

# Duplin Times

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### Judge Lanier Retires

Judge Lanier, 53, received his B.S. from Wake Forest in 1947 and Law degree in 1951. He began his law practice in Beulaville soon after, later moving his office to Kenansville. He served as solicitor in the 50's, county court judge later and elected district court judge in 1968.

Lanier succeed Superior Court Judge Winfred Wells who was appointed to that position by Governor Kerr Scott. Wells declined to run and in 1972 Lanier was elected Superior Court Judge of 4th District. His retirement leaves the district without a resident judge. Also there is a bill pending in the legislature which would create a second judges post in the Fourth Judicial District. Three

that have reported to be seeking the posts include; Henry Stevens, III of Warsaw, Dale Johnson, Clinton and James Strickland of Jacksonville. Judge Lanier and his wife Sybil reside in Beulaville. The Laniers have two sons, both Attorneys, Russell, Jr., of Kenansville and Charles Stewart of Jacksonville.

### Kenansville To Update Intown Zoning Ordinance

A public hearing will be held by the Kenansville Town Board and the Kenansville Planning Board on June 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Courtroom in the Duplin

County Courthouse in Kenansville for the purpose of updating the Town's Zoning Ordinance. The proposed ordinance changes will consist of numerous definition clarifications, the addition of a back yard requirement, the addition of several new residential classifications, the deletion of the present step-down zoning, a rewrite of the mobile home zone section to conform with the Duplin County requirements, and the addition of subdivision regulations. Also at the hearing on June 21, 1977, at the Agricultural Building in Kenansville, N.C. This is an evening class and will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Institutional will be considered. Copies of the proposed updates of the Kenansville Zoning Ordinances are on file in the office of Town Administrator Woody Brinson in the Kenansville Town Hall. This hearing will only be concerned with the area within the Town's corporate limits and will not affect any extrajurisdictional areas. All interested citizens are invited to attend this public hearing. Anyone wishing to present written comments in advance should address them to Mr. George Penney, Chairman of the Kenansville Planning Board. Also at the hearing, oral and written comments will be received.

### Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

Its summer and school is out and fun time for many Duplin youths. I remember my summers... especially those when not too much was expected out of me because of my age... my summer uniform was a pair of short pants and nothing else... no shoes, no shirt... just those short pants... oh yes I did have to have a straw hat... I always wanted one that looked like a tom mix cowboy hat... and I wore it every day for a couple of weeks... but then it got old... or I left it out in the rain and it came apart... then the only time I wanted to wear it was when we played cowboy... with a tobacco stick as a horse... I always would want a grading stick... they were slicker... and you didn't get splinters as you rode around... slapping your side and holding on to that old piece of tobacco twine pretending it was the rope to Trigger... had to watch it though... if you pulled up real fast and jerked on the lines... that old twine would break and your horse would fall dead right between your legs... backing that old horse up could cause some discomfort too... if the stick caught against something... of course while you were running or perhaps I should say riding that trusty horse through the years... it was sort of life tip toning through the tulips... the chickens were allowed to run loose... and you had to be careful were you put your foot... it wasn't so bad if you stepped on it with the middle of your foot... the horse went lame for a short time while you got a stick and cleaned off his hoof... but when you stepped on these droppings with the front part of your foot and it sort of eased up between your toes... well that old horse had to take time out for some delicate hoof trimming. But be careful where you sit down to do this cleaning job... or you might find the same thing on your pants... after tiring of riding the old horse... you would probably be a little hungry... so it was into the kitchen while no one was looking and sneak a biscuit out of the safe... stick a



MAYOR JUDGE WELCOMES DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL TO KENANSVILLE-Kenansville Mayor Douglas Judge gave welcome to the Dixie Youth Baseball program during a special opening ceremony held last Thursday at Dixie Youth President Woody Brinson looks on. Additional story and pictures on Page 8.



Russell J. Lanier, Superior Court Judge for the Fourth Judicial District since 1972 announced his disability retirement as of June 1, 1977.

### Farmers' Certification In Pesticide Use

Federal Law requires that all farmers who use restricted pesticides must be certified by October, 1977, in order to purchase these chemicals. Duplin County farmers can qualify for certification by attending four hours of classes that will be offered by the Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service. Most farmers are using some of these restricted chemicals.

Over 1000 farmers in Duplin County attended a four-hour class back in the winter so they could become certified. The Duplin County Agricultural Ex-

ension Service is offering one four-hour class on Tuesday, June 21, 1977, at the Agricultural Building in Kenansville, N.C. This is an evening class and will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

### Duplin Bar Assoc. Meets

William Craft was elected president of the Duplin County Bar Association last week replacing Hubert Phillips out going President. Also elected at the meeting last week was William Blossom Vice President, Russell J. Lanier, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer.

The Bar Association passed a resolution supporting Henry L. Stevens III in his bid for Superior Court Judge for the fourth district.



