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Review Of 1983 Headlines

As the citizens of Duplin County busily welcome a new year, many of the events of 1983 have become history. So, let us learn from the past in order to have a better future.

January headlines from the 1983 DUPLIN TIMES announced the reduction of the 1983 tobacco poundage. Construction began on a 62,000 square-foot freezer warehouse near Wallace. Union officials signed a contract with the J.P. Stevens & Co. textile plant in Wallace, ending an eight-year effort by the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers to win the contract with the plant. The town of Warsaw signed an agreement to loan National Spinning funds from a federal grant to update the plant. Duplin General Hospital reported its operating expenses exceeded its income by \$209,749 during the 1981-82 fiscal year.

February news for 1983 told of farmers beginning to sign up for the Payment-In-Kind program and the cost of leasing tobacco poundage had jumped 10 cents from the previous season. Local independent truckers parked their vehicles to join a nationwide strike against new state and federal taxes. The donation of the historical Kelly-Farrior house to the county was announced by the Kenansville branch of the United Carolina Bank. The house was later moved to the Kenansville municipal park for the future use as the Cowan Museum and the office of the Duplin County Arts Council. Rains overloaded the Warsaw sewage treatment plant three days following the acceptance of the new \$2 million facility.

Headlines during March followed with news of an increase of \$3,735,586 in Duplin agricultural income from 1981 to 1982. Calypso announced plans to celebrate the town's 70th birthday. The Duplin County Sheriff's Department announced the recovery of more than 50 percent of the stolen property reported during 1981. Efforts to revive the North Carolina Poultry Festival in Rose Hill succeeded and the largest frying pan in the world was readied for the event. Citizens appeared before the Beaulville Town Board of Commissioners to request the old town hall, a condemned structure, be renovated for use as a library and drivers license examiner's office. Owners of land in Maxwell Creek organized to begin efforts to reduce flood and erosion in its watershed. The Warsaw plant of National Spinning began taking applications for the first time in two and a half years.

April headlines were of the North Carolina State University basketball team capturing the hearts and dreams of Americans everywhere by winning the national championship. A district court judge threatened to jail a Kenansville property owner who defied previous court orders to stop construction of an office without a building permit. Losses in jobs and potential income for chicken growers was predicted to exceed \$3 million a year when Watson Seafood and Poultry Co. in Rose Hill failed. The Duplin County Board of Commissioners tentatively approved the request from J.P. Stevens Co. for the sale of \$1 million in tax-free bonds to retool the Carter Plant in Wallace.

Silver thefts in Warsaw amounted to \$18,000 in losses, according to May issues of THE DUPLIN TIMES. Headlines followed that month reporting area farmers just beginning to plant due to late freezes and rain. The town of Rose Hill announced plans to begin construction of a sewage treatment plant in January of 1984. The Duplin County

Board of Election registered 341 voters during the in-school visits throughout Duplin's senior classes.

June brought headlines of a new crop for Beaulville. Farmers Laurie and Sherwood Jackson of Beaulville planted 69 acres of Irish potatoes. The Faison Williams home, built in 1853 in the town of Faison, was restored and opened to the public. Craig Warren, a senior at South Lenoir High School, was named state champion in the two-mile race. He won the title in high school competition at Raleigh. Produce sales were off to a late start at the Faison Produce Market. John Rice, the former star of the outdoor drama Blackbeard, arrived in Duplin to join the 1983 production of the Duplin outdoor drama THE LIBERTY CART. Rice led in the role of Phenius Pickett at THE LIBERTY CART. Duplin residents were faced with a tax increase of 5 cents per \$100 assessed valuation for the next year, bringing the rate to 75 cents. Kenansville Baptist Church celebrated its 146th anniversary. A new display was sent to the Legislative Building in Raleigh depicting the outdoor drama THE LIBERTY CART; the mural was painted by James Sprunt Technical College Commercial Art Instructor Mark Patrus.

July headlines informed local citizens of changes. The Duplin General Hospital Board of Trustees was reduced from 28 to nine voting members. The Duplin County Department of Social Services announced transportation to the North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. The 1983 season of the outdoor drama THE LIBERTY CART based in Kenansville was dedicated to James F. Strickland of Warsaw. An increase in the number of patients and inclusion of county funds improved Duplin General Hospital's financial position. Fire destroyed the N.N. Ellis Produce warehouse and packing shed located seven miles west of Faison.

The headlines for August began with the opening of the eastern tobacco belt including sales at the warehouses in Wallace. Sales at the Wallace tobacco markets averaged only one cent above 1982 opening day prices. The Duplin public schools excused from school attendance students involved in tobacco production. Furnie and Margaret Boyette of Kenansville were named the North Carolina Conservation Farm Family of the Year. Governor Jim Hunt met with the state Advisory Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Seafood Industry in Kenansville. Swift & Co. turkey grow-out operation and feed mill at Harrells was sold to William Prestage of Clinton, and an announcement was made for an expanded turkey production operation under the new management.

