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## Congressman Whitley To Seek Re-Election



ranks next to Chairman Walter Jones on the tobacco subcommittee. He was elected by the Democratic Congressmen of North Carolina and Virginia to serve as their zone whip.

The Mount Olive lawmaker also serves by appointment from House Speaker "Tip" O'Neil as a member of the select committee on committees. During his first term in the House, Whitley was a member of the House Committee on Armed Services, and he continues to maintain an active involvement in military affairs and legislation.

Prior to his election in 1976, Whitley had served for 15 years in Washington as administrative assistant to

his predecessor, David N. Henderson of Wallace.

Whitley maintains a permanent district office in the Federal Building in Goldsboro staffed by an assistant. A mobile office tours many of the smaller communities of the Third District on an announced, regularly scheduled basis. His assistant for minority affairs and federally-assisted programs also makes periodic, announced visits to various localities to be available to constituents having matters they wish to bring to the Congressman's attention.

Whitley continues to make his home in Mount Olive where he and his family are active in community affairs, and he visits regularly throughout the Third District.

## Erwin Announces Candidacy For District Judge



E. Alex Erwin, III

District Court Judge E. Alex Erwin, III of Jacksonville has announced that he is a candidate to succeed himself as district court judge of the 4th judicial district.

Judge Erwin is one of five district court judges serving the 4-county 4th Judicial District. He has served since August, 1977, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Harvey Boney.

The district court tries all misdemeanor cases and holds preliminary hearings in felony cases in the criminal division. In the civil division, the court assumes jurisdiction of cases involving amounts up to \$5,000 and operates both in jury and non-jury sessions. Domestic and juvenile cases are also heard in the district court division. Judge Erwin has held sessions in all of these divisions, but has devoted the majority of his time to civil jury and non-jury matters.

In announcing his candidacy, Judge Erwin stated, "It has been my privilege to serve the people of our 4-county district since 1974, both as a former chief assistant district attorney and presently as district court judge."

Judge Erwin is a graduate of Presbyterian College and Wake Forest University School of Law. He is married to the former Sally Edwards of Jacksonville and they make their home at 1012 Greenway Drive in Jacksonville.

## Kenansville Chamber of Commerce To Hear McCullers



Charlie McCullers

Charlie McCullers, popular humorous and inspirational speaker, will deliver the keynote speech for the annual membership meeting of the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 31 at the Kenansville United Methodist Church beginning at 7:30 p.m.

McCullers, a native "tar heel," was born and reared on an eastern N.C. farm and educated at NCSU. He was a chamber of commerce executive for 25 years, and was instrumental in civic and industrial development in four N.C. cities before launching his platform career in 1961. His leadership roles have included membership on the N.C. Recreation Commission, Interstate Committee, District Committee of Boy Scouts and other civic-service areas. He has served Rotary International as district governor, extension counselor and committee member.

Robert Worthington, well-remembered for his performance at last year's meeting, will again serve as master of ceremonies. Alice Worthington and Woody Brinson are serving as chairpersons at this event. For additional information, contact Carolyn Hall, executive secretary of the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce at 296-0369.



Photo by Emily Killotte

MISS DUPLIN COUNTY 1980 - Sharann Artlecy Jones of Warsaw was crowned Miss Duplin County 1980 Saturday night in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium. Shari is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Jones of Warsaw. For her talent Shari played the piano. First runner-up was Christy Rena Herring, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Herring of Scotts Store. She performed a vocal solo. Second runner-up was Cynthia Danette Moritz, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Moritz of Rose Hill.

She performed a jazz dance. Miss Congeniality was Laura McLene Steed, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steed of Warsaw. She performed a piano solo. Pictured, left to right, Miss North Carolina Monta Anne Maki, Miss Congeniality Laura Steed, Miss Duplin County 1979 Tina Brewer, Miss Duplin County 1980 Shari Jones, First Runner-up Christy Herring, and Second Runner-up Cindy Moritz.

## Two Hundred Farmers

# Attend County Tobacco Meeting

Production costs for tobacco will be up 15-20% in 1980, said Bill Collins, tobacco specialist from NCSU, speaking at the annual tobacco meeting Jan. 14th.

The annual Duplin County tobacco meeting at James Kenan High School drew about 250 farmers and their wives for a dinner and talks from tobacco specialists Collins, Hoover Thomas and Chuck Edwards. The event was planned by the Agricultural Extension Service and was sponsored by area farm supply dealers and chemical companies.

According to Collins, the United States produces about 3,110 million pounds of tobacco a year and the pro-

duction costs for the upcoming growing season are estimated to increase by 15-20%. And, speaker Thomas added that tobacco quotas for farmers would be down in 1980, despite the rise in production costs. North Carolina State University figures indicate that it costs farmers \$1.03 per pound to grow and harvest a crop of tobacco, Thomas said. With the 15-20% increase in cost of production, and the estimated nine cent price support increase for the 1980

season, Thomas encouraged farmers to try to grow their tobacco quota on less acreage to cut costs.

