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**GROUND BREAKING FOR PINK HILL FUNERAL HOME**  
Members of the Pink Hill Funeral Home Inc. are, left to right, Calvin C. Turner, Russell Tucker, Hueston Howard, Kenneth Grady and Dovell Outlaw. Construction on the

funeral home is scheduled to begin this month and it is expected to be finished about February, said Tucker. The funeral home will be located one-half mile outside of Pink Hill on Highway 11 South.

Photo by Emily Killeto

## Runaway Goes Home After Three Months

By Emily Killeto

I wanted to go home two days after I left, but I just couldn't, said an 18-year-old runaway after he turned himself in to the Faison police department.

Richard Laux of Cleveland, Ohio, ran away from home three months ago after an argument with his parents. Richard said he hitch-hiked to Akron where he joined a carnival and worked the rides. The Megerly Shows, for whom Richard was working, carried him to New Bern, where he quit the shows and continued hitch-hiking around North Carolina working for different carnivals. Richard said he did not plan to work for the carnivals, but it was work he knew how to do, and the shows would hire him without questions. In all, Richard worked at eight different carnivals, including Dell and Travels at the Wayne County Fair, Allen's United Amusements at the Rose Hill Poultry Jubilee, and briefly in Warsaw at the Veterans Carnival, Bedford Amusements.

"It was awful lonely out there, not knowing where my next meal was coming from, or where I would be the next day," Richard said. "My advice to anyone who is thinking about running away from home is, don't. Stay home and talk out your problems with your parents. Don't run away from them."

According to Mark Vinson, the juvenile court counselor, many runaways pass through our state every year. Many run-aways are not reported, and few of those reported reach beyond the local police departments to the juvenile counselor, Vinson said. This year, five reports reached us at the juvenile courts, he said, but he stressed there were more unreported run-aways. Two of the five run-aways were from another state, and, according to Vinson, the larger the population within an area, the more run-aways there will be. There is also an interstate pact providing cooperation between states in providing information and returning run-aways to their homes, Vinson added.

According to Richard, there were many times when he was scared he would never see his family again, and times when he even feared for his life during the months he was away from home. "There are lots of fights on the road and in the carnivals, and when I was hitch-hiking, I never knew who was going to stop and give me a ride."

"Once I got picked up when I was hitch-hiking by a 'funny' male. He had earrings in his right ear, and when I saw them and he started to proposition me, I thought my life was over, but I jumped out of his car while it was moving. I wasn't hurt from the jump," Richard

sighed. "I thought when the homosexual picked me up that he would have hurt me if I had not jumped from the car. I felt he might even have killed me." Richard was hitch-hiking outside of Fayetteville when he was picked up by the homosexual.

Something else Richard said he missed was high school. "I should be a senior this year, and when I get back, I hope I can go back to school," Richard said as he

rubbed his scarred and calloused hands together.

After Richard turned himself in to Officer Ray King of the Faison police department, his parents were contacted. Richard said he could not have called his parents even though he wanted to talk to them and go home. Richard stayed with Officer King and his wife, Frances, Wednesday night and left on a bus bound for Cleveland the next morning at 8:40.

## Bell Elected President Of Tri-County



Leslie J. Bell of Route 2, Mount Olive, was elected president of the Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation on Nov. 3.

Bell, 60, has served on the Tri-County board since 1961, and served as vice-president. Also elected were C.C. Ivey, Jr. of Route 2, Mount Olive, as vice-president. Ivey has served on the board since 1968. Frank B. Jordan of Route 3, Mount Olive, was elected secretary, and Howard A. Hardy of Route 4, Kinston, was elected treasurer. Kenneth G. Grady of Route 1, Kenansville, was elected to serve a three-year term on the board of directors. Newly-elected directors are W. Roscoe Ballance of Route 2, Fremont, and James L. Dudley of Route 5, Mount Olive. Raymond A. Mitchell of Route 5, Goldsboro, and Mrs. Vann Smith of Seven Springs were not elected as directors.

## Nov. 6 Election Results

Elections for town mayors and commissioners were held Nov. 6 in each of the Duplin municipalities and the results are as follows:

The three seats on the Faison town board will be filled by S.A. (Sambo) Blizzard, Jr., Franklin Boyette and Rabon Brown. Both Blizzard and Boyette were incumbent commissioners, all three will be filling 4-year terms. There were 246 Faison citizens voting.

