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Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

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Lois Britt Named County Extension Service Chairman

Lois G. Britt was named Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service Chairman in a joint announcement by North Carolina State University and the Duplin County Board of Commissioners. The appointment is effective July 1, 1978.

Britt is the daughter of Mrs. Betty J. Britt and the late Perry L. Britt of the Scotts Store community. She is a Sunday School teacher in the Bethel United Methodist Church.

Britt received a Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Extension Workers in 1974. She has been active in various community organizations.

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SERVICE ABOVE SELF will be the motto for the Warsaw Kenansville Rotary Club this year according to H.C. Allen, middle, new president of the club. Allen is pointing to the new postcard which states the motto, as his wife, Thelma, right, and Lloyd Parker, left, look on. Other officers named for this year were John Weatherly, Vice President, Bill Sutton, Treasurer, and John A. Johnson, Secretary.

Duplin Towns Set 1978-79 Tax Rates

Most Duplin County town tax rates have been set at a level to provide the same amount of money as last year, but the county's rate was set to bring in \$500,000 more than last year.

The county's tax rate dropped from 99 cents per \$100 to 72 cents, but the lower rate is designed to bring in \$3,707,000 compared with the \$3,123,000 the 99-cent rate brought last year.

Waraw's new valuation is \$25,086,000 compared with \$18 million last year. Beulaville will set its tax rate Wednesday. Tentatively, the rate is 60 cents per \$100, compared with 75 cents last year.

Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

The Town of Warsaw is apparently finding a free building is not exactly free. They have topped every town in the county as tax increases go, and have joined Rose Hill in having a tax rate higher than the county. Means years ago, my Dad told me that when I paid cash for a used auto, I had only paid the down payment, but it would constantly need gasoline, tires, oil, repairs, insurance, etc. So Warsaw's new administration building and new garage, though paid for by federal funds, needs new furniture, new machines, new tools, air conditioning, heat, and such. Although every taxpayer in the United States has had a hand in building these two buildings, only the taxpayers in Warsaw will have their palms greased. Fighting Warsaw's tax increase over their required population, the increase will be \$7 for every man, woman, and child. This means a family of four will have an increase of \$28. Fighting for more pay with the same taxes, the increase amounts to \$18 for every man, woman, and child, in the family of four just an increase of \$72. These folks in Warsaw have a combined net income of \$100. This is not the tax, but the increase. To break even this year, we are going to need \$7 more.

Thursday night, the City of Wallace set its 1978-79 tax rate at 59 cents to bring in \$230,000, the same amount as last year's 75-cent rate brought. The total budget, at \$1.5 million, required transfer of savings to be balanced. The total expenditure would exceed normal income by \$234,481 except for the inclusion of the savings reserve. The new Wallace assessed valuation is \$41,210,576 compared with \$27,093,638 in 1977.

Rose Hill's budget shows a decrease of \$800 from last year. The new budget is \$369,810, compared with \$369,910 last year. The new 75 cents per \$100 tax rate is designed to bring in the same amount from taxpayers as the \$1 rate did a year ago. The city's new property value is \$11,853,397 compared with \$8.5 million last year. Rose Hill employees will receive a 5 percent pay increase.

Faison's budget increased to \$360,557 from \$238,579 because of funds appropriated for a waste treatment plant the town has been planning for several years. The 1978-79 tax rate was set at 57 cents, compared with 70 cents a year ago. The reappraisal set the town's property value, not including utilities, at \$11,502,295 compared with \$9,353,547 last year.

Ingram To Attend Opening Night Of Liberty Cart

County. He will be at THE LIBERTY CART dinner beginning at 6:30 Thursday and afterwards will attend the pageant. Friday morning a coffee will be held in the Agriculture Building for Ingram from 9:30 to 9:30. The public is encouraged to support their pageant and to talk with John Ingram.

Also expected to attend the festivities will be Sara Hodgkins, N.C. Secretary of Cultural Resources; Mary Regan, N.C. Arts Council Director; Judy Barringer, Director, N.C. Theatre Arts Council; Bill Bales, Associate Director, N.C. Theatre Arts Council; playwright Kenneth Abernethy; composer/scenarist Benjamin Kaskin; Mark Connor, Executive Director of the Institute of Garden Design; and Miss Katherine of the Institute of Garden Design.

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Breakins Investigated

The Sheriff's Department is investigating four cases of breaking and entering that occurred over the weekend. O'Berry Raynor of Route 2, Wallace, reported a radio, camera, quilt, pillow case and a box of cookies were stolen from his home while he was away. John Allen Williams of Chinquaspin reported a \$50 tape player was taken from his auto while it was parked at Guilford East.



ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR - John A. Johnson, left, received the Warsaw-Kenansville "Rotarian of the Year" award Thursday night at the club's annual Ladies Night held at The Country Squire. Jimmy Strickland, last year's winner, presented the award to Johnson saying, "He is an old-fashioned person — believing in God and Country and helping others, putting service above self."

Food Stamp Changes To Eliminate Higher Income, Serve More Poor

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland has proposed food stamp reforms to eliminate over one million participants with the highest incomes to make the program more accessible to several million poor not currently participating — especially the elderly and working poor. Families owning luxury cars could be made ineligible for food stamps, and persons convicted of food stamp fraud would be disqualified for up to two years. Some students would be dropped from the program, while others would have to sign up for work half-time to get food stamps.

The proposed changes would implement reform food stamp legislation passed by Congress last year. "We expect the changes to be of particular benefit to the elderly and working poor," Secretary Bergland said. "More elderly and low-income working families will now be able to participate and improve their nutrition." The Secretary said the new law and the proposed regulations were designed to "strike a fair balance" in food aid to the needy. "The changes would assure that those with the highest income — those not significantly in need of food stamps — would no longer qualify, while we do a better job of reaching those who truly are in need," Secretary Bergland said.

The department plans to issue additional proposed rules to implement remaining provisions of the new food stamp law in coming months. Issuance of the proposed regulations follows 17 public hearings conducted by the department last fall in urban and rural communities across the country to assure public input into the rule-making process. The department plans to issue additional proposed rules to implement remaining provisions of the new food stamp law in coming months.

New Doctor To Open Office July 12

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New Schedule For Kenansville Town Hall

Effective July 1, the Kenansville Town Hall will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday. This change to a 40-hour schedule was set by the Kenansville Town Board in order to better serve the people of Kenansville.