However, Collins said quality tobacco is the most profitable and should be the goal of each farmer. Collins also talked on the five new varieties of tobacco available for farmers in 1980, McNair 373, NC-82, Speight G-70, NC-628, and Speight G-58. A new fumigant chemical, Telone C-17, was introduced by Edwards, who warned farmers that over \$40 million is lost to disease and nema-

todes each tobacco season. Duplin County ASCS figures indicate that 20,810,791 pounds of tobacco were grown in Duplin last season, which was 14% short of the 1979 quota for the county, said Duplin Agricultural Extension Agent J. Michael Moore. He added that the average price per pound for Duplin tobacco was about \$1.39, making the tobacco income \$28,114,507. In 1980, the 14% carryover of pounds from the 1979 season will help lower lease prices while the 1980 tobacco

poundage quotas will remain at the same level as last season, Moore said.

According to Moore, 3,500 acres of tobacco were represented by the 250 persons present at the farm meeting last week. He added that Duplin County ranks 12th in the number of pounds of tobacco produced in the state during 1979. And, with the 1979 carryover of 14% into the new tobacco season, Moore says, the 1980 quota will be 26,388,977 pounds.



ANNUAL TOBACCO MEETING - The 1980 Duplin County tobacco meeting was held at the James Kenan High School cafeteria and featured guest speakers from North Carolina State University. Pictured, left to right, O. R. Blizzard,

president of the Duplin Young Farmers Organization; Bill Collins, NCSU tobacco specialist; Alan Nethercutt, Duplin County commissioner; and J. Michael Moore, Duplin Agricultural Extension tobacco agent.

## JSTC Freshman Nurses Capped In Ceremony

On Jan. 13, James Sprunt Technical College senior nursing students capped 33 student nurses from the freshman class. Invited guests and relatives attended the annual ceremony which symbolizes passage from the non-clinical to the clinical phase of nursing education. The cap has long stood for scholarship and service to humanity and implies an obligation of performing competently, conscientiously, willingly and pleasantly.

Music for the procession was provided by pianist Rita Brown. The invocation was given by Lillian Quinn and welcome by Susan Parker. Arlene Jones recognized the guests, members of JSTC board of trustees, and JSTC administration.

Sandra Gastardi introduced the speaker, Susan H. Saunders, health education instructor at JSTC. She reflected on the many challenges and responsibilities that the student nurses must be prepared to meet as they relate to other members of the health care team, to patients and their families. "You have completed the first quarter satisfactorily

and have demonstrated the required degree of skill during this period, and now you are being presented nursing caps which mark completion of the preliminary period and shows that you have earned the privilege to go a step further in your studies," she stated.

Following the speaker, a poem was read by Meg Mozingo. Capping was led by Sue Clark. Freshman nursing students were Joyce Alexander, Glenda Best, Rosetta Bordeaux, Susan Bostic, Bonnie Brock, Patricia Brown, DeWayne Byrd, Brenda Chestnut, Rohn Daughtry, Kay Dorman, Donna Eggleston, Carolyn Ezzell, Cynthia Futrell, Geraldine Giddings, Linda Hamilton, Cynthia Hankins, Wanda Holmes, Lynn Johnson, Frances Kelly, Lillie Lanier, Karen Marshburn, Norma Montenegro, Deborah Nacoste, Joan Norris, Nancy Rouse, Kathy Stroud, Peggy Tann, Toni Walton, Sheila Wells, Vickie Wells, Cindy Whaley, Dora Whitfield and Mona Williford.

The Florence Nightingale pledge was led by Evan Jones. The program ended

with the lighting of candles, a traditional gesture when a senior student lights a freshman's candle, symbolic of the lamp that Florence Nightingale carried as she attended wounded soldiers, and also of the light to illumine the freshman's path as they take on the responsibility and obligations of their nursing profession.

## Biology Students Receive Scholarships

Three students in the East Carolina University department of biology have been awarded scholarships for the spring semester.

Recipients are undergraduates Dawn Colwell of Raleigh, Leslie Alexander Webb of Burlington, and graduate student Paul Bolin, Jr. of Beulaville.

Bolin, an alumnus of ECU, is doing research on the brain biochemistry of rats. He is a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta honor society. Upon completion of his graduate studies at ECU, he will begin medical studies at UNC-Chapel Hill.

## Bids Let For County Library

The lowest combination of bids for the proposed Duplin County Library totalled \$172,393.75. Thirty-four firms' bid on the four contracts to be let by the county board of commissioners. Bids were opened by Charlie Grier of Grier-Fripp Associates of Charlotte, architectural firm, Thursday in the courthouse.

The library board has \$200,000 on hand for the construction. Grier said bids were considerably under the estimated cost of about \$250,000. "They are surprisingly low," he commented.

The county is planning a 6,000-square-foot structure of colonial design to blend in with the style of neighboring

county public buildings. The bids were approved and let by the board of commissioners Monday so construction could begin in three or four weeks, according to Grier.

Low bidder for the general contract was Cashwell Construction Co. of Fayetteville with a base bid of \$136,228 and an additional bid of

\$7,000 for carpeting. The low plumbing bid came from Pender Plumbing Co. of Wallace with \$8,385.75.

The low heating and air conditioning bid of \$14,735 came from Gideon Air Conditioning Co. of Wallace.

Low bid for the electrical contract was \$13,045 from Houston Electric Co. of Pink Hill.