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Smith Named Warsaw DSA Recipient



DSA RECIPIENT - Dwight Smith, center, was presented the Distinguished Service Award Thursday night by the Warsaw Jaycees. Presenting the award was Paul Brewer, left, the 1977 DSA recipient. Accepting the award with Dwight was his wife, Judy.

Dwight Smith, a twelve-year Jaycee member, a past president, a past Area Jaycee District Director, Regional Director, and past state Vice President, was named recipient of the Warsaw Distinguished Service Award for 1978.

The award was presented Tuesday night at a banquet sponsored annually by the Warsaw Jaycees.

As a thirty-three year old Warsaw native, Dwight Smith has been actively involved in his community for many years. He has served as Little League coach and Assistant Scoutmaster. He has served as a member of the Warsaw Veterans' Week Committee, and the Warsaw Recreation Commission. At the present, in the Warsaw United Methodist Church, he is serving as Superintendent of the Church School, and as a member of several boards, including Administrative, Council on Ministries, Trustees, Evangelism and Pastor-Parish Relations.

Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hopton Smith of Warsaw. He is married to the former Judy Bostic of Kenansville and they are the parents of Julie, 11, and Stuart, 2. The family lives on Wards Bridge Road in Warsaw. He is owner and operator of Smith Dry Cleaners.

In the local chapter, Smith has served as Treasurer, Vice-President, President, and on the Board of Directors. He was recognized in his year (1974-75) as local president by State President Gus Tullas with an Award of Honor for Membership Recruitment, and the chapter was presented an Award of Honor for Membership Retention.

The following year (1975-76), Dwight Smith served as an Area (District) Director. In that capacity, he was serving as a state organization advisor to several chapters in surrounding communities. Here again, an outstanding record was accomplished. In the chapters he represented, membership increased tremendously, and new chapters were chartered in Faison, Pink Hill and Wallace. In May, 1976, State President Jim Morgan named him one of the top five Area Directors. In North Carolina, June, 1976, the J.S. Jaycees presented him with an award, "Get Involved with U.S.," for his fantastic record on membership recruitment.

After accepting the award, Smith said, "I really don't know what to say. I would like to thank my wife, who always stood beside me, my parents, and all you Jaycees who mean so much to me. I know I've thanked you before, but I still want to thank you again."

Other awards were as follows: Charter Awards - Bill Costin, Jr., Steve Draughon, Paul Brewer, Brooks Boyette and Faye Guy; Outstanding Teenagers - Della Strickland and

Brian West; Outstanding Young Educator - Vance Alphin; Outstanding Young Farmer - Jack Stevens; and Outstanding Law Officer - Alfred Basden.

Dwight Smith introduced the speaker for the evening, Micou Browne, a long-time Jaycee supporter and insurance executive from Raleigh.

Browne said in his opening remark that "a lot of great things have happened while I was associated with Jaycees." After telling several humorous stories, including one about peanut butter, Browne said, "You never get Jaycee-ism off the roof of your mouth." Browne continued by stating that - "The three major criteria of success are: (1) Do that work you want to do. (2) Do that work with which you can continue your proficiency (3) Do that work that will benefit your life."

In conclusion, Browne made reference to part of the Jaycee Creed and explained what the letters in the word "Serve" might mean. "S - Seek out situations that need improving and go to it; E - Energize by instilling energy in people of the community; R - Respect opinions and counseling of others; V - Vocalize, speak out, express interest, etc. to get people excited; and E - Expect the best effort."

Brinson To Head Telethon Phone Center

Mrs. Bernice Pegram, United Cerebral Palsy Telethon Chairman, announced that Doc Brinson, a resident of Kenansville, has accepted the chairmanship of the Kenansville phone center. Brinson, along with a host of other volunteers, will work on February 4 and 5 taking pledges from residents of Duplin County for UCP.

Mrs. Pegram announced that the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon, which will be seen over WRAL-TV, Channel 5, will feature Charlie Gaddy, John Walmsley of "The Waltons," and Erin Moran of "Happy Days."

Dennis James, A Telethon favorite, will host New York segments, and John Ritter, star of "Three's Company," will host from Hollywood.

Pledges from this Telethon support the programs of United Cerebral Palsy of North Carolina, which cover the entire state. United Cerebral Palsy of North Carolina delivers services to approximately 1,600 children and adults. This Telethon will be asking for support from all residents from the Channel 5 viewing area.



