

Duplin Schools To Graduate 624 Students June 8

The Duplin County Board of Education announces the graduation of 624 students from the four county high schools.

Commencement exercises for each of the schools — East Duplin, North Duplin, James Kenan and Wallace-Rose Hill — will be June 8 at 9 p.m.

East Duplin will graduate 235 seniors at their exercises on the school's football field. Speaking at the ceremony will be Gloria Rose Brown, valedictorian, and Randy L. Cruse, salutatorian of the graduating class.

North Duplin will present 82 graduating seniors at their exercises. Speaking at the exercises will be the valedictorian, Rhonda Setton and the salutatorian, Debra Pehill of the graduating class.

James Kenan will graduate 172 seniors in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium. Valedictorian Robin Stroud and salutatorian Joel Quinn of the graduating class will be the speakers at the exercises.

Wallace-Rose Hill will present 135 graduating seniors at their exercises in the school gymnasium. Valedictorian Ross Towell and salutatorian Bray Bowman will be speaking at the exercises.

The future plans of the graduating seniors include immediate employment, service in the U.S. Armed Forces, and entry into a technical institute, two-year college or a four-year college.

Reports from high school guidance counselors indicate there are 233 seeking full-time employment, 45 entering the armed service, 192 planning to attend technical institutes or 2-year colleges, and 158 planning to enter a four-year college.



Pictured left to right: East Duplin Automotive Instructor, Donald Grady; Students, Joe Marshburn and Wesley Taylor; Wallace-Rose Hill Automotive Instructor, Jerry Grady; Assistant Superintendent of Duplin County Public Schools, Lloyd Stevens; James Sprunt Institute Automotive Instructors, Doug Carr and Dick Fry; and James Sprunt Institute Director of Vocational/Technical Education, Jesse Outlaw.

Duplin Deputy Williams Suspended Faces Larceny Charges

By Joe Lanier

A Duplin County Deputy Sheriff was charged with two counts of larceny last Tuesday night by agents of the State Bureau of Investigation.

A complaint was filed against George F. Williams, 34, of Route 1, Wallace on May 10 by R. J. (Buck) Whaley and his wife, Geneva, owners and operators of Whaley's Furniture & Appliance, Inc., 3 miles northeast of Wallace on NC 11.

After Sheriff Elwood Revelle conducted a preliminary investigation, he suspended Williams with pay, pending a formal investigation. The SBI sent agents from other areas of the state to conduct the probe. Sheriff Revelle said he called the agency to insure that the rights of all parties concerned were protected.

The complaint claims Williams took a radio power booster from Whaley's store on May 5 and a bracket for the power booster on May 9.

Trial has been set for June 6 in District Court.

Revelle said Williams will remain suspended until the matter is resolved. Williams is free on his own recognizance.

Faison Market News Office Opens This Week

A regional, federal-state market news office opened in Faison the week of May 28th. The office will report information on marketing vegetables sold through the Faison Auction Market and eastern North Carolina including spring Irish potatoes in southeastern North Carolina.

The office, sponsored by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and the USDA has operated for five consecutive years.

Prices and market information will be available 24 hours a day by recorder telephones at both Faison and Elizabeth City. The Faison number for the recorder market are 267-9211 and 267-5331.

A mailed market report will be offered twice a week. Persons interested in this report may get on the mailing list by contacting the Market News Office, Division of Markets, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N.C. 27611. The phone number is 733-7252 in Raleigh.

Stevens Retires From Board Of Education

Lloyd B. Stevens, assistant superintendent serving as director of vocational education and director of pupil personnel services is retiring July 1.

"I have high hopes for the future of education in Duplin County," Stevens said. "I am convinced the future of Duplin County depends on its educational system. Education is more critical today than it has ever been," he said. "The more technical a society becomes, the more its citizens need a good education," Stevens explained.

As assistant superintendent, Stevens established drafting courses in the senior high schools and pre-vocational programs in the junior highs. He also worked to establish the Extended Day School at the E.C. Smith Junior High in Kenansville.

"The pre-vocational programs help students develop health attitude toward working," Stevens said. "The Extended Day School is an alternative for high school drop-outs who do not want to attend a technical or vocational institute. There are over 100 students enrolled in E.D.S.," Stevens said.

After June 1, Stevens will be part of the staff of the State Board of Education.

County Honored By National Association Of Counties

Duplin County has been honored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) for the Duplin County Articulation Project.

The county was named a 1979 achievement award winner by NACo President James Sprunt.

In making the announcement, Williams congratulated the achievement award counties for their "special sensitivity to citizen needs and their efforts to strengthen county government."

She explained that achievement award case studies "are distributed by NACo to other counties to serve as examples of innovative programs."

The NACo is the spokesman for county government. The nation's counties represent approximately 98% of the United States' population. County achievement awards will be presented at the annual conference in Kansas City, Mo., July 14-18.

Members of the Board of Commissioners, Board of Education, and Board of Trustees of James Sprunt Institute cooperatively supported this multi-agency project involving public schools, higher education, the business community and the general public. As a result of the Articulation Project between the county public school system and James Sprunt, there have been 225 high school students, 30 enrolled in two or more courses at JSI.

On March 4, 1971, the N.C. State Board of Education issued its policy supporting articulation. That policy was incorporated into the N.C. Administrative Code on January 5, 1978 under Title 16. The project was started September 1978 and completed July 1978.

