

Over \$10,000 In Contributions For 1979

Arts Fund Drive A Success

Regina Whaley, executive director of the Duplin County Arts Council, announced that the \$10,000 goal in the 1979 Arts Fund drive is now reached and surpassed. The campaign was coordinated in

February by chairmen in 14 areas, with numerous workers assisting in the schools and communities.

This year's theme, "The Arts—Invest Now...Collect Forever" was carried out

statewide. The DCAC received a community arts award of excellence from the N.C. Association of Arts Councils in Durham May 10th for creative use of the Fund Drive tool kit. Brochures, posters, membership cards and buttons were attractively coordinated to catch the eyes of young and old alike.

On behalf of the fund drive

chairmen, workers and board of directors of the DCAC, Miss Whaley expressed sincere appreciation to all who contributed. "Because of the success of the Fund Drive, the Arts Council can continue to serve the educational cultural needs of the county with high quality arts programming," said Miss Whaley.

Two Join Extension Staff

The Duplin County Agricultural Extension Services added two staff members recently.

J. Michael Moore will specialize in tobacco and corn work. He graduated this year from NCSU with a bachelor's degree in agronomy. Moore is a native of Jones County.

Eddie Emory, a native of Newport, is a summer intern who is acting as a pilot pickle cucumber pest control management scout. The program is being sponsored by

the state, Duplin County and the Madison County firm which manufactures Smuckers pickles. He said about 300 acres of pickling cucumbers are covered in the Warsaw-Rose Hill-Teachey-Greenevers and Albertson area. He will check the fields periodically for insects to determine if pest treatment is needed. The program should lead to reduction in use of chemicals, he said. Emory is a senior at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

EPA Grant Approved For Kenansville

Kenansville Mayor Douglas Judge received notification May 17th that Kenansville has been approved for a grant of \$11,888 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. It will be used in conjunction with a Clean Water Bond grant of \$1,981 and a local share of \$1,981 to prepare a facilities plan for proposed waste treatment facilities improvements. The total plan cost will be \$15,850.

According to the Mayor, this will enable the town to keep up with its rapid growth. He stated that the present waste treatment system which was completed in 1972 is already at a level of capacity that was projected for 1995. When the plan is

applied, the areas of the town not presently served will be able to have service. Preparation of the facilities plan will be performed by McDavid Associates, Inc., of Farmville and Goldsboro. Administration will be by Woody Brinson, Town Administrator, with the Kenansville Planning Board serving at the citizen advisory committee for the project.

THEIVES TAKE CLOTHING FROM RIVENBARK'S DISCOUNT STORE. Theft of \$2,426 worth of clothing from Rivenbark's Discount Store, Route 3, Wallace, was reported to the Sheriff's Department last week by Eugene Rivenbark, store owner.

B.F. Grady Beta Induction

The B.F. Grady chapter of the National Junior Beta Club held its spring induction May 11th. President Tommy Jones called the meeting to order and explained the purposes of the organization. Teresa Davenport gave the devotion.

Principal Cecil Beaman offered the pledge to the candidates and commended

the current members for their service to the school. He challenged the new members to uphold the club purposes.

The officers led the group in a candlelight service by lighting the four candles symbolizing inspiration, achievement, leadership and character. From the master light, a flame was passed from member to member, uniting the Betas into a special camaraderie. Afterwards, they formed a recessional from the stage.

The new inductees are Thomas Stroud, Jr., Barbara Martin, Mike Lindsay, Valerie Harper, Ginger Lewis, Sophie Lee, Melissa Bell, Bobby Kennedy, Felicia Highsmith and Joan Holmes. Other members are President Tommy Jones, Vice-President June Waters, Secretary Lisa Wilkins, Treasurer Wendy Harper, Beverly Summerlin, Teresa Davenport, Brian Smith, RaeLene Young, Angie Lee, Camille Grady and Monty Wallace. Mrs. Janice B. Grady is the club sponsor.

following comment about choosing Kenansville. "We visited Kenansville last year, saw THE LIBERTY CART and liked the town very much. We were looking for a nice small town in which to set up a practice." Saas plans opening his office in the Worthington Building June 4th. Pictured (L to R), Johnson, Saas and his wife Barbara and their seven-week old son, Matthew.

Melvin Williams Elected Democratic Chariman

Melvin Williams of Smith Township was elected chairman of the Duplin County Democratic Party at the 1979 county convention held Saturday, May 19, at the courthouse in Kenansville. Delegates chose Williams by a vote of 165 to 59 over Arliss Albertson of Beaulieu. Williams has served as the party secretary under three previous chairmen, and is well known for his civic and religious activities in the county. The convention also

selected the following officers to serve two-year terms: Dovie Penney of Wallace as first vice chairman; Dan Robinson of Wallace as second vice chairman; Minnie Rhodes of Rose Hill as third vice chairman; Ruby Blackmore of Warsaw as secretary; and Max Offerman of Wallace as treasurer. W.E. Craft of Kenansville and Kenneth Turner of Rose Hill were elected to serve with Williams on the state executive committee. Following the election of

Jennifer Miller Awarded Reynolds Scholarship

The Duplin County Health Department announces that beginning July 1st, individuals requesting Family Planning services will be charged a fee based on a sliding scale determined by family size and income. However, all individuals eligible for a third party reimbursement such as Medicaid and Title XX programs will not be required to pay for services offered.