1978 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS INSTALLED - Mayor Douglas Judge (on right) is shown as he installed the 1978 officers and directors of the Kenansville Chamber of Commerce on Friday

night. Pictured (L to R), Earl Stroud, Treasurer; Dalsey Branch, Director; Ray Bell, Director; Carol Jenkins, President; and Woody Brinson, Executive Secretary.

Kenansville Chamber Holds First Annual Meeting

The Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce held their first annual meeting and installation ceremony on Friday, January 27th, at Brown's Restaurant in Kenansville.

After the welcome by KACC Vice-President Ray Johnson, the group attending was entertained by Clark Jones, Visiting Artis, James Sprunt Institute.

Woody Brinson, KACC Executive Secretary, introduced the speaker as J. Roy Fogle, President of the National Association of Development Organizations, from New Bern.

Fogle opened his talk by saying, "It's an honor to come over and share this occasion with you, especially because of the many friends I have here."

Continuing, Fogle made these observations: "Whatever your town's weakness is, the

Chamber of Commerce can be the force to correct it. I'm going to talk about the business of living, and the impact the Chamber can have on this. Each member can play a big part by challenging others to make things better. The Chamber of Commerce can be your vehicle for planning and carrying out the ideas of your community."

In closing, Fogle said, "I challenge you in your work and family living to combine efforts to determine and carry out the shared aims of the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce. After reviewing your 1978 Planned Program of Work, I believe your Chamber will be a vital community force."

Douglas Judge, Mayor of Kenansville, installed the 1978 officers and directors as follows: President - Carol K. Jenkins;

Vice President - W. Ray Johnson; Treasurer - Earl Stroud; Executive Secretary - Woody Brinson; and Directors - Ray Bell, Daisy Branch and Richard Harrell.

After being installed, President Carol Jenkins announced the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce 1978 Program of Work. Committee Divisions include: Membership and Organization Development - Chairman Earl Stroud; Economic Development - Chairman Bill Sutton; Business and Community Development; Business, Chairman Roy Houston, Community, Chairman Doc Brinson; and Public Relations and Promotional - Chairman Alice Rich.

The meeting was concluded with the benediction by Rev. Troy Mullis, pastor of Grove Presbyterian Church.



JAYCEES PAY TRIBUTE TO DR. EWERS - The Warsaw Jaycees paid tribute to Warsaw physician Edwin P. Ewers at their annual DSA banquet Thursday night. Billy Knowles presented the award to Dr. Ewers on behalf of the Jaycees. Knowles acknowledged Dr. Ewers' dedication and compassion to his profession. Pictured above, left to right, Mrs. Ewers, Dr. Edwin P. Ewers and Billy Knowles.

Warsaw Chamber Hears Garland At Membership Meeting

"I believe that there is no substitute for a Chamber of Commerce in a town," stated Ed Garland, director of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, during the Greater Warsaw Chamber of Commerce annual membership meeting at The Country Squires Tuesday, January 24th.

Garland, the guest speaker and past president of the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, gave a short talk about his early experiences with a Chamber, and explained why eastern North Carolina has become so attractive for industries planning to expand or relocate. "Low unionization creates a most attractive offer to prospective industries," Garland said, "and I think everything is looking up for the

counties and communities in this state. Garland also said that he thoroughly enjoyed hearing about Warsaw's "No Contest Contest."

Greg Bell, Warsaw Chamber president, gave the welcome, introduced the guests, Chamber membership and prospective members.

Jim Risher, Executive officer of the Duplin Development Commission, told the group that prospective industry is now looking for buildings, and suggested that the Warsaw Chamber look into the possibility of getting a "spec building" as a way of attracting new industry.

John Weatherly gave a report on the "No Contest Contest" stating that the weekend for the winners was worth something

over \$5,700. "I wish the Town could have something like this each year. The Town really pulled together," stated Weatherly.

Al Smith, reporting on the re-vitalization of Warsaw, stated that two stores were finished, with the hopes of completing more stores when the weather gets better.

Elected to the Board of Directors were Ray Matthews, Coleen Martin, Graham Hood and Heburn Sanderson.

Secretary Mary Taylor summarized the 1977 year of the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce. Secretary Taylor stated that "71 new families moved into Warsaw in 1977, with 42 leaving, making a net gain of 29 new families coming to the Greater Warsaw Community."

