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James Sprunt Accredited By Southern Association Of Colleges And Schools

James F. Strickland, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, is pleased to announce that James Sprunt Institute has received full accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This action was taken by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools at its annual meeting in Houston, Texas on December 19, 1973, and confirmed by letter to President Hall from Dr. Gordon W. Sweet, Executive Secretary of Southern Association.

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is the accrediting agency for college and schools for the Southeastern Region of the United States. James Sprunt Institute was chartered as a technical institute and member institution of the North Carolina Department of Community Colleges in March of 1964. The school began with a program offering in Licensed Practical Nurse and Automotive Mechanics, and has progressed to its present offering of 18 one- or two-year curriculums and a fulltime student body of over 400. In addition, the Institute serves some 4,000 adults annually through non-credit extension type courses.

By receiving full accreditation from Southern Association, James Sprunt Institute becomes

a full voting delegate of the Association; becomes eligible for all federal funding; and offers the assurance to the public that the program offerings at James Sprunt Institute meet the standards as established by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools for educational institutions with similar offerings.

Accreditation is the culmination of three years of study and work by the staff of James Sprunt Institute. Chairman Strickland would like to congratulate President Hall and his faculty and staff for this accomplishment.

Church Fuel Stolen

According to Duplin County reports, fuel oil was stolen from a Route 2 Beulaville church. Several gallons of fuel oil have been removed from an oil drum outside of the church. Mr. Victor Lawless has notified the Sheriff's Department of the theft.

Notice

Kenansville Town Office will be closed from 12:30 p.m. December 19 until December 27. Trash will be picked up on Wednesday, December 28 and January 2, 1974 and thereafter, regular Tuesday and Friday pick-up.

John A. Johnson Receives Award

On December 15, 1973, Mr. John A. Johnson of Warsaw received an award for 'outstanding Community Service' for his participation in the Passport Application Acceptance Program. Mr. Johnson received the award from Frances G. Knight, Director of the Passport Office of Washington, D.C.

Mr. Johnson briefly described his job with passports in the following statement: 'Here in the office we fill out the applications for passports and mail them for final approval to Washington, D.C. It takes about two weeks under ideal situations to get the form completed and returned from Washington. This job takes knowledge and we must be correct in our work or the form will be returned to us from Washington incomplete.' So, there is evidently a good deal of work that goes into obtaining a passport to another country.

Mr. Johnson had these comments about his award and the people who help him arrange

for Duplin citizens to have passports. 'While I am grateful for the award, most of the actual work in this area is done by Mrs. Millie Eland who is very accomplished in this work. As Clerk of the Court, I am grateful for the privilege of rendering this passport service to the people of Duplin County.'

Mr. Johnson is married to the former Helen Brown and they have four children. Featured below is the letter Mr. Johnson received informing him of his award.

Dear Mr. Johnson: I am pleased to confer upon you this Meritorious Award for outstanding Community Service by your participation in the Passport Application Acceptance Program. The Certificate I give you today is undated for a good reason -- because the service you render is unending; it encompasses the past, the present and the future. In our relationships with those

with whom we work day in and day out, we frequently neglect to express our thanks. We, at the Passport Office, do appreciate greatly the dedication and service you have contributed in the performance of your passport work. The entire staff of this Office joins me in thanking you, your deputies and assistants for the service and cooperation you have given, not only to us, but to the citizens of your community as well. We recognize that your endeavors have been a major factor in making the Passport Office a successful public service.

I look forward to having the pleasure of meeting you someday. If you ever come to Washington, I extend to you a cordial invitation to visit our National Office. With best wishes,

Sincerely,
Frances G. Knight
Director, Passport Office

... GEORGE SAYS SNOW - Snow fell on Duplin County early Monday morning, which delighted many youngsters as well as some that just like a change in pace. These three young men, (left to right, Ben McLemore, John Hoeting and Michael Stath)

... residents of the Kenansville Youth Center, built this giant snowman which at a glance resembles our first president ... George Washington.



Hark!
The herald angels
bring tidings
of great joy!
May it fill your
life with
the spirit of Christmas.

Duplin Times Staff

James Strickland (right), Chairman of the James Sprunt Institute Board of Trustees congratulates Eason Hall, President of James Sprunt Institute and the James Sprunt Institute staff for receiving full accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



Shown above are: l-r, Judy Revell, president of the Pep Club, Goldie Smith, vice-president of the National Honor Society, Mrs. Sutilie Carr, sponsor for both the Pep Club and National Honor Society, Nelson Baker, Pep Club member, Mr. H. L. Williams, sponsor for the

DECA Club, and Gail Grady, president of the DECA Club. All these people were leaders in James Kenan's efforts to support five foster children during Christmas. Shown with them are the bicycles they purchased from the money raised in this wonderful project.

Students Provide Christmas Cheer For Foster Children

Students of James Kenan High School in Warsaw have been involved in a very important project for the past few weeks. These students have chosen to be Santa Claus to five very lucky Duplin County foster children. Three main clubs of the school -- the DECA, Pep Club and the National Honor Society started this project which has grown into a huge success. Mrs. Sutilie Carr of Ross Hill and Mr. H. L. Williams have been the main sponsors of this project and have helped the students along their way.

The project got started in the DECA Club as a result of an article written in the DUPLIN TIMES about the needs of this county's foster children. The DECA Club started out with two children but soon decided to include more foster children and name the project into a school effort. All around

James Kenan's halls are posters urging every student to give money to this worthy cause. Mrs. Carr estimated that approximately \$280. has been raised for these children's Christmas. An example of what this fund has been used for is as follows:

The school has already purchased two bicycles for two of the foster children, plus countless other small gifts.

The students of James Kenan High School have really found the true meaning of Christmas -- giving not only gifts but of giving themselves, which could not be a nicer Christmas gift for these children.

The DECA is supporting a 16-year-old boy and a division of DECA is supporting a 15-year-old girl. The National Honor Society is providing Christmas gifts to a 14-year-old boy, while the Pep Club is

in charge of a six-year-old girl. The entire school is showing the Christmas spirit to a ten-year-old girl.

James Kenan and these clubs mentioned have done a wonderful job in this effort to provide Christmas for these children. When Santa Claus arrives this year, five very thankful foster children will remember the efforts of James Kenan and the beautiful job they have fulfilled.

By
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Early Edition

The DUPLIN TIMES will be printed on Monday next week. All news for this edition must be in the DUPLIN TIMES office by noon, Friday, December 28.

A FIRST FOR STATE VEHICLES - Secretary of Transportation Bruce Latta and seven other members of the N. C. Department of Transportation and Highway Safety were honored today with awards of Appreciation from the Adjutant General of North Carolina, Major General William Beck. The group authorized and implemented the placement of bumper stickers promoting the N. C. National Guard on all departmental vehicles which number approx-

imately 9,800 in number. Photo: (left to right) Bruce Latta, Secretary; Billy Rose, Highway Administrator; Colonel Jones, Highway Patrol Commander; Tom Cross, Assistant Secretary of Transportation; Harry Long, State-wide Equipment Engineer; Lloyd Young, Equipment Depot Superintendent; Jack Hawley, Deputy Secretary of Transportation also receiving the award; far left shown was Boyd Miller, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.