

Fire Department Extinguishes Grass Fires

Kenansville Fire Department answered a call Wednesday of last week to a farm belonging to Mrs. Marie Sheppard of Smith Township. The farm is located in Kenansville township between Zion Church and Westbrook's cross roads.

Melvin Smith, who lives on the farm, was burning grass when the fire, fanned by brisk winds, got away from him and burned a tobacco barn.

The loss included the barn, oil burners in the barn and tobacco sticks which were stored under the barn shelter. A very small amount of insurance was carried on the barn.

A shelter connected the barn with a second barn, which was

saved by the Fire Department. The Kenansville Fire Department also answered a call to Carol Brown's home Saturday afternoon March 2, to a grass fire. The fire was extinguished with little damages done.

The Browns are living at the old Erinson home place recently purchased from Mrs. Eva Hughes.

The Department answered an out of town call to a grass fire just across the road from Luther R. Carroll Monday afternoon, March 4. Most of the fire was out when the firemen arrived, but water was poured on the smoldering pine straw, preventing further outbreak.

New Store

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for occupancy about October 1, will be 148 feet along the 100 block of South Chestnut street, and approximately 120 feet along the 100 block of West Main street, and will contain approximately 24,000 square feet of floor space.

He said the present building occupied by the firm, on the 100 block of South Center street, contains approximately 7,500 square feet of floor space.

Bill Wilkins said the store will be situated a number of feet off the existing sidewalks of Main and Chestnut streets, and that plans are in the early stages for widening the streets fronted by the store to facilitate the flow of traffic in the area.



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He said both the Town of Mount Olive, and the State Highway Department, which maintains Main street as a part of Highway 55 Business, are involved in the current discussions about widening.

Eason also pointed out that part of the property, which was the former residence of the late Dr. W. C. Steele and his family until his death more than 30 years ago, and then the property and residence of Dr. J. W. Wilkins and his family until the doctor's death almost 20 years ago, will also be for off-street parking adjacent to the store.

"This parking lot, which will hold about 25 to 30 cars, will be located on the south side of the building," Eason said, "and will be adjacent to a new feature planned by our store. This feature will be a garden shop, featuring partial out-door shopping, under canopies, and divided by attractive partitions," Eason said.

An entrance-way into the main store will be located adjacent to this shop, he said, but pointed out that main entrances will be located on both Main and Chestnut streets. Show windows will flank each of the main entrances.

Inside the store will be divided into regular shopping departments with floor space approximately as follows: fashion and style goods, 15,000 square feet; about 7,000 devoted to a new department, called the "Bargain Store"; and about 4,200 feet of floor space for offices, lounges, receiving and shipping department, gift wrapping, lay-away storage, rest rooms, and conference rooms.

"This space for offices, etc.," Eason said, "is the only part of the new facility which will be two story. All the shopping areas of the new store will be on one floor."

Wilkins said architects in Charlotte, who are designing the store to the Belk-Tyler specifications, will have plans ready for bids to be called for about March 15, and that construction will begin just as soon as bids can be secured and contracts approved.

Belk-Tyler's opened their Mount Olive store in February, 1962, and Eason said over the weekend that the firm's excellent reception by the Mount Olive area had led to continual growth over the years to the point where, in order to serve their customers efficiently and effectively, a new and larger store became a necessity.

The new store's location will be on the same block as the present store's site, with an alley-way separating the two locations. Eason said no definite plans had been arrived as yet for disposition of the present store on S. Center street.

Blueberry

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Children

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Poultry

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In considering the gross income from poultry, there are certainly some implications that can be considered. First, even though the gross income from poultry is the highest ever in Duplin, the net income is probably the lowest as compared to investment. Secondly, poultry producers have done more in way of automation because of the labor situation and low prices in trying to make the operation as efficient as possible. Third, poultry production generally seems to increase while poultry prices are low to compensate for the loss in income. Fourth, poultry production will continue to increase because poultry producers are generally highly initiative individuals that have the incentive to grow and progress.

Fifth, poultry producers capital investment is such that the producer will plan, evaluate, and make the necessary changes that will enable the structure of his operation to survive.

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Commissioners

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No citizen or taxpayer of the county appeared, either in person or by attorney to protest against the necessity of assuring adequate and continuing ambulance services in the county, and of granting franchises to ambulance operators based within or without the county, and of establishing necessary regulations in connection therewith, and the Clerk announced that no protest in writing, signed by any citizen or taxpayer had been presented.

