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PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM - Pictured above are students from James Kenan High School who will attend the Presidential Classroom in Washington, D.C. The students will spend seven days in Washington where they will be exposed to the major branches of the Federal government, visiting the seats of government such as the White House, the State Department, Capitol Hill and the

Central Intelligence Agency. The Presidential Classroom was chartered in 1968 as a nation-wide effort to promote a better understanding of American democracy and a deeper feeling of citizen responsibility. Pictured above (left to right), Regina Arnette, Kim Austin, Pam Brock, Becky Howard, Julia Spicer and Pam Yelverton.



PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM - Pictured above are students participating in the Presidential Classroom program from James Kenan High School (left to right),

Amelia Carlton, Wendy Rivenbark, Hicks Pigford, Jennifer Byrd, Sonya Kernstine and Donna Kennedy. Not pictured is Bernitia Kea.

Greenevers To Sell Water To Duplin

The Greenevers Board of Commissioners voted to sell water to the planned Duplin County water system at their most recent meeting. The board agreed to a minimum price of \$25 a month. The minimum will include provision of up to 20,000 gallons of water a month. The charge for additional water sold to the county will be 55 cents per 1,000 gallons. The board limited the maximum sale to 1.25 million gallons per month. Completion of the county system is expected by mid-July, according to Tyndall Lewis of McDavid & Associates, consulting engineers of Goldsboro. Bids on the system were opened Dec. 6. The low bid was \$335,000 from Rothrock Construction Co. of Murrells, S.C. The contract calls for an 18-mile waterline extending from Registers Crossroads, where the Greenevers system terminates, to Dobson's Chapel and along N.C. 50 to Kenansville. The system is expected to serve 150 to 170 customers. The board also voted to let the electric power franchise to Four County Electric Membership Corp., which has 140 customers in the

town. The town has been served by both Four County and Carolina Power & Light Co. CP&L is serving 90 customers. Nathan Murray, a town commissioner, said Four County provided the first electric service to the community and therefore the board voted to let the franchise to it. Murray said the town will charge a franchise fee of approximately \$3 per meter. A public hearing was conducted on a proposed application for a \$500,000 community development grant for housing improvement. No opposition to the proposal appeared. Mayor Alex Brown and Commissioners J.W. Harrell and Murray were sworn into new terms by District Court Judge Kenneth Turner of Rose Hill. They were re-elected last month.

Wallace Mayor Sworn In

Melvin Cording was sworn in as mayor of Wallace last Thursday night at the Board of Commissioners' meeting.

Sworn in as board members were Arnold Duncan for his second term and newcomers Charles Blanchard and N.H. Carter.

Cording succeeds Charles Farrior, who had served as mayor for 12 years but did not seek re-election. Farrior succeeded T.J. Baker as mayor after Baker successfully ran for the General Assembly.

Cording served as mayor in the late 1950s and 1960s. He is a former dairyman and dairy products distributor and was later associated with a Community Action Program. His last official position was as a magistrate. Blanchard operates B&R Frozen Foods. Carter is involved with the firm of Z.J. Carter & Sons.

The newly constituted board elected Lloyd Boone as mayor pro tem and treasurer. Duncan was named as public safety commissioner, Blanchard was named public utilities commissioner, Willie Biggs was appointed transportation commissioner, and Carter appointed library and recreation commissioner. Fire Chief Robert Boone announced his resignation for health and age reasons. He has served in the department 38 years and has been chief for 23 years. The resignation is to become effective Feb. 28, on the 38th anniversary of Boone's joining the department, the board decided. Town Administrator Tom Phillips reported 49 percent of the town's budgeted funds have been spent halfway through the budget year. The town has received 47 percent of anticipated revenues. He reported cash resources of the town government at \$526,000. However, Phillips said, about \$40,000 in accounts payable were outstanding. Phillips reported the town has collected \$119,957 of the current year's taxes. It anticipates receiving another \$146,484 in 1979 taxes. The town sent tax bills totaling \$266,441.88 at the start of the year.

Duplin Contracts On Water Main

A contract for \$334,085 for construction of 18 miles of water main from Kenansville to Registers Crossroads and Greenevers was let Monday to Rothrock Construction Co. of Murrells Inlet, S.C. by the Duplin County Board of Commissioners. The project is being financed by a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant of \$500,000.

The board also approved an increase in the size of pipe called for in a portion of the project at an additional cost of \$50,000.

