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## Road Requests Heard

Representatives of the North Carolina Department of Transportation heard road repair requests from 30 Duplin residents last Tuesday before announcing the state priorities for repairs.

The county has \$671,000 to spend on road improvement as a result of the passage of the highway bond issue November 8.

Garland Garrett, a member of

the state Board of Transportation, and Ted Funderburk, Division Engineer, both of Wilmington, listened to the requests and then explained that the decisions had already been made.

Lester Houston and Floyd Kennedy headed a group concerned with paving SR 1719. They have been working for two years to get the road paved, and previously had met with the

county commissioners, DOT officials in Clinton and in Wilmington, and with Garrett.

Although a new traffic count shows that the road is more heavily traveled than SR 1723, which is scheduled to be paved this year, Garrett said little could be done at this point.

"This priority system did not reflect a true picture in regards to these two roads, but if I were to change 1719, then it would only be fair to go and change back every road in the county," said Garrett.

Roads to be paved in Duplin include the following: .8 miles RR 1540 from 1539 to Lenoir County line (near Albertson); RR 1710 - 1.6 miles from 1711 to 241 and bridge; RR 1115 - .3 mile from Hwy 117 to 1114 north of Magnolia; RR 1373 - 1 mile from Hwy 117 to 1318 north of Faison; RR 1105 - 2.4 miles from 1104 to 1114 and bridge east of Magnolia. Total cost for the paving is \$315,000.

Roads to receive stabilization and widening, with a cost of \$175,000, were: SR 1153 - .5 mile from Hwy. 41 to deadend in Wallace; SR 1503 - 2.2 miles from 1501 to 1500 west of Faison; SR 1525 - 1 mile from 1502 to 152 west of Faison; SR 1126 - 1.9 miles from 1100 to 1102 east of Rose Hill.

With a \$194,000 budget, the state will widen and strengthen 5.1 miles of existing paved road 1003, Magnolia to 1101. \$33,400 was allocated for filling in holes in existing roads.

## Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

'Tain't No Fuel Like an Old Fuel

As a youngster, one of the things I hated to do was tote stove wood. In the first place, I had a hard time keeping it from falling out of my arms. I could stack the wood so high I could hardly lift it, and by the time I got to the wood box, I would have only a few pieces. . . Then I would frown up my face and tell Mama. . . I can't carry that old wood. . . But she would send me back to get more. . .

Never was so happy as when we first got a kerosene heater. It was no store-bought affair. . . It was an old tin heater made for burning wood, but the bottom of the heater was covered with sand, a copper tube was welded or fitted some way to the back of the heater with an opening into the firebox. . . A valve was placed on the tubing and kerosene was allowed to drip onto the sand and it was ignited. . . As I look back, I don't know why half the homes in Duplin County were not burned down, for there were a great many of this type heater. . . No carburetor. . . Just a valve. . .

Next we graduated to a durotherm oil heater — a store-bought beauty. . . A while later, a fan was added, and as the years went by, I have moved from oil, to gas, to electric heat. . . But I am now considering a step backwards. . . I still remember quite vividly standing by a wood heater or fire place and warming my backside and then turning for the front to be warmed. . . But wood heaters have changed. . . And so have homes. . . Dad had no insulation in the house he was trying to keep warm. . . The house was not underpinned. . . There were no storm windows. . . In fact, in some of the rooms there was only outside weather-boarding with no interior finishing. . .

Today homes are quite different. . . As I read the newspapers and listen to the news on radio and TV, I am made ever so aware of a coal strike. . . And I know that when the strike is settled, with the wage increases and other benefits added to the miners' paychecks. . . all of this will be passed on to the consumer, of which I am one. . . So I can expect my electric bill to go up and everything else vaguely related to coal. . . The price increases will be felt in practically every industry. . . And, these price increases are not absorbed by the industries. . . they are passed on to us, the consumer. . . So with next year's fuel threatened by price increases, I have been looking to other ways to lower or keep my heating bills the same. . .

