

Whitley Announces Minority Council Members For Congress

Congressman Charlie Whitley has announced the formation of his Advisory Council for Minority Affairs for the 96th Congress. The Council was initially created by Whitley early in 1977 and consists of at least one minority representative from each of the nine counties in the third congressional district.

Whitley stressed that while he encourages all individuals to contact him in person, by mail or other means, the Council serves, on occasion, as a channel for individuals seeking to communicate with him. He also noted that visits to churches, civic groups and other organizations do not always lend themselves to the type of frank and informal discussion of specific public issues which is desirable.

Whitley said that the purpose of the Council is to provide a forum and mechanization for him to meet regularly with persons from the black community within his district to have an exchange of information, views and concerns. The Council meets with the Congressman once each calendar quarter at a central location.

For the two-year term of the 96th Congress, Duplin County will be represented on the Council by Mrs. Margaret T. Kenan.

A social worker for the Duplin County Department of Social Services, Mrs. Kenan is a graduate of N.C. Central University. Active in local civic affairs, she is an active member of the Duplin County Democratic Party and Secretary of the Third District Democratic Black Leadership Caucus. Married to Thurman Kenan of Teachey, they have two children: Mrs. Kenan and her husband are members of the First Baptist Church in Teachey.

She succeeds Windsor Johnson, who was Duplin County's representative during the 95th Congress.

In addition to the official representative of each county, Dr. O.R. Stovall of Goldsboro, is an ex officio member by virtue of his position as Chairman of the Third Congressional District Black Caucus, a political organization.

"The Advisory Council for Minority Affairs was very helpful to me during the last Congress," Whitley stated, "and I believe it was an effective vehicle for insuring that I had a continuing dialogue with the black community. We had some lively discussions and we sometimes found ourselves in disagreement, but invariably we all felt that keeping good channels of communications was well worth the effort."

James Kenan Talent Show March 23

The J.K. Chorus will sponsor their 2nd annual Talent Show Friday, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m. It will be held in the gym and is under the direction of Ms. Valerie McCoy. Everyone is urged to attend and observe the talent in our schools. Advance tickets are on sale now by Swing Choir members for \$1.50. The tickets will be \$2 at the door.

The Talent Show Selection Committee was made up of five James Kenan professionals: Betty Abbott, Sandra Brinson, Billy Byrd, Valerie McCoy and Ester Teachey. They chose 12 acts to perform. There will also be a group of community square dancers for your entertainment. The James Kenan Swing Choir will perform but will not be in competition.

This year's Master of Ceremonies will be Billy Knowles of Warsaw. He is one of our leading JC's and has agreed to do this for us. Our judges this year will

be Mrs. Billy Byrd, Miss Mary West, Mrs. Denise Garner, Miss Patsy McCoy and William Fennell. Good luck to them — they have a

hard decision ahead of them. Come out for an evening of entertainment and fun. We think you will enjoy what we have planned for you.

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SOFTBALL FOR MAGNOLIA

All persons from the Magnolia area interested in participating in softball are urged to come by the municipal building between the hours of 8 a.m. - 12 noon, and 1-5 p.m., Monday through Friday from now until April 7 and sign up. If you wish to play, coach or work in any capacity, sign up NOW.

WARSAW LITTLE LEAGUE TRYOUTS

Warsaw Little League Tryouts will be held Saturday

morning at 10 o'clock, March 24th at Taylor Field. Any boy or girl 9-12 is invited to try out. They must be 9 by July 31st.

CHERRY BLOSSOM COURT

Sara Whitley of Mount Olive, daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Charles O. Whitley, will be a member of the 1979 North Carolina Cherry Blossom Court on April 2-7 in Washington, D.C.

The annual Cherry Blossom Festival is sponsored by the National Conference of State Societies.

FOUR-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST was held Monday, March 12. Fourteen 4-H'ers entered the contest. Presiding and presenting the awards was Ann Parrish, left, temporary 4-H agent. Junior winners, left to right, were AJ Worthington, Youth-In-Action, runner-up, and Todd Bowden, Cloverlets, winner. Senior winners were

Danetta Moore, Stanford, winner and Jacquelyn Moore, Stanford, runner-up. Winners in each division received an engraved trophy courtesy of Coastal Production Credit Association and will represent Duplin County in District competition in June.

