

Make-Up Days Set

By Joe Lanier

Make-up days for the time lost Monday and Tuesday because of icy roads were established by the Duplin County Board of Education at its meeting Tuesday night. The Board also adopted a calendar for the 1979-80 school year.

The lost time will be made up on April 3 (which was a teacher work day) and April 13 (which was Easter Friday holiday).

The 1979-80 calendar, proposed by a committee composed of Grace Carlton and Mary Lee Jones of Warsaw, calls for orientation day on August 31st, and the first day of classes September 4th. October 30 will be a student holiday, as will November 8 and 9. The first grading period will end November 7.

November 22 and 23 will be Thanksgiving vacation, and Christmas vacation will begin December 21 with school resuming January 2. The second grading period will end January 25, and high school examinations will be given January 23-25.

January 28 and 29, and April 2 and 3 will be student

holidays because of teacher work schedules. The third grading period will end April 1, and April 4 and 7 will be Easter holidays. High school examinations will be given June 4-6, with June 6th scheduled as the final day of school.

H.P. Honeycutt, assistant superintendent in charge of buildings, said W.C. Elliott of Warsaw had agreed to put up \$250 as a deposit to insure

proper clean-up of the grounds after moving the former agricultural building from the Warsaw Junior High School grounds. Elliott will have 90 days from March 1st to move the structure which he plans to use as a utility building, and to clean up the grounds.

The Board agreed to meet to study some preliminary budget reports and to compile results of a questionnaire concerning a possible

change in the system of selection of board members. The questionnaires were sent out to parents of school children. When results are ascertained, they will be forwarded to the Duplin County Democratic Party Executive Committee for review and possible action. There has been some support indicated for having members elected by district instead of at-large.

Group Organized To Promote N.C. 24 Improvements

By Joe Lanier

An organization to promote development of N.C. 24 between Fayetteville and its junction with U.S. 70 west of Morehead City developed from a meeting held in Kenansville Thursday.

Arliss Albertson of Beaulieu, a former county commissioner, was named the chairman of the group.

The group plans to have an executive committee with representatives from each county as members. Carl Landis is the Sampson representative, and Gene Taylor the Onslow member. Candidates for the committee are being sought from Cumberland and Carteret, the other counties involved.

Albertson said Friday that the group has not set any specific goals. This will be done after the executive committee can meet, he said. The organization should include business and industrial leaders, representatives of the military from Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune, and elected town and county officials, he added.

A general meeting is planned before April 22 since the state Department of Transportation has scheduled area public meetings shortly afterward. "We want to have some input in the new seven-year highway development plan," Albertson said.

Representative Doug Clark of Kenansville said he believes development of the

highway can be divided into eight projects, one of which should be placed on the next 7-year road plan. He suggested the initial recommendation should be for a segment from Clinton to the proposed I-40 connector.

Clark, in a statement to the group, said, "No improvements are planned for N.C. 24 during the next 7-year program except from Jacksonville to State Road 1001 in Onslow County."

A project study for the road's improvement between Kenansville and Fayetteville was made in 1970, but nothing more was done.

The highway spans 93 miles, passing through Clinton, Turkey, Warsaw, Kenansville, Beaulieu, and Richlands before reaching Jacksonville. From Jacksonville, it passes Camp Lejeune, Hubert, and Swansboro before joining U.S. 70 west of Morehead City.

Liberty Cart Brochures Ready

The brochures promoting THE LIBERTY CART for 1979 have been printed and are being distributed locally as activities for the coming summer season begin to increase. Randolph Umberger's exciting outdoor drama will play June 29 - August 5, each Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening for a total of 23 performances in the William R. Kenan Memorial Amphitheatre in Kenansville.

Rich Boyd, general manager of THE LIBERTY CART, said that some 50,000 brochures will be distributed across the state and in other tourist supported areas outside North Carolina. "Our audience is still within a hundred mile radius, and this is where we will concentrate our distribution and

promotion," Boyd continued. "The best publicity is still word of mouth, and we need the assistance of the people of Duplin County. They can be our best spokesmen by promoting THE LIBERTY CART and Duplin County as they travel to other areas. We will be happy to provide brochures for them to distribute."

