



Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Woodyard of Salisbury announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Marie, to Joe Davis Brinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Davis N. Brinson of Kenansville. They plan an August 18 wedding at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Salisbury. Miss Woodyard is a graduate of Salisbury High School and is currently a senior at North Carolina State University majoring in economics and business management. Mr. Brinson is a graduate of James Kenan High School and North Carolina State University with a major in business management. He is employed at Ivey's in Raleigh.

Kenansville News

Past Matrons and Patrons Club
On Monday night, Feb. 6, the following members of the Past Matrons and Patrons Club of Kenansville Chapter #215, OES, met at the Wagon Wheel in Beulaville for a dutch supper: J.B. Stroud, Margaret Johnson, Ruby Newton, Louise Boney, Joyce and Kermit Williams, Pannie and Walter Rhodes, and Edna Earl and Amos Brinson.

Town & Country
Mrs. Hazel W. Scott was hostess for the Town & Country Bridge Club Tuesday night. Visitors included Mattie Barbee, Carolyn Hall and Sue Neil Lentz.
Between progressions, the hostess served cherry tarts, peanuts and coffee. Valentine napkins and tallies were used. Club high scorer was Ruth B. Wells and Carolyn Hall for the visitors.

Liberty Hall Bridge Club
On Wednesday night, Mrs. Hazel W. Scott was hostess for the Liberty Hall Bridge Club. All members were present. The Valentine motif was carried out in tallies and table appointments.
For refreshments, Mrs. Scott served a cherry salad with crackers, cheese wafers, cookies and coffee. High scorer for the three progressions was Mrs. Eloise K. Ryder.

Personals
Mrs. Sheldon Swann spent the weekend in Garner with the Gene English family and Penny Tart.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ingram made a business trip to Goldsboro on Tuesday.

Mesdames E.S. McGowan, C.E. Quinn and N.B. Boney attended the meeting of the James Kenan Chapter, UDC at Mrs. Woodrow Blackburn's home in Warsaw on Wednesday afternoon.
Recent visitors in the home of the H.D. Taylors were Mrs. Hazel Bass of Keener and Mrs. Pearl Saunders of Swansboro.

The Jerry Paschals of Whiteville and the Art Paschals of New Bern were Sunday guests of the Gordon Kornegays.
Mrs. Susan Greenhill of Chattanooga, Tenn., visited the Gordon Kornegays Thursday.
Mrs. Stuart Hall accompanied Mrs. Sheldon Swann to Durham last Thursday.

Bob Jones carried Rodney Andrews to Chapel Hill last Monday for a check-up.
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones made a business trip to Mount Olive one day last week.
Mrs. Nadine Blanton of Candor and James Edward Brinson of Alexandria, Va. spent the weekend here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Brinson.
Mrs. Eva B. Hughes visited her sister, Mrs. Belle Stallings in Wallace on Sunday.
Mrs. Wilma Gray Allen of Jacksonville spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Viola W. Quinn. She was joined here by the following members of their family: the Bobby Quinns of Zebulon, the Thomas Quinns of Hampton, Va., the Jimmy

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Commissioner Writes

Letter To The Editor

February 10, 1984

There have been many news articles and comments made about Duplin General Hospital. Expressing my opinion, Duplin General Hospital is as good or better than hospitals its size in Southeastern North Carolina. Duplin General Hospital is important to this County for several reasons:
1) It provides low-cost medical care. Rates are cheaper than any other hospital in the surrounding area.
2) If Duplin County is to grow, we definitely need a local hospital. There is no reason why a population of 41,000 people can not support the hospital. There will be some specialized medical services that may not be economically justified locally that may have to be met at a larger

hospital such as Duke, N.C. Memorial, or Pitt.
3) We need to realize that if our county is to attract new jobs and those things that improve the quality of life, it is very necessary that we have medical care at a reasonable cost. The only way that we can do that is be supportive of our hospital.
I have heard some negative comments about the hospital or a physician due to some feeling of bad experience. Regardless of where we might go, there will always be some bad experiences. Most hospitals and physicians receive negative comments for one reason or another.
When we have to go to a hospital we need to ask our doctor if it can be treated at Duplin General and if so, we need to ask our doctor to refer us to Duplin General. If the hospital is to survive we need the support of the

physicians and citizens in our county — after all, the hospital is owned by the citizens of Duplin County. The hospital is leased and operated as a non-profit corporation by a Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees are responsible for the overall decision-making and policy decision of Duplin General. Obviously, their responsibilities are difficult especially during times when the patient load is very low.
I do believe that we have a good hospital and staff. Our doctors are as good as you can find any where and I believe that they need our support if we are to be a good progressive county. Our hospital is very important if we are to attract new industry that may bring in good jobs. The hospital employs over 200 people and those jobs could be lost to surrounding counties resulting in a big financial loss to Duplin County. Since we do care about our county and believe that it is a good place to live, then we need to do those things that will keep it that way. We know that our home and our community is no better than what we make it. That holds true of our hospital and county.
Sincerely,
William J. Costin
County Commissioner

Murphy Serves As Duplin Arts Fund Drive Chairman

Representative Wendell Murphy of Rose Hill will again help with the Duplin County Arts Council's annual fund drive by assuming the role of honorary chairperson.



Wendell Murphy
"We're having a roll-up-your-sleeves and get-down-to-business kind of campaign," explained Merle Creech, executive director, as she announced Murphy's decision to

serve. "Our programming in the schools and community is strong and very busy right now. We are hoping that our activities will speak for themselves. We ask people in Duplin County to plan to support the Arts Council generously this year for the monies collected are expressly for programming. They go right back to our people."
Murphy is completing his first term in the Legislature and has been interested in improving the quality of life in Duplin County through an informed interest in arts programming and legislation as well as through his work on agriculture, appropriations, banks and higher education committees. Murphy's office in Raleigh houses several pieces of Duplin County art.
In a statement about the Arts Council and the annual fund drive, Murphy said, "I wish all the success possible in this endeavor. Thank you for your service to Duplin County."
Although the fund drive will not be officially launched for another week, early contributions may be mailed directly to the Arts Council at P.O. Box 36, Kenansville, NC 28349. For any information, call 296-1922.

Faison Library Open House

The Emily Hill Library in Faison will host an open house Sunday, Feb. 19. The library, located in the restored depot building at the Faison Recreation and Parks grounds, is open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1-5 p.m. Librarian Carol Steinfurth at the Emily Hill Library encourages all Faison citizens to

attend the open house 3-5 p.m., Feb. 19.

Need Help With Your Tax Forms?

Mrs. Phyllis Pate, IRS representative from the Internal Revenue Service, will be on the campus of James Sprunt Technical College on Wednesday, Feb. 22 between 3 and 9 p.m. and again on Thursday, Feb. 23 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Ms. Pate will provide assistance to persons needing help with income tax preparation. For more information, call JSTC at 296-1341.

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