home Near Baltic

Fannie Brown Swinson, 69, was killed in a house fire Saturday. She died in the fire that destroyed her home on Highway 24 near the Sampson County line about 4 p.m. Saturday.

Her husband, Robert, 70, told Deputy E.G. Baker she had gone into the house to light the heater while he parked the car. When he got to the wood frame house minutes later, smoke was pouring out.

Swinson opened the door and was knocked to the ground by the smoke that poured out of the house. A

passing motorist helped him up and then telephoned authorities.

At least one fire hose froze while firemen battled the blaze. Firemen from Warsaw and Turkey were unable to save the house.

Firemen were called to the house a second time before finding the burned body of Mrs. Swinson. They looked for the remains at the first fire and were on the scene for three and one-half hours. They were called back as the fire caught up again and found the body at 9:45 Saturday night.

Sing Hallelujah, Come On Get Happy! The Hit Parade is coming to Kenansville, and the event promises to be a music-filled, memory-packed extravaganza. "Hallelujah Hit Parade," which is being sponsored by the Tar Heel Fine Arts Society, will be at the Kenan Memorial Auditorium on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 8 p.m.

This is a non-stop excursion through two decades of musical magic, when lyrics were unashamedly romantic and the melodies were memorable. "Hallelujah Hit Parade" reunites a trio of performers whose individual credentials qualify each as a first-magnitude star. Mac Frampton brings his dazzling keyboard artistry and engaging personality to the Hit Parade stage, where his spectacular arrangements enlivened through the soaring voices and stunnin showmanship of Jack and Sally Jenkins.

The show picks up where the bottom dropped out: the eve of the Great Depression, when "Happy Days are Here Again" and "Brother, Can You Spare A Dime" shared the airwaves and the hearts of Americans in a strange sort of paradox. If the Na-

tional mood was grin in those days, the mood on the Hit Parade stage is anything but, as the Jenkins and Frampton spin out literally dozens of the top-ten hits that helped the world weather the economic storm. The sun was shining on the "Sunny Side of the Street" even if there was occasional "Stormy Weather." The "Deep Purple" of the national mood was tempered by a lingering "Stardust" reverie. And somehow everybody knew that in "Over the Rainbow" lay America's new strength. The War came; the songs followed to document every event, every mood. "I'll Be Seeing You" and "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree" were on every lover's lips.

Hallelujah Hit Parade is a great evening of entertainment. To be sure, you will not want to miss this dramatic journey through America's adolescence to full-born maturity.

Plan now to attend "Hallelujah Hit Parade" starring Mac Frampton and Jack and Sally Jenkins on Tuesday, Jan. 10. A limited number of season tickets will be available at the door at \$12.50 for adults and \$5 for students.



MAC FRAMPTON