Due to regulations set by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Family Planning Programs are required to charge fees

in order to be in compliance with Federal Health Services Funding Regulations. At the present time, Federal, State and Local funds are providing for existing services in Family Planning Clinics. In order to expand the services and to maintain the high level quality of health care, a fee must be collected from patients to cover costs of services expansion. Any patient requesting more information is encouraged to contact the Family Planning Clinic at Duplin County Health Department at 290-0441.

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Board Delays Action On Industrial Man

Faced by opposition from the Municipal Association, the Board of Commissioners Monday took no action on a proposed appointment.

The Duplin Municipal Association last week voted 18-1 to oppose the rumored appointment of Lee Capps of the Neuse River Council of Governments as Duplin Industrial Development Commissioner. The Board received a letter to this effect Monday from Tom Phillips of Wallace, secretary of the association.

Also expressing the association's opposition to the rumored appointment were Magnolia Mayor Melvin Pope and Kenansville Mayor Douglas Judge. Pope said, "The association urges you not to hire Capps as industrial man, the reason being we haven't received services from him while he's been with the Council of Governments." Harry Oswald of Wallace, development commission chairman, said he planned to present a name to the Board for consideration for the position, but he did not say who he would present. The Board of Commis-

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sioners went into executive session with Oswald and industrial member C.W. Surratt of Rose Hill.

After the executive session, W. J. Costin of Warsaw, chairman of the Board, said "a name was presented to the Board, but no action was taken on the proposal."

Commissioner S. Franklin Williams asked for and obtained from the Board a resolution to be presented to the N.C. Board of Transportation public hearing at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Clinton City Hall. The resolution called for installation of a traffic light or a turning lane at the junction of U.S. 117 and SR 1150. The state road leads to the Wallace-Rose Hill High School on the east side of the highway and to the town of Teachey on the west side.

Williams pointed out that traffic backs up at the intersection during the morning and afternoon rush hours when the school buses are in movement and many students are driving their own cars. Tax Supervisor Frank Moore reported a 4% or 36 million increase in assessed valuation from seven townships — Wolfskraep,

Glisson, Albertson, Smith, Rockfish, Rose Hill and Magnolia — since last year. He said \$2.5 million of this increase was in Rose Hill.

County Extension Chairman Lois Britt reported her office can now conduct soil tests locally to determine the acidity level or pH factor of soils instead of having to send the samples to the state laboratory in Raleigh. This has been made possible through a state pilot program to determine feasibility of allowing extension offices to conduct the simpler soil testing procedures.

While sitting as a board of equalization and review, the board adjusted the taxes of a property owner who found she had been paying taxes on 45 acres that did not exist.

Mrs. Margaret Wolfe said she had inherited a piece of property on which the deed described 45 acres that did not exist. She discovered this when she had the property surveyed. The board agreed to rebate the amount of the tax on the 45 acres during the last three years. By law, the board is only able to make adjustments for the three preceding years.



NEW DENTIST FOR KENANSVILLE - (L to R) Ray Johnson, president of the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce, welcoming Frank Saas, D.D.S. and family to Kenansville on behalf of the Chamber and area residents last Friday. Saas, 28, is a graduate of Emory University School of Dentistry in Atlanta and has two years' experience with the U.S. Navy Dental Corps. He made the

Barbecue Dinner Fundraiser For New Wallace Gym

May 24th will be an important day for Wallace as it will be the day of the first fundraiser to build a new gymnasium. The dinner will be held at the Community Center from 6-9 p.m. The dinner is being sponsored by the "Build a New Gym" committee and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company. Tickets are \$2.50 and may be obtained from

Marine Given 3 Life Sentences

James Edward McKee, Jr., 25, a Camp Lejeune-based Marine, pleaded guilty to second degree murder, armed robbery and aggravated kidnapping Monday in Superior Court in Kenansville. McKee received a life

County Road Closing

The Division of Highways of the NCDOT will close Miller Road (Secondary Road 1112) to through traffic for approximately 6 weeks according to Division Engineer Ted Funderburk. The road is located 4 miles southwest of Warsaw, and will be closed from May 21 to June 29, in order the maintenance crews may replace a bridge over Rock Hill Creek with a drainage pipe. Local traffic will use alternate routes.

Open House

Congressman Charlie Whitely will be the featured speaker at the Four County Medical Center Open House on Sunday, June 3. The Open House will be held from 3-5 p.m. at the Marietta facility.

Essay Contest and Poster Contest winners will be announced and prizes awarded. In keeping with the policy of expanding the area of what is going on at Four County Medical Center, the board of directors usually invites the public to visit the center and meet the staff. The ladies of the community will serve refreshments. Several state programs and regulations have indicated they will extend

the areas of the town not presently served will be able to have service. Preparation of the facilities plan will be performed by McDavid Associates, Inc., of Farmville and Goldsboro. Administration will be by Woody Brinson, Town Administrator, with the Kenansville Planning Board serving at the citizen advisory committee for the project.