This project was initiated as a joint effort of JSI and the public schools of the county. Under the supervision of Tom Hall, former Assistant Dean at JSI, and Lloyd Stevens, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Carlyle P. Woelfel was selected to design and direct the total articulation process. Outlaw, Director of Vocational/Technical Programs, has been serving as the supervisor.

Seminary Street Project Approved

According to Kenansville Town Administrator Woody Brinson, the Seminary Street drainage improvement project has finally received Federal Department of Transportation approval to advertise for bids.

This proposed project will consist of curbing, guttering, widening and flagging of Seminary from Lodge to Cooper Street. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$55,000 with the Federal DOT providing approximately \$40,000 of the cost. The balance will be provided through General Revenue, Sharing Funds and Powell Bill Gasoline Tax Funds.

Also, because of the volume of traffic on Seminary due to county buildings, the county commissioners will be requested to fund part of the local share.

Mayor Douglas Judge stated that the project was started in July 1975. The Seminary Street project that was submitted, it has been a long process, stated Judge. He went on to state that without the constant follow up of Brinson, this project would never have gotten where it is today.

Also, originally the Federal share was not to exceed \$22,750, but now Kenansville will receive at least \$40,000 in Federal funds due to the cooperative effort of NCDOT officials working with the town to overcome the Federal regulations.

Liberty Run Planned

The Liberty Run, a 10,000 meter (6.2 miles) Marathon will be held in Kenansville on Sunday afternoon, July 1, beginning at 5 p.m. In announcing the run, Charles Sharpe, Kenansville Jaycee President, who will sponsor the run with assistance from THE LIBERTY CART, said "Marathon runs have become popular and this is an opportunity for the Jaycees to further serve the community because proceeds go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation."

The Liberty Run will begin at the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Memorial Amphitheatre. The course will follow a well-marked route with marshals stationed throughout the course. Water and other drinks, as well as emergency medical personnel, will be provided at the appropriate intervals. The race will end in the area starting point. The decision of race officials will be final.

The awards ceremony will be held in the Kenan Amphitheatre. Trophies will be awarded the first place finishers in the men's and women's divisions. Medallions will be awarded the first and second place finishers in each age category, both men and women. Overall winners will not be eligible for prizes in other categories, which are: 18 and under; 19-35; and 35 and over.

Mark Vinson, chairman of The Liberty Run, said that all entrants will receive official Liberty Run T-shirts, and all race finishers will receive a complimentary admission to THE LIBERTY CART, outdoor drama. Advance registration is \$3.50 (before June 15) After June 15, registration is \$5. For additional information, write P.O. Box 490, Kenansville, NC 28349.

Barbara Guy Elected Fine Arts President

Mrs. Barbara Guy of Faison was elected 1979-80 President of the Tar Heel Fine Arts Society at a meeting held Wednesday, May 26th at the Rose Hill Restaurant. Mrs. Guy has served as vice president of the concert series during the past year and has been active in many other civic activities. She is the wife of L.S. Guy and they have three children, Nicki, Ellis and Candace.

Other officers elected were: Vice President, Melvin Williams of Pink Hill; Secretary, Mrs. Willard Fussell of Teachey; and Treasurer, Mrs. Violet Phillips of Kenansville.

Mrs. Mildred Turner of Pink Hill and Ben Eisenberg of Wescov were elected as non-members of the board of directors.

Whitley's Mobile Office In Duplin

Congressman Charlie Whitley's Third District Mobile Office will be visiting Duplin County on Wednesday, June 6th. It will make stops at the following times and locations:

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the Post Office, Greensboro

11 a.m. - 12 noon at the Town Hall, Greensboro

Rodney Knowles of the Congressman's staff will be manning the mobile office and will be available to anyone having matters that they wish to bring to the attention of the Congressman. All mobile office appointments are subject to availability weather conditions and other factors.

Vandalism In Wallace Heavy Over Weekend

By Joe Lanier

Vandals armed with pellet guns caused an estimated \$9,100 damage to businesses and automobiles in the Wallace-Rose Hill area over the weekend.

Wallace Police Chief Roscoe Rich said Monday the vandals shot the glass out of windows and doors in the area. He estimated damage in Wallace at \$5,600.

Rose Hill Police Chief James C. Masters estimated damage there at \$1,750.

Duplin Deputy Sheriff Earl Whitaker estimated damage to Minchew Buick-Oldsmobile, located just north of the Wallace city limits, at \$1,750.

A similar incident caused about \$3,000 worth of damage to windows and doors in the Wallace-Rose Hill area March 2.

The officers said the latest vandalism occurred between 10 p.m. Saturday and 3 a.m. Sunday. However, much of the damage was not noticed until businesses began opening Monday.

The local authorities are asking the SBI for assistance. "People who do this are sick," Rich said. "I believe they would even destroy their own property."

Windows were shot out of 14 new cars on Minchew's lot. Windows of cars belonging to several local officials were also shot out.

In Rose Hill, the windows of State Highway Patrolman Billy Floyd's patrol cruiser and two of his personal cars were hit. A window of the car belonging to the wife of Judge Kenneth Turner was also damaged in Rose Hill.

Other damage in Rose Hill was to windows in a town fire truck and fire station, a pickup truck owned by Charlie Hawes, a window in a town truck, and doors at Watson's Seafood Co. and Radio Times & Sales Co.

Windows were shot out of three new cars at the Jim Ross Chevrolet Co. and one car at Lester Motor Co. in Wallace. Windows of these cars were shot out and the front door of the main building was hit and broken in Wallace.

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