

Ralph Cottle Named County Manager

Ralph Cottle was named Duplin County Manager Monday at the Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Franklin Williams made the motion to hire Cottle as the new manager for Duplin County. Commissioners Calvin Turner, Allen Nethercutt and Williams voted in favor of the motion and D.J. Fussell abstained. Cottle's starting salary will be \$23,500 a year. Personnel director's duties will be included in the county manager position. Cottle is personnel director at Reeves Brothers in Kenansville. The changes in the county government will be effective June 15. The Board also approved a job description change. Previously the purchasing agent duty was included in the County Manager job description. The Board voted Monday to include this position as part of the county accountant's job, and the accountant title was changed to Finance Officer. Russell Tucker is the county accountant. Leland Grady, tax collector, advised the Board his office had mailed 118 wage garnishments for 1978 taxes. Grady said he planned to send out more this week. The Board will hold a public hearing on the 1979-80 budget on June 14th.

Albertson Named Industrial Chairman



Arless Albertson, president of the Duplin Outdoor Drama Society, Inc., and Winifred Wells, 1979 Membership Chairman, announced that Arless Albertson of Beulaville will serve as Industrial Chairman for the 1979 Membership Drive of the Duplin Outdoor Drama Society, Inc. In making the announcement, Mrs. Wells said, "We are delighted that Arless Albertson will be a part of our team as we launch our membership drive. THE LIBERTY CART is important to all the people of Duplin County. Arless is well-known throughout the county, having served as chairman of the county commissioners. He will be contacting the various industries in the area soliciting their support so that we can keep THE LIBERTY CART rolling in 1979. In accepting the chairmanship, Albertson said, "I believe in THE LIBERTY CART and the impact it can have on this area. I know all of the businesses and industries in Duplin County will want to participate in the membership drive as they know that an attraction like THE LIBERTY CART is a plus in attracting new industry and new people into the area. I look forward to serving as the Industrial Membership Chairman."

Duplin General Receives Recognition

As an accredited hospital, Duplin General Hospital has received special recognition from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals in observance of National Hospital Week, May 6-12. In an open letter of commendation, John E. Affeldt, M.D., President of the Joint Commission, stated: "The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals extends special appreciation to this hospital for the quality of health care provided to its patients. Its voluntary efforts to improve the quality of health care while mindful of the need to contain health care costs are to be applauded. The achievement of accreditation is evidence of success in complying with national standards of excellence. It signifies a voluntary commitment to maintain a high quality of patient care. By attaining accreditation, this hospital has demonstrated its accountability to the patients and community it serves." The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals is a private, not-for-profit organization that sets standards for and surveys health and health-related facilities and services. In addition to its program for hospitals, the JCAH also conducts accreditation programs for long term care facilities, psychiatric facilities and mental health services, ambulatory health care organizations, and services for mentally retarded and other developmentally disabled persons.

NCCOC Names Council Chairmen

Eight program councils are being established to carry out the program of work of the New Eastern N.C. Chamber of Commerce. It was announced by R.W. (Woody) Harrison, Jr., president of the organization. In making the announcement, Harrison announced the appointment of 16 members of the Board of Directors who will serve as chairmen and vice-chairmen of the eight program councils. "Each council already has a nucleus of men and women appointed to serve and each has been through its first meeting in the establishment of program goals," Harrison reported. He said more people will be added to the councils during the next few months as the organization becomes fully established. Named to the Community Development Council from this area was Paul A. Brewer of Warsaw.

COURTHOUSE RIBBON CUTTING

Christine W. Williams, Register of Deeds, cuts the ribbon officially reopening the newly remodeled Courthouse and Annex Addition. The ribbon-cutting and Open House was held Sunday. Pictured, left to right, front row, Commissioner

Open House Held At New Jail & Courthouse

Open House for the new Duplin County Jail and the newly remodeled Duplin County Courthouse and Annex Addition was held Sunday. William Costin, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, gave the welcome to the large crowd attending the ribbon-cutting ceremonies. S. Franklin Williams, vice chairman of the commissioners, gave recognition to special guests attending. Commissioner Calvin Turner presented Senator Harold Hardison an award on behalf of the Board for his assistance in securing federal funds. T. J. (Tommy) Baker was also recognized for his assistance to the county during his term in the House of Representatives. Commissioner Allen Nethercutt presented Maintenance Supervisor Willard Quinn an award for his outstanding service to the county. John Anderson Johnson, Clerk of Superior Court, gave the prayer of dedication, and Christine W. Williams, Register of Deeds, cut the ribbon to the Courthouse. Sheriff Elwood Reveille cut the ribbon officially opening the new jail.

