



Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

Energy Crisis Hits Home

In compliance with the Governor's proclamation on energy conservation, thermostats in offices and some factories in Duplin County have been turned back to 65 degrees or lower as an energy-saving measure.

The 48-hour work week is being maintained by most merchants and grocers. New store hours are being set up this week.

The state offices in the county are closed on Monday in accordance with an order by Governor Hunt. However, the Duplin County Commissioners voted Monday to close the county offices on Fridays. The heat in the Duplin County Court House will be completely shut off on Fridays.

A state employee who has an office in the Court House said

the heat cut off on Friday would not make any difference because his office stayed cold all the time anyway.

The radio room of the Sheriff's Department will remain open on Friday.

The Duplin County School system has lowered the thermostats in all the schools, and some school activities have been curtailed. Basketball games have been rescheduled to afternoon games in some schools. The county expects to maintain their normal operating school hours.

Warehouse employees of the Quinn Company (Wholesale) of Warsaw requested President Milford Quinn to completely turn off the heat in the warehouse, Quinn said. The company had maintained a 55-degree temperature there.

Quinn said the thermostats were set at 62 degrees in the office. The firm employs about 200 persons. Quinn also said the firm is asking its customer stores to maintain a 48-hour weekly schedule and cut thermostats to 62.

The Rose Hill Poultry processing plant has encountered no fuel problems, and is maintaining full operation. Ron Kenittel, plant manager, said the company couldn't maintain a four-day week since that would force growers to keep chickens longer, requiring more fuel and feed than could be saved. Thermostats have been turned down in the plant and offices however, he said.

Ralph Cottle, personnel manager of Reeves Brothers, said all unnecessary lights have been eliminated and thermostats have been turned back to

68, and in some areas to 55 and 65 degrees.

Fred Archer, plant manager of National Spinning of Warsaw, said machines must be operated at certain temperatures due to the nature of the work. The machines also have to be operated 24 hours a day. Thus, he said, the plant can't cut back to four days or do much about reducing temperatures. Thermostats have been lowered where possible, and all unnecessary lights have been turned off, he added.

Whisper Soft Mills of Rose Hill is working during a normal slow-down period, according to Mary Lou McGee, the plant manager. When the plant is operating the thermostats are set at 65 degrees. At other times the heat is turned off.

The ABC stores in the county are curtailing their hours. The Faison, Warsaw and Wallace stores will be open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Kenansville store will be open from noon to 8 p.m. All had been open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Chinquapin Bank Robbed

The Chinquapin branch of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company was robbed around 9:05 Tuesday morning.

Two young black men entered the bank armed with hand guns and ordered the bank employees to lie on the floor.

A customer entered the bank while the robbery was taking place. According to authorities, the customer was pushed around and ordered to the floor also. It was alleged that the robbers told the customer to

keep quiet or they would shoot him.

The bank robbers made their get-away in a late model car they had left parked on the unpaved street beside the bank. They were seen heading south on Highway 50 toward Pender County.

The alarm went off at 9:15 a.m. in the bank. The FBI, SBI, Duplin County Sheriff's Department and the State Highway Patrol were called to investigate the robbery.

It was reported that the car used in the robbery was seen in the Chinquapin area on Monday.

Several persons reported seeing the auto parked with the motor running before the bank opened.

The amount of money taken was not disclosed.

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To Represent Duplin In Competition

The Duplin County Farm Bureau Women's Committee is sponsoring Mrs. Kilpatrick.

A spokesman for the group said, "We feel that Mrs. Kilpatrick meets the requirements for Mother of the Year in that she is a successful mother and homemaker as evidenced by her character and achievements, as well as those of her children, in the religious, educational, civic, governmental and business world. She embodies characteristics highly regarded in mothers, such as love, courage, cheerfulness, patience, compassion, understanding, and homemaking skills."

All nominees become State Merit Mothers and are suitably honored. The awards luncheon will be held at the Women's Club of Raleigh on February 25th. At this time the state mother will be announced, and she will become the N.C. nominee for American Mother of the Year.

Mrs. Eva Sanderson Kilpatrick of Kenansville will represent Duplin County in North Carolina's Mother of the Year competition. Mrs. Kilpatrick is the wife of David John Kilpatrick and the mother of seven children.

Arts Council To Present Painting To Commissioners

The Duplin County Arts Council will present a painting by Sander Gibson to the Duplin County Board of Commissioners on Sunday, February 13 at 3 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hoffer Building at James Sprunt Institute in Kenansville. The oil painting, "Tobacco Barn," is a typical Duplin County scene, and even before its completion it came to be the most popular of Gibson's work. This portrait of Duplin County originated near Goshen Kernels while Gibson was in residence as Third Century Artist with the Arts Council. The public is invited to the unveiling and presentation of this painting on the same program with the reception for Judge and Mrs. Walter P. Henderson and their illustrated volume of poetry, "Wonders."

