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Ten Beauties Vie For North Carolina Poultry Queen Title

The 1977 Poultry Jubilee will get underway on Saturday, October 1st, with the annual Miss North Carolina Poultry Queen Pageant. The pageant will be held at Kennan Memorial Auditorium beginning at 8 p.m. Miss Susan Griffin, formerly Miss North Carolina, will emcee the pageant.

The pageant is produced and sponsored by the Rose Hill Jaycees.

Miss Chris Blanton of Kenansville, the present queen, will crown the new Miss Poultry Queen.

First prize of \$1,000 is provided by the N.C. Poultry Federation. First Runner-Up prize of \$100 is provided by Gold Kist of Durham. Second Runner-Up prize of \$50 is provided by Farmers of Rose Hill. Trophies are provided by Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. of Rose Hill.



Rhonda Denise Brewer

Miss Rhonda Denise Brewer of Faison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Victor Brewer. She attends Harbarger's Business College in Raleigh. Her talent presentation will be singing. Her sponsor is Murphy Milling Company of Rose Hill.



Danita Whaley

Miss Danita Whaley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Whaley of Beulaville. She is a student at East Carolina University where she is majoring in nursing. For her talent presentation she will play the piano. Danita's sponsor is TranSouth of Wallace.

is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Moritz of Rose Hill. She is a senior at Wallace-Rose Hill High School. Her talent presentation will be a baton routine. Cynthia's sponsor is Rose Hill Hardware of Rose Hill.



Barbara Gale Bostic

Miss Barbara Gale Bostic is a medical assistant and graduate of East Duplin High School and James Sprunt Institute. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley Bostic of Rose Hill. She will sing for her talent presentation. Her sponsor is Waccamaw Bank & Trust of Rose Hill.

Modern day mechanized farming has just about caused the wiry old mule to become extinct. . . in this part of the country anyway. This fact was quite evident to me this past weekend as I attended "Mule Day" in the Johnson County town of Benson. For even at this event that was held to honor, praise, or marvel at the mule, there were very few on hand. It was reported there were some 600 horses, mules, donkeys and ponies at the festivities. . . However, I saw less than 20 mules, but I don't doubt the 600 figure, for evidence of a great number of animals was clearly littered along the streets. . . not just one or two streets, but all over the place. . . I saw a few ladies with a broom and shovel getting up this fertilizer for possible use on next spring's flowers. . .

The event was a success in regards to numbers of people, too, for the town was packed. . . The narrow streets were filled with autos, parked on each side, and two-way traffic trying to get through. . . I saw three fender-bending scrapes on one street corner while waiting to get across. . .

The mule, in case you don't know, is the offspring of a jack (male donkey) and a mare (female horse). . . The mule is sterile and cannot reproduce. . . If you change it around, and you change it around, you get what is called a hinny. . . a little donkey, or that other three-letter-word. . . By the way, has anyone ever called you a hinny? . . .

The mule is a tough, stubborn, working son-of-a-gun, and has stamina that is surpassed by few. . . Years back, when Barden Stables was located where the Family Tree Candy Company is now, Mr. Barden would buy a carload of mules from Tennessee or Kentucky and they would come into Warsaw by train. . . He would ride his horse down to the depot, open the car door, and turn the mules out. . . no halter or anything. . . And the mules would follow that horse through downtown Warsaw right on to the stables and inside. . . I still don't understand why they didn't run away or tear up Warsaw. . . But they didn't. . . But, once you bought one and got it out on the farm, it was a different story. . . That cockeyed thing would point one ear one way and the other ear another and take off for apparently no reason. . . If he happened to be hooked to a plow or cart, chances are he would tear it all to pieces and finally come home with only the shafts or a part of the harness. . .

We had a nutty old mule that would, every so often, walk over to a ditch and fall in. . . Then you had to get several men from the neighborhood and pick him up. . . or dig out the ditch. . . or both. . . This same old mule didn't like to pull a cart, and if you didn't watch it, when you were hooking him up, he would catch you not looking and turn his old head around and bite you. . . We also had a horse, and when plowing, the horse, with a slight pull of the lines to the right or left, would obey. . . But, that mule. . . You almost had to sit down on the ropes to get him to turn if it wasn't in his mind to do so. . . Then he would act like he was confused and step all over the tobacco. . . You would pull the lines to get him off, and he would move his front legs off the tobacco and then dance around with his hind legs all over the tobacco. . . Times like that, you wanted to kill him. . . In fact, I would think there was more violence created in a person from plowing with a mule than from watching TV now. . .

