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## Whitley Announces Staff Appointments

Third District Congressman Charlie Whitley has announced that Lewis Renn of Jacksonville will serve as his Administrative Assistant. Renn, 47, is a native of Franklin County and has lived in Jacksonville for the past 25 years.

He has served four years as a member of the Onslow County Commissioners, and for the past two years has been Chairman of the Neuse River Council of Governments. A former Treasurer of the Onslow County Democratic Executive Committee, Renn has been active in Democratic Party affairs at the precinct and county level.

For the past 20 years, he has been vice president and general manager of a large Jacksonville retail drug firm.

In making the announcement, Whitley said, "I am pleased that Lewis Renn has accepted this responsibility. Not only is he well versed in government and public affairs in his home county of Onslow, but in his capacity as Chairman of the Neuse River Council of Governments, with public affairs throughout the area, Lewis has a solid background in business, personnel administration and in local government. He

particularly understands the military impact upon civilian communities which characteristic of much of the district. In addition, he was raised on a farm and consequently has a feel for agriculture and agribusiness activity."

Renn is married to the former Helen Perry of Franklin County and the couple has two married daughters.

Other staff appointments announced by Whitley are as follows:

□ Office Manager: Howard R. Barker of Repton, Va. Barker, the only non-North Carolinian on the Whitley staff, is a native of Bristol, Va. He served for four years on the staff of former Congressman Pat Jennings of Virginia and for six years as an executive with the U. S. Post Office Department. For the past seven years he has been a member of the staff of Congressman David Henderson.

□ Coordinator for federally-assisted programs and for minority interests and affairs: Jerome Shipman, 39, of Goldsboro. A native of Clarkton in Bladen County, Shipman is a graduate of Livingstone College and has completed academic requirements for a Masters

Degree from East Carolina University. He has taught school, and most recently, has served as a counselor at Goldsboro High School.

□ Personal Secretary: Mrs. Rachel Spears of Lillington. Widow of the late John Spears, a Lillington banker, Mrs. Spears has served as personal secretary to Congressman David Henderson, appointment secretary for former Governor Dan K. Moore, and was a member of the staff of the late Senator B. Everett Jordan and of former Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr.

□ Specialist in casework and individual constituency problems: Kathryn Bowen of Warsaw. Miss Bowen has served as a member of the staff of Congressman David Henderson for more than 15 years, and prior to that, 13 years in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court in Kenansville.

□ Specialist in legislation and current federal issues: Marion Morgan of Richlands. Miss Morgan has served on the Staff of Congressman Henderson for three years. Prior to this, she was private secretary to Secretary of State Thad Eure in Raleigh and legislative secretary to State Senator Julian

Allsbrook.

□ Staff Assistant: Donna Denning of Angier. A graduate of UNC-G in business, Miss Denning was a member of the staff of Congressman Henderson for ten years. For the past three years she has been employed in Orlando, Florida. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Denning of Angier.

□ Staff Assistant and Communications Specialist: Betsy Wharton of Goldsboro. A graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, Miss Wharton has been a member of the staff of Congressman Henderson for three years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wharton of Goldsboro.

□ Research aide and district affairs coordinator: Warren Hepler of Wallace. A 1976 graduate of ECU with a degree

in political science, Hepler was a staff aide in Whitley's congressional campaign. He has been active in YDC and in Democratic Party affairs for a number of years. He is the son of Claude Hepler of Wallace.

□ District Office Secretary: Mrs. Virginia Bell of Goldsboro. Mrs. Bell has served as secretary in the district office of Congressman Henderson in Goldsboro for some five years. She is the wife of Dolphus Bell of Goldsboro.

Whitley says that he will maintain a permanent district office in Goldsboro and a mobile district office which will make periodic visits on an announced basis throughout the district. He expects to announce in the near future the appointment of a district representative who will operate the mobile office.



KENANSVILLE JAYCEE WEEK - (L to R) Kenansville Mayor Douglas Judge is shown signing a proclamation designating the week of January 16-22 as Kenansville Jaycee Week as Jaycee Week Chairman Doc Brinson looks on.

