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## Kenansville Has Fire Truck; Fighters Well Trained

### Warsaw Jaycees Unveil Miniature Train For Kids

The Warsaw Jaycees officially unveiled their new miniature riding train, the first in this part of the State, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Children as well as adults were allowed on the train. Admission cost has been fixed at nine cents per ride.

The miniature train idea represents a major undertaking for the small Warsaw Jaycees organization. Considerable work on the part of the membership of 17 has gone into it. The project, which cost about \$700 altogether, represents almost a year of work since the idea was first conceived.

The layout is located immediately behind the town hall on more than an acre of land which the club hopes eventually to develop into a fully equipped recreation park for the benefit of the town and surrounding area. Profits from the train's operation will be used to further their long range planning project which embraces the idea of tennis courts, swings, see-saws, merry-go-rounds, and the like for children of all age groups.

The train consists of a locomotive and two cars for passengers. Each unit is 10 feet long. The layout is an oval with a switch siding for the loading and unloading of passengers from a built-up platform. Lee Brown advanced the idea at a spring meeting last May. After receiving the club's enthusiastic endorsement, the members started collecting everything they could "beg, buy, borrow, or steal." Their luck was phenomenal.

The Borden Brick and Tile Company of Goldsboro gave some wheels and four body bases. They also donated track which had been used in a "new" development. The "new" development was the "new" development. The "new" development was the "new" development.

An ACL crew laid the track on six Saturdays, the \$30 expenditure for their labor being the biggest single item of expense. The ACL donated the use of its track laying equipment, assuring accurate gauge. Luther Love, ACL Negro foreman of Warsaw, supervised this operation.

The locomotive is powered by a 15-horsepower one-cylinder gasoline motor connected to a Dodge fluid drive transmission. This eliminates jerks in forward speed gear changing. Two horns, for town and open country, are mounted on the locomotive. One gallon of gas will run the train well over an hour.

The unit has been tested many times loaded and empty and found to be in perfect operating condition. Banked turns permit maximum speed of 20 miles per hour. However, it is planned to run the train only at 10 to 12 miles per hour. The 20-pound rail is well spiked down to the 600 crossties.

"A wonderful thing about our operation," President Johnson said, "is we haven't solicited a dime from merchants. The Branch Banking and Trust Company loaned us \$700 and all of our bills have been paid."

Lee Brown, who has been at the fore in the whole project, made the all metal bodies for the cars in his tobacco flue shop. For the streamlined front he used the grill-work of a 1937 Hudson Terraplane. He gave his time and sold the materials at cost.

Future plans for the Jaycees Special include addition of a third car and stringing out lights around the layout for night time operation. It will be operated each Saturday, Sunday, and possibly Wednesday afternoon from now until fall.

### Sandlin Returned From Florida

A. B. Sandlin, white, 35 of Beaulieu, was brought back to Duplin County last week from Lakeland, Florida, to stand trial for breaking and entering the home of Mrs. Lula Parker, in Beaulieu, on March 9. Sheriff Miller went to Florida and brought Sandlin back. He was captured in Lakeland by the police department and returned until brought back to Kenansville.

Sandlin was tried before a local J. P. the case was submitted to the Grand Jury which found a true bill.

### Duplin ECC Alumni Meet Rose Hill On Tuesday

On Tuesday night at 6:30 P.M. at the School Cafeteria in Rose Hill the Duplin County Chapter of East Carolina College Alumni will have a dinner meeting. All people who have attended East Carolina College or East Carolina Teachers College are invited and urged to attend this meeting. Husbands, wives, or sweethearts are also invited. Guests will be President James L. Whitford of the General Alumni Association, of The News and Observer, Raleigh; Mr. James W. Butler, Mrs. Susie Webb, and Miss Gloria Blanton of the campus at East Carolina. Come and enjoy the good food, fun and fellowship as has been promised by Mr. William R. Teachey, President of the Duplin County Chapter.

### Grady Begins Publication Of New Paper

J. R. Grady, publisher of The Duplin Times, Kenansville and The Weekly Gazette, LaGrange, last week began a new and third publication. The Weekly Sketch, made its first appearance last Thursday. It is published from Fremont every Thursday and covers the area in and around Fremont, Pikeville, and Eureka with headquarters in Fremont. J. W. Tomlinson, former reporter on the Washington Star is handling the news; Mrs. Rupert Barnes of Fremont, advertising and business manager and Mrs. Russell Kirby of Fremont, woman's editor. The Sketch will be printed in Kenansville.

Grady also began construction of an addition to The Times office building last week. A 1000 square-foot, one story addition is being constructed at the rear. It is expected to be completed and ready for occupancy in a few weeks. Sam Godwin of Warsaw has the contract. Additional machinery is planned in the near future especially in the job printing line.

