

### Labor Department Honors Firms At Safety Awards Presentation

N.C. Labor Commissioner John C. Brooks will present the labor department's Certificate of Safety Achievement to employees and management of 39 firms at a dinner program near Clinton Wednesday evening, June 6.

Co-sponsored for the first year with the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce, the presentation is scheduled for 7 p.m. at The Country Kitchen, between Highways 421 and 701. Nearly 100 guests are expected to attend.

Presiding at the program will be Joseph E. Parker, president of the Chamber of Commerce and owner of Parker and Assoc. of Clinton. Bobby E. Bunker, plant manager of the Clinton WestPoint Pepperell, Inc. plant, will give the invocation. Walter E. Pennington, manager of the Barcalounger Co. plant in Clinton will introduce Commissioner Brooks.

Brooks will honor representatives of plants, businesses and service establishments from communities throughout Bladen, Duplin, Lenoir, Pender and Sampson counties. The companies qualified for the department's 1978 award by maintaining a perfect safety record during the calendar year, or by recording an occupational injury incidence rate at least 50% below the statewide rate for their particular industry.

The commissioners will note particularly the achievement of Reeves Brothers, Inc. of Kenansville, which qualified for the department's safety award for the eighth consecutive year.

The Clinton program will be the 26th in a series of 31 Labor Department safety awards presentations across the state. The NCDL and the U.S. Department of Labor initiated the safety awards program in 1946 as a cooperative effort under the World War II Manpower Act. In 1961, the federal-state agreement for administration of the federal Wage-Hour Law and the Walsh-Healy Public Contracts Act was discontinued, and co-sponsorship of the safety awards program stopped at the same time. Since then, the program has been administered solely by the N.C. Department of Labor. Local community organizations co-sponsor each of the awards presentations annually.

Other labor department staff to be present at the Clinton program include Stanton L. Blaylock, OSHA division consultant, Rocky Mount; William S. Griffin, OSHA division safety officer, Zebulon; and Russell D. Poe, safety awards coordinator, Bear Creek.

Among the recipients from Duplin County are: Quinn Company, Inc., Warsaw, Office Division; Town of Rose Hill; James Sprunt Institute, Kenansville; Guilford East, Warehousing & Shipping, Kenansville; Beauville Garment Co., Inc.; Carolina Power & Light Co., Wallace Area; Guilford East, Plant Offices, Kenansville; Har-Scott Company, Inc., Pink Hill, Plant #1 and Plant #2; J.P. Stevens & Co., Inc. of Wallace; Carter and Holly Plants; and for the eighth consecutive year, Reeves Brothers, Inc., of Kenansville.



**DUPLIN EXHIBIT** - Representative Doug Clark, Commercial Artist Mark Patrus and Senator Harold Hardison discuss the new display case designed and executed by Patrus, who was commissioned by the Duplin Development Commission for this purpose. The display is on the second floor in the General Assembly Building in Raleigh.

It depicts different facets of Duplin County and will be on exhibit for at least 18 months. Clark was responsible for obtaining the case, and other contributors were Guilford East, courtesy of Tom Yates, Reeves Brothers, Comfy, and various individuals.



**SNAKES OF DUPLIN COUNTY** - A slide show and talk on the snakes of Duplin County will be given by Jerry Reynolds, NCSU graduate student in zoology and staff member of the N.C. State Museum of Natural History, on Wednesday, June 20th, as the kick-off of the Story-Film program at Dorothy Wightman Library in Kenansville. There are about 24 different species of snakes in Duplin County, including six venomous

species. Reynolds will show examples of many of these snakes and will discuss interesting aspects of their natural history. Special emphasis will be made on how to distinguish the harmless ones from the poisonous ones. Above is a photo by Jerry of the Black-phased Timber Rattlesnake (*Crotalus Horridus*) from the mountains of North Carolina.

### Arts Council Names Director



Monday appeared in the original off-Broadway production of "Mayberry's Revenge" as Joel C. Jackson, "My First Feature Assignment," an original play by Monday was produced by the N.C. School of the Arts in 1977. Most recently Monday was employed as Managing Director of the Manhattan Theatre Company in New York City.

Mark Monday has been appointed Executive Director of the Duplin County Arts Council by the organization's board of directors and the Duplin County Board of Commissioners, effective June 1. Monday succeeds Regina Whaley, the four-year-old agency's only director since July, 1975.

### Magnolia Town Board Budget Meeting

The Magnolia Town Board will hold its budget meeting on June 12th at 8 p.m. in the town hall, according to Marjorie B. Pickett, Town Clerk.

