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Remodeled Courthouse Re-Dedicated April 9

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners announced Wednesday that the Criminal Courtroom in the newly remodeled courthouse will be re-dedicated on Monday, April 9 at 10 a.m. The Honorable Judge Henry L. Stevens, III will be the presiding judge. The public is invited to attend.

The commissioners are planning Open House on Sunday, May 6th for the new jail and newly remodeled courthouse and annex addition.

The jail was completed at a cost of \$690,500. The major part of the money to construct the building was Federal Revenue Shating in the amount of \$540,891. Court facility fees paid \$148,444 and the county general fund, \$1,165. The new jail houses the Sheriff's department, central communications, emergency services (civil preparedness, ambulance and fire), magistrates office and jail facilities for 40 inmates.

The construction and remodeling work on the courthouse is expected to cost \$800,000. A major portion of

this project is also federally funded under Local Public Works in the amount of \$603,000. The county general fund is expecting to have \$191,192 invested, and court facility fees, \$5,808. The courthouse now houses the

county commissioners, county manager, personnel, mail room, adult probation, board of elections, district attorney, criminal courtroom, clerk of court, register of deeds, arts council, tax supervisor, veteran service officer, tax collector, housekeeping, civil courtroom, juvenile court counseling service, county accountant, law library and the criminal and civil judges' chambers.

Carolina Seniors To Be At James Kenan

The Kenansville Jaycees are pleased to announce that the seniors from UNC's ACC Champions will play at James Kenan Gym on April 19th at 7:30 p.m.

The Tarheels will be led by Dudley Bradley, "The Secretary of Defense." Bradley, a 6 ft. 6 in. forward from Edgewood, Md., was the winner of the Everett Case award as the MVP in the ACC tournament.

The other seniors off this year's Carolina team are Ged Doughton and Randy Weil. Doughton, a fiery point guard, was a valuable member of this year's team. His outside shooting was important as he filled in as a starter for Dave Colescott. Randy Weil, a native of the island of Curacao, is a fine athlete. He ran in the 100-yard dash in the Olympics and played an important role as a reserve on the championship team. The rest of the team will be composed of alumni of UNC who have played in the past.

The opponents for the Tarheels will be a team composed of area coaches and former players in the area. Already committed to play are: Ray Respass (ex UNC star), Butch Budd (East Duplin), John Graham (ED), William Frederick (ED), John Barrow (JK), Billy Byrd (JK), Fred Burroughs (W-RH), Stan Gelbhaar (JSI)



Dudley Bradley

and Curt Favior. It should be fun for people to see how these coaches and players stack up against these current college stars.

Tickets for the game will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. Proceeds will go to the Jaycee projects

and also to the James Kenan Athletic Department. Ticket sales will begin next week, and distribution places in each town will be set up then. Contact a Jaycee about this event for more information, or watch your paper next week for an update.

Duplin Leads N.C. In Farm Income

Duplin retained its large lead in agricultural income over other North Carolina counties last year with total farm product sales of \$207.1 million, according to an extension service report released last Monday.

The total was a record for the county, topping its

previous record by \$23 million. However, extension officials were quick to point out the increase over previous years came largely from inflation. They indicated inflation more than made up for the increase from the previous record set in 1975.

Weather conditions reduced marketings from the county in 1976 and 1977. Total agricultural sales were \$164.5 million in 1976 and \$157.4 million in 1977.

Sales of poultry and poultry products accounted for just over half the total for 1978, according to Snodie Wilson, agricultural extension agent in charge of poultry. Duplin has long been the leading poultry-producing county of the state. In 1977, poultry sales brought \$104 million to the county.

Tobacco brought \$34 million of the \$50.6 million ascribed to field crops in

1978. Farmers sold 25.56 million pounds of tobacco for an average of \$1.33 per lb., according to Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service records.

Horticultural crops brought a 300% increase in 1978 over 1977. Among horticultural crop returns for 1978 were \$2.8 million for squash, \$2.6 million for peppers, \$3.5 million for greens, \$2 million for sweet potatoes and \$2.3 million for pickling and fresh market cucumbers. Among other horticultural crops produced were egg plants, green beans, blueberries and sweet corn.

In the livestock area, Agricultural Agent Robert Swain reported swine brought \$1 million, an increase of \$6 million over 1977, due entirely to higher prices as fewer hogs were produced.

Corn production was valued at \$11.7 million and soybean output at \$5 million in 1978.

Correction Unit Inmate Escapes

An 18-year-old New Bern man escaped Saturday morning from the prison unit near Kenansville, and had not been recaptured at press time.

Prison employees spotted the day Saturday searching for Roger Lee Weatherup, who was serving a 2-year sentence for larceny.

Sgt. James Kiser of the Correction Department said Weatherup escaped through a tunnel about 100 feet from the

been separated from the other prisoners, and as Kisser was escorting him to take a shower, Weatherup broke away and ran, he said. Kisser said there were no locked doors between the shower room and the outside. His escape did not involve any weapons or force, and Kisser said he is not considered dangerous. When Sgt. Weatherup was spotted in the prison area, he was taken to the

EGG PRODUCER - Roland James of House 3, Wallace, has been in the egg business 19 months. James has two layer houses with a total of 80,000 layers. The layers produce 35 to 40 cases of eggs per week, with 30 cases close to the case. James said he could tend the layers by himself but

his wife and daughter help out. The layers eat 16 tons of feed per week and are under contract to FCX of Wallace. Anyone thinking of getting into the egg business will need around \$4.50 to \$5.00 per bird to build their houses.

Duplin Top N.C. County In Poultry Production

April is Poultry and Egg Month in North Carolina. The poultry industry is North Carolina's largest food industry and Duplin County is the leading poultry producing county in the state. Last year the total income from the poultry industry was \$104 million in Duplin County and almost \$200 million in the state.