### New Hotpoint Dealer In Warsaw

Farmer's Hardware and Merchandise Co. of Warsaw are proud to announce their appointment as the exclusive Hotpoint Appliances Dealer in Warsaw. To view the beautiful new Hotpoint appliances visit their store this week. They are, also, the exclusive G. E. Television Dealer. Look for their announcement in this paper.

### School Committee Appointed By Board

The Duplin County Board of Education met on Monday afternoon, April 5, in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools in Kenansville. Among some of the more important things taken up were the appointment of school committees, whose terms expired this year for the various school districts for a term of three years.

### Sheriffs Department Destroys Several Liquor Manufacturing Stills

The Duplin County sheriff's department experienced a busy week end. Onslow County sheriff's department, Thomas J. Marshall, sheriff, and Ralph Miller, sheriff of Duplin County, moved in on a liquor still on the Onslow-Duplin County line, Sunday and caught Stephen Wiley and J. T. Whaley, white, operating a 55 gallon steel drum still. Three barrels of mash were destroyed.

### Warsaw Under Quarantine

Attention is called to the fact that the area within the corporate limits of the town of Warsaw; and an area 2 miles wide beginning at a line projected northeast and southwest along and beyond the north corporate limits of Warsaw and extending northwesterly along U. S. Highway No. 117 with said highway as a center line for a distance of miles is under quarantine for White Fringed Bettes. U. S. Order No. 72.

### Kenansville's New Fire Truck and Volunteer Firemen



The following are shown with Kenansville's new fire truck: Chief Lauren Sharpe, Asst. Chief Ralph Brown, Captain Phil Kretsch, Captain Harry W. Murphy, Lieutenant Jack Ellison, Lieutenant Donald Murphy, Firemen C. B. Guthrie, Jr., A. T. Outlaw, Jr., Ivey Bowden, Billy Stephens, Woodrow Britton, L. J. Smith and C. L. Nicholson. Absent when picture was taken were Captain Willard Brinson; Firemen Steve Williamson and Joe Quinn. (Photo by Daniel Lanier of Lanier's Studio in Wallace.)

On Friday, March 19th, the new fire truck arrived in Kenansville. This event marked the highlight of the long awaited fulfillment of dreams for those who wished for protection and security for life and property here in Kenansville. Last August the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kenansville placed an order for the truck and appointed Lauren Sharpe to be the Fire Chief and Ralph Brown to be assistant Chief. The truck is to be paid for from the tax funds of the Town of Kenansville. As soon as his appointment Chief Sharpe together with his assistant, Ralph Brown, began planning for and training the volunteer firefighters. As anyone who knows anything about firefighting will cough, these firefighters have accomplished a great deal and are worthy of the pride and esteem of any town of comparable size. At a date to be later determined, an explanation of the equipment and a demonstration will be given in the courthouse square on an afternoon in order that all the citizens and friends can see how these men work.

The fire truck is an E-350 "Big Job" Ford chassis and the fire equipment is built by the American-LaFrance Foamite Corporation of Elmira, New York, the largest and foremost builders of fire equipment in the world. The truck was rated by the National Board of Fire Underwriters as a 500 GPM pump, but on actual test the truck pumped in excess of 700 GPM from draft and in excess of 900 GPM from a good hydrant. It is equipped with 2 1/2" x 1" high pressure hose reels, 2 1/2" x 1 1/2" permanent hose connections, a hose bed holding 1000 ft. of 2 1/2" hose, a 500 gallon water tank, and can produce 80 GPM at 300 lbs. of pressure. It has a full complement of ladders, axes, lights, fire extinguishers, pike poles, crowbars, and such other equipment which is standard on a first class fire engine. The Ford chassis was specified by the company as being most suited for the job because of high horsepower, and power output at all speeds, and especially because of its ability as a spray pump. For the needs of the Town of Kenansville no better fire engine could be bought at any price. Chief Sharpe and Asst. Chief Brown saw a truck of less horsepower and size being tested at the proving grounds of the American-LaFrance factory and readily saw the result of using inferior quality and power. Even with its full load this truck which Kenansville bought has no reaction whatsoever as being loaded - its performance is not curbed in the slightest. The members of the Fire Department invite you to inspect their equipment at anytime and you can be assured that it will be given the greatest of care that is only fitting to so expensive and important a piece of equipment. The Fire Department asks that you be cooperative in helping to take care of all its equipment.