William Costin, Ms. Williams, John A. Johnson, Clerk of Superior Court, and Commissioner D. J. Fussell. Back Row, left to right, Commissioners Franklin Williams, Calvin Turner and Allen Nethercutt.



RIBBON CUTTING AT JAIL - Sheriff Elwood Reveille, right, cut the ribbon opening the new jail. Commissioner William J. Costin looks on.

NAACP Seeking Changes In Duplin School System

The Duplin County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People wants special emphasis placed on low achievers in Duplin schools. About 30 members of the organization appeared before the Board of Education meeting last week with requests they said would improve educational opportunities for low achievers. The group was particularly concerned about the percentage of black 11th-graders who failed the competency tests last fall. R.E. Wilkins, chairman of the group's membership committee, said that in the math test, 35 percent of the black students failed the test compared to 7 percent of the white students. In reading, 25 percent of the black students failed, compared with 5 percent of the whites. "We, the black people, feel this is a too-high percentage of failure," Wilkins said. He told the board that after meeting with children, parents and ministers, the chapter has concluded "the children are not failing altogether due to a lack of interest on their part in learning nor in the lack of the parents' interest for their children to learn. We feel that much of the blame is on the system." The requests include: a summer enrichment program for children in grades one through six June 18 through Aug. 17, three days a week; a biracial advisory board to supervise the hiring of all school personnel; smaller classrooms; five home consultants, three of whom would be black, to strengthen communication between the students and the parents, and more black teachers. In its requests, the chapter stipulated that it wanted two of the biracial advisory board members to be black. The school board, in response, suggested that a committee consisting of board members, teachers, principals and NAACP members be organized within 10 days to discuss the requests.

National Hospital Week Liberty Cart Receives Grant

THE LIBERTY CART has been awarded a grant from the N.C. Theatre Arts to assist in promotional activities for the 1979 season. In announcing the award, Judy Barringer, Director of NCTA said, "We are pleased with the development and growth of THE LIBERTY CART during the 1978 season and we believe this new funding will further aid in seeking new audiences." THE LIBERTY CART saw a substantial increase in attendance in 1978. Rich Boyd, General Manager, said, "The success we had last season is a result of the community working together and a coordinated advertising and promotion program. This grant will help us to do even better in 1979." THE LIBERTY CART is presently conducting its membership drive for the 1979 season which opens July 29 and continues thru August 5. For additional information call 296-0721 or write THE LIBERTY CART, Box 470, Kenansville, NC 28549.

A nationwide campaign to contain health care costs will be the focus of activities at Duplin General Hospital May 6 to 12 as that institution observes National Hospital Week. The campaign is called the Voluntary Effort to Contain Health Care Costs and Duplin General Hospital joins 6,400 hospitals around the country during National Hospital Week to call attention to the Voluntary Effort to Contain Health Care Costs. "If we are to succeed in holding down the cost of care, everyone must participate. You can ask your doctor how you can keep hospital stays as brief as possible. You can take non-emergency problems to your personal physician instead of to the hospital emergency department. And finally, you can take better care of yourself and minimize your need for medical services," Harrell concluded.

Liberty Festival Plans Underway For Pink Hill

Plans are underway for the 4th annual Liberty Festival in Pink Hill June 20th. Festivities are Liberty Festival Brochure with maps and schedule of events along with history and other facts written by James W. Hester and distributed free several weeks before the festival begins all at the festival site. This year the events will be increased with a more of facts about the festival and more entertainment. Former Governor Robert Scott has accepted an invitation to ride in the parade and will make a speech later in the day (June 30). The events will include the parade, softball tournament, children's games, adult games, shows, craft-art-cade, historical exhibits, street sales and displays, souvenir stands and booths, fireworks display, antique car show and Tyndall Farm Museum display. The committee includes Chairman Mary Smith; Co-chairman Pat Keeler, Secretary Lynda W. Stroud, Treasurer W.A. Avery, Programs and Brochure, Bob Hood and Betty Ford; Children's Games, Mary Ann Boyd and Pam McLaughlin; Adult Games, Mike and Jennie Wood; Food and Concessions, Sue Stroud; Flea-market and Car Show, Wilbur Tyndall; Parade, Betty Hester; Entertainment, Pat Keeler; General Arrangements, Goshen Stroud; Dis-



RECEIVES GRANT - THE LIBERTY CART received a grant Thursday to assist in promotional activities for the 1979 season. The grant was presented by James W. Hester, Director of Duplin, Duplin Drama Society, Inc., and Judy Barringer, Director of North Carolina Theatre Arts and Bill Bates, Assistant Director.