In Duplin County egg industry produced 7.4 million dozen commercial eggs during 1978 for a gross income of \$4.4 million. Broiler hatching eggs brought in \$4.9 million from 5.7 million dozen eggs. Income from turkey hatching eggs was \$2.5 million and 600,000 dozen eggs.

The Tar Heel egg industry

produced 3.1 billion eggs (257 million dozen) in 1978 from an average of 12.7 million layers. Egg production in 1979 is expected to increase about 3 percent over 1978. The farm value of 1978 egg production was \$160 million and included eggs for the commercial shell egg market, 12 percent market eggs, 10 percent hatchery eggs, 10 percent for processing, 10 percent for table eggs, 10 percent for incubation, 10 percent for research, 10 percent for other uses.

It is estimated that 185 million dozen were for commercial use and 72 million dozen for hatching use. Of the 185 million dozen for commercial use, 135 million dozen (1.62 billion eggs) were used by N.C. consumers and 50 million dozen (600 million eggs) moved into out-of-state markets, primarily in the Northeast. Out-of-state shipments, account-

ing for more than one-fourth of production, were sufficient to supply the needs of 2.2 million out-of-state consumers.

The number of eggs produced in North Carolina in just one week would be more than enough to lay a row of eggs end-to-end at the rate of one egg for each 3 inches of space to cover the distance all the way across the United States from Manito on the Atlantic to Los Angeles, Cal. Yes, Tar Heel layers work day and night to lay down this large supply of high quality food.

The feed industry, hatchery industry, equipment manufacturers, transportation industry, packaging materials industry, drug

industry and other benefit tremendously from the North Carolina egg industry. Feed used by the state's egg industry in 1978 amounted to 1.2 billion pounds (600,000 tons).

Most commercial eggs produced in North Carolina are also processed in the state. Approximately \$4 million was paid to workers in North Carolina egg processing plants in 1978. The egg industry paid approximately \$6 million for cartons, cases and other packaging materials used during the year.

The cost of moving eggs from farm to processing plant and on to retail food stores, restaurants, schools, hospitals and other users amounted to more than \$6 million in 1978.

Tax Deadline Extended

Revenue officials of the N.C. Department of Revenue advise that all tax returns required to be filed with the department on April 15 will be accepted as timely-filed returns if they are filed no later than Tuesday, April 17. This is because April 15 is on Sunday, and Easter Monday on April 16.

Personnel will be available on Tuesday of each week through April 17 and on the 16 of April to assist in filing state income and intangibles tax returns.

The Kenansville office is located on South Courthouse Square, and assistance is available between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

G. Harold Ross, local revenue officer, requests that taxpayers bring the pre-addressed forms which were mailed to them from Raleigh. Taxpayers filing their own returns, should mail those which indicate a refund to N.C. Department of Revenue, P.O. Box R, Raleigh, NC 27634. Other completed returns should be mailed to N.C. Dept. of Revenue, P.O. Box 25000, Raleigh, NC 27640.

Hwy 24 Supporters Meet In Clinton

Supporters of the N. C. Highway 24 Improvement voted to incorporate under the name of N. C. Highway 24 Committee, Inc. at a meeting held in Clinton Thursday night.

Counties and towns through which N.C. 24 extends from Cumberland to Carteret will be asked to pay dues to finance the committee's efforts on the basis of the number of miles of highway involved and their population. Dues are estimated to average about \$100 for counties and \$50 for towns. Businesses and industries desiring to be members can expect to pay dues of \$25 to \$50.

The primary goal of the committee is to work for general improvements of N.C. 24 from Fayetteville to the coast at Morehead City and Beaufort. The highway spans 144 miles through the counties of Cumberland, Sampson, Duplin, Onslow

and Carteret and is a main artery between Fort Bragg, Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point military bases.

The committee is working with Regions M and P Council of Governments which serve the counties in obtaining socio-economic statistics for the N.C. 24 corridor. This information will be used to prepare presentations at the N.C. Department of Transportation public hearings to be held in May in a bid for highway improvement support from the N.C. Department of transportation.

GUNS STOLEN IN WALLACE

A Wallace man reported last Tuesday that \$1,554 worth of guns and ammunition were stolen from the gun cabinet at his home. He told the Sheriff's Department the thief gained entry through a back door.

Rogers And Hammerstein Concert Scheduled For April 10

The final in a series of four concerts sponsored by the Duplin County Technical Fine Arts Society is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10 at 8 p.m. in the Kenan Auditorium in Kenansville.

The two composers have contributed as much to the American musical theater as have Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein. From their first Broadway show "Oklahoma" through their final collaboration, "The Sound of Music," these two

great talents have provided us with some of the finest music ever written for the stage. And now, for the first time, you can enjoy an evening of selections from their great hits in "An Evening with Rodgers and Hammerstein."

Hailed by the critics as a production "guaranteed to make you laugh, weep, and say 'so-so,'" "An Evening with Rodgers and Hammerstein" features one of the most talented and finest

performers to be found anywhere. These six singer-actors are backed up by two actors who portray Rodgers and Hammerstein and three musicians. The production, staged against a background of signatures from the various productions represented in this evening of music and theatre, evolves around an informal narrative in which the composer (Rodgers) and the lyricist (Hammerstein) tell about the creation of their best efforts.

Some of the highlights in "An Evening with Rodgers and Hammerstein" include a rich rendition of "It Might As Well Be Spring" (from "State Fair"), the hauntingly beautiful "You'll Never Walk Alone" from "Carousel."

HOLDERS of tickets to the Larhee Fine Arts concert series are reminded of the concert Tuesday, April 10. There will be no ticket sales at this time.