All mules were not quite so contrary. . . all the time, anyway. . . James Frederick's Dad, James, lives outside Warsaw on the Clinton Highway. His dad had a pair of mules that would do most anything he told them. . . He could walk away off from them. . . give them a command to back up, and they would. . . He would tell them to turn to the right or left, or go forward, or whatever, and they would obey just like he was

standing behind them with lead lines. . . Some were different in the logging woods, too. . . You have probably heard of a "mule skinner". . . Well, they would hook four mules to a log cart, load it down, and a fellow would jump up on the cart with a bullwhip and no guide lines and tell the mules to go right or left, and they would obey or get whacked on the rear with that bullwhip. . . To a young fellow who couldn't get a mule to go where he wanted him to go with guide lines, this was purely amazing. . .

There is a picture that sticks so clearly in my mind. . . perhaps because of the many, many times I saw it as a youngster. . . It has me on the back porch wearing a pair of overalls, no shirt, no shoes, and pumping water from a hand pump into a wash tub so my

sister, Betty, and I can take baths. It is in the early spring. . . before the crops grow and shut off the sight of anything outside the yard. . . The sun is setting and an outline of my Dad, leading a mule from the back fields can be seen on the horizon. . . The frying sounds and smells of cured meat being cooked by my Mom is making its way through the screen door leading to the kitchen. . . My old dog is chasing some chickens away from some biscuits that were thrown out for his supper. . . My sister is sitting on the

doorsteps, breaking off pieces of biscuits and crumbling it up and throwing it out to the chickens. . . and they are clucking and squawking with each one trying to get more than the other. . . It is a picture that I am a part of, and cherish dearly. . . Never have I felt so at peace. . . No troubles. . . So secure. . . So safe. . . So loved. That old red mule is long ago dead and gone, like the scene. . . But on a quiet and peaceful evening, as I travel along Duplin's roads, I spot an old mule grazing in a pasture. . . And this picture will pop so clearly in my mind's eye. It may last only a few minutes before I am jogged back into now by someone blowing a car horn, or some other noise or sight, I take a deep breath. . . check the speedometer and my watch. . . and can hardly wait until I get home to my wife, who now gives me that wonderful peaceful feeling. . . Son-of-a-Gun. . .

Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

Policeman Shoots Suspect After Chase

James Allen Miller, 23, of Magnolia, was fatally shot Saturday night by a police officer following a chase that ended at Miller's home, one mile south of Magnolia on State Road 1003.

R.M. Wilson, Magnolia police officer, shot Miller as he allegedly threatened Police Chief V.L. Malpass with a .444 cal. rifle.

According to police reports, the officers pursued Miller's vehicle out of town after taking up the chase when they spotted Miller's car speeding and weaving across the yellow line. The chase ended at Miller's home at 9:20 p.m. The official report said Miller left his car and entered the house and came out with a rifle. Ronald Parkhurst, 19, of Magnolia, a passenger in the Miller car, was arguing with the police officers

while Miller entered the house. When Miller was seen, he was holding a rifle and Officer Wilson warned Chief Malpass that Miller had a gun. Wilson said he told him to drop the gun. "I mean what I say."

Miller then turned toward Wilson, and Wilson shot him twice with his .38 cal. pistol, according to law officers.

Miller was hit in the arm, hand and chest, and reported dead on arrival at Duplin General Hospital.

Parkhurst was charged with assault on an officer, resisting arrest, communicating threats, and damages to city property. He was free on \$1,200 bond.

Miller's wife and another person witnessed the incident. Wilson was relieved of duty pending an investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation and Duplin County officers.

BNC Names Brinson To Local Board



The Bank of North Carolina, N.A. has named Amos Q. (Doc) Brinson, Jr., to serve on the bank's board of directors in Kenansville, it was announced Monday by president James G. Lindley in Raleigh.

A prominent member of the local community, Brinson is part-owner of the Kenansville Drug Store. He is a life-time resident of Kenansville, president of the Jaycees and an active member of the Kenansville Baptist Church. Brinson is a graduate of the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill and has a B.S. in Pharmacy.

President Lindley stated, "I am extremely pleased to have Brinson join us and I am sure that Kenansville manager Ray Johnson and his staff will benefit from the guidance of such a strong and capable board."

Other members of the Kenansville board include: Hilda Booth, O.R. Blizzard, Sr., Davis N. Brinson, Dixon S. Hall, Russell J. Lanier, Jr., John C. Moore, Randolph Smith, J.B. Stroud and Robert Worthington. Brinson and his wife, the former Beth West of Warsaw, have two sons, Russell and Daniel.

Cynthia Lou Cook

Miss Cynthia Lou Cook is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Cook of Dobson. She is a student at Surry Community College. For her talent presentation, she will do a jazz-disco dance. Cynthia is a part-time secretary for Steve Ball of Dance Unlimited. Her sponsor is Morgan and Sons Poultry of Greensboro.

Karen Irene Matthews

Miss Karen Irene Matthews of Teachey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pratt Matthews. She is a graduate of Wallace-Rose Hill High School and is currently employed as a secretary for Halso Contractors. Her talent number is a recitation. Her sponsor is H.M. Hancock and Son of Boalee.