HEADSTART GRADUATION-Twenty three students graduated from the Warsaw Headstart center last Thursday night. Shown in their caps and robes getting excited for the big day are, front row, left to right-Troyon Davis, Katrina Newkirk, Lakiesha Russell, Natasha Pickett, Lisa Lennon, Leslie Outlaw, second row-Gary Faison, Gregory Frederick, Katrina Frederick, Linda Morrissey, Lahiesha Sutton, Marcus Roberts. Back row-Gregory Newkirk, Garfield Smith, Eugene Wallace, Sean Powell, Larry Cates, Jeffrey Frederick. Staff left to right-Dorothy T. Wallace-Teachers aide, Margaret McKiver-Teacher, Norman Best-Bus driver-custodian, Willie Sutton-Lunchroom Manager, Ernestine Parker-Teachers aide, Sudie B. Jones-lead teacher. Not pictured Terris Hill, William Brown, Danny Faison, Jaycelyn Jones, Charles Newton.

### Invitation Issued

You are invited to attend an APPRECIATION SERVICE honoring RIDDICK EARL WILKINS on his retirement from the Agricultural Extension Service on Saturday, June 18, 1977, 7:00 p.m. at E.B. Smith School in Kenansville, North Carolina. There will be a social hour immediately following.

### New Plant To Open In Warsaw

The Duplin Development Commission announced today that VHI, Inc. will open a manufacturing facility in the old Quinn-McGowan building in Warsaw on July 18, 1977 for the manufacturing of Ladexwear. Applications for employment will be held on Saturdays from 9 to 1 p.m. on June 18 and 25 and July 2 and 16. Initial employment of 150. The owners of VHI, Inc. presently own and operate two other manufacturing plants in North Carolina.

### Duplin County Democrats To Meet Saturday

The annual County Convention for Duplin Democrats will begin at 12:00 noon, June 18, 1977, in the County Courthouse, Kenansville. All interested Democrats are invited to attend the Convention. However only the delegates and alternates elected at the precinct meetings will be able to vote. The main business will be the election of County officers and three members of the State Executive Committee. Both groups will serve for a period of two years. Resolutions will be received and any citizen may bring a matter before the convention. The address will be given by Howard Kramer, Deputy Attorney General. The convention began his

tenure in office under Robert Morgan and chose to remain in Raleigh under Rufus Edmisten. He was graduated from U.N.C. Chapel Hill in Law. His speech will touch on the 1978 Senatorial Election. The County Officials will give remarks and a report is expected from state representatives. Doug Clark, County Chairman stated, "Mr. Kramer is expected to seek a state-wide office soon." A lot of people have expressed political interest but people have to be judged by their actions. One of the great philosophers has said that "the government that the wise suffer, who refuse to take part in government, is to live under the government of worse men."

HOWARD KRAMER

### JK Student Named To Youth Board

RALEIGH-A Warsaw High school student has been named to represent North Carolina on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Youth Consulting Board. Brian R. West, a junior at James Kenan High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. West, was selected by state leaders in the fields of agriculture and youth activities for membership on the 23-member national board.

A participant in the 1977 Rural Electric Youth Tour sponsored by the state's rural electric cooperatives, West was chosen from among a number of students across the state for the position. He has participated in scouting, church and extracurricular school activities and served as a page in the state Senate in 1975. West is being sponsored on the June 13-17 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., by Four County Electric Membership Corporation, headquartered in Burgaw. His term of office will begin during the week-long stay in the nation's capital.

### Summer Feeding Program

The Summer Feeding Program for children which was proposed for several Duplin County Schools will not be operated by the school system. The Board of Education and administrative staff feel that the public sentiment and support which would be necessary for the successful operation of the program is not encouraging enough to merit an attempt in such a program at this time.

### Funds Allotted

The Economic Development Administration has released the planning targets allocations for local governments in the Neuse River Region. Local Public Works Planning Targets (Benchmarks) for Round II show funds of \$344,000 for Duplin County, \$88,000 for Warsaw and \$440,000 for the town of Wallace.

### Attention Warsaw Delegates

J.C. Page, Chairman of the Warsaw Democratic Precinct urges all delegate elected at the May meeting to attend the County Democrats Convention, Saturday June 18, at 12 noon, Duplin County Courthouse in Kenansville. Page announced the following delegates elected to attend the meeting: Hazel Sharp, Vice Chairman, Ruby Blackmore, Tom Hall, William Costin, Lee Brown, James Henry, John A. Johnson, Mrs. R. D. Johnson, Sr., Clifton C. Smith, Dorothy Wallace, Bronnie Jones, Joan McKeever, Helen Johnson, Sylvia Weatherly, Melba Bowles, Ray Roberts, Robert Pize and J.C. Page, Chairman.

### Bank Bag Stolen

Allen Lane of Faison reported to the Faison Police Department a bank bag taken from under a counter at the Faison 76 station. The bag contained \$1,500 cash and \$500 in checks.



ON THE LPGA TOUR-Buster Johnson and Tommy Benton were at Myrtle Beach this past week as the ladies teed-it-up for the LPGA Championship. Buster caddies for Sandra Palmer and Tommy carries the bag for Sally Little. Both girls have been winners on the tour this year...thanks to their capable caddies, Buster and Tommy had added pressure on them last week as family and friends from the Duplin area went down to watch the girls play or see the guy's at work...and some watched the tube Saturday and Sunday looking for Buster and Tommy and some of the local fans in the gallery. Photo Courtesy of Clifton Brock