Norwood Barfield ran unopposed in Calypso's race for mayor. He will fill a 2-year term. Voters also elected the incumbent board members to fill 2-year terms. They are S.D. Davis, Jr., Cecil Engley, J.R. Turner, Mosley Waters and Libby Lewis Boykin. There were 100 Calypso citizens turning out to vote.

Incumbent Mayor P.B. (Bill) Carter defeated three challengers in the race for Faison mayor. He will be filling a 2-year term. Rachel M. Clifton and Billie H. Hollingsworth won the two seats on the Faison town board and they will be filling 4-year terms. Faison reported 255 citizens voting.

The citizens of Greenevere re-elected Mayor Alex Brown to fill a 4-year term as mayor. Waitus Harrell and Nathan Murry, both incumbent commissioners, ran unopposed and were re-elected to fill 4-year terms on the Greenevere town board. There were 169 voting in Greenevere.

Voters in Kenansville re-elected incumbent William P. Fennell, James O. (Jimmy) Johnson and Betty Long to the town board. All three will fill 4-year terms. Kenansville reported 266 voting.

Marjorie B. Peikett was elected mayor of Magnolia. She ran unopposed and will fill a 4-year term. Incumbent town commissioners Rudolph Becton and former Magnolia mayor, Melvin Pope, ran unopposed and were elected to 4-year terms on the Magnolia board of commissioners. Magnolia reported 110 citizens voting.

Rose Hill citizens elected incumbent commissioner Clarence Brown, Sr., Jerry H. Cottle, Jr. and Keith Hinson to 4-year terms on the town board. There were 377 citizens reported voting in Rose Hill.

Incumbent Ruby Ramsey was re-elected to fill a 4-year term as mayor of Teachey. She ran unopposed. Incumbent commissioners James R. Boney, Daniel Vance Norris and Bernard (Mike) Postner won 4-year terms on

the Teachey town board. Incumbent Warren W. Henderson and W.O. (Bill) Montford won 2-year seats on the Teachey town board. Teachey reported 43 citizens voting.

Warsaw voters elected Billy Kennedy, Walter P. West and incumbent J. Frank Steed to 4-year terms on the town board of commissioners. Warsaw

reported 463 voters.

Melvin Cording won a 2-year term as mayor of Wallace, and incumbent town commissioner G. Arnold Duncan was re-elected to a 4-year term on the town board. Charles Blanchard and N.H. Carter were also elected to 4-year terms on the Wallace board of commissioners. Wallace reported 650 voting.

## The Twelve Days Of Christmas In Historic Kenansville

The Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce announced Monday an exciting project centered around activities of the Holiday Season. "The Twelve Days of Christmas in Historic Kenansville" will begin December 14 and continue through December 25 with special events scheduled each day.

In making the announcement, Richard Harrell, Chamber President, said the idea of "The Twelve Days of Christmas in Historic Kenansville" originated because of the popularity of the 1978 Open House at Liberty Hall. "Over 1,000 people toured the Kenan home last year, and we decided to enlarge upon that event. Kenansville is a unique community and basically what we are doing is celebrating the Yuletide season and inviting everyone else to celebrate with us. A committee talked to residents in Kenansville and developed a list of activities. We think it is an innovative project both for the local citizenry and others who wish to take part."

The Department of Commerce also thought the project imaginative. They awarded the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce a \$1,600 matching grant to promote the project.

The Twelve Days of Christmas in Historic Kenansville is a way of celebrating the Holidays in several ways with events to interest everyone. Candlelight concerts, community suppers, historic home tours, receptions, pageants, movies, caroling, religious services and programs of all types make up the schedule of events.

Alice Rich, Doc Brinson, Anne Craft and Rich Boyd have served as the steering committee for the project. Boyd, project director, said, "This really is a community effort. Residents of the town are taking responsibility for each activity. We have tried to cover all facets of the Holiday Season, from historic tours to Merchants Open House to the Christmas Eve Celebration at the United Methodist Church. Christmas is a busy time, and The Twelve Days of Christmas in Historic Kenansville will allow each of us to enjoy each other and at the same time reflect on this true meaning of Christmas."

The Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Candle in the Window Project last year by selling single candles and encouraging area residents and businesses to burn them as a symbol of unity. The simplicity and beauty of the candles received statewide attention in the press and media. The members of the Kenansville Town Board voted not to install the commercial plastic decorations as they distracted from the beauty of the candles. This decision was made after a public hearing by the Kenansville Beautification Committee and a polling of area merchants by the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce. Town residents received numerous compliments about the candle decorations and the beauty of the town from individuals who passed through Kenansville during the Christmas Season last year.

All of the activities scheduled for The Twelve Days of Christmas in Historic Kenansville are free except the musical presentation "Scrooge" on December 15. Admission is Adult-\$1, and Children - 50 cents.

## Murphy Farms Holds Open House At Swine Facility

By Emily Killeto

Murphy Farms, Inc. will expand their hog producing capacity by ten percent in the next year with a new farrowing operation. Wendell Murphy said at the Sand Livestock System presentation of the hog facility on Nov. 7.

The hog facility is designed with six buildings for a total of 25,200 sq. ft. of space including an office, storage area, breeding and gestation, farrowing, and a nursery. As part of the facility, there is a single stage lagoon for waste treatment with irrigation waste dispersal included.

The operation will include 624 sows and 26 boars which are being purchased through DeKalb for minimal disease line of stock, Murphy said. "By purchasing the breeding stock from DeKalb, we hope to get a disease-free hog, or what is called a minimal disease animal," he said.

According to Murphy, the hogs will be arriving within a week and are expected to produce about 12,168 pigs a year, which is about ten percent of the present production of top hogs. There are expected to be 26 farrowings a week, producing about 234 pigs, Murphy said.

"We hope to produce better pigs, more disease free, than we (Murphy Farms) are able to buy as feeder pigs," Murphy said. He also added that producing pigs would be more efficient and cheaper for their operation than buying from other producers. However, Murphy added that he did not intend to cut the amount of feeder pigs he was purchasing from the regular producers.

According to Murphy, it will take three people to operate the new farrowing operation. Sam and Laurie Ennis will be the managers of the complex. The couple is from First Colony Farms in

degrees from N.C.S.U. A third person has not been hired.

Attending the presentation

of the farrowing complex, which was directed by Sand Livestock System representatives, were local hog pro-

ducers. As guest speaker, the company presented Dr. David Sprull, a swine expert from NCSU.



**INSPECTION OF A NEW HOG FACILITY** - Gary Ablard, general marketing manager for Sand Livestock Systems, Inc., left, is shown with Wendell Murphy, president of Murphy Farms, Inc. of Rose Hill, as they pause to talk over the equipment in the new farrowing complex which Murphy Farms will put into operation by the end of this month.

## Churches Raise \$9,100 For MOC

The Free Will Baptist Churches of Duplin County contributed \$9,100 to the support of Mount Olive College at their annual dinner held Nov. 3, according to William E. Futch, chairman of the dinner.

Sandy Plain Church was awarded a \$100 award for making the largest contribution at the dinner. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Warsaw was the recipient of a \$100 award for giving the most money per church member. Piney Grove was the recipient of a \$100 award for bringing the most high school students to the dinner.

Contributions were received from 13 churches. This year's contributions brought the total given by Duplin County to \$83,057 since the program began in

## Conservatives Rate Clark As Liberal

Duplin County's freshman state representative, Rep. Douglas A. Clark, ranked as a liberal in the 1979 General Assembly, according to the legislative rating of the 1979 legislative session released recently by the North Carolina Conservative Union.

NCCU is a bi-partisan organization that supports the principles of "free enterprise, individual liberty and limited government." It is the state affiliate of the American Conservative Union, the nation's largest and oldest conservative organization.

Based on a scale of 0 to 100, with 0 representing the most liberal position, and 100 the most conservative, Clark received a score of 33. His predecessor, former Rep. Baker, by comparison, compiled a cumulative score of 79 on the rating in past sessions of the General Assembly.

State Senator Harold W. Hardison, who represents Duplin County in the State Senate, received a score of 58 in the 1979 session, ranking