

Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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# County Jail To Remain Open 60 More Days

Superior Court Judge Ralph A. Walker of Greenville ruled Tuesday that Duplin County will be able to continue using its jail until June 30 unless the State appeals the ruling.

The Department of Human Resources ordered the County to close the jail April 30. The County appealed the order to Superior Court April 18th.

The County had been facing an impending order to close the jail since early this year. However, upon the County's move to start planning for a new jail, it received a reprieve from the Department of Human Resources. The reprieve was designed to allow the County to

maintain use of its present jail while building a new one and included a series of agreements concerning immediate action on the matter.

The County signed the agreements, but added its own proviso to the effect it would proceed with bid-letting if funds

were available. Secretary Sarah T. Morrow of the Department of Human Resources rejected this proviso and the jail was ordered closed April 30.

Judge Walker said the basis for his order blocking the closure until June 30 was that the County had made renova-

tions and corrections as required by the Secretary of Human Resources and that the County has applied to the State for a grant to help finance a new jail. This request is being considered. The Judge further noted that the County lacks financial means to enter into a

building contract for the jail at present.

The Judge also stated Duplin County has agreed to make financial preparations in its 1977-78 budget for construction of the new jail during its grace period.

**YOUTH IN ACTION 4-H Club** was second place winner in youth organizations as recognized by the North Carolina Rural Safety Council in their meeting recently. Shown receiving the award for the Youth In Action Club are Al and Linwood Worthington from Mrs. Carolyn Register, President of N.C. Rural Safety Council. Linwood

was named the winner for all youth for the N.C. in the Safety Project for persons over 13 years of age. Al was named winner for all youth for persons under 13 years of age. The awards were presented at the annual meeting recently in Raleigh.

# Scholarship To Be Awarded In Duplin

The Board of Trustees of James Sprunt Institute has announced that the first scholarship in honor of Dixon S. Hall will be awarded in June of this year. Dixon Hall was president of the technical institute from its beginning in 1964 until he resigned in November of 1976 to enter private business. Under the direction of the institution's new president, Dr. Carl D. Price, a campaign to fund a scholarship in Hall's name was undertaken with many contributions being made by citizens from Duplin County as well as other parts of the state. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from one of the Duplin County high schools who plans to pursue an Associate in Applied Science Degree and major in either Business

Administration, Executive Secretary, Accounting or General Office Technology.

Value of the scholarship is \$250 per year for two years (six quarters) and is sufficient to pay tuition, fees, textbooks and materials for that period.

The scholarship will be

awarded on the basis of academic achievement. Members of the scholarship committee are Robert A. Lee, Jess Outlaw, Joyce Thomas, Shirley Farris, members of the staff of James Sprunt, and Billy Merritt of Rose Hill; Russell Tucker of Kenansville; and Ellen Brewer

of Warsaw. Interested students who would like additional information are encouraged to contact their high school guidance counselor or Robert A. Lee, Chairman, Dixon S. Hall Scholarship Committee, at James Sprunt Institute in Kenansville.

## 4-H State Winners

Duplin County has two State Winners in 4-H records for 1977. Elizabeth Spicer has been named the 1977 Clothing Winner and Sharon Swain has been named the 1977 Foods-Nutrition Winner. Both girls are members of the Kenansville 4-H Club and will represent N.C. in competition in Chicago in November.

Elizabeth has participated in 4-H club work for 9 years with emphasis on clothing projects. She has conducted numerous projects and in 1976 was named

Duplin's Most Outstanding 4-H Girl. Most Outstanding Girl in the Star-News area, and was inducted into N.C. 4-H Honor Club. She has participated in the demonstration programs, fashion shows and has taught sewing to numerous people. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Spicer and is currently finishing college in Raleigh. As her award she will receive an all-expense paid trip to the National 4-H Congress.

Sharon has been in 4-H for 9 years and has participated in all phases of 4-H club work including giving demonstrations on Dairy Foods, serving as club officer and is presently serving as president of the 4-H Council. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swain and a senior at James Kenan High School. She will also receive an all-expense paid trip to the National 4-H Congress as her award. Debbie Heath is the volunteer leader for the Kenansville Club.

## Wilson Named Medical Director At Mental Health Center

Dr. E. J. Raman, Area Director, Duplin County Mental Health Center, announced the appointment of Dr. Ian C. Wilson as the Medical Director. Dr. Wilson has been working with the Health Center as a consulting psychiatrist since 1974.

