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Kenansville Town Board Votes To Purchase Historic Blount House

The Kenansville Town Board voted 3 to 2 Monday night to attempt to purchase the historic James Blount house to use for a town hall.

The house, owned by Mrs. P.B. Ratford, located on a 200 by 300 foot lot on N.C. 24, 50 and 11 across from the Kenansville municipal park. The historic Blount House was built in the

early 1800s in a Greek Revival style. The house has around 2,800 square feet.

The town water tower and pumping station are located on a lot joining the Ratford property.

The present town hall is owned by the Kenansville Volunteer Fire Department, which is planning to expand. The Fire Department Building is located across the street from the County Courthouse. The expansion of the Fire Department would force the town

offices out of the building. Parking at the town hall has also been a problem.

Voting for the purchase of the Blount house were William Fennell, John Hall and Mrs. Betty Long. Conclimen voting against the purchase were Phil Kretsch and Jimmy Johnson.

New Activity Bus Project For Chinquapin School

At the first meeting of the school year, the Chinquapin Elementary School #1 PTO voted to purchase a new activity bus. All PTO fund-raising activities throughout the year will be earmarked for the bus project. Planned fund-raising projects include a house-to-house canvass of families in the school district, a talent show and two barbecue suppers.

The new 66-passenger bus should arrive in early December. It is hoped that at least half of the \$14,500 needed will be available when the bus is delivered, and possibly the balance paid by the end of the school year. This is a major undertaking, a PTO spokesman asserted, but the apparent enthusiasm and determination exhibited by all concerned is sufficient to achieve the goal.

The house-to-house canvass is scheduled for October 3-17. Each family will be contacted and asked to contribute. The new bus project has been talked about for several years, and is expected to become a reality in the near future. Chinquapin Elementary School #2 will also be able to use the bus when it is not scheduled at the #1 school.

All parents, friends and businesses are asked to contribute generously to the bus project.

Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

Dave Thomas of Kenansville graduated from public work this past year and took up farming. I was talking with Dave at Mac Wilson's retirement party at Duplin General Hospital. Mac has been an "Duplin" General for the past 11 years and her last position was Director of Nurses. Now she is going to attempt to direct Benny. Lots of luck, Mac.

I asked Dave how his corn crop was this year, knowing that much of Duplin's corn is in sad shape. He immediately whipped out a sales ticket for tobacco and said, "Look here. My tobacco is bringing more per pound than corn is per bushel." He went on to say, "Earlier this week I figured it was time to harvest my corn. So I crawled on the combine and had gone over about two acres and everything seemed to be going fine. Suddenly I heard a noise. It sounded like a bearing might be bad, so I stopped and got down to look the combine over. but I couldn't find anything wrong. Then I discovered what the noise was. After two acres, the first ear of corn had gone through the combine. Winford Howard, who was standing nearby, told Dave that perhaps what he should have done was, before he started, to have thrown a handful of corn in the combine to prime it. Several weeks ago I was in Jimmy Strickland's hardware store when Mrs. George Smoke came in with a plate filled with "million dollar fudge" and said it was "for Jimmy and the boys", complimenting them on some fine work they had done. In Doris' words, "This is a little something extra. to show my appreciation." Being there at the time, I was invited to sample the fudge, and it was, without a doubt, well-named for it tasted like a million dollar recipe. I was reminded of this Monday while at Jimmy's, checking on some paint. Jimmy isn't the only one getting candy. Jimmy's wife, Margaret, was given a slightly melted chocolate bar with nuts. And according to Jimmy, a fellow gave it to her for being "Pretty, but not quite as pretty as a Hines lady in Kenansville. Wonder if the Hines lady got an unmelted bar?" I was invited to, and attended, a fish fry at Sally and Bo Herring's Saturday, along with a great many others. Sally misinformed me, though. She said I would know everyone. She was wrong. Not only I didn't know everyone, there were people there I had never even seen. Just goes to show, Duplin is bigger than one might think, and is filled with very friendly people. Norwood and Davis Chestnut were there, and while Norwood was trying to tell me where someone lived, Dave



POULTRY QUEEN - Chris Blanton, left, of Kenansville, the 1977 Miss N.C. Poultry Queen, is shown with the 1978 queen and her court. The new queen, Dennis Ricks, second from left, and her court, "Button" Johnson and Debra Ann Whitley.