Forefathers Of First Lady From Duplin

By Claude H. Moore

On January 21st, the writer had as visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Murray of St. Marys, Georgia. Mr. Murray is a retired postal inspector from the U.S. Post Office Department and while visiting in Raleigh, he decided to come by Sampson and Duplin, hoping to get data on the Murrys of Duplin County, whom he believes to have been his forefathers. He brought with him, incidentally, a letter from Mrs. Allie Murray Smith, the mother of Mrs. Eleanor Rosalyn Carter, the First Lady, proving that she was descended from Jonathan and Charity Murray who lived in the 1700's on a farm on Cypress Creek, near Beaufortville, Jonathan had a son whose name was Nathan (1726-1803) who married Martha Albrighton (1726-1812).

Nathan and Martha Murray moved to Onslow County, near Rich Lands, and among their children was a son, Drury (born 1787) who married (1) Katherine Russell (1786-1827) and (2) Susan Champion (1795-1878) and he migrated to Sumter County, Georgia, where he died in 1852. Among their children was a son, John William Fullwood Murray (1833-1926) who married Aletha J. Parker (1842-1911) and lived in Sumter County, Georgia. They had a son, John William Murray (1871-1956) who married Rosa N. Wise (1880-1941) and lived in Sumter County, Georgia. Their daughter, Francis Aletha (Allie), (born 1905) married William E. Smith (1898-1940), and they are the parents of Mrs. Eleanor Rosalyn Carter (born August 18, 1927). Mrs. Smith is a widow and lives in Plains, Georgia.

Two More File For Commissioner



Snyder Franklin (Frank) Williams, 40, of Route 1, Wallace, filed Monday for the Duplin County Board of Commissioners, District 4. The District includes Rockfish and Island Creek Townships.

Williams, a graduate of N.C. State University, is a farmer in Rockfish Township, and a former bank employee in Wallace. He was the Duplin County Outstanding Young Farmer in 1970, and was named the County's Conservation Farm Family in 1977.

Williams received his ROTC commission while at NCSU and has held the position of commanding officer at Wallace and Beaufort units of the N.C. National Guard.

He is active in the Rockfish Community Club; Wallace Rotary Club; a former Wallace Jaycee; coached five years in the Wallace Little League Baseball program; Township ASCS Committee, Chairman; N.C. Cattlemen's Association; and a local director of the Bank of North Carolina.

Williams is married to the former Paula (Pat) Owen and they have one son, Franklin, a junior at Wallace-Pose Hill High

School. He is a member of the Oak Plain Presbyterian Church, where he is an elder, treasurer, and a Sunday School teacher.

In announcing his candidacy, Williams made this statement: "The people of Duplin County desire, demand, and deserve a constant improvement in the status of the county and its government. Being one who shares these same wishes, I feel that I can contribute to the well-being of our county by service as a county commissioner. By filing today, I offer the voters of Island Creek-Rockfish District #4 a choice in the Democratic Primary."



Dennis C. Smith, a resident of the Smith Township area, filed Monday for the upcoming election for the County Commissioner seat for the Second District. The District is comprised of the Smith, Alberson, Gileson and Worscrape Townships.

Dennis is a lifetime resident of Smith Township and engaged in farming. He is a member of Smith Presbyterian Church, and is chairman of the Board of Deacons. He is a member of the Beaufortville Masonic Lodge;

Sudan Temple and the Duplin County Shrine Club as well as Kinston Moose Lodge and Duplin County Farm Bureau.

He is married to the former Ruby L. Gray of Trenton. They have four children, Anthony, Lynn and Ciddy of the home, and Sheila S. Futrell of Route 1, Chingaplan.

In announcing his candidacy, Dennis stated, "As a farmer I am aware of the many problems which we face, especially the rising cost of producing our crops to sell. A farmer has to be a full-time business man to survive."

"Having children in both elementary and high school levels, I am concerned about the educational problems the County faces. Since my wife is a tax lister, I am aware of the large controversy that exists over the present tax burden to property owners. I think the voices of the people should be heard in deciding this issue. If elected, I would strive to represent the people of the Second District to the best of my ability," he added.

No Visitors

Guardian Care of Kenansville announced last week a "no visitors" to patients at its home. No visitors will be allowed until the present flu epidemic is over. It is anticipated this will be in effect until February 9th. Immediate members of the families of the critically ill patients will be permitted to restricted areas only.

PRESTAGE NAMED TO NATIONAL OFFICE

William H. (Bill) Prestage, of Carroll's of Warsaw, was elected secretary-treasurer of the National Turkey Federation at their recent annual convention held in Houston, Texas.

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