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### Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

Duplin County's Board of Commissioners is apparently aware of the energy shortage, as Monday they adopted an ordinance set by the State of North Carolina in regard to installing energy conservation materials and equipment. . . .

home-owner, but the electric company. So, while they set fees to dig deeper into the home-owners' pockets, they lightened the fees charged to the electric company. . . .

## Elizabeth Spicer Wins National 4-H Clothing Scholarship Award

A Duplin County girl, who created an extensive wardrobe on a low budget by making her own outfits, has been named one of six national winners in the 4-H clothing program. Elizabeth Spicer, 19, of Kenansville, received a \$1,000 scholarship from Coats & Clark, Inc., sponsor of the 4-H clothing program, at the 56th National 4-H Congress in Chicago, November 27-December 1.

Miss Spicer said that she learned modeling techniques at several clothing camps and that this has helped her both in making garments and in improving her personal appearance. The 4-H'er has worked with younger members as a junior leader in the program. She said that "hours with 10 very restless young girls can be very nerve-racking," but overall is very rewarding.

Her other 4-H projects have included food-nutrition, home environment, health, public speaking, junior leadership, horticulture and bicycling. Elizabeth has been active in all phases of 4-H for the past 10 years. She has served as president in the 4-H County Council and as an officer of the Southeastern District. She was the 1977 Most Outstanding Girl in the Area 4-H program and is a member of the North Carolina 4-H Honor Club.



NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS - Elizabeth Spicer of Kenansville, and Sharon Swain of Route 2, Warsaw, (center) are attending the 56th National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Ill. Shown with them is Richard Liles, 4-H specialist at North Carolina State University. Miss Spicer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Spicer, Jr., was declared a national winner in the 4-H clothing program and the recipient of a \$1,000 educational scholarship (see related story). Miss Swain, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swain, is attending the Congress as state winner in the 4-H food-nutrition program. North Carolina's delegation of 35 4-H members and six adults will return home Friday, December 2.

## Art Country Bumper Stickers Available Kenansville Wins Award

More than 10,000 bumper stickers declaring "North Carolina is Art Country" will begin decorating Tar Heel automobiles this week.

The first project of the recently formed Governor's Business Council on the Arts and Humanities, the bumper stickers are sponsored by Wachovia Bank through vice president and business council member Scott Kramer. The theme is derived from a 1977 summer cover story of Wachovia Magazine on North Carolina artists. "The bumper stickers are another way to emphasize North Carolina as the 'State of the Arts,'" commented Secretary Sara W. Hodgkins of the Department of Cultural Resources. "We are delighted to proclaim to everyone that art is for everyone," she said.

The Neuse Area Development Association held their annual awards banquet Wednesday, November 16th, in Kinston. The NADA covers 9 counties which compete in the Community Development and in the Anti-Litter-Beautification programs. Kenansville Beautification Committee entered both categories and won a super rating, a certificate and \$5 in the Community Development area. The Beautification Committee won first place, a plaque and \$100 in the Anti-Litter-Beautification category. The Committee takes this means to thank the citizens of Kenansville for their help in making the awards possible.

### 1978 Tobacco Quota

Congressman Charlie Whitely received notification Tuesday from the USDA establishing the 1978 Flue-cured Tobacco Quota. According to information received by Congressman Whitely, the USDA established the 1978 quotas at the same level as the 1977 season.

### Christmas Decoration Contest

The Kenansville Beautification Committee is sponsoring a house and/or yard Christmas Decoration Contest. First place winner will receive \$15, second place, \$10, and third place, \$5. The judging will be done the week of December 11-17.

### Swine Producers Meeting

All swine producers in Duplin County are invited to an area swine producer conference on Thursday, December 8 at the National Guard Armory at Clinton. The conference will begin at 4 p.m. and adjourn at 9 p.m. with a pig picking supper at 6 p.m. The conference is free to any producer in this area. Topics to be discussed include: Farrowing Management, Ways to Conserve Energy, Wise Use of Drugs, Pseudorabies, Reproductive Problems, and a slide presentation on Japanese Swine Production. The National Guard Armory is located on 701 truck lane in Clinton just north of the 701 and 403 intersection.

## Stevens & Strickland Appointed Judges To Fourth District

Henry L. Stevens, III, of Warsaw, and James R. Strickland of Jacksonville were appointed Superior Court Judges of the Fourth North Carolina Judicial District Wednesday by Governor James B. Hunt. Stevens, who was sworn in as Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Russell J.