The 1979 brochures are larger than in the past, and they also promote the Liberty Tour which was so successful during the 1978 season. This tour includes a visit to some of the historic houses and buildings in Kenansville including Liberty Hall, ancestral home of the Kenan family, a steak dinner at The Country Squire, and a performance of THE LIBERTY CART.

The New Christy Minstrels

Concert March 9 In Kenansville

The third in a series of four concerts sponsored by the Duplin County Tarheel Fine Arts Society is scheduled for Friday, March 9 at 8 p.m. in Kenan Auditorium in Kenansville.

Who are the New Christy Minstrels? The concept from which the New Christy Minstrels came about was originated 137 years ago by Edwin "Pop" Christy when he formed a traveling group called Christy Minstrels.

The group would generate new excitement in performance with the harmony and variety of a folk group. For 50 years the 'Christy Minstrels' entertained throughout the United States and the world as the most popular minstrel-variety

show in existence. During the 1850's 'Pop' Christy became good friends with a promising young song writer named Stephen Foster. It was through Christy's Minstrels, without the benefit of modern multi-media exposure, that Stephen Foster's music became popular.

As late as 1917, 'The Christy Minstrel Show' was performing on Broadway as the longest running show in the history of show business. It was so successful that it was enough to find an old Christy program, check for the names of Eddie Cantor and Al Jolson. That's where they started! The 'Christy Minstrels' disbanded in 1921, but folk music did not die with them. In the late 1950's,

people once again began to listen to the earthy, rich and traditional music of America. Minstrels became popular and in 1961 The New Christy Minstrels performed their first show in Los Angeles.

In the time that has followed, The New Christy Minstrels have toured the world and have rekindled the demand for good group performance of new and old folk songs. Now in their 17th year, the Minstrels still perform at such exclusive schools - from the White House to college campuses, from major auditoriums to friendly gatherings of music lovers.

Holders of tickets to the Tarheel Fine Arts concert series are reminded of this

concert, March 9, and the last concert in the series, An Evening With Rogers and Hammerstein, April 10th. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

Supplies Available For Summer Rec

The Duplin County Council will have funds available to purchase art supplies for summer recreation programs in Duplin County. Because of the 1978-79 Grassroots Art Program, recreation departments can apply directly to

the Duplin Arts Council for such items as easels, canvases, drawing paper and pencils, wooden sticks, glue, tempera paint and paintbrushes for the 1979 summer recreation programs.

Interested recreation projects should submit a detailed list of supply needs to the Arts Council no later than March 15. There is a budget limit of \$100 for each town for the supplies. Organizations receiving supplies will be expected to file a narrative report and photographs with the Arts Council following the summer projects. By this action, the Board of Directors hopes to encourage recreation departments to sponsor local art shows to raise their own funds for art supplies for future summer programs.

Hunters Win Over Trappers

By Joe Lanier

A resolution opposing State House Bill 302, which would eliminate all local wildlife regulations and replace the varied laws applying only to specific counties with general state statutes, will be sent to Duplin Representative Doug Clark by the Board of Commissioners. The Board approved the resolution at its meeting last Tuesday with 125 hunters and trappers filling the meeting room in the Agricultural Building.

Hunters won over trappers for the third time as the Board voted 3-2 to urge retention of the local law barring use of leg-holding traps in Duplin County. Favoring retention were Commissioners D.J. Fussell, W.J. Conlin, and Frank Williams. Voting against were Commissioners Calvin Turner and Alan Nethercutt.

Hunters have continued leg-holding traps and the traditional steel traps with sharp teeth also destroy the hunting dogs. Nethercutt said, "I voted against this law because I'm tired of people telling me what I can and cannot do on my own

land."

