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Merry Christmas

Cumbo To Head Faison Research Station

Fred E. Cumbo, a Craven County native and an assistant agricultural extension agent in Robeson County, has been made superintendent of the Coastal Plain Vegetable Research Station at Faison.

He received a B.S. degree in agronomy from N.C. State in 1967. Prior to going to Robeson County as assistant extension agent, he held a position with Geigy Chemical Co.

The announcement was made by Cecil D. Thomas, director of research stations for the N.C. Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Roy L. Lovvorn, acting dean and director of research for N.C. State University's School of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

His appointment as superintendent of the Faison Research Station is effective Jan. 1. He replaces Sandy Barnes who earlier this year became superintendent of the research station at Kinston.

Cumbo, 35, grew up on a small farm near New Bern.

Cumbo is married to the former Judith Barbour. They have one child.



CHINQUAPIN WATER PROJECT NEARS REALITY

The Chinquapin Water Association has tentatively accepted a low bid of \$23,537.50 made by Blue Construction Company of Sanford to provide a deep well and a water distribution system for some 60 families in the community.

tative of the FHA Office in Kenansville, said FHA had earmarked a \$22,000 grant and a \$32,000 insured loan for the project. The loan, according to Soles, will be made by Waccamaw Bank of Beaufort through its Chinquapin Branch Office. FHA will insure the loan. The project which will require some 2 1/4 miles of pipe will serve families in Chinquapin who live between the N.E. Cape Fear River and Chinquapin Elementary School No. 2. Soles said the new well is being drilled by Hartsfield Co. of Kinston near the Community Baptist Church. Cost of the well, pumps and pumpshelter and a 2,000 gallon pressure tank will be \$13,750. The well is expected to pump between 60 and 90 gallons of water per minute. The deep well should be able to supply

Directors of the Chinquapin Water Association are: Terry Parker, president; Mrs. Kay S. Williamson, A.E. William, Billy Brinkley, Dr. E.L. Boyette, and George F. Landen, directors.

The proposed system will replace shallow wells used by residents in the area. Last summer drought seriously affected the water supply in the area, and president Parker is already planning a future sewage treatment system for the community.

Following an application to the FHA, John Soles, represen-

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Vandals Hit Nativity Scene At E. E. Smith

The Nativity Scene at E.E. Smith High School was vandalized Wednesday night.

red paint was left on top of the shelter. Contents of the can had apparently been used to spray FHS across the school's marquee. The figures 6 and 9 were sprayed on the brick columns of the marquee.

The sheriff's department are investigating the incident which occurred sometime after 10:30 p.m. Some of the figures were removed from the scene including The Christ Children and Mary. Replicas of the Wise men were found in the woods more than 100 feet away. Other figures were badly mutilated and left at the scene. All the flood lights were broken. An empty spray can of

Principal H.G. Henry said "The actual cash value of the materials involved was not really the actual loss. To think that someone would deliberately destroy the 'Peace On Earth' scene is almost unbelievable." Investigation is continuing.

Elementary Arts-Crafts Fair Big Hit

Mrs. Winabel Dixon's fourth grade in Warsaw Elementary School exhibited an Arts and Crafts show, Thursday, Dec. 19.

Fair put on by this class is to make something worthwhile out of worthless materials and objects. As a result of this effort coin purses, doll houses, a Bible made from soap, and manger scenes complete with kings and shepherds were exhibited. A box called "Skeletons in My Closet" by Mrs. Dixon was made of an egg carton holding skeleton-like shells and fossils she gathered at Atlantic Beach.

The exhibit, most unusual for a fourth grade class, showing the creativeness and educational background are children are receiving in Duplin County Schools.

The imagination of these talented children seemed unlimited and the judges really had a task. Many ribbons, blue-red and yellow were awarded. All entries were really winners because of the experience gained by just participating.

The idea grew out of the annual Arts and Crafts Fair put on by the mountain people of western North Carolina at Asheville. This fair features many of the arts and crafts for which the mountain people have become famous. At this fair there is also an exhibition of the folk dances sometimes carried out in the mountain areas.

Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer proved quite popular and was an imaginary gem. A red Christmas ball on the tip of a pine cone made Rudolph's head, and his body was of Spanish Moss.

Tushay-the-Turtle was apotato with a peanut head. Pots of getemlums were made from persimmon stems. An attractive coin purse was once a bottle cap. The old fashioned Kaleidoscope that provided "parlor entertainment in the gay 90's" was reconstructed from an egg carton.