### Vandals Damage JSI

Vandals struck James Sprunt Institute over the weekend, breaking eight plate glass windows, two plate glass doors, an outdoor light and a van window.

Officers said the culprits threw water through the windows. The damage was estimated at \$3,000.

Some windows were also broken at the First Baptist Church. Rocks were thrown through the windows of the church. Damage was estimated at \$700 by Kenansville Police Chief Tyson Bostic.

### County Road Closed

The NCDOT will close Miller (Secondary Road 1112) to through traffic for approximately six weeks. The road is located 4 miles southwest of Warsaw and will be closed from May 21 to June 29th.

### Class Of 1925 Holds Reunion

The 1925 graduation class from Warsaw High School celebrated its 54th anniversary with a reunion at The Country Squire on Friday evening, May 25th. The class members and their guests met at six o'clock for a social hour. This included registration, giving name tags and taking pictures. Refreshments were served and a time of getting reacquainted was enjoyed. At seven o'clock dinner was served. Mini diplomas were placed by each plate at the table. They were tied with green and gold ribbons, the class colors. An appropriate poem was printed on each.

After dinner, the following program was given: Invocation by Sam Waller; Memorial to the deceased, Nita Ivey Robertson; Welcome and remarks, Mable Measley Rountree; Roll Call, Sara Fussell Mitchner; and Louise Smith, valedictorian of the class, said a few remarks. As the roll was called, each class member was asked to introduce their spouse or guest and make any comments they wished. Then the floor was opened for any special events in each one's life since graduation, or any memory they had of happenings in high school. The meeting was closed with the Mizpah benediction, after which it was suggested that the class meet again next year.

### Warsaw Passes Bond Issues

Warsaw residents approved two bond proposals for water and sewer projects in a referendum Tuesday. The vote on a \$598,000 proposal for a water system was 217 to 48. The vote on a \$400,000 proposal for a sewer system was 227 to 43.

The \$998,000 authorized in the bond issues is the town's share of the cost of a planned \$4.3 million upgrading and expansion of Warsaw's utilities.

The present sewage disposal plant, built to handle 250,000 gallons of wastewater per day, is now handling 450,000 gallons a day. As a result, Warsaw cannot increase usage of the facility and is limited in residential and business development.

### Commissioners Meet Medicaid Money Lacking

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners told state officials in a letter Monday that the county will be unable to meet further medical assistance right drafts for fiscal 1978-79, due to the sharp increase mandated by a change in state law.

The letter to James E. Gibson, Jr., director of the Division of medical assistance in N.C. Department of Human Resources, stated, "The Duplin County Board of Commissioners regrets to inform you the county will be unable to meet further medical assistance right drafts for the 1978-79 budget year. We have already over-run our budget by \$18,000 and do not have funds to meet further demands."

"We are also alarmed at the proposed budget for medical assistance in Duplin County for 1979-80 and see no possibility in being able to fund any program that requires more than a 90 percent increase."

The county budgeted \$11,790 for medical assistance for the current year. The Board also agreed to allow the Friends of the Library to use \$200,000 the group had raised for a library to build whatever it could with that amount. The structure will be erected on Seminary Street in Kenansville.

John Archibald, librarian, and Sally Jordan, spokeswoman for the library group, agreed the library should be constructed now because inflation is decreasing the value of the money in hand. Jordan said she believed the group can raise another \$50,000 for the project.

Joseph D. Bryant, Wallace was re-appointed to the county airport commission. Robert Franklin Smith of Chinquapin was named to replace Ed Fountain. Dewey Walker of Albertson named to succeed Har Koenegay who resigned. Williamson of Warsaw named to succeed Ray Cotic.

William Sullivan of Edge was re-appointed to the Social Services board. Gary D. Carter of Warsaw was named to the program management board to replace James Harvey of Warsaw.

Walton Brown is in charge of the audition for the student program for Duplin County. The contract would be for the current year.



**WARSAW HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OF 1925 CLASS REUNION** - Present were 18 class members and 12 guests. Front row, left to right, Alice Goodson Loftis, Sara Fussell Mitchner, Mary West Buchanan, Nita Ivey Robertson, Elizabeth Ruby Smith, Mary Buchanan Wallace. Back row, left to right, Jennie Gray, Louise Smith, Beth Dodson, Susanna, Virginia Measley Rountree, Margaret Smith, Alice West, Pearl Pickett, and Mary West Buchanan.