

Democrat

Precincts To Meet

Duplin County Democrats will caucus at their precinct polling places on Thursday, March 1, at 8 p.m. Any registered Democrat is eligible to attend.

Mrs. Bobbie Marshburn, chairman of the Duplin County Democratic executive committee, stated, "The purpose of these precinct meetings will be to elect delegates to the county Democratic convention to be held in April. Also those attending these meetings may discuss and pass resolutions on issues that concern them."

She further stated, "Democrats are urged to attend the meeting in their precinct. We can have a strong party only if we have broad participation on the local level."

ANNUAL ALBERTSON FOX HUNT

The annual Albertson Fox Hunt will be held Saturday, Feb. 25 at Albertson Community Building on Hwy. 111 at Albertson.

The program includes a memorial service at 6 a.m., breakfast served from 5 a.m. until 8 a.m., barbecue and fish stew from 10 a.m. until 2



Recognized At NADA Banquet

Agricultural and home economics awards were presented during the annual Neuse Area Development Association banquet in Kinston Feb. 15. Duplin farm families received awards in poultry, swine and beef categories. Pictured above, left to right, Cecil Kornegay of Mount Olive, received the third place

plaque in general cow-calf production and stands with Duplin Agricultural Extension Service Director Lois Britt and Mrs. Louise Boney of Kenansville, who was Duplin's home economic leadership nominee in the NADA awards.

Raises Funds In Queen Of Hearts Pageant

Each year the East Duplin High School students participate in the Queen of Hearts pageant to raise money for the American Heart Association. The event raised \$3,144 last week when the 1984 Queen of Hearts was crowned on Valentine's Day at the high school. Selected as Queen of Hearts from the 15 participating young ladies was Shelly Stokes who raised \$993. Shelly is pictured above in the center. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Stokes of Wallace. Pictured on Shelly's left is first runner-up Selina Kennedy, who raised \$657. Second runner-up Kristy Ball is pictured on the right, and she raised \$328. Kristy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ball of Beulaville, and Selina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Kennedy of Kenansville.

Speaker At Rose Hill Warns Duplin Rail Line Is Not Guaranteed

Seaboard Systems Railroads might one day abandon its Wilmington-Rocky Mount line, which runs the length of Duplin County, the Duplin Municipal Association was warned Thursday night.

Melvin Cording, program chairman and former Wallace mayor, said: "One of these mornings we're going to wake up and find the tracks gone and even the gravel sold. They're using the line less and less. I don't know what to do, but we need help. The railroad was the prime maker of this region and if we lose it

we're going to be in trouble.

"If the railroad's not making a profit there's not much you can do about it. You can't blame them, but we really need this railroad."

Seaboard has already obtained Interstate Commerce Commission permission to abandon its Wilmington-New Bern Line, which it said does not carry enough traffic to pay for maintenance.

The association elected Arnold Duncan, a Wallace town board member, as vice president to succeed Ruth Quinn, the mayor of Magnolia. Mrs. Quinn became asso-

ciation president after the recent resignation of Joe Orlando Daniels. Daniels, who was mayor of Calypso, resigned both positions when he was transferred out of the county. He was manager of the Piggly Wiggly store in Faison, although he lived in Calypso. His company transferred him to Smithfield in Johnston County.

Fred Baggett, general counsel of the N.C. League of Municipalities, predicted all of the state's counties will approve the half-cent local option sales tax.

Wallace Murder Suspect Sentenced

The case of a card game that left one man dead ended Wednesday last week when Bruce Wilder, 21, of Route 1, Wallace was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Wilder was charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death of Thomas Newkirk, 29, on Dec. 23, 1983. On Wednesday, Wilder pleaded guilty to second-

degree murder before Superior Court Judge George M. Fountain of Tarboro.

Assistant District Attorney Dewey Hudson said Wilder and Newkirk were in a house playing cards on Dec. 23 when they began arguing.

Hudson said Wilder went to his car and picked up a .22-caliber rifle. Wilder told authorities he slipped on

a step when he returned to the house and the rifle went off, the bullet going through the closed door, Hudson said.

Hudson said Wilder then fired another shot. He said Newkirk was shot in the head.

James Kenan Student

National Award Winner

The U.S. Achievement Academy announced that Mitchell W. Kernstine has been named a 1984 U.S. National Award winner in Science.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes less than 10% of all American high school students.

Kernstine, who attends James Kenan High School, was nominated by Nathaniel Boney, a science teacher at the school. Mitchell will appear in the U.S. Achievement Academy Official Yearbook published nationally.

Mitchell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Van A. Kernstine. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Wright Boyette Sr. of Warsaw and Mrs. and Mrs. Barney M. Kernstine of Greensboro.

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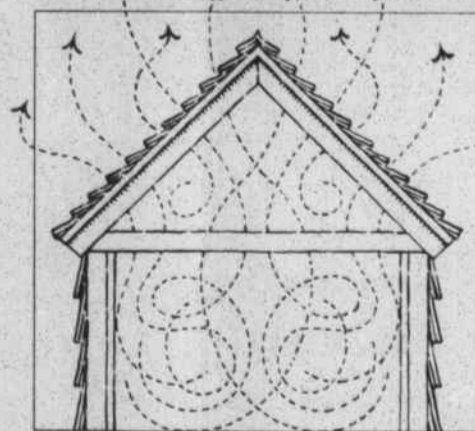
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