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Rose Hill Poultry Festival Begins With Pageant

The annual North Carolina Poultry Queen pageant, part of the Rose Hill Poultry Festival, will be held in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville at 8 p.m. September 29.

The pageant will begin a week of events which will lead up to the annual chicken fry on October 5. Mistress of ceremonies for the pageant will be Catherine MacKintosh, Miss Dominion of Canada, and there will be 10 contestants competing for the title. Last year's Poultry Queen, Emma Mahn, will crown the 1980 winner.

The 1980 contestants are:

S.L. Johnson of High Point. She is 17 years old and attends Guilford Technical Institute where she is taking dance and drama. Amber will perform a song and dance routine from a Broadway musical.



Emma Mahn
Poultry Queen 1979

Jenny Gayle Reynolds is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds of Clinton. She is 18 years old and a senior at Clinton High School and plans to major in music. Jenny will sing a medley while accompanying herself on the guitar.



Sheila Annette Barber is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert J. Barber of Harrells. She is 17 years old and attends Wallace-Rose Hill High School and plans to attend UNC-Wilmington upon graduation. Sheila will perform a tap dance for her talent.

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Pamela Sue Stocks is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stocks of Turkey. She is 17 years old and attends James Kenan High School. She plans to attend James Sprunt Institute in Business Technology. Pamela will perform a dramatic recitation for her talent.



Sandra Dianne Nobles is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon R. Nobles of Chadbourn. She is 18 years old and attends Meredith College in Raleigh. She plans to become a pediatrician or a pharmacist. Dianne will sing during the talent competition.



Cynthia Lynne Gentry is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gentry of Stedman. She is 21 years old and attends Pembroke State University where she is working towards a performance degree in trumpet and piano. Cynthia will play the piano for her talent.



Tina Marie Mascia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Hall of Fayetteville. She is 19 years old and attends Louisburg Junior College where she is studying math and psychology. Tina will perform a ballet for her talent.



Margaret Sonya Idol is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Idol of Jacksonville. She is 17 years old and is attending East Carolina University where she is majoring in Special Education. Sonya will sing during the talent competition.



Amber Lea Johnson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Warsaw Man Arrested For Fake Driving Permit

A Warsaw man has been arrested in connection with a fake driving permit he allegedly displayed to a state trooper, and an investigation is continuing to learn the origin of the document.

William Gerald Price was charged with forgery of a document allowing limited driving privileges, conspiracy to commit forgery, accessory before the fact of forgery and displaying a fictitious driver's license. Price was released on \$7,500 bond.

The charges were the result of an SBI investigation ordered by District Attorney William Andrews.

Andrews said last Thursday that the document may have been sold to Price, who has maintained that the license was mailed to him in unmarked envelope

postmarked in Fayetteville.

The SBI has taken samples from all typewriters in the Duplin County Courthouse for a type comparison.

Andrews said Monday, the investigation was continuing and that he did not wish to comment further until more evidence was gathered and the investigation concluded.

District Court Judge Kenneth Turner, whose forged signature appears on the document, said he had no knowledge of the case. He also said the signature was not his.

Drivers may be allowed limited driving privileges after their licenses have been revoked by a court action. The limited privileges normally allow a person to drive enough to maintain his livelihood.

Other reports to the sheriff's department include a breaking, entering and larceny at the Champion Timberland Company, Rose Hill. A chainsaw was reported missing, and Glen Jernigan is the officer in charge of the investigation.

A vandalism was reported by Lenora Kenan of Route 3, Wallace. Kenan said someone had shot at her mobile home. Officer E.W. Whitaker investigated.

Hospital Delay Could

Cost Duplin \$10,000 Annually

Duplin General Hospital could lose \$10,000 a year because construction on the final phase of its intensive care unit did not begin on time. However, Hospital Administrator Richard Harrell expects the problem will be solved and the money salvaged.

The problem arose over delays in start of construction of Phase II (interior and completion portions of the work) of the 9-bed intensive care unit until after the deadline for the start of work had passed.

Lack of county funds caused the delay. The unit is now complete and ready to open when some equipment arrives. Harrell said the deadline for the work start was set by HEW when it gave final approval for the project.

