

James Kenan Chorus Sponsors Talent Show

The James Kenan Talent Show will be held Friday night, March 23 beginning at 8 p.m. in the Gym.

This will be James Kenan's second talent show, and plans are for it to be an annual event. The James Kenan Chorus, under the direction of Ms. Valerie McCoy, will again be the sponsor.

Rules are simple and direct: No one may participate for judging and prizes except students from James Kenan, Grades 10-12, E.E. Smith Junior High Grade 9, and Warsaw Junior High Grade 9. Students may sing, dance, act out skits, do comedy routines, play an instrument, etc. Last year's show was a great success, and it is hoped this year's will be even better. Advance tickets will be \$1.50 and sold by chorus members. Tickets at the door will be \$2.

Prizes will be cash with first place - \$20, second place - \$10, and third place - \$5.

The winners of the James Kenan Talent Show will compete in Kenansville at the Talent Showcase to be held in Kenan Memorial Auditorium April 26th. The top 3 winners from each high

school in the county will perform their winning number. This event is sponsored by the Duplin County Arts Council.

Interested students are asked to contact Ms. McCoy and put their name on the list. Names and an idea of your talent must be turned in by Monday, February 12th.

Students wanting to participate must audition before a committee formed to screen numbers. The best fifteen acts will be chosen to participate. Audition dates are February 20, 21, and 22.

You are urged to contact Ms. McCoy now and start working on your act.

Duplin Chapter Semi-Annual Red Cross Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the Duplin County Chapter of the American Red Cross was held in Kenansville Thursday afternoon, January 25 in the O.P. Johnson Education Building.

Mrs. W.M. Ingram, chapter chairperson, called the meeting to order and presided. She welcomed those present for braving the cold, windy weather to come out, and thanked them for their interest and cooperation.

The opening prayer was made by the Rev. J.C. Stokes, Jr., pastor of the Kenansville United Methodist Parish.

After the secretary, Mrs. N.B. Boney, read the minutes of the annual meeting held last June, the treasurer, G. Harold Rose gave his report.

The 1978 Fund Campaign report was given by the Rev. Troy D. Mullis, who paid special tribute to Mrs. Irene A. Carr for the fine work her division did. They were each presented Certificates of Appreciation from the chapter by Mrs. Ingram.

Other reports heard were Youth Activities, Safety Services, Services to Military Families, and Volunteer Services to Camps and Hospitals.

Hiram Brinson received his re-authorization as a CPR instructor, and Pamela Thomas Edwards as a water safety instructor.

Prior to adjournment, Chris Rowe of Greenville was introduced by Mrs. Boney, and discussed the Tidewater Bloodmobile Program.

The Rev. Edward Adams of the Potters Hill Christian Advent Church closed the meeting with prayer.

CAROLINA TELEPHONE ANNOUNCES \$87.7 MILLION PROGRAM

Carolina Telephone announced its construction and expansion budget for 1979 this week.

Locally, major expenditures by the company for outside plant facilities and central office equipment will include \$392,000 for Wallace, \$56,100 for Warsaw, \$92,100 for Beulaville, \$73,000 for Faison, and \$17,000 for Rose Hill.

Southern Farm Show

The Southern Farm Show will be held in Raleigh, February 1-3 at the State Fairgrounds. The show will include exhibits of the latest farm equipment of all kinds. Show hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Admission is free.

Seminars will be held daily

starting at 8 a.m. Seminars will be conducted at the Scott Building on agricultural chemicals, swine housing, tobacco farming, irrigation, tax changes, and other subjects. Also, a Farm Credit program will be presented each day at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Jim Graham Building.

Duplin Divorce And Marriage Trends Compared

John A. Johnson, Clerk of Superior Court, and Christine W. Williams, Register of Deeds, have noted that the trend toward fewer marriages and more divorces that is existing throughout our country has come to Duplin County.

They note that the number of marriages in the county rose steadily from 84 in 1875

to a peak of 352 in 1971, and that since then the number has been gradually decreasing to 283 in 1978.

A check on the number of divorces granted in 1875 showed no divorces for that year. The record shows that in 1925 there were 12 divorces and that the number per year has steadily increased to the 136 granted by the Duplin Courts in 1978.