Dr. Wilson is originally from Edinburgh, Scotland. His qualifications include: M.B., Ch.B. from University of Edinburgh; DPM from University of Edinburgh; DPM from University of Leeds and MD from University of Edinburgh. He was a captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps, British Army, 1947-49. He was the Clinical Director (Research), Broughton Hospital, Merton, 1958-63. Later he joined the NC Department of Mental Health as a research psychiatrist. Since 1963, he has been actively engaged in psychiatric research. He has over 150 articles and monographs to his credit. He is also a Professor of Psychiatry, UNC-CH. He was a consultant to other mental health centers and Cherry Hospital for a number of years. Dr. Wilson is a member of the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Raman remarked, "Dr. Wilson's acceptance of the Medical Director position is a significant milestone in the history of the Duplin County Mental Health Center. What impressed me most was his genuine concern for the mentally ill. His vast experience and erudition is a very valuable asset in the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of the mentally ill. We are fortunate to have a conscientious and dedi-

ated staff. I have no doubt in my mind that the quality of care for the mentally ill, alcoholic and mentally retarded at the Health Center will be the very best."

Dr. Raman also complimented the County Commissioners and the members of the Area Mental Health Board for their significant contribution in the development of mental health programs in Duplin County.

## Woman Sentenced In Albertson Death

Edna Mae Herring of Albertson, charged with murder, pleaded no contest to voluntary manslaughter in Superior Court Tuesday in Kenansville and received a sentence of 10-18 years imprisonment from Judge Ralph A. Walker of Greenville.

The court also ordered psychiatric treatment continued in her case. She was charged with the strangulation murder of

Mrs. Carrie Harper last winter. Kenneth Herman Vann, Jr. of Warsaw, who was charged with stealing hogs from Carroll's of Warsaw, received a sentence of 6-8 years on the charge. Vann escaped Duplin County officers during a long chase last winter but was arrested in Washington, D.C. later on another charge.

## Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanter

"You never forget how to ride a bicycle" is a remark you hear often, and someone made it the other day to a fellow who was seated near me. It started me thinking about when I first learned to ride a bike. . . You know what? . . . I don't remember when I first learned how. . . I do remember riding one over near Outlaw's Bridge at Mrs. Effie Sutton's mother's, and I couldn't stop it and ran into the pond. . . Drug it out. . . Crawled on it again and rode it down a hill and couldn't stop. . . My legs were too short. . . Fell and the handlebar struck under my right eye. I still carry the scar, half a circle. To Mom this was a major accident, but to me it was minor and no cause for alarm. . .

And I began asking for a bike. Money was in short supply back then and was almost out of the question for Mom and Dad. . . Spreading all that money on a bicycle. Youngsters today and back then don't understand the phrase "We can't afford it", so neither did I. . .

When I did get my first bike, and come to think of it, it was the only one I ever did have, we lived where "Leon's Surf and Turf" is now located. The roads were not paved back then and there was little traffic. One fall at tobacco selling time, I came home from school and as soon as I got off the school bus, I spotted the tracks of a bicycle going up the pathway toward my house. I followed excitedly, but not really believing. . . The tracks led right to the house and around back. . . There was only one set of tracks, so the bike had to still be there, but there were no footprints. . . Someone had to be riding it. By this time, I had convinced myself it was someone else's bike, but maybe they would let me ride it. . . It wasn't there. . . around behind the house, it wasn't there. I rushed into the house. . . "Mom, where is the bike?" . . . "What bike?" was the reply. . . Then I knew. . .

It was a bike for me. . . It had to be. . . Sure enough, there it was. . . A secondhand "J. C. Higgins" bike. . . It was the most beautiful bike I had ever seen. . . Red with chrome fenders. . . Until night came, I rode that beautiful bike up and down the road. . . Out in the fields. . . I rode and rode. Finally Dad made me come to the house because it was dark. . . My arguments that I could see in the dark did no good. . . So now I wanted it brought into the house. I finally got Dad to help me put it on the porch. . . Now, I think, I will ride it on the porch. . .

But Mom put a sudden stop to that. . . So I just sat down and looked at it. . . Son-of-a-gun, that was a pretty bike. I rushed through my supper and back onto the porch to look at that bike. . . "It's all mine" I was thinking. . . I just couldn't believe it. Of course the new really wore off it, but me and that old J.C. Higgins bike went any a mile. . . I broke the fork on it and went the longest kind of time without the \$2.65 needed to buy a new one, and when I finally did get the money

to buy the new one, I didn't know there were supposed to be all bearings to go along with it, so one day not too long afterwards, Robert Dunn, Wayne Davis and myself were riding in and out the gullies and my fork broke again. I went sailing off into a corn field holding to the handlebars, leaving the bike in the ditch. Well, I knew it would be a long time before I would be able to get the needed money for another fork, so I tied a rope to the axle and steered it that way. I think I finally got another fork for Christmas, and this time two sets of bearings. The fork never broke again, but I did lose it one time. My uncle borrowed it one day and rode it to Warsaw and traded it for a bottle of whiskey. When he came back and told me it had been stolen, I cried all night. . .