I have seen some most remarkable wood-burning heaters and fireplace inserts. I have been told stories and shown figures that, in the beginning, were unbelievable. . . An all electric house using heat pumps and strip heating had electric bills of \$175 to \$200 a month. . . Old-timey new-fangled wood heaters were installed and this bill dropped to \$70-\$82 a month. . . That is a lot of money saved. . . I told the fellow, but you are cold. . . Not

so, says he. . . Prove it, I said, and away to his home we went. . . It was a two-story brick house with about 3,000 feet of living space. . . The home looked to be in the price range of around \$40 to \$50 thousand. . . I think to myself, to be sure he doesn't have old wood-heaters sticking around in this beautiful home. . . And sure enough, he didn't. . . He was using fireplace inserts. . . The brand-name was Buckstove. . . He had one downstairs and one upstairs. . . The unit had a fan to force the hot air out of the fireplace and into the room, moving it across an assortment of baffles. . . The thermostat of the disconnected heat pumps (Continued on Page 4)

## Chamber Orchestra To Present New Work In Concert Sunday Night

PIEDMONT CHAMBER ORCHESTRA will perform in Kenan Memorial Auditorium March 5 at 8 p.m. The Orchestra is conducted by Nicholas Harsanyi and will feature a variety of new works. The program is sponsored by the Tar Heel Fine Arts Society and James Sprunt Technical Institute.

In Kenan Memorial Auditorium Sunday, March 5, at 8 p.m., the 22-member Piedmont Chamber Orchestra will present a lively and diversified program conducted by Nicholas Harsanyi, under the sponsorship of the Tar Heel Fine Arts Society and James Sprunt Technical Institute.

The concert will offer a varied palette of sounds and styles and will include works for chamber orchestra, soloist, and a rarely heard piece for large chamber ensemble.

Opening the program will be the Divertimento by W.A. Mozart. Then nine members of the orchestra will play Ludwig Spohr's "Nonette" for winds and strings. This work was one of the most celebrated and popular chamber music works of the nineteenth century and it still continues to delight audiences. Because of its unusual combination of instruments, it is rarely heard today.

Sally Peck, the orchestra's principal violist, will be heard as soloist in the "Lyric Fantasies"

for viola and strings by Norman delo Jolo.

The Clarion Wind Quintet, which comprises the principal winds of the orchestra, will be heard in a new work dedicated to the program will conclude with a performance of the

"Variations and Fugue of a Theme by Handel" composed by Johannes Brahms. Originally written for piano, this work has been scored for chamber orchestra by the bassoonist of the Piedmont Chamber Orchestra, Mark Popkin.

the Piedmont Chamber Orchestra by the American composer William Presser.

The concert will be open to the public. There will be no admission and the public is cordially invited to attend.

## JK Chorus Sponsors Talent Show

The James Kenan High School Chorus, under the direction of Ms. Valerie McCoy, will sponsor a Talent Show on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. All students in grades 9-12 are eligible to participate, no matter what their talent may be. Interested students, bands, etc. are asked to contact Ms. McCoy, Choral Director of the James Kenan District, no later than March 10.

There will be three prizes given, \$25 for 1st, \$10 for 2nd and \$5 for 3rd prizes. The top three winners from the four high school talent shows in Duplin will exhibit their talent May 4 at the Duplin County Talent Show, to be held at 7:30 p.m. in

the Kenan Memorial Auditorium. The affair is sponsored by the Duplin County Arts Council and students will receive awards for their participation.

On March 21, 22 or 23, students who have signed up will be asked to demonstrate their talent to an audition committee made up of teachers. From these auditions, the best twenty acts will be chosen to perform in the JK Talent Show. The students will be informed of their date and time for audition.

"This will be James Kenan's first talent show. We are very excited about it and hope it will be a great success," said Ms. McCoy.



FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, DAVE SPRULL and TED HAIGLER all presented very helpful information for pork producers in Duplin at their meeting in Warsaw.