Secretary; and Richard Harrell, Vice President. The above 1979 officers were installed by Representative Doug Clark during the annual meeting on Friday night. Not pictured: Joey Quinn, Director.

Johnson Installed As President Kenansville Chamber Annual Meeting

Ray Johnson, Vice President of the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce, was installed as President of the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce during the annual meeting held Friday night at the Washington Building in Kenansville.

Richard Harrell, Treasurer, Earl Stroud, Executive Secretary, Carolyn Hall, and Directors, Ray Johnson, Richard Harrell, Earl Stroud, Ray Bell, Joey Quinn, and George Williams.

Representative Doug Clark installed the 1979 officers and directors of the Kenansville Chamber.

North Carolina is probably the most attractive state to industry with the possible exception of Texas," stated Cohick.

Cohick also said that Kenansville, for its size, is one of the most progressive of any towns in the state. "Jobs are the bottom line. What we are trying to do is create jobs in North Carolina," continued Cohick.

Rivenbark Presented Silver Beaver Award

Carl Rivenbark of the Scott's Store community was one of three recipients of the Silver Beaver Award. The awards were presented at the Treasurer Council Annual

Recognition Banquet last Monday night. The Silver Beaver is the highest award that can be presented by a council.

Kenansville submits first entry for state. (L to R) Woody Brinson, Coordinator for the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce, presented the first Official Entry Form for the Governor's Community of Excellence Award Program to Larry Cohick, Executive Director for

Economic Development Division, N.C. Department of Commerce, during the second annual Kenansville Area CC meeting held last Friday night. The program is similar to the Governor's Award Program that Kenansville won in 1975.

Tax Listing Deadline Feb. 3

Frank Moore, Duplin County Tax Supervisor, reports that the tax listing period for 1979 was extended through Saturday, February 3rd, and that all township list takers will close their books at 12 o'clock noon on that date. While listing activity has been good in all townships, it is reported that there are many persons and businesses throughout the county that have not yet listed. We urge all citizens to list their property before the deadline listing property is required by state law, and listing after the deadline

subjects the taxpayer to a 10% penalty. Intentional failure to list property or attempts to conceal property from tax listing can result in a fine of up to \$500.

Duplin FFA Federation

The Duplin County FFA Federation met Thursday, January 18, at James Kenan High School. Schools present at the meeting were: E.E. Smith Chapter, East Duplin Chapter, James Kenan Chapter, and Wallace-Rose Hill Chapter. The North Duplin Chapter was not represented.

Federation officers outlined 1978-79 Face-to-Face FFA contests which will take place this school year. On February 27, the Duplin FFA Federation members will be participating in the following FFA contests: Creed, Public Speaking, Quizzet, and FFA Sweetheart. These contests are open to any members enrolled in vocational agriculture in Duplin County public schools.

The officers also outlined FFA chapter activities for observing "National FFA Week" February 17-24. The

Selected To Boxing Team

James Obed Smith, born in Magnolia, now residing in Philadelphia, Pa., was named to a United States Boxing Team to compete in Maryland, England and Denmark, January 27 through February 1. The team, sponsored by the American Athletic Union, will be coached by Gene Robinson

Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Smith, Sr. of Magnolia, recently completed his three-year term of duty with the United States Army. While in the Army, he was stationed in West Germany, where he enrolled in a boxing club with a record of 10 wins and 1 loss, and one draw.



Attending the Short Course - Oliver W. (Wendy) Eaves of Rains, I. Warsaw, is attending a Short Course in Modern Farming at North Carolina State University January 29 through February 9. The program covers broad areas of interest to agricultural leaders and specific commodity information. Sponsored by the N.C. Farmers' Association and conducted by the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences at NCSU, 2,047 young North Carolinians involved in agriculture have received scholarships

provided by the hometown banks since the Short Course began in 1953. Connie Kay Banker Philip Kravich, Jr., Senior Vice President of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, announced that banks in this area sponsoring young farmers sent to Raleigh for the Short Course with all expenses paid by the banks are: Branch Banking and Trust Company; Southern Bank and Trust Company; First Citizens Bank and Trust Company; Bank of North Carolina, N.A.; and Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company.