Briefs

Clerk's Office Closed On Fridays

John A. Johnson, Clerk Superior Court of Duplin County will be closed on each Friday due to the energy crisis. The Clerk's office, along with all county offices, will be open from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

This decision was reached in cooperation with the Duplin County Commissioners in an effort to conserve as much heating fuel as possible, and at the same time serve the needs of the people of the county to the greatest possible extent.

The Friday closings will continue until the weather improves or the fuel shortage abates.

In case of an emergency, you may reach the Clerk of the Court by calling his home phone in Warsaw, 293-4958.

Employment Office Closed On Mondays

The Employment Security Commission in Kenansville will be closed Monday, and persons filing claims for unemployment benefits on that day will be rescheduled by mail to file later during the week.

In Kenansville, about 200 claimants will have to be rescheduled. They should contact the local office as quickly as possible to arrange a new filing day.

The ESC manager said new hours of operation will be from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Claimants reporting on days other than Monday will maintain their regular filing schedule.

Whitley To Be In Warsaw, Kenansville

Congressman Charlie Whitley will be at the Fire House in Warsaw, Tuesday, February 15, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon, and at the Courthouse in Kenansville from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. He is available to constituents having matters they wish to bring to his attention.

Whitley will meet with the Board of the Fire House in Warsaw.



Strawberry Hill The Raynors' Log Cabin Home

Dreams do come true if you are willing to work to promote their reality. Such is the story of Strawberry Hill, a home built and owned by Odell and Virginia (Hester) Raynor. Strawberry Hill is a log cabin built on a fine spot about halfway between Mill Swamp and Cypress Creek, or five miles south of Chinquapin on Highway 1828.

Several years ago, Odell and Virginia bought the land that was to become their home. As they walked up a narrow path that led to a small knoll covered with tall pines about 300 yards from the road, they agreed that

this would be a perfect place for a log cabin. Both Odell and Virginia love nature, and the forest that nature has provided for all of us. They have dedicated their adult lives to protecting the forests of Duplin County. They have a combined total of 46 years with the North Carolina Forest Service. Odell is a Forest Ranger and Virginia works in the Chinquapin Fire Tower located in Mill Swamp.

The Raynors' dream began to take shape on August 12, 1973, with the ground-breaking. For the next 3 1/2 years, work was done as time permitted and materials could be acquired and made ready. There were no blueprints or pre-drawn plans to

build from. Plans were made and altered as the construction continued. All the logs for the walls and ceiling joists were cut from the Raynors' land. Then came the job of skinning the bark from the pines and poplars that were to be used. Odell came upon the idea of a most unique log skinner. It had been suggested to use a hoe, but he thought a set of disassembled hole diggers would work better since they were shaped like the logs. After the logs were skinned, they were sprayed with fuel oil and chemicals to protect and preserve them from bugs and the elements. As the logs were placed in position, a half-inch steel pin was pegged in the logs. A total of 300 were used to secure the logs in position.

Part of the interior walls and doors was obtained from old houses in Duplin County. The roof boards came from the old John L. James house in Deep Bottom, and were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Color Padgett. Mrs. Raymond Shepard and Luther Lanier also provided part of the interior wall boards. The full-length front porch is supported by large lightwood posts provided by Charles Hoffman of Jacksonville. The bricks for the large fireplace came from the old Cottle house in Rose Hill. The bricks were cleaned by the Raynors on their vacation, after which Odell laved the brick for the fireplace complete with an oval hearth. Above the fireplace is a mantel that runs the full width of the room. The mantel also came from an old house where it was used as a floor sill. The eating table is in keeping with the atmosphere of the home. It is an authentic swivel-top table given to the Raynors by his nephew Carlton and his wife Annette Raynor. The table is believed to have originally

Henderson To Present Poetry In Kenansville



"Wonders" is a husband and wife effort. Judge Henderson's wife, Surena (Rena) Henderson illustrated the volume and hand-penned the poems in many styles of named and original calligraphy. A collection of love poems and a section entitled "The Destiny of Man."

The 48-year-old writer is a native of Trenton and attended school there. He and his wife live on the banks of Trent River in a house converted from the old Kenansville train depot and annexed to the farmhouse on the property. Henderson is the son of the late L. E. and Melissa Dawson Henderson. After serving three years in the Air Force, he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Later, he held odd jobs until he was elected Clerk of Superior Court in Jones County.

"Wonders" is Henderson's second publication. He is the author of "Down to Seven," a novel set during the depression in a town which the residents of Trenton claim is a thinly disguised version of their hometown.