## Duplin Pork Producers Meet In Warsaw

By Bob Swain, Agricultural Extension Agent

Approximately 120 Duplin pork producers met at the Warsaw Fire Department for a barbecue supper and program that followed on Monday, February 20.

Dr. Dave Sprull, N.C. State University, presented information on hogs and how important it is that food is not wasted. He

stated that some feeders will waste from 5 - 10% of the feed that goes through them. This can increase the cost of producing hogs by from \$3 to \$6 per hog. He also gave a slide presentation on hog buildings. He emphasized the points of being able to keep the pigs warm, dry and separated from their waste.

Ted Haigler, Field Representative for Anheuser Laboratories,

presented information on drugs and disease control. He stated that erysipelas can be controlled very easily with a vaccination program. Erysipelas can be a real robber if not controlled.

Franklin Williams, a producer from Sampson County, told a few of the details of his 250 sow unit. He also emphasized the importance of keeping the pigs warm and dry and separated from their waste.

## Museum Of Art Day

Thursday, March 9th, is Museum of Art Day in the Duplin County schools. On that day the students are asked to bring small change to contribute to the building of an educational wing for the new North Carolina Museum of Art.

Mrs. Graham Phillips, Jr. of Warsaw is heading up the campaign in Duplin County to raise funds for the completion of the new wing. The new wing

construction thanks to a \$10.75 million appropriation from the General Assembly.

Though \$5 million is needed by the overall campaign fund of the Museum of Art, the N.C. Art Society, the supportive arm of the State Art Museum, has taken on the goal of raising \$1 million. Mrs. Phillips, the Arts Department of the Wallace Junior Women's Club, and Mrs. Cathy Lee of Warsaw are working to complete the Art Museum of Art. The new



Carl D. Pate, known as "Danny", son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Pate, Sr. of Beulaville, will begin his medical studies at the University of N.C. School of Medicine at Chapel Hill this August as a freshman. He was notified of his acceptance to the 1978-79 freshman class by Dr. William E. Bakewell, Jr., Dean of Admissions of the UNC School of Medicine. Danny was also accepted by the Bowman-Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University but has decided to attend medical school at Chapel Hill.

Danny is presently a senior at the UNC-CH and will receive his Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry this spring. During his four years of college, he has constantly been on the Dean's List and is a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the international premedical and predoctoral honor society. Danny is a lifelong resident of Beulaville where he has been very active. He is a member of the Beulaville Presbyterian Church and was a very active Scouter, having received the Eagle Award, God and Country and the Outstanding Young Man Award. Danny is a 1974 graduate of East Duplin High School, where he

participated in many school functions, quarterbacked the varsity football team, and was valedictorian of his senior class.

A medical career has been a long-time goal for Danny and upon completion of his medical studies, he plans to return to Duplin County as a family practice physician. Admission to medical school is very competitive in nature, as exemplified by the fact that UNC received close to 2,000 applications for the 160 places in the freshman class. The admissions committee of the UNC School of Medicine evaluates the individual qualifications of its applicants in an effort to select the candidates with the greatest potential for accomplishment in one of many careers open to medical school graduates.

The School of Medicine of the UNC-CH is a distinguished educational institution with a heritage of excellence, an exciting present, and a most promising future. It is situated squarely on the campus of one of the nation's leading institutions of higher learning. It is also associated with other professional schools in the health areas including the School of Public Health, Dentistry, Nursing and Pharmacy.

Danny has two sisters, Alice Anne Pate and Nan Pate of Beulaville. He is the grandson of Mrs. Phoebe Pate of Beulaville and Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Brinkley, Sr. of Teachey.

## National

## Nutrition Week

Dr. Alice Scott, R.D. will speak at B.F. Grady School Auditorium March 9 at 7:30 p.m. on an informative consumer-oriented program on Nutrition. The program is sponsored by Eastern District North Carolina Dietetic Association and Eastern Area Health Education Center.