Tyndall Lewis, project engineer for McDavid Associates of Goldsboro, consulting engineers, said the contractor will begin stockpiling material for the project in the area and will begin construction about March 1. He said the firm can lay up to 5,000 feet of pipe a day. Completion of the project is scheduled for July. The maximum water use expected on the line is about 700,000 gallons a day. Last week the board contracted with Greenevers to supply up to 1.25 million gallons a day for two years.

If Kenansville voters approve their water bond issue, the board will attempt to contract with the city to supply a portion of the water. Kenansville is on higher ground than most of the planned water system, and water from the city's source would require less pumping pressure.

In other action, the board: Was advised the Community Development Department will hold a public hearing on a community development grant application at 7 p.m. Dec. 27 in the courtroom. Heard Finance Officer Russell Tucker say he planned to ask for three-year bids for auditing services. Heard from County Extension Chairman Lois Britt that the county 4-H recognition program will be held at 7:30 p.m. January 28th. Appointed L.S. Guy of Faison to the industrial development board to replace Curtis Cates, who resigned. Reappointed Craven Brewer of Warsaw and Amos Brinson of Kenansville to the industrial development board.

Duplin Farmers Re-Elect Most To ASCS Panel

Duplin County farmers re-elected most of their Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service community committee members but shuffled the positions of several in the annual mail ballot committee elections called this past week in the county ASCS office.

Community committees for 1980 and changes from 1979 were announced as follows by David English, county ASCS director, with chairman, vice chairman, regular members and two alternates listed in order:

- Albertson: Jack Patterson, Alvin Stroud, Donald K. Outlaw and Ted Grady and Marshall Britt. Grady was vice chairman and Stroud a regular member. Outlaw moved up from alternate.
- Cypress Creek: Garland Whaley, Raymond Brown, Haywood Batchelor and Leroy Pickett and Ivey D. Lanier. Brown and Whaley reversed positions. Pickett and Lanier succeed Deuland Sholar and Ray Lanier.
- Faison: Roy McNeill, Sam Taylor, Roba Pate, Dan Kornegay and Rudolph Hill.
- Glisson: Larry W. Harper, Richard Waller, G. Dwight Walker and Joseph Outlaw and Mack E. Jones. Waller was an alternate in 1979. Olive Herring, Jr. went off the committee as vice chairman.
- Island Creek: Wilbert A. Hanchey, Wendell Teachey, Thomas Cavanaugh, A.C. Kenan and Albert Kenan, Jr.

Albert Kenan, Sr. went off the committee as alternate. • Kenansville: Jimmy Stroud, Thomas Chestnut, O.K. Blizzard, Davis Bland, Jr. and Jimmy Summerlin. Summerlin succeeds Robert A. Merritt as an alternate. • Limestone: Ervin Lanier, Lonnie Andrews, J.D. Sloan, Bennie Whaley and Tom Penny. Andrews succeeds John F. Cottle as vice chairman and Whaley succeeds Lonnie Andrews as an alternate. • Magnolia: E.M. Beasley,