Construction Of Water System To Get Underway In Greenevers

Construction of a \$578,459 municipal water system is expected to get underway soon after groundbreaking ceremonies held Saturday in Greenevers.

Congressman Charlie D. Whitley and Dr. John R. Larkins, a special assistant to Governor Hunt, were on hand Saturday to deliver remarks at the ceremonies at the recently incorporated town of 500.

Arthur Campbell, area coordinator of the Farmers Home Administration was the featured speaker.

According to Mayor Alex Brown, approximately 200 residences and 750-800 people can be served by the system, which can be further upgraded to double the pumping capacity.

Engineer Tyndall Lewis of McDavid and Associates, Farmville, said planning for the project started two years ago.

Three construction contracts have been let for the elevated water tank, wells and distribution lines

for the gravity-flow system. Herring-Riverbark, Inc. of Kinston won the \$252,164 distribution lines contract, while E.L. Register and Son of Rose Hill picked up the well-drilling job worth \$124,985.

Brown Steel contractors of Newnan, Ga. will erect the elevated tank which will hold 75,000 gallons of water to feed the system. The

tank contract is for \$134,400. Sixty-five thousand feet of water main will be laid to carry the water to customers.

Lewis said the project was undertaken to combat the contamination and undersupply of private wells in Greenevers and to provide a basis for a planned housing project.

The water project is

funded by a \$228,800 FmHA grant, a \$160,000 FmHA loan, a \$431,327 state Clear Water grant, and a \$58,332 community development grant from the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

In addition, the Department of Housing and Urban Development has authorized an \$11,625 grant to

help low-income families to place connecting lines to the water mains at no cost.

Lewis said the funds should underwrite the costs of tapping into the system for 75-100 families.

Greenevers received technical assistance from the Housing Assistance Council Inc., a Washington-based non-profit organization, in planning and developing the project.

Warsaw Music Teacher Awarded Recognition

Mrs. Nell B. Middleton has again achieved professional recognition by the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) as a teacher of piano. She was recommended by the N.C. MTNA on the basis of outstanding achievement and high professional standards.

in the field of music pedagogy. This includes musical competence, teaching preparation and successful teaching experiences.

The MTNA Certification plan, adopted in 1967, is a national standard for the evaluation and recognition of qualified independent music

teachers. Continuing education, performance, and professional involvement are significant features of this certification program.

MTNA was founded in 1876 and was the first professional music association in the United States. It has a membership of over 16,500, representing music teachers in studios, conservatories, music schools, private schools and institutions of higher learning. The primary goal is to raise the level of musical performance, understanding and teaching in America.

Faison Man Killed In Shooting

Robert Roosevelt Kelly, 32, of Faison, was charged in the shooting death of Sheppard Ray Darden, 42, also of Faison. Kelly was charged with manslaughter and released under \$1,000 bond.

Deputy Glenn Jernigan stated the shooting occurred Sunday at the Darden residence on Rural Road 1284. Jernigan stated Kelly was allegedly "carelessly playing with the weapon."

Darden suffered a 22 bullet wound of the chest and was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.



STAFF HONORED - The Duplin County agricultural extension staff honored at a Raleigh conference includes, left to right, Robert W. Swain, S.B. Wilson, Chairman Lois

Britt, Mrs. Judy Wallace, Mrs. Mae E. Spicer and Mrs. Debra E. Joneck. (N.C. State University Photo)

County Agricultural Extension Staff Receives Award

The Duplin County staff of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service has been recognized for exceptional service.

Duplin Extension Chairman Lois Britt accepted the "performance award" at the

annual statewide conference of extension workers in Raleigh last week.

Epsilon Sigma Phi, the professional extension fraternity, selects one county in each of the state's seven extension districts for recognition each year. The winners are chosen on the basis of overall performance of the entire county staff and its spirit of teamwork and cooperation.

Duplin is a member of the 13-county Southeastern District.

Members of the Duplin extension agency staff, in addition to Britt, were Mrs. Debra E. Joneck, Mrs. Judy Wallace, S.B. Wilson, Chairman Lois Britt, and Mrs. Mae E. Spicer.