

1968 Reflects A Year Of Progress For Duplin County

"A mushroom of growth" might be one way of expressing the progress Duplin County has enjoyed in the past few years. Last year alone seems more like a dream than a reality, yet the following progressive achievements became realities in Duplin County in 1968.

Restoration of Liberty Hall (the Kenan home) as an ante bellum mansion was completed and officially opened in May as Kenansville's new showplace and tourist attraction.

The Country Squire (Duplin County's famous steakhouse) added the "Peasant House" which increased the seating capacity to accommodate an additional 60 people.

Work has been completed on widening Highway 24 through the business district of Beulaville and modernizing the fronts of the store and businesses.

Because of the pressing need for additional space, Whaley Rest Home in Kenansville has completed additional space for 20 residents, bringing the total capacity to 54. The new wing contains both private and semi-private rooms, baths, a sitting room and porch.

A new and attractive Post Office building in Rose Hill

was built and occupied in April.

Management Data Processing System opened an office in Calypso in April. This data processing agency in serving existing industries and businesses throughout the area.

National Spinning Company completed a 40,000-square foot addition to their Warsaw plant to expand the production area and administrative department. They are currently in the process of constructing a 25,000-square foot addition to provide more warehouse space.

National Spinning Company is also building a new hosiery yarn plant at Beulaville. The 66,000-square foot plant is expected to be ready for occupancy during the first part of 1969 and will employ approximately 200 people when full production is realized.

Reeves Brothers, Inc., expanded their Kenansville plant to provide 50,000 square feet additional floor space.

Rose Hill Textiles, Inc., a sewing plant which manufactures ladies' and children's garments, began operations in Rose Hill in June. This industry will employ approximately

150 people when full production is reached.

The housing shortage in Warsaw has been partially alleviated by the construction of the Lord Duplin Apartments. Eight apartments were completed in February, 1968, and an additional eight are now under construction and are expected to be ready for occupancy in early 1969.

Duplin County purchased/leased and equipped ambulances to comply with specifications of the N. C. Board of Health.

Wallace, Rose Hill, Warsaw and Kenansville telephone exchanges were improved and expanded to serve new subscribers and give better service to present subscribers.

A beautiful colonial-type building to house the Duplin County Welfare Department was completed and occupied in August.

Red Hill Fixture Company near Calypso moved into a new building with approximately 6,000 square feet of floor space for the manufacture of school-room furniture.

Warsaw Manufacturing Com-

pany has built 5,000 square feet additional floor space to take care of expanding sewing operations at this plant.

Southeastern Farmers' Grain Association built an additional 320,000-bushel grain storage facility beside the existing grain elevator at Warsaw. The expansion consists of four 80,000-bushel storage bins to serve the farmers in the area.

Lighting the runway and constructing a lounge were the major improvements made at McCullen Field at Warsaw to enhance the service of this airport.

In September the State Employment Service Division, N. C. Employment Security Commission, opened an office in Kenansville which not only serves Duplin County but provides service for four adjoining counties.

Both Warsaw and Rose Hill have added new professional buildings. These are occupied by the respective local physicians and dentists.

Growth in Kenansville has been evidenced by construction of the nice office housing the Wiley Booth Insurance Agency, and also by the expan-

sion of the Kenansville Drug Store to double its floor space. Kenansville also has an application pending with E. D. A. for a loan-grant for expanding the water supply system and installing a sewerage system which will also serve a 40-acre industrial park site which has been acquired.

In November the Home Federal Savings & Loan Association of Warsaw moved into its new office building constructed of mountain stone and brick. The new facility provides for all the latest customer conveniences - spacious parking area, drive-up teller window and night depository.

Ramblewood Country Club held "open house" in November. The Club has a swimming pool, kiddies pool, club house and a 9-hole golf course and will serve the Beulaville and Pink Hill communities.

The ABC Store in Kenansville moved into a new colonial-style building.

Eastern By-Products Company constructed a 10,000-square foot building at Rose Hill and expects to begin operation in January. This Company will process the waste from Rose Hill Poultry Corporation and

Raeford Turkey Farms.

Street paving and introduction of one-way traffic have improved the flow of traffic and provided additional parking for Magnolia.

Growth in Faison has been evidenced by the acquisition of a new super market and the expansion of Charles F. Cates & Sons.

Progress is being made on the Thelma Dingus Bryant Memorial Library in Wallace. It is of Georgian design and is constructed of colonial red brick. It is tentatively scheduled for completion early this year and will add much to the cultural life of the town and surrounding area.