Jerilyn Johnson

Miss Jerilyn (Button) Johnson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eugene Johnson of Conover. A graduate of Leea McRae Junior College, she attended Appalachian State University. She currently owns and operates her own plant shop. She will sing for her talent presentation. Button's sponsor is The Golden Skillet of Wallace, Warsaw, Wilmington and Elizabethtown.

Shirley Theresa Jones

Miss Shirley Theresa Jones of Willard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones. A graduate of Pender High School, she is employed as a secretary at Fredericks Furniture Company. She will sing for her talent presentation. Shirley is sponsored by Fredericks Furniture Company of Rose Hill.

Deborah Whitley

Miss Deborah Whitley is a student at UNC-Greensboro where she is majoring in music. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Norwood Whitley, Jr. of Stanfordsburg. For her talent, she will play the piano. She is employed at Elliot University Center as a receptionist. Deborah's sponsor is Western Hatcheries of Morganton.

Kimberly Susan Dietz

Miss Kimberly Susan Dietz is a student at UNC-Chapel Hill. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Dietz of Bolton. She will sing for her talent presentation. Her sponsor is Giddeon's Electrical Service of Willard.

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Warsaw Man Wins Football Contest

Wayne Nunn of 203 South Bell Street, Warsaw, won first place in last week's football contest.

Second place winner was Mrs. George Sutton of 604 East Pollock Street, Warsaw. Four contestants were tied for first place, missing one game, Bobby Wallace of Route 2, Mount Olive, and Mark Vinson of Kenansville were the other two contestants tied for first place. The most points scored in one of the ten games was North Carolina State's 41-14 win over Wake Forest.

The contest is sponsored each week by the following businesses: Smith Bros. Gas Company, Magnolia, and Beulaville Gas Company, Beulaville; Golden Skillet, Warsaw; Riverbank Motors, Warsaw; Kenansville Drug Store, Kenansville; Brown's Cabinet & Millwork, Inc., Rose Hill; Tadmor's Chrysler-Plymouth, Warsaw; West Auto Parts, Kenansville; Beulaville; Warsaw Motor Company, Warsaw; Blackwell Service Oil Co., Warsaw; Duplin Times, Kenansville.

Rose Hill Jaycees Poultry Jubilee Begins This Week

Billy Chestnut, Chairman of the 1977 North Carolina Poultry Jubilee, indicates that everything is ready for the big event from October 1st to the 6th. Many committees of enthusiastic Jaycees have been working behind the scenes for months to make this annual Jubilee the best.

Kick-off by the festivities will be the Poultry Queen Pageant at Kennan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville on Saturday night, October 1st.

Subsequent announcements will be in the Jubilee ad in these 1200

announcements for both the young and the young-at-heart.

This year's Jubilee Dance will feature "Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs" on Friday night, October 7th, at 9 p.m. at the Wallace National Guard Armory. Get your tickets early from any Rose Hill Jaycee.

The Jubilee Parade, starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 8th, promises to be the best ever, and will feature the 2nd Marine Corps Band from Camp Lejeune, lots of pretty girls, visiting politicians, dignitaries, and more and more things than you can count on.

Jubilee grounds from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. while you enjoy delicious fried chicken cooked Rose Hill-style in the "World's Largest Frying Pan". The Bailey Mountain Cloggers of Mars Hill College will be performing several times throughout the day.

The Annual Cake Auction will begin at 2 p.m. and the Jaycees urge you to buy a cake to help the Duplin County Association for Retarded Children. The winner of this year's Duplin County Outstanding Young Farmer will be announced. Plans also include local gospel groups and The Fountain Sky-Dancing Team.

CRUSHED GRAPES go into open tanks where Duplin Wine Cellars in Rose Hill. yeast is mixed in and fermentation begins at

Statewide News Media Tours Duplin Winery

A group of around fifty statewide news media visited Duplin County as guests of the Duplin Development Commission last Wednesday to witness firsthand the commercial production of fine wines from 100% North Carolina grapes.

After a tour of several vineyards, the group visited Duplin Wine Cellars in Rose Hill. The Rose Hill winery was born in 1922 as the result of two

brothers, David and Daniel J. Fussell, Jr.'s efforts to find an outlet for their own grapes.

According to David Fussell, the small 300,000 gallon capacity winery produced its first 17,500 bottles of wine last year. Noble, Carlos and Scuppernon wines from Duplin Wine Cellars were on the market last year.

Duplin Wine Cellars is a cooperative which now has 10

farmers using it as an outlet for their grapes.

Fussell described his wine-making process as follows: Grapes are brought to the winery the day they are picked and crushed immediately. They go into open tanks where yeast is mixed in and fermentation begins. Fermentation in these tanks 24-48 hours. The juice is then

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