A drum was made from an oatmeal box. Pin cushions were nested in fruit jar rings. Egg cartons were also used for desk "tidiers" paper clips pin, stamps, etc. A doll house was made from a card board box and furnished throughout with furniture made from the versatile egg carton.

Christmas trees were made from almost everything. Pine cones were used with many variations. Many, many other novelties were created.

At clean up time, when all the scraps were ready for disposal, a resourceful little girl interteared and came up with a white swan.

Judging the exhibits were Mrs. Becky Neely, Miss Elizabeth Daughtry and Mrs. Pearl Smith. Receiving blue ribbons were Sherry Gore, Terese Guy, Leslie Best, Tannie Cashwell, David Carlton, James Quinn, Joe Kornegay and Beverly Gurley.

Receiving red ribbons were Kenneth Bell, Wilma Herring, Wanda Taylor, Barbara Tucker,

Glenn Griffin, Alon Hill, Jesse Allen, and Pattie Barnette.

Receiving yellow ribbons were Glenn Griffin, Gwen Lanier, David Moss, Ray Hardison, James DeLuca, Sheila Garrity, Ann Pope, Shirley Byrd and Debbie Casteen.

As further imitation of the Arts and Crafts Fair of Asheville the class put on a folk dance viewed by the other classes and visitors.



Mr. Thomas Kenan III, views decorations in the formal dining room of Liberty Hall prior to a reception given for the members of the restoration commission, county commissioners, and board of education. Several members of the Kenan family also attended the reception.

(Photo by Ruth Wells)

Christmas At Liberty Hall

Christmas has come again to Liberty Hall this year. The house restored to its former beauty and opened to the public on May 11, 1968 is all aglow for the yuletide season.

On December 20th, Mr. Thomas Kenan III of Durham entertained at a reception in the home. The reception honored members of the restoration commission, the county commissioners, and the board of education.

personal supervision of Mrs. Kathleen Snyder. The County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs made the cookies used on the refreshment table. The E.E. Smith Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Austin presented music for the occasion with a group of Christmas songs that reflected the holiday season.

Out of town guests for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. George London of Raleigh, and Mrs. Lewis Pendleton of Elizabeth City; Mr. Owen Kenan of Durham; Mr. and Mrs. William Boney, of Wilmington; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herring of

Mr. Joe West of the Country Squire furnished the ham biscuits and Mr. Ike Riddick of the Duplin Times printed the invitations. Both of these were gifts.

Mr. Thomas Kenan III and the restoration commission wish to thank all the people in Duplin County who have helped with the restoration in any way. They are well pleased, and hope to have the continuing help and support of all Duplin Citizens during the duplin Citizens during the coming year.

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Jaycees Sponsor Shopping Spree

Christmas came early this year for thirty five children in the Warsaw Elementary School.

Warsaw Jaycees, in cooperation with Principal David Fustell, were host to a special group of kindergartners, first, second and third grade students that were treated to a shopping trip in a Warsaw Variety store.

Miss Duplin, lovely Brenda Sue Jones, met the little folks in front of the store and a crisp new dollar bill was placed in each eager little hand, a gift from Santa. Inside the store, assisted by teachers, Mrs. Alice Mitchner and Mrs. Jane Sheffield, thirty five happy youngsters shopped for something very special for Christmas. Clerks were most helpful as they made selections for themselves and even for other members of their families. Baby dolls, guns, candy, games, puzzles, and books were popular items.

Some children shopped carefully, pricing each item, while others shopped wild and recklessly and blew the whole dollar on one item. Eyes danced and shrieks of joy rang through the store.

One youngster stood in the corner of the store with his arms folded, just looking. Of course it took some time to spot such a quiet little fellow in the midst of all the excitement.



Brenda Sue Jones, Miss Duplin performs a most delightful task when she assisted the Warsaw Jaycees provide a Christmas shopping trip for a special group of children. The children, from Warsaw Elementary School, were given a dollar to shop with in a variety store. The young man receiving the money proceed quite a business man in his purchasing.

When a decision had been reached he scurried to the counter and found a toy bubble gum dispenser containing bubble gum. He knew it would take all his money, but he had made his plans. He figured his brothers at home would put their pennies in his machine and he could get back at least a part of his investment.

Jaycee project chairman Bill Knowles said "this is one of the most worthwhile Jaycee projects of our year, we can see by their faces that in this small way we have helped someone less fortunate than ourselves."

(Photo by Ruth Wells)