Magnolia Mayor-Elect Rejects Oath

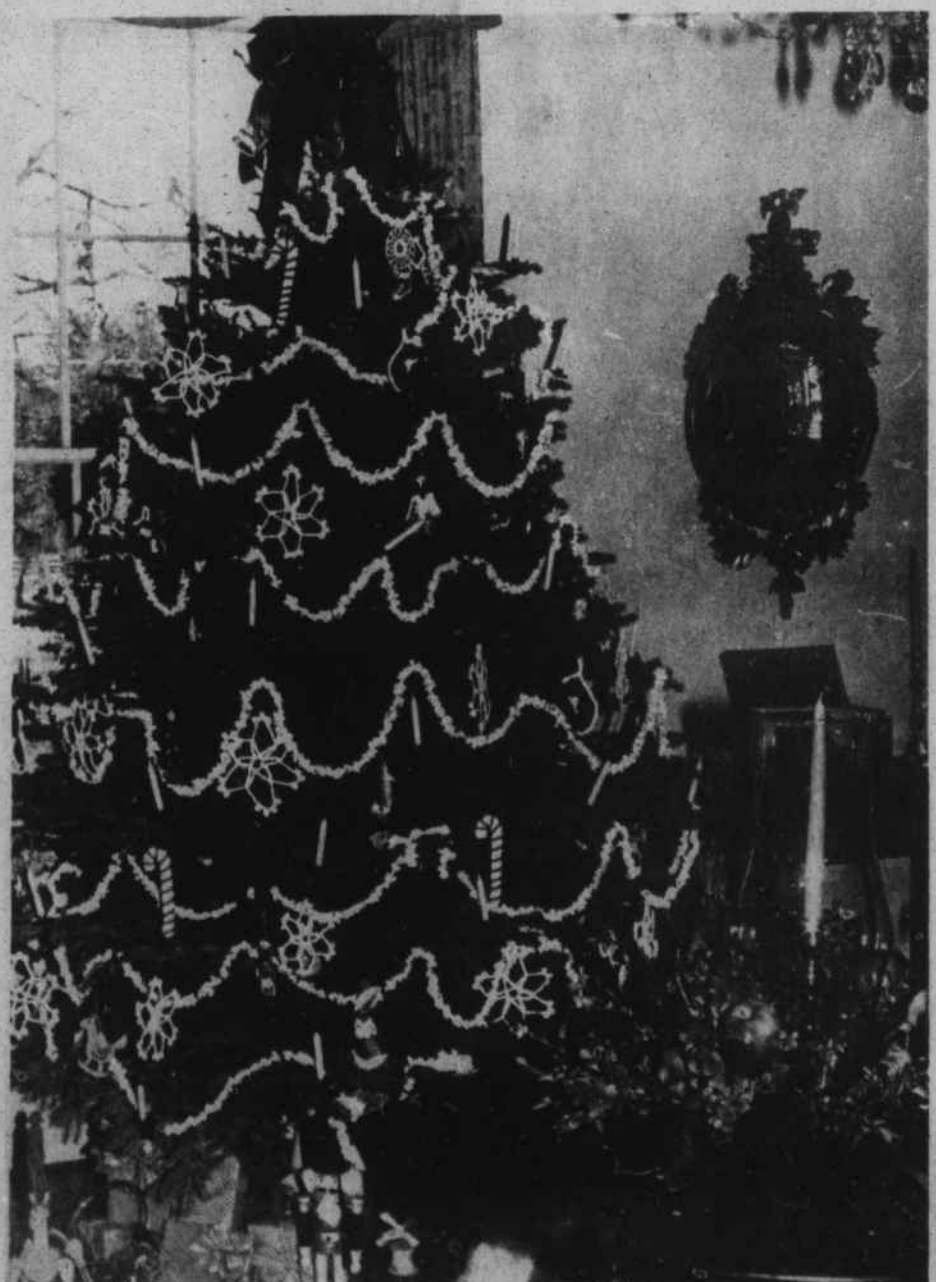
Magnolia found itself without a mayor Wednesday. Marjorie Pickett, who was elected to the position without opposition, refused to take the oath of office at last week's Tuesday night town board meeting. Former Mayor Melvin Pope did not seek re-election to the post, but sought and won election to a board seat. After he was sworn into the board, he was elected mayor pro-tem. Town Attorney Jeno Thompson III said he will have to determine what can be done about naming a mayor.

David O. Byrd and Caitha Drew. Francis P. Usher succeeds Lewis Williams as first alternate and Drew succeeds Usher as second alternate. • Rockfish: Alton J. Wells, Charles Knowles, Charles Edward Carr, Earl Knowles and Evander Savage. Wells succeeds Gibson Carr as chairman. Adrian Johnson, former regular member, went off the board. Wells has been first alternate. • Rose Hill: Eugene C. Wells, Sr., Charles F. Hawes, Jr., Albert J. Cottle,

Linwood C. Brinkley and Danny Lee Brown. • Smith: Lawrence J. Houston, D.L. Smith, Kermit P. Williams, Wilbur Sumner and Morris Kennedy. • Warsaw: John B. West, E.L. Blanchard, Melvin Herring, Ronald Jack Sauls and Carl Kirby. Kirby succeeds Albert P. Blackmore as second alternate. • Wolfscrape: C.C. Ivey, Jr., Jesse E. Bell and Marvin Brock, McCray Wells and Cecil Rose succeed Jimmy G. Goodman and Albert O. Britt as alternates.

When the time for filing for town offices ended in October, no one had filed for the post. The filing deadline was extended a week. Five minutes before the extended filing deadline, Mrs. Pickett was persuaded to file. She has been town clerk since 1943. For many years, the position was on a part-time basis. She is a retired Duplin County school teacher. In addition to Pope, Rudolph Becton was sworn in as a board member. He was re-elected to the board.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
As you gather round the tree, may your Christmas glow with merriment.



SCENES FROM THE THIRD DAY OF CHRISTMAS - Liberty Hall was open Dec. 16 from 2 until 9 p.m. decorated in the period of the early 1800s. Pictured above is the Christmas tree with handmade decorations and candles, along with popcorn garlands. Also pictured is a fresh fruit and greenery centerpiece on a table in the front room of Liberty Hall.

Photo by Emily Killette