The Kenan Auditorium modernization program costing \$100,000.00 was completed in the spring. This renovation included new lighting, acoustical ceiling, air conditioning, and new seating accommodate 1,500 people.

The contract was let and construction got under way at Duplin General Hospital on the 50-bed addition. Estimated cost of the project is \$2,155,300.00.

First Monday With The Board Of Commissioners

A resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Duplin County requesting Representative Hugh Johnson to introduce a special act in the 1969 Legislature to amend Chp. 781 of 1969 N C Session Law, and Chp 966 of 1967 N C Session Law known as The Small Watershed Act to give Duplin County the additional authority to expend funds derived from the levy of taxes or other means under this act for projects approved and authorized by U S Corps of Engineers, the N C Dept. of Water and Air Resources, Fish and Wildlife Commission and any other State or Federal Agency now existing or hereafter created for similar purpose as stated therein.

In further action Chairman Willard Hoffer was named to the Neuse River Economic Commission.

A check in the amount of \$128,652. was received from the North Carolina Medical Care Commission. This is the first quarterly payment on the Duplin General Hospital expansion. Three more similar payments are expected.

All welfare cases were reviewed and approval was given in five additional cases of aid to the blind.

Tax Collector reported De-

cember collections of \$83,065.15. Most other agencies gave their monthly report.

George W. Swinson of Rt. 2, Mount Olive was sworn in as Constable of Wolfsrape Township.

PENDERLEA YOUTH DRAWS 12 YEARS

BURGAU — A 15-year-old Penderlea youth, charged with two murders, was sentenced to a youthful offenders camp for 12 years with psychiatric treatment recommended by Judge William Bundy in District Court Monday.

Perry Wayne Gideons was sentenced after a 90-day post-conviction psychiatric evaluation found him mentally ill and in need of further treatment.

The youth, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, shot his father, William Gideons, 43, as the man was repairing the roof of their home, and then turned and shot the family maid as she ran from the house.

The boy dragged the bodies to a ditch behind the house, set fire to two mattresses within the house, then left in the family pickup truck, driving to Clinton where his mother was employed.

Gideons, who exchanged the pickup for the family car, was later apprehended in another state as he was trying to sell hubcaps.

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\$10,000 Bond Arson Charge

Rudolph Hargrove, white male, 52, of Rt. 2, Mount Olive is in Duplin County jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond on a charge of Arson.

Deputy Sheriff Rodney Thigpen said the Mount Olive Fire Department was called at 12:30 a. m. January 2 to the home of Alvah Kornegay in the Beauteangus Community, on Rt. 2 Mount Olive in Duplin County. The fire was so far advanced the house and contents were destroyed despite efforts of the Fire Department.

In the house, asleep at the time the fire was allegedly set, were Kornegay, an 81 year old white man, and his four grandchildren, Kathleen and Kochise Hargrove, both age 12, Pamela Hargrove, 16 and Joseph Hargrove 17. Mrs. Hargrove, who also lived with her children in her fathers home is employed on a night shift and was away from home at the time of the fire.

Hargrove was given a preliminary hearing Monday January 6 before District Court Judge Russell J. Lanier. Bond was set for his appearance at the January 20 term of Superior Court.

SCHOOL BREAK-IN

Deputy Thigpen is also investigating a break-in at East Duplin High School, just outside the city limits of Beulaville.

Twenty one books were taken from the school. The paper back books covered a wide variety of subjects from the famous Charlie Brown series to pre marital activities. Also missing were twenty one film strips.

Thigpen said that a window had been broken out of the carpenter shop for entry into the building. The building was not connected to the main building. Incidentally, the accommodating thief attempted to repair the window he broke.

JANMARK BROKEN IN

Janmark, Inc., Rt. 1 Albertson, a rural industry in Duplin County was the scene of a recent break-in.

Deputy Thigpen said he was called on January 3 to the industrial site to investigate.

Entry apparently was gained into the building by prying out the rest room door.

The Coke machine and candy machine were broken open and \$30 removed from the vending machines. Damages to each machine was estimated at \$25. Damage to office fixtures and furniture was estimated at \$200.

Investigation is continuing.

Student Teacher

GREENVILLE -- Teaching interns from East Carolina University are now at work in school systems in more than one-fourth of North Carolina's 100 counties.

Among these are Thomasine Sanderson, who is teaching geography at East Duplin School Beulaville.

Dean's List

Wilmington College

Six Duplin County Students were rewarded for their outstanding academic achievements at Wilmington College, Wilmington, North Carolina by being named to the Dean's List.