## Duplin County Board Of Commissioners Meet

Chan Smith, International Systems, met with the Duplin Board of Commissioners Tuesday to discuss the Community Development Grant and the preapplication for grant funds. The Commissioners authorized Chairman Hoffer to sign the preapplication to receive Community Development grant funds amounting to \$500,000 for housing for Kenansville and Wallace, also water supply for the Town of Teachey. The Commissioners also discussed the establishment of a Community Development Advisory Council to determine the project needs and priorities for Community Development grant funding. No action was taken. The Board also discussed the matter of reimbursing all persons serving on boards. Action was deferred until a study is made and reported back to the Commissioners of all boards within the county.

Melvin Pope, Mayor Town of Magnolia, appeared before the Board to request the Board, and requested approval to purchase the old ambulance for the Magnolia Fire Department. The Commissioners declared the ambulance used in Magnolia as surplus property and a value of \$400 be placed on it to be sold to the Magnolia Fire Department, a division of the Town of Magnolia.

Leland Grady, Tax Collector, presented his tax collection report to the Board for the month of December and the year to date. Receipts for the month of December amounted to \$1,137,578.97 and year to date \$2,312,573.00.

Ms. Anita Carlton, Nutrition Program Director, met with the Board and reported on the receipt of funding for the calendar year January 1, 1977 thru December 31, 1977. Ms. Carlton stated the federal funding amounts to \$66,358.00 which will fund a daily average of 125 meals. The Commissioners accepted the Nutrition Grant in the amount of \$66,000.00.

## Duplin Firemen Save \$3 Million In Property

Duplin County volunteer firemen were called to fires involving property valued at \$4,421,100 during the last half of 1976, it was announced at the Duplin County Volunteer Firemen's Association barbecue held in Teachey.

The report indicated they saved property valued at \$3,075,720 from the fires. Fire damages were reported as \$1,345,380 with much of that involving a train fire.

One person was killed by fires during the period, Perry Walker of Warsaw, who was found in a house after a fire was extinguished. One person was injured during the period.

There are 18 volunteer fire departments in the county.

The number of fires, property value and estimated amount of

damage for each department during the last half of the year follow:

Alberton - six fires in property valued at \$26,000 with damage estimated at \$7,300.

Beaufort - 11 fires on property valued at \$81,500 with damage at \$41,580.

Calyss - 10 fires, \$127,000 property value; \$10,650 damages.

Chinquapin - 13 fires; property value \$100,000; damages \$97,500.

Community (Pointintown, Lyman and Cedar Fork) 11 fires; \$41,300 property value; \$16,300 damages.

Falson - Six fires; property \$53,500; damages \$1,750.

Geesewaters - Three fires; \$27,000 property value; \$23,800 damages.

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Magnolia - One fire; \$13,200 value; \$6,100 damages.

Pleasant Grove - Three fires; \$13,200 property value; \$13,200 damages.

Northeast (between Tin City and Chinquapin) four fires; \$17,000 valuation; damages \$10,500.

Oak Wolfe (northern part of county) Nine fires; \$29,500 valuation; \$4,550 damages.

Patterson Hill (southern area) Two fires; \$2,500 property value; \$1,000 damages.

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Sarecta - Five fires; \$2,000 property value; \$2,000 damages.

Teachey - Three fires; \$18,000 property value; \$16,000 damages.

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## DSA Banquet Monday

"The Bare Facts," a humorous and inspirational address, will be given by John T. Capps, III, of Dunn, the founder and executive director of "America's Fastest Growing Fire Organization," Bald Headed Men of America, at the DSA Banquet of the Kenansville Jaycees on Monday night, January 17th, 7 p.m. at The Country Squire as announced by Doc Brinson and Dickie Towne, co-chairmen of the event.

Awards will be presented to the DSA, Outstanding Young Correction Officer, Outstanding Young Fireman, Outstanding Young Educator and Outstanding Senior Citizen.

An active member of the Duplin Jaycees, Capps has served on the Board of Directors.

Capps is the recipient of many Jaycee awards including Jaycee of the Month, Freedom Guard, and a Presidential Award of Merit.

## Kenansville Jaycee Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, the civic bodies and service organizations of our community and the departments of the local government recognize the great service rendered to this community by the Kenansville Jaycees, and

WHEREAS, The United States Jaycees and its affiliated state and local organizations have set aside the week of January 16-22, 1977, to observe the founding of the Jaycees, and

WHEREAS, the Jaycees, an organization of young men, have contributed materially to the betterment of this community throughout the year, and

FURTHERMORE,

WHEREAS, recognizing the need for improved community support for the North Carolina Burn Center exists, and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Jaycees have set aside the week of January 16-22, 1977, to raise funds for the programs of the North Carolina Burn Center through their statewide jelly sale campaign,

THEREFORE, I, Douglas Judge, Mayor of the Town of Kenansville, do hereby proclaim the week of January 16-22, 1977, as KENANSVILLE JAYCEE WEEK, and hereby also proclaim the same period as KENANSVILLE JAYCEE JELLY WEEK, and urge all citizens of our community to give full regard and support to the past and future services of the Kenansville Jaycees.