1978 N.C. Poultry Queen Crowned Saturday Night

Denise Ricks of Graham was crowned N.C. Poultry Queen Saturday night in Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville.

Miss Ricks, a late entry in the pageant, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. Dennis Ricks. She is majoring in theatre arts at Appalachian State University where she was the lead dancer in the play "Oklahoma."

Sponsored by Giddeon Electric Service of Willard, Miss Ricks performed a jazz dance for her talent.

As the North Carolina Poultry Queen, Miss Ricks will be a guest this weekend at the Poultry Jubilee. She will attend the annual Southeastern U.S. Poultry Convention in Atlanta and other events.

Miss Chris Blanton of Kenansville, the outgoing queen, crowned the new queen.

Jerilyn (Button) Johnson of Conover was first runner-up. Debra Ann Whitley of Stantonburg was second runner-up.

The beauty pageant is sponsored by the Rose Hill Jaycees.

The schedule of activities for the 15th Annual Jubilee is listed



POULTRY QUEEN - Denise Ricks, Miss North Carolina Poultry Queen for 1978.

Three Way Tie For First Place In Football Contest

A three-way tie for first place had to be broken by going to the number of points scored. Tommy Benton of Kenansville won first place by guessing 40 points. The most points scored was 41 by Michigan over Texas A&M. Second place was still a tie after going to the points scored. Kathryn Wrenn, a

previous winner from Warsaw, and Tom Hroza, a winner of last year's contest, from Albertson, will split second place prize money. Hroza and Benton missed the Mississippi-Auburn game. Both went for Mississippi. Wrenn missed the national TV game and went for ECU.

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

Good Government Meeting

All Duplin Citizens are invited to a Good Government meeting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 6 at the Courthouse in Kenansville.

State officials will discuss the upcoming bond issues and constitutional amendments.

The meeting is sponsored by the Duplin County Democratic Party.

National 4-H Week

Duplin County 4-H members and their adult leaders will join forces October 2-8 with other youth in North Carolina and the nation to observe National 4-H Week.

Mrs. Britt pointed out that special events will be held to:

- Encourage more youth, ages 9-19, to join 4-H
-Urge more men and women and older teens to volunteer as 4-H leaders
-Acknowledge support for the 4-H program
-Recognize important contributions of parents
-Consider future needs and plans.

The 4-H program is conducted through county offices by the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service at NCSU and A. & T. State University.

Briefs

Road Closed

According to T.W. Funderburk, Division Engineer of the Division of Highways, in Wilmington, it was necessary to close SR 1101 Monday, October 3. The closing is necessary in order to replace bridge #48 over Duff's Creek. It is anticipated that it will take approximately 60 days to complete the work. A detour route will not be erected, but traffic may use alternate secondary roads in the area.

Whitley's Mobile Office In Duplin

Third District Congressman Charlie Whitley announced that the Third District Mobile Office will make stops in Duplin on October 12th.

The Mobile Office will be in Duplin at the following times and locations:

- Beulaville, 9:30 - 10:30, Post Office; Chinquapin, 11-12, Post Office; Rose Hill, 1 - 2 p.m., Post Office; Warsaw, 2:30 - 3:30, Post Office.

Whitley further advises that Rodney Knowles of his staff will be manning the Mobile Office and will be available to anyone having matters that they wish brought to the attention of the Congressman.

NEW POLICEMAN FOR KENANSVILLE - (L to R) John Johnson, Clerk of Court, is shown swearing in Edward Quinn on Tuesday, Sep-

tember 20th. Quinn is a native of Kenansville and attended James Kenan High School.