He said the entire project had been approved at area, state and federal levels. Due to financial problems, the county decided to do the job in two phases. Because the deadline had passed when Phase II was started, this phase failed to win approval of one of the three reviewing agencies. The decision has been appealed and that agency has given it approval. Currently, the phase needs approval of a fourth level of officialdom, National Health Planning Agency in Washington, and Harrell said this approval is expected.

Until that approval, the hospital cannot include a portion of the annual depreciation in figuring annual settlements with Medicare, Medicaid and Blue Cross. At the end of its fiscal year, Sept. 30, the hospital figures the difference between its actual costs and the amount it has billed these agencies for services to patients covered by them.

Due to inflation, the actual costs, including depreciation, are higher than the regular periodic billings, Harrell said. The difference amounts to about \$10,000 a year.

The hospital continues to service Medicare, Medicaid and Blue Cross claims, Harrell said, but it cannot include the depreciation factor of the new intensive care unit in its annual settlement figuring.

Harrell said when the intensive care unit is opened and the depreciation enters the record-keeping, the total depreciation of the unit will be \$18,000 a year.

The problem came about

several years ago. When the project began, approval was received from the East Carolina Health Systems Agency in Greenville, the state health and planning division in Raleigh and the regional U.S. HEW office in Atlanta. The county had 12 months from the date of final approval to act on construction in 1976. The 12-month period went by while the county was obtaining plans and seeking funds. It won a 6-month extension. During this period the county decided to do the

project in two phases. The first phase was construction of the building shell at a cost of about \$200,000. When it came to Phase II, funds had run out and the 6-month extension period had expired. Because the project had been divided into two phases, the county had to get approval of Phase II. The ECHSA and the state agency approved Phase II, but because time had expired, HEW turned it down.

On appeal, HEW approved the project. However,

because it had rejected it once, final approval had to be obtained from the National Health Planning Agency in Washington.

Phase II was a \$700,000 project, Harrell said. "If we don't get approval, our rates will have to go up," he said.

A semi-private room now costs \$58 per day. Harrell said even if Phase II construction of the intensive care unit is approved, room rates will probably have to be increased in the next hospital fiscal year.



THE DENNIS ROGERS REVENGE STOMP - Dennis Rogers, columnist for the Raleigh N&O newspaper, stomped to win revenge against Debra Joneck, Duplin County Agricultural Extension Agent, last Saturday at the Duplin Wine Cellars second annual

Grape Stomp. However, Rogers trophy was stolen from his hands by a masked horseman. Rose Hill Police later caught the masked man and returned the trophy to Rogers.

Photo by Emily Killotte



THE STOMP OF LITTLE FEET - Will Thurston of Topsail Island was the youngest contestant in the grape-stomping contest last Saturday at Duplin Wine Cellars. Will and his father entered every contest - the grape tote, a timed obstacle course in which contestants had to walk while carrying a grape in a spoon in their mouth; and the grape

throw, where two contestants entered, with one person throwing the grape while the second caught it in their mouth. Mark Dana from Wilmington won the grape tote with a time of 15.4 seconds, and Dana was one of the team who won the grape throw. Dana caught a grape in his mouth from thrower, Mark Dana, who stood 155 feet away.

Photo by Emily Killotte

Two Armed Robberies In County Last Week

JSI Public Forum

A five-week series of Public Forums on "The Rural South in Transition" will begin next Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hoffer Building at James Sprunt.

The speakers will be Howard Lee, N.C. Secretary of the Department of Human Resources, and Dr. John Reed, sociology professor at UNC-CH. Their topic will be on "The Nation - A Region - A State in Change."

Two armed robberies were reported to the Duplin County sheriff's department in the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Adams of Mount Olive reported an armed robbery Sept. 20. Adams had just arrived home from work when the alleged robber took \$60 from him and shot Mrs. Adams in the left shoulder. Officers Glen Jernigan, R.S. Thigpen, Ronald Brock, Burnell Sasser, Burnus Har-

grove and the State Bureau of Investigation are still investigating.

The Scotchman Number Two in Wallace reported an armed robbery Sept. 22. The alleged robber took an undisclosed amount from the register and from the attendant working during the incident. Officers Glen Jernigan, Ronald Brock, Burnell Sasser, Burnus Hargrove and Cordell Johnson are still investigating.