This the 10th day of January, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred seventy seven.

Douglas Judge  
Mayor of Kenansville

## Representative Baker Gives Outlook For 1977

(Editors Note - The following is from the Wilmington Morning Star)

Setting the primary back to May, the issue of gubernatorial succession and veto, the equal rights amendment, utility rates and, as always, financial questions will highlight the 1977 legislative session, according to T. J. Baker of Wallace, 10th House District representative.

The district encompasses Duplin County, one of the most rural in North Carolina and the county with the highest gross agricultural income.

Baker will be going into his fourth session.

He feels the utility rate question is the most complex issue at present. Her serves on a utilities review committee of legislators named during the last session. The committee has a five-year tenure and its purpose is to study the entire utilities regulation question and the work of the commission.

"The state lacks anything to monitor utility growth needs. It is the responsibility of utilities to supply service where needed and to do this they have to build," Baker commented, "but we have little means of knowing if they are building efficiently and according to real needs."

On utilities rate hearings, he commented, "Hopefully we will change the hearings to provide more state experts to clarify and bring rebuttal to the requests."

"We have already noted a tremendous difference in the cost of construction of utility plants such as \$179 per kilowatt of capacity by one utility and

\$403 per kilowatt by another. This raises lots of questions."

He said he sees the zero-based budgeting idea as a possibility for improving efficiency in government, although Baker feels government is inherently wasteful.

The Duplin representative looks somewhat askance at the idea of giving the governor veto power. On the question of succession Baker feels possibly a six-year term would be a better idea than allowing the governor two successive terms. A six-year term would give the governor four years of real power to work out his programs. The first year of a governor's term is circumscribed by the

fact the budget has been laid out by his predecessor and the last year of the term a governor is virtually a lame duck, Baker pointed out.

On the question of the equal rights amendment, Baker sees a great deal of controversy. He notes the new legislature will have a record number of female members, 23 in all. "I'm opposed to the amendment. I believe in the area I represent more are opposed to it than are for it," Baker said.

Baker said he believes in equal rights for women and that a woman should receive the same pay and advantages as a man doing the same job, but individual rights are already covered by the constitution.

## Sheriff's Report

Deputy A. E. Basden investigated the larceny of a 1970 Plymouth from Maggie Hatcher Bostic of Route 1, Magnolia on January 7th. Arrested and charged with larceny was Thomas Rackley, Jr., of Teachey, white male, aged 20. The value of the recovered auto was \$800.

Charles Murphy, of Route 1, Wallace, reported the larceny of two bicycles from a carport at his residence west of Wallace on N.C. 41. The 10-speed bicycles were valued at \$150 by George Williams, January 9th.

Jimmy Byrd, of Casey's Trailer Park in Pender County, reported a carburetor, valued at

\$100, was taken from his auto while it was at Route 1, Magnolia. George Williams investigated the incident January 9th.

Stokely Allen Bostic, white male, 16, of Route 1, Beaufort, was charged with carrying a concealed weapon on the campus at East Duplin High School by Deputy A. E. Basden. The incident was reported by Owen McCallister, January 4th.

Dr. Oscar L. Redwine of Route 1, Kenansville, reported a 12 gauge shotgun, Mark II, was taken from the inside of his unlicensed pickup truck at Duplin General Hospital, Sheriff E. Reville investigated January 9th.

FIRST SUMMER-UP - Patti Lee Powers, 17 year old senior at East Duplin High School, was named First Summer-Up in the 1976-77 season. Patti is a member of the National Honor Society and was also chosen Miss Congeniality by the 25 girls competing. She received three trophies plus a \$100 cash award and partial scholarship to the John Robert Powers School of Personal Development and Modeling. The winner, Sonya McClellan of Kenansville, will represent North Carolina in the 1977 Summer-Up contest. When asked about her plans for the future, Patti commented, "I am planning to attend college and major in psychology. I am also planning to be a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society."