



Photo by Emily Killeto

NORTH CAROLINA DANCE THEATER - East Duplin High School hosted the N.C. Dance Theater Sept. 25, when they gave two performances, one in the morning for the Beulaville Elementary, and in the afternoon

for the high school students. Pictured are Rebecca McLain and Edward Campbell of the Dance Theater. The Duplin County Arts Council sponsored the dance company.

R9P Emphasis Week Oct. 1-5

Oct. 1-5 is the week for the final strong push for the 1979 R-9-P (Reduce Nine Pests) campaign. During this week, the Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service encourages all farmers to complete destruction of any remaining tobacco stalks and to redisk and break the 1979 tobacco fields to destroy the homes and breeding places for disease and insects.

Research has shown that 100% participation by every farmer in an area in the R-9-P program could increase the value of the following crop by an average of \$112 per acre. However, just a few acres of standing stalks or suckers in any one area of a 10-mile radius can provide a breeding ground for insects which could infest the entire area in the coming year and spread any of the viral diseases to every tobacco field in that area.

A quality job of destroying old tobacco stalks and plowing out the roots is the way to Reduce Nine major Pests of tobacco (root-knot, mosaic, brown spot, vein banding, hornworms, budworms, flea beetles, weeds and grasses) and increase profits for next year.

An observer team will visit the eastern counties of North Carolina to determine the county with the best overall participation in this AES sponsored program of tobacco stalk and root destruction. Cash awards will be presented later by a

chemical company to the best counties on the basis of total participation and quality of job completed.

Duplin County has an excellent chance of being recognized for its efforts in reducing pests of tobacco for the coming year.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED - Miss Jacquotia Teachey is the daughter of Mrs. Leonard B. Teachey of Route 7, Goldsboro and the late Mr. Teachey. Her engagement to John Thurston Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Brown of Route 1, Chinquapin is announced by her mother. A November 3 wedding is planned in the Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro.

Along the Way

By Emily Killeto

ABC Stores in Duplin County have been the object of many controversies in the past couple of months, especially for the towns of Kenansville and Faison.

Duplin County towns began to unite their efforts to petition for an ABC referendum in 1963, and members of this movement contacted their local representative in the House as well as their senator. County commissioners at that time had the authority to call a county-wide vote on ABC Stores, but they refused, so local towns were seeking a bill through their representatives which would allow incorporated municipalities to call such a referendum.

Legislation was passed, and August 1, 1965 it became effective in Duplin County; however, before that date the county commissioners called a county-wide referendum on ABC Stores. Commissioners stated that the entire county should have a vote on the issue of ABC Stores and this referendum was held August 30, 1965. County-wide ABC Stores were defeated by 520 votes, but seven of the 20 precincts voting went "wet." The "wet" precincts were Warsaw, Faison, Albertson, Smith, Hallsville, Chinquapin and Kenansville. In November, Warsaw, Kenansville and Faison held town ABC referendums and each voted to establish liquor stores according to North Carolina laws.

According to state general statutes, a three-member ABC Board had to be appointed and these individuals would serve staggered 3-year terms. The ABC Board would be subject to the State ABC Board and would be in charge of operating the town liquor store according to

state regulations. Also, determined in the legislation authorizing towns to vote on the liquor issue was the distribution of profits between the county and town. The profits after operating expenses and working capital were to be divided as follows: 5% to city general fund for law enforcement and 50% city general fund for any government purposes, 10% Duplin Board of Commissioners to be expended for drainage control projects in agriculture, and 35% county general fund. Total the town would receive, 55% and the county 45%, and these figures have not changed.

Recently, members of the Faison Board of Commissioners and the town mayor voted to increase the operating expenses of their ABC Store. They did this by raising the rent on the building which is annexed to the town hall and owned by Faison. By increasing the rent, the profits the county received were cut, and complaints caused the State ABC Board to request that Faison lower the rent, so it would be in line with rent charged by other private businesses in the town. Faison lowered its rent and was left with the problem of finding money to replace the lost revenue because money from the rent increase had been allocated to the recreation program and the salary of a new recreation director. This was a loss of \$18,000 when the rent was dropped from \$24,000 a year to \$6,000 a year.

As a result of this loss of funds, Mayor Bill Carter of Faison began a campaign to change the profit distribution between the county and town. His opinion is the county should get little to

none of ABC funds because the county voted dry on liquor stores back in 1965. Carter was prompted by a conversation with Senator Haridson to quote him as saying he would introduce legislation to reduce the amount of profit the county receives, which Haridson denies, but says he would be glad to meet with the town mayors and discuss their financial problems.

But, in Kenansville the ABC Store has another kind of difficulty. Last month the entire ABC Board in Kenansville resigned over a disagreement with the town board of commissioners. The

ABC Board was asked to conduct a study of store hours and sales to determine if a 12-hour workday was necessary at the ABC Store. The report was never presented to the town commissioners and profits were down to the point that the commissioners felt something had to be done. To increase profits, the commissioners felt store hours should be cut and the staff of three should be reduced by one person. This would be a saving of about \$10,000 a year. However, the ABC Board at that time felt they could not go along with this request and promptly resigned. A week later an entirely new board was named. The decision on ways suggested to save ABC revenue in Kenansville is still being considered.

PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

The week of Oct. 7-13 is Public Health Week in North Carolina, and the theme is "Healthy Children - Everyone's Responsibility."

The theme was chosen to exemplify the community obligation owed to neighbors, families, children and to ourselves.

The Duplin County Health Department is vitally concerned about the health and safety of all children. The staff will be glad to assist any member of the community be either referring children to needed services, or by giving parents advice and assistance. Healthy children are everyone's responsibility.



MATTHEWS PROMOTED

Glenn F. Matthews, formerly of Faison, has been promoted to branch manager of the Elizabethtown office of Cape Fear Production Credit Association. He has been employed by Cape Fear PCA for 3 years. Matthews graduated from North Duplin High School and attended East Carolina University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Matthews of Route 2, Faison, and is married to the former Susan Brock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Brock of Route 2, Mount Olive. The Matthews have two sons, Jason and Brock.

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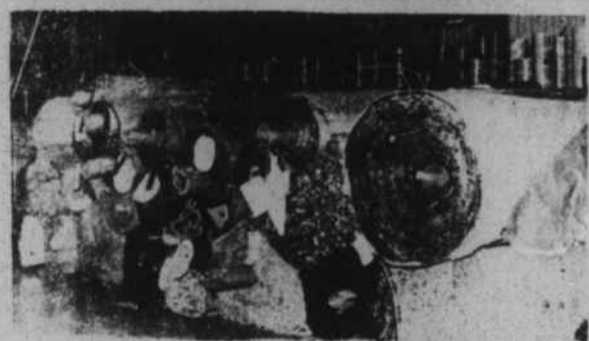
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