Lanier of Beulaville, who resigned in June due to ill health. Stevens' term expires December 31, 1978. North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Joseph Branch swore Stevens into office Wednesday morning. Strickland was appointed Second Superior Court Judge of the District. The 1977 General Assembly established the

second judgeship position. The positions pay \$35,758 per year. The senior judge of a district appoints magistrates and can fill clerk of court positions in cases of vacancy. Judge Stevens is the son of the late Judge Henry L. Stevens, Jr. of Warsaw, a long-time superior court judge and former state and national commander of the American Legion.

## Two Killed Over Holidays

Rayburn Ward Castle, II, 12, was run over and killed Friday afternoon by a station wagon on N.C. 41 near Jackson's Crossroads, 1.7 miles south of Beulaville. The vehicle was driven by Melvin Thompson Edwards of Route 2, Smithfield. State Highway Patrolman D. W. Faircloth charged Edwards with driving under the influence and death by vehicle. Edwards was taken to Duplin County Jail in Kenansville under

\$5,000 bond. The patrolman said the car was traveling south on the road. He said he had been told by onlookers that the boy had been chasing a ball in front of the south's house. Several youths were playing ball in the front yard at the home. Eugene Wilton Griffin, aged 20, was found dead shortly after 7 a.m. Tuesday after a mishap which occurred around 2:30 a.m. The body was discovered with

the wreckage of the 1974 Chevrolet he had been operating. A passing motorist discovered the wreckage around 7:30 a.m. Saturday. Evidently the vehicle was traveling north on RPR 1702 about five miles west of Beulaville, and ran off the roadway on the right, crossing Griffin to lose control. The car then ran off the roadway on the left, ended with a ditch, and overturned several times. Trooper W.M. Ward investigated.

## Duplin Board Adopts Policy Insulators To Be Licensed In Duplin

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners voted Monday that insulation contractors and others who install materials and equipment designed to meet the energy conservation standards of the State Building Code will have to be licensed in Duplin County by January 1, 1978. The Board took this action to bring the county into compliance with the new State code. A homeowner can still install his own insulation in his own home, according to the code, however, there is a \$20 inspection fee with a reinspection fee, if required, of \$10.

To gain the state income tax deduction for installing energy conserving materials, an inspection is required and a certificate pertaining to the work must be signed by the inspector. The Board set a fee of \$25 for licensing and a fee of \$20 for the inspections. D.J. Fussell of Rose Hill voted against the measures saying that while he did not oppose the idea of insulation, he opposed having the State come in and tell the county what to do. The Board also voted to reduce the load management inspection fee from \$8 to \$5. The

inspection is required due to a small amount of rewiring required for installation of the load management equipment. Four County Electric Membership Corp. is installing load management equipment to reduce the peak demand for electricity and thus reduce its over-all costs and charges to customers. The Board discussed the need of a county building inspector, and decided to name a committee to study the question at the next regular meeting. Suzie Smith, secretary of the Board of Elections, was directed

to investigate possible office sites for the Board of Elections while the courthouse renovation project is underway. Ivey N. Bowden, operator of Bowden's Grocery, on land now owned by Duplin County, asked the Board to terminate his lease on or before April 15. The Board agreed. Present plans call for using the site for parking. The Board was advised the Town of Magnolia has applied for a grant under the Clean Water Bond Act in the amount of \$46,645. To be made a part of the

minutes was a letter from Mrs. Winifred Wells, County Attorney, to Earl Heath requesting payment of \$125 for the burial of hogs. The Commissioners accepted the resignation of Henry Stevens, III, as Special Tax Attorney, due to his appointment to a judgeship. The Board did not take action on a request from Judge Stevens that the county contribute partially towards utilities, telephone and rent on his office, since he will be using his office during his term as judge.

## Application Deadline For FmHA Drought Emergency Loans Dec. 2

Applications for low interest Emergency Loans made by Farmers Home Administration as a result of summer drought conditions in some North Carolina counties will not be received by FmHA after December 2, 1977. This reminder was made by FmHA State Director James T. Johnson. The application deadline was designated by the federal Interagency Drought Emergency Coordinating Committee.

Farm emergency loans covering losses from drought and providing additional credit needed to restore production are available to farmers who lack other sources of credit. The drought loan program is not to be confused with the recent presidential designation of a major disaster area as a result of floods in western North Carolina counties, Johnson said. Further information may be obtained at local FmHA offices

in most counties of North Carolina, telephones for which are listed under U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture, national origin, or race, sex, or marital status.



Just a reminder... only 24 days until Christmas