Receiving this honor were: John Edward Best, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Best, Warsaw; Edward Ardell Barnette, son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Barnette, Pink Hill; Buddy Albert Pope, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pope of Rose Hill; Frances Ann Kier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Kier of Teachey; Linda Diane Southerland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Southerland of Chincupin; and Mrs. Joyce Ann Thompson of Rose Hill.

CP&L Cooking School To Be In Beulaville

Harrell's Department Store of Beulaville is sponsoring a cooking school featuring the 1969 Frigidaire and Maytag Home Appliances. The classes will be conducted by Miss Mary Bowers and Miss Lane McArtan at 10 am, 3 p m and 7 p m on January 15 and 16. Misses Bowers and McArtan are Electric Living Specialist with Carolina Power and Light Company.

First Traffic Fatality

Death took only a brief holiday on Duplin County Highways with a wreck on New Year's Day that claimed the life of the passenger in the car.

Roger King McGinnis, white male, 21 of Ill Park Ave., Harle, Delaware died at 1:45 p m January 2 of internal injuries received the day before.

Investigating officer Trooper E. J. Kirby said W. Joseph Bushey, white male 18 whose address was listed as 34 Elm Street, Montpelier, Vermont was the driver of the vehicle.



John Barnette was installed Worshipful Master of St. Johns Lodge No. 13 A F A M On Thursday night January 2. Other officers installed were from l to r: David J. Kilpatrick, Junior Warden; Barnette; John Thomas Mathis, Senior Warden; and C. L. Nicholson, Secretary; Second row, Lucian Grady, Tyler; Dennis Benson, Senior Deacon; Z. W. Frazelle, Treasurer; and Wilbert A. Jones, Chaplin. Back row, David English, Junior Deacon; Shannon Brown, Steward; and Wiley Booth, Steward.

St. John's Lodge Installs Officers

Hall in Kenansville.

The ladies of the Methodist Church catered a delicious meal of ham, green beans, rice, gravy, candied yams, relish, hot rolls, butter, cake and coffee, to the members, their wives, widows of departed brethren and guests.

John Barnette was installed worshipful Master. He is a native of this area and attended Warsaw Schools and is a factory trained technician at Bell Motors Inc. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church in Warsaw where he is vice president of his Sunday School class and is also assistant treasurer. Mrs. Barnette is the former Louise Turner of Pink Hill and they have two children, Tommy and Susette.

Other officers were: John Thomas Mathis, Senior Warden; David J. Kilpatrick, Junior Warden; Z. W. Frazelle, Treasurer; C. L. Nicholson, Secretary; Dennis Benson, Senior Deacon; Shannon Brown, Junior Deacon; Wiley Booth, Steward; Shannon Brown, Steward; Lucian Grady, Tyler; and Wilbert A. Jones, Chaplin.

Attention was called to the fact that a member, Reuben King, of Pink Hill had not missed a meeting in the past thirty-one years and that Lucian Grady had held the post of Tyler for twenty-one years.

Installing officer was James I. Reynolds, Certified Lecturer and Past Master of Hiram Lodge No. 98, Clinton. Installing Marshall was Lewis Westbrook, Past Master of St. John's Lodge.

Mrs. Inez Chestnut, Worthy Patron of Kenansville Eastern Star responded to the welcome given by Past Master Allen Dunn. Mrs. Sallie Ingram responded for the widows. The past masters jewel was presented by Harold Dunn.

Fifty year certificates were presented to A. J. Blanton, Long Beach, North Carolina, and Major Sutton of Albemarle, Mr. Blanton is a native of Duplin where he practiced law for many years and served several terms as Judge of the County Recorder Court. Prior to his retirement he served with the legal department of the Veterans Administration in Winston-Salem.

Mr. Sutton is a life long resident of the Outlaw's Bridge Community and is a retired farmer.

Twenty five year membership certificates were presented to J. E. Stroud, Magnolia; Lewis Westbrook, Albemarle; Paul Ingram, Kenansville, John D. Grady, Albemarle, Wilbert A. Jones, Kenansville and Gilbert E. Alphin, Jr., Rt. 2, Mt. Olive.

Making the presentations was Rev. Lauren Sharpe, Past Master and District Deputy Grand Master.

Rev. F. M. Bounds, pastor of Dobson's Baptist Church pronounced the benediction.

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State Trooper E. R. Kirby of Kenansville, Trooper W. T. Evans of Beulaville and Assistant Fire Chief Hiram Brinson of Kenansville inspect the new patrol car recently delivered to Trooper Kirby. Kirby believes that this car is the best equipped for law enforcement purposes of any car assigned to him. Other patrol officers will be receiving deliveries of their new cars in the near future.