The Duplin County Arts Council will host a reception for Walter Henderson, Fourth Judicial District Court Judge and his 48-page volume of poetry, "Wonders" on Sunday, February 13 at 3 p.m. in the Hoffer Building on the campus of James Sprunt Institute in Kenansville.

Pre-Registration Immunization Prepare Children Now

Children should be prepared for March and April pre-school registration for next year's kindergarten and first grade. It was announced today by Dr. H. W. Stevens, Duplin County Health Director.

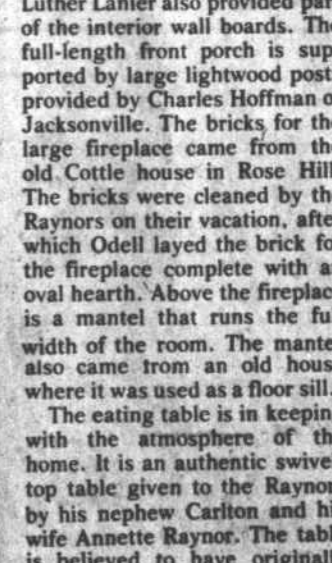
Evidence of having received three doses of DPT and polio vaccine plus one measles vaccination should be in hand at the time of registration. Charles Yelverton, Superintendent of Duplin County Public Schools, warned that state law requires the parent and children who start in school without them will

be dismissed within 30 days. He said a child may not start back to school until requirements of the law have been met.

Dr. Stevens explained that the logic behind getting the shots prior to registration is to avoid the possibility of running into long lines at the end of summer at your family doctor's office or at the local health department. Also, many physicians take vacations at that time.

Shots may be received from the local health department or from a private physician.

Taylor Named Rotary Student Of The Month



honor as Rotary "Student of the Month" for February by the Warsaw-Kenansville Rotary Club.

Randy ranks second in the senior class of 156 students at JK.

Extra-curricula activities include baseball, football and basketball. He is a member of the Monogram Club, Pep Club,

National Honor Society, and was recognized with awards in Biology, Social Studies, and was Chief Marshal at the 1976 graduation. He is a member of the First Baptist Church and has been a Youth Sunday speaker and participant in other church activities.

He plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor, teacher of Warsaw.

Duplin Sheriff's Report

Deputy E. G. Baker arrested Arthur Lee King, black male, 50, of Mount Olive, for a violation of the Wildlife regulation. Baker investigated the report of D. J. Russell, of Rose Hill, who found a leg-gripping type trap near RPR 1112, 6 miles northwest of Magnolia, February 3.

February 2, Dalton Jones investigated the report of Gary Hudson of Pink Hill. He reported damage to his van when someone shot 4 tires and into the back of the vehicle.

February 2, Deputy Ronald Beck investigated the larceny of a tape player valued at \$180, from Donna Highsmith, of Route 2, Mount Olive.

February 4, Earl Whitaker investigated the larceny report of Leslie Teachey of the Department of Transportation. He reported a lost bag and briefcase valued at \$125, were taken from the car of a private citizen on the highway near Warsaw.

iron 15-gallon washpot was taken from his residence near RPR1004. It was valued at \$50.

Billy Daniels reported someone entered two chicken houses, belonging to Francis Kelly, of Route 1, Albemarle, but leaned by Kenneth Dupree, and stole 200 lbs of metal feed-trough and chain. The property is on RPR1539. Deputies E. G. Baker and Harold Brock investigated.

Norwood Earl Pearzall, 24, black male, of Route 1, Kenansville, was arrested January 27 and charged with forgery and passing forged checks, and passing forged checks belonging to Patricia Teachey of Route 2, Rose Hill. The amount of the check was \$61 and it was cashed on March 20, 1976 at Marie Gaddy's Grocery Store.

Deputy A. E. Bearden is investigating the report of a stolen 1976 Ford Bronco, owned by Robert G. Bearden, of Kenansville. The vehicle and equipment were valued at \$1,300, stolen from Bearden's garage near Kenansville on January 27.

an air compressor and a buffer.

A juvenile was convicted of forging checks. Another juvenile, facing the same action, escaped, but officials have a warrant out for her arrest.

Rebecca Judge, who works in the Mental Health section at Duplin General Hospital, reported the loss of 20 personal check blanks, \$17.50 in cash, credit cards, a watch and other items, when someone stole her briefcase. Officials estimated about \$500 was obtained by forgers using the checks. The juvenile was arrested in Kenansville by Deputies A. E. Bearden and E. G. Baker.

The January Sheriff's Department Reports totaled:

Stolen goods amounting to \$8,819.98, with an \$800 motor vehicle recovered and \$366 in other property recovered.

A \$4 robbery charge was cleared. There were 14 burglaries amounting to \$4,636.66, with 1 auto stolen. There were 25 larcenies amounting to \$2,299.50, with 1 cleared and 1