Headlines in September stated the approval of the half-cent sales tax in Duplin by the County Commissioners. The Faison Historical Commission announced tentative plans to open the town library in the newly restored depot building during October. Duplin County and two of its towns and one industry received federal development or improvement grants and loans totaling \$1,719,376. Duplin school officials announced the outline of a \$10 million plan to replace school facilities and expand school services in the county. The Beaulville Town Board approved the purchase of a computer system for billing, taxes and record-keeping at the town hall. Dr. Kenneth Lee was named as a member of the staff of Goshen Medical Center in Faison and Plain View Medical Clinic in Greenevers. The Duplin

County Health Department announced plans for a maternity clinic in Kenansville with Dr. M.I. Ammar, M.D. in charge.

October headlines included celebration of William Thornton Day in Faison. Thornton, a native of Faison, was among the crew members of the space shuttle Challenger during the August mission. Branch Banking & Trust of Wallace donated \$10,000 to the town's library during the 50-year anniversary celebration of the bank. The 1983 Duplin Agribusiness Fair opened in Kenansville running October 3-8. A children's wear manufacturing company located in Warsaw under the name of Duplin Manufacturing, Goshen Medical Center announced a tentative plan for relocating its doctors as full-time staff members at Duplin General Hospital from Sampson Memorial Hospital.

Bids were opened for the Muddy Creek project according to November headlines. Channel work on the second phase of the Muddy Creek Watershed project in eastern Duplin County was scheduled to begin December 1. Duplin towns held local elections to fill expiring seats of commissioners and mayors. Attorney and Duplin native Robert L. West was honored at the 1983 celebration of the Warsaw Veterans Day. B.F. Grady teacher Jackie Herring was named Duplin Teacher of the Year. Goshen Medical Center in Faison and Plain View Health Clinic at Greenevers requested Rural Health Incentive of Atlanta add a third physician to share the workload at the two facilities. Duplin County announced a water system bond referendum for January in the Albertson district. The Kenansville Jaycees received recognition as the Number One Chapter in the state.

December headlines announced the uniting of the Duplin Chapters of the Jaycees and Jayceettes to raise funds for the possible liver transplant surgery of Kenansville infant Ashley Quinn. The Kenansville Jaycees announced plans to host a radiothon to raise money toward the goal set at \$50,000 to help the Quinn family. The Muddy Creek Watershed project was suspended by the Army Corps of Engineers because of an excessive amount of spoil material from earlier work on the creek. Duplin General Hospital announced the turnaround in financial status with the year ending and books showing the facility \$260,898 in the black. Duplin farmer Furnie Lee Boyette was invited to the White House along with 10 other conservation farmers and ranchers from throughout the United States.

Computer equipment valued at \$3,500 was stolen from James Kenan High School near Warsaw on Friday night. Principal Bill Taylor said Saturday.

The Kenansville Jaycees will honor several outstanding citizens of the community during a Distinguished Service Awards banquet which will be held in the E.E. Smith Junior High School cafeteria



BROADCAST OF QUINN RADIOTHON - The Ashley Quinn radiothon was broadcast December 29 from WTRQ in Warsaw. Ashley is a Kenansville infant and a possible liver transplant candidate. The Kenansville Jaycees set a goal of \$50,000 to help defray costs of the surgery which is expected to exceed a total of \$200,000. The radiothon collected more than \$12,000 in pledges during the nine-hour broadcast.

Pictured above, guests during the broadcast, left to right, North Carolina Jaycee President Jim Godfrey, Kenansville Jaycee President Woody Brinson, the Reverend Andy Woody of Calvary Baptist Church, and Johnny Chestnutt of Warsaw, members of the Ashley Quinn Trust board of directors.

Listeners Pledge Thousands For Liver Transplant For Kenansville Child

An all-day Warsaw and Kenansville radiothon had received pledges of \$12,216 for the Ashley Quinn liver transplant fund by 5 p.m. Thursday, and pledges were still being phoned in.

Ashley Quinn, five-month-old daughter of Joey and Barbara Quinn of Kenansville, needs a liver transplant. She suffers from biliary atresia, which prevents bile produced by the liver from flowing out of it.

The accumulating bile destroys the liver. Victims usually die unless a liver transplant proves successful.

Doctors have said that as soon as the child weighs 11

pounds, she will be placed on a list of children eligible for a liver transplant at the University of Minnesota Hospital.

Mrs. Quinn Thursday said the child had contracted "flu" last weekend and had lost an ounce. She still has not reached the 11-pound weight.

The radiothon, conducted by Warsaw-Kenansville station WTRQ, was part of a countywide fund raising campaign with a goal of \$50,000. It was coordinated by the Kenansville Jaycees and headed by Woody Brinson of Kenansville. All Jaycee units in the county are

conducting campaigns.

The radio station, managed by Winnifred Mosley, donated its time from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Seventy-five people, mostly volunteers, assisted throughout Duplin County. Thirty of them, including the station's staff, worked the telephones and kept the books at the station.

Others stood by telephones in other communities so that residents making donations would not have to make long-distance calls to Warsaw.

Not all Duplin County communities are joined by toll-free telephone service.