The Board's recommendation on the trapping regulation will also be submitted to Representative Clark.

The Board also voted to urge retention of the local act which only allows taking of foxes with dogs.

In other action, the Board responded to the appeal of David Underhill of the sanitation department for additional help. The Board agreed to hire a mechanic at \$779 a month paid by the county; two chain saw operators at \$601 per month, paid two-thirds by the State and one-third by the county, and to transfer a CETA worker to the program.

Underhill said he had lost six CETA employees recently and because of lack of personnel and the large amount of solid waste, his department could not keep the waste containers emptied.

Alan Nethercutt, was named as the Board's representative on the county fire commission to succeed W.J. Hoffer. Other members are Rex Hill, Fire Chief Clayton Herring, and Public Representative Franklin Quinn of Kenansville.

The Board also agreed to

ask Representative Clark to sponsor a local bill abolishing the post of Coroner, noting the position has been inactive.

Hiring of J. Michael Moore, a NCSU senior, as assistant extension agricultural agent for tobacco

starting in mid-May, was approved. The county's share of his salary will be \$5,500 per year. Moore is a native of Jones County and worked in the tobacco program in Columbus County last summer.

Herring Professorship Fund Established



said: "In recognition of Dallas Herring's distinguished and lasting contributions to lifelong learning in North Carolina, his friends throughout the state have established a Dallas Herring Professorship in Community College Education at NCSU to express their esteem, admiration and affection for him."

Rudolph Pate, vice chancellor for foundations and university relations at NCSU, said a dinner honoring Herring with the establishment of the professorship will be held March 23 at the University's McKinnon Center. Governor Hunt will be the principal speaker.

During Herring's chairmanship of the State Board of Education, educational achievements included the following: 1. The community college and technical institutes system was established. 2. A statewide curriculum study was made. 3. The state's public kindergarten system was started. 4. The citizen council concept for public school improvement was developed. 5. Advocacy for quality instruction and management in educational institutions was advanced.

Those wishing to contribute to the professorship may do so through the Dallas Herring Professorship Fund, North Carolina State University, Education Department, Box 5067, Raleigh, N.C.

A campaign has started to establish a Dallas Herring Professorship in Community College Education at North Carolina State University in honor of the man who served as chairman of the State Board of Education from 1967 to 1977.

Top state officials have endorsed the endowment and Mayor Wayne A. Corpening of Winston-Salem is heading a statewide committee to raise at least \$100,000.

Former Governors James H. Holshouser, Jr., Robert W. Scott, Dan K. Moore and Terry Sanford and representatives of the 57 community colleges and technical institutions are members of the committee.

Corpening, a member of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors,

Quinn Variety Store Burglarized

The Quinn Variety Store in Kenansville was broken into sometime between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. Wednesday.

The door and frame were pried loose so the burglars could gain entry. Investigating officers said a rifle, two shotguns, four clubs, two flashlight batteries, two watches, and a flashlight, with a total value of about \$1,200 were taken. They said a crew for work near the store had been called in to

remove from the wall on the building.

WALLACE SHOOTING

A 22-year-old Wallace man was seriously injured when he was shot in the neck Monday afternoon in a grocery store parking lot.

John Sorrells, III, was shot in the neck in the parking lot of the Hurrey Up store on Highway 117 north.

Wesley Allen Stallings of Wallace was charged



NEW WEATHER REPORTING EQUIPMENT - Duplin County has received some new agricultural weather reporting equipment. The equipment is part of a state-wide system which will increase the accuracy of present weather forecasting. Shown installing the equipment is, left to right, C. M. Outlaw, weather observer; Lee Baruck, NCSU; Delia E. Jonck, Assistant Agricultural

Extension Agent; and Lela G. Britt, Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service. Outlaw, of Route 2, Warsaw, will report to the National Agricultural Weather Network (NAWNO) computer in Washington, D.C. on a daily basis. He will report high and low temperatures, rainfall, and present weather conditions.