### Local Students Tour Raleigh

Kenansville students spent last Thursday touring Raleigh. Those making the trip were: Seventh grade: Mrs. W. M. Ingram, teacher, Mrs. Wiley Taylor, Mrs. Garland Whitman, Mrs. Ezell, Mrs. L. H. Rouse, Mrs. Mabel Sullivan, mothers. Students: Vernon Rouse, Betty Taylor, Jewel Stroud, Harold Barnes, Jewel Brown, Oliver Vestal, Morris Cherry, Hazel Sandlin, Brenda Grady, Edward Lee Holland, Bobby Benson, Tommy Ezell, Joe Brock, Raymond Teachey, J. D. Whitman, Josephine Brock, Patricia Whitman, Nancy Grady, Sylvia Gooding, Carol Bell, James Edward Brinson, Ruth Garner, Donald Medlin, Janice Goodman, Ben Williamson, Deanna Qutan, Shelby Jean Quinn, Thelma Brock, Grace Goodman, Eloise Pate, Alice West, Dorcas Heath, Jean Futrelle, Ben Price, Dell Jackson.

### Board of Education Sponsors County Spelling Contest

O. P. Johnson, Superintendent of Duplin County Schools, has announced that the members of the Duplin County Board of Education voted at its regular meeting on Monday, April 5 to sponsor a spelling contest in the white schools of the county.

This is being done in an effort to boost and encourage better spelling among the pupils in all departments of the schools - primary, grammar and high school. It has recently been revealed through questionnaires that there is a definite need for more stress in spelling - especially at the high school level. These questionnaires were sent as one part of the activities of the Kellogg Program which has been in action in Duplin County for the past three years.

Money for medals was donated by members of the board of education and there will be a first and second prize given in each department - primary grades, grammar grades, and high school. Each school will have an elimination contest and select one participant from each department of its school. These contestants will meet at the Kenansville High School auditorium on Wednesday, April 21 for the finals. Medals will be presented to the winners on Thursday night, April 22, at the Kanan Memorial Auditorium when the annual Music and Art Festival gets under way.

### New Shop Opens In Beulaville

Mrs. Christine J. Kennedy and her nephew, Beasley M. Jones of Route 2, Pink Hill, have opened a ladies' and children's shop in Beulaville. Mrs. Kennedy is going to manage the store with the help of one clerk, Mrs. Scott Smith of Beulaville.

Mrs. Kennedy is a teacher of the second grade at Beulaville School and plans to continue teaching. Mrs. Kennedy, better known as "Tea" Kennedy, has lived in Beulaville practically all of her life. She was formerly Christine Jones and is the widow of the late Gordon B. Kennedy and has three children, Sally Jo, Bennett and George.

She and her family are members of the Presbyterian Church. She will appreciate a part of your patronage.

### Number Children Needing Foster Homes Increasing, Says Duplin Welfare Agent

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"There is particular need for foster homes which can offer specialized care for children who are mentally retarded, physically handicapped, or who have emotional problems. This type of home supplements the resources of the homes which provide care for deserted and neglected children."

The State-wide program which assists in providing foster boarding home care for children is one of the most valuable programs administered by welfare agencies, in the estimate of the State and county welfare officials. State and county funds are available to provide the cost of this boarding home care. The county department of public welfare shares responsibility for the child with the foster parent. A staff member makes regular visits to the home.

Foster boarding homes are licensed under State law by the State Board of Public Welfare. Under one plan foster homes provide care for children being studied for adoption. Another plan provides care for children who are deprived of the privilege of being in their own homes for some sufficient reason and are in need. Provision is made in these foster homes for children who are neglected or deserted while plans are being made for permanent living arrangements. In foster homes

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### Duplin Votes Join Girl Scout Five

Duplin Citizens, in a called meeting in Wallace, at which Mrs. Elizabeth Griffin, executive secretary of Wayne County Girl Scout Council addressed the group on the advantages of joining a proposed five-county Girl Scout Council, last week voted to join the area council. It was the fourth county group that has voted to enter the council.

The meeting was held at the Wallace Presbyterian Church, with Mrs. J. T. Taylor, Jr., chairman of the Five-County Development Committee for Duplin, presiding. Mrs. Griffin's address was centered on the advantages of joining the proposed council and the financial responsibility that would have to be met.

The council would be made up of Wayne, Craven, Carteret, Onslow & Duplin counties. Citizens in Wayne, Carteret, Onslow and now Duplin have voted to join.

### Pvt. Johnson Instructor

Pvt. James O. "Jimmy" Johnson son of Supt. and Mrs. O. P. Johnson of Kenansville was appointed instructor in high speed diesel motors at Ft. Eustis, Virginia. Jimmy entered his basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina and completed it about November 1. He was then sent to a sixteen week training course in Diesel motors and as soon as he completed the course, was promoted to instructor in high speed Diesel motors.

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