Workers at the station called each of the community stand-by phone centers for updates every hour during the day.

Members of the Duplin County Jaycee chapter at the state prison unit south of Kenansville stood by a pay phone booth, despite the rain, to provide toll-free service for Beaulville, Warsaw and Kenansville area residents.

The Wallace Jaycees staffed phones in Wallace for the Rose Hill, Wallace and Chinquapin areas, which share one exchange.

Warsaw, Kenansville and Faison area residents could call the station without pay-

ing long-distance tolls.

The Children's Nook store in Mount Olive accepted pledges from the Calypso and Mount Olive areas.

At Woodland Church in northeastern Duplin, Bob Marker accepted pledges from the Pin Hill, Albertson and western Lenoir county areas.

Nancy Bryan staffed a phone at Richlands to receive pledges from the Cypress Creek, Black Swamp and Richland areas of southeastern Duplin and western Onslow counties.

Most pledges were less than \$25.

Brinson said additional fund-raising projects are being planned.

Carroll's Of Warsaw To Expand Operations

Carroll's Foods Inc. of Warsaw plans to expand its turkey and hog programs in Duplin and Sampson counties.

The expansion will be financed by the sale of the firm's broiler chicken operations in the Sanford-Robbins area to Perdue Farms of Salisbury, Md.

F.J. "Sonny" Faison,

president of Carroll's, and Thomas R. Shelton, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Perdue, announced the signing of a letter of intent for the sale. It is expected to be completed by Feb. 15.

"We will expand our turkey and hog programs where we have the greatest expertise and concentrate all of our operations in Sampson

and Duplin counties," Faison said.

Carroll's now grows out 5.5 million turkeys and 180,000 market hogs a year. It maintains production programs with 60 hog farmers and 120 turkey producers in the two counties.

Faison said the company owns about 10,000 sows. "We plan an orderly expansion to about 20,000 sows," Faison said. The pace of

expansion in hogs and turkeys will depend on market conditions.

Faison said the doubling of Lundy Packing Co.'s plant capacity in Clinton increases the potential of the area's hog market. Carroll's sells all of its market hogs to Lundy. He said the planned expansion of the Swift & Co. turkey processing plant at Wallace opens the way for increased turkey production in the

area. "They buy about 40 percent of our turkeys," he said.

The opening of a large freezer storage plant next to the Swift & Co. turkey plant plays a part in the turkey expansion, he said.

Carroll's will sell its hatchery, feed mill and administrative office in Sanford as well as a 35,000-square-foot broiler production plant in Robbins to Perdue. It also will sell all of its broilers, Faison said. Perdue will assume contracts of Carroll's broiler growers in Lee, Moore, Randolph and Chatham counties.

Computer Gear Stolen At JK

The computer terminal and printer were part of \$42,000 worth of equipment installed Thursday for a computer technology course to be offered by the school's

business department, Taylor said. The course will not start Monday as scheduled because the thief cut wiring that was connected to other terminals, the principal said.

"It will take a week or so to get it repaired," he said.

The intruder came into the building through a window and entered the classroom after breaking a small window in the door and turning

the lock, Taylor said.

The Duplin County Sheriff's Department is investigating the theft, he said.

The equipment was insured, Duplin County School Superintendent L.S. Guy Jr. said.

"It will be business as usual for our employees, growers and customers," Faison said. "Perdue management has assured us they will continue to operate two shifts in the Robbins plant, meeting full requirements of our customers as well as those of N.G. Purvis Farms of Robbins, and continue putting out 300,000 broilers a week."

Kenansville Jaycees DSA Banquet Set

The Kenansville Jaycees will honor several outstanding citizens of the community during a Distinguished Service Awards banquet which will be held in the E.E. Smith Junior High School cafeteria

on Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. The cost will be \$7.50 each, payable at the door.

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 reci-

ipient for any of these awards should pick up the appropriate nominating form from United Carolina Bank, North Carolina National Bank, 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 29349 on or before the deadline of Friday, Jan. 6.

Carroll's originated in the Warsaw area. It entered the broiler business in 1979 by purchasing Tyson's Foods in partnership with Marval Poultry Co. The partnership bought the Sanford-Robbins broiler operations in Elkin and Dobson in western North Carolina.

Fire Destroys Chinquapin House

Fire gutted a wood-frame house near the intersection of N.C. 41 and N.C. 50 in Chinquapin late Saturday night.

Firefighters from the

Chinquapin Volunteer Fire Department responded at the fire at the house owned by Levon Sandlin about 11 p.m., fought the blaze for about an hour and stayed to exten-

guish embers until about 2 a.m., said Mrs. Ernest Gray, a member of the Chinquapin Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Mrs. Gray said the fire was

thought to have begun in the ceiling near the chimney of a wood-burning stove near the center of the house.

The structure remained standing, but "everything in it was a total loss," Mrs.

Gray said. The owner of the house was out of town. His sons had been staying in the house Saturday but were not there when the fire broke out, Mrs. Gray said.

In December 1980, Carroll's sold its interest in the Elkin-Dobson operation and bought out the Marval interest in Sanford-Robbins.