Next day he borrowed some money and reclaimed it. Of course, I didn't know this until just a few years ago. . . that is that he had traded it. I finally traded the old bike in Tampa, Florida as part payment on a service cycle (a small motorcycle). Joe and that bike spent many a wonderful day. . .

The "I Wish I Hadn't Said That" award goes to Benny McGuire, one of the World's Largest Twins. When I asked him about the pocket watch that had two bands attached to reach around his wrist, he said. . . "We had them fixed like this because we don't wear overalls, and have no pockets to put in our watches. . . Son-of-a-gun."

## Sheriff's Report

A larceny was reported by Richard Coffee when lumber valued at \$158 was stolen from J.W.D. Construction Company of Greensboro, from the company's building site at Guilford East, on N.C. Highway 11, north of Kenansville. A breaking, entering and larceny was reported at the Frank Taylor Pool Room on S.R.

1327, Route 1, Faison. When the intruders got inside, they damaged several machines, including cigarette and drink machines, juke box and pool table to the amount of \$20. The building was damaged in the amount of \$5, and missing was \$265 in cash as well as 11 1/2 cartons of cigarettes valued at \$57.

## Beulaville Gun Dealer Indicted

A Beulaville gun dealer was indicted in New York last Wednesday on charges of conspiring to steal 250,000 rounds of ammunition from the Camp Lejeune Marine base outside Jacksonville.

Arthur Lawrence Buckman of Beulaville was named by a U.S. attorney as the alleged principal civilian outlet for a nationwide ammunition theft ring run by six non-commissioned officers.

assigned to the main rifle range and ammunition bunker at Camp Lejeune from January 2, 1976 to November 19, 1976.

U.S. Attorney David G. Trager said Buckman was charged in a one-count indictment.

Buckman lives outside of Beulaville, where he has run a small gunshop for the past several years.

## Duplin Receives Grant For Summer Work Program

According to Lester Moore, Project Director for CETA Program Title I & III, there will be \$160,000 available to employ 221 disadvantaged youths in Duplin County, age limits 14-21. They must be going back to high school or college in the fall.

Plans call for 60 slots for 14 and 15 year olds, 81 slots for 16 and 17 year olds, 55 for 18 to 21 year olds, and 25 for high school dropouts. These young people will be paid \$2.30 per hour. They will work 40 hours per week for a 7 week period. The program will start June 30, 1977 and end August 5, 1977.

These disadvantaged youths will be placed in work positions

with public agencies, county, state, federal and private non-profit organizations. The program will provide necessary financial assistance to the youth, thereby making it unnecessary for them to drop out of school. For enrollees who will be going to higher education facilities, the program will provide needed financial assistance. For enrollees entering the job market the program will provide valuable training for them in becoming productive workers.

All persons applying for work on the Summer Program must verify family income by bringing to our office a copy of their parents' 1040 or 1040A as filed with the Internal Revenue Services for the year of 1976. As it stands now, we will not be able to employ but one person from a family household. All applicants must have a social security card. If under 16 years of age, they must have a work permit also. All applications must be signed by parents at our office, located at 302 S. Marshall Street, Rose Hill, next door to Dr. Hawes' office. Telephone No. 289-3915.

## Rotary Student Of The Month



Julius Neal Tucker, a senior at James Kenan High School, was honored by the Warsaw-Kenansville Rotary Club as "Student of the Month" for May during the regular weekly meeting held last week.

Neal ranks twenty-fifth in his class of 156 seniors. His school activities include: Football, Pep Club, Monogram Club and French Club.

As a member of the Magnolia Baptist Church, Neal is in the teen choir. He is also a member of the Magnolia Fire Department, Jaycees and is a former Boy Scout. After graduation, he plans to attend North Carolina State University and major in Mathematics.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Edgar Tucker of Magnolia.



ART EXHIBIT - Cathy Lee of Kenansville was above with her exhibit of oil and acrylic one of the exhibitors at the Festival '77 in paintings. Wallace over the weekend. Ms. Lee is shown