School Problems

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The Study Commission. They are Dr. Harold G. Hulon, Chairman, Mr. Leslie N. Boney, Jr., Mrs. E. N. Clark, Dr. Calvin L. Doss, Mr. H. G. Nofsinger, Mrs. Gelen Russ.

The hearing is a part of a State-wide movement on the part of the Governor's Commission to find out what the people want in their schools. This group is one of thirty-five such task force groups across the State.

If you are interested in the improvement of public education, now is the time to make your voice heard. Your opinions and recommendations will be forwarded directly to the Governor's Commission. The Commission will make its recommendations to the Governor on October 1, 1968.

send \$2.00 (membership fee) to Mrs. Clifford Jernigan, Kenansville, N. C.

The Retarded CAN be helped, and are being helped.

Arrest Follows After Stealing Bedding

An Island Creek Township man has been bound over to General County Court on a charge of larceny and trespassing.

Marvin Henderson 38, white male of Route 2, Rose Hill, allegedly entered the home of Mrs. Millie Moore, also of Rt. 2, Rose Hill, near Murphy's Store, on Sunday night. He is charged with larceny of three blankets, three towels and one quilt.

A hearing was held Monday morning March 4, before Magistrate W. J. Sitterson of Kenansville. Bond was set at \$300. for appearance in County Court March 21.

Deputies Alfred Easden and Graham Chestnut investigated.

Calypso School Erects Health Ladder

The Calypso School has erected a much needed piece of playground equipment, a health ladder, through the cooperation and assistance of the North Duplin Agriculture Department. Evidenced by the students' enjoyment of this ladder, it was received on the school grounds with much enthusiasm.

The materials for the health ladder were purchased with funds raised by the school from various projects throughout the year. Calypso School completed the project at a cost of approximately 40 per cent of the cost of a comparable piece of equipment on the market. This saving of 60 per cent could therefore be applied to school supplies needed in the classrooms.

The work on the health ladder was done at the North Duplin Agriculture shop as a metalworking project by several of the agriculture boys. The iron pipe was cut on the power huc saw by Delmas Hobbs and Steve Jordan. The large pipe was then threaded in the shop with the assistance of Hobbs, Jordan, and Ashley Summerlin, Hobbs and Mr. Bobby Watson, North Duplin Agriculture instructor, assisted in the welding. This project provided the agriculture boys with an opportunity to get some practice in pipe fitting and metal cutting as well as welding. It enabled the students to obtain skills which are not only valuable on farms but are also valuable in the American industry.

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and Nathan Cavanaugh is Crusade for Christ president. Harry Rivenbark is church organist and Mrs. Annie Laura Kelly is pianist for adult choir. Miss Betty Batts is pianist for the youth choir and Mrs. Ruth Cornert directs the Wednesday night youth service.

The new church is located just off N C 41 at Island Creek Bridge, east of Wallace and is a credit to the congregation of the church, as well as the entire community.

Man Survives

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cut from breaking out a large plate glass window to gain admittance to the store.

Inside the store Alphin got a bottle of rubbing alcohol, 4 packages of cigarettes and a carton of penny matches. He passed out from drinking the alcohol before he could get away from the building.

A \$500 bond was set for appearance at the May 6th term of Superior Court by Magistrate W. J. Sitterson at a hearing held March 3.

Rhett Dennis is known as one of the best young modern dancers in America. He has appeared in musical comedy on Broadway, in straight drama, in concert, and on television. He not only performs a great deal, but also teaches and is considered to be one of the coming talents in jazz choreography. He will perform in "Come Dance With Us" at Kenansville Elementary School Auditorium on March 14, 1968 at 8 p.m.

1968 Commodity Program

REMINDER

The Duplin ASCS County Office will be open Saturday, March 9, 1968, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Farmers in Duplin County are reminded that there's only nine more days left for them to file their applications to participate in the 1968 Feed Grain, Wheat, and/or Cotton Programs.

We are urging farmers who wish to take part in the programs, and have not filed their applications, to do so as soon as possible. The later the filing the more likely the office is to be crowded with a resulting delay in the whole process.

As of Thursday, February 29, 1968, 1880 farms had signed up in the Feed Grain Program, 108 in the Wheat Program, and 189 in the Cotton Program.

Under both the feed grain and cotton programs for 1968, farmers may earn diversion and price-support payments as well as qualify for price-support loans on their crops; feed grain diversion payments will be available to all program participants in 1968. The wheat program provides price-support loans on their crops; feed grain diversion payments will be available to all program applicants in 1968. The wheat program provides price-support loans and marketing certificates which bring returns up to full parity for the part of the wheat crop allocated for domestic use; no diversion payment is available for wheat.



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