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North Carolina Fifth Largest Snow Storm Puts Duplin In Slow Motion

An estimated sixteen inches of snow covered Duplin County as the result of North Carolina's fifth largest recorded snow storm which started Saturday. The snow started as sleet early Saturday morning and turned to snow on Sunday, causing school closings, erupting business, and put Duplin normal

routine schedules into slow motion. For some the digging out was slow, but at noon on Tuesday, traffic on many of Duplin's major roads could be seen. County road crews were busy working on the highways in an effort to get Duplin County back on its feet.

Bloodmobile In Kenansville March 13

Schools, Business And Industry Challenged

By Mark Patrus

Let's say about ten or fifteen years ago, you were settling down in your living room in front of the television set. It had been a busy day at work, you were glad to see the clock roll around to quitting time, and you hurried home for a heartening meal. Now, with all that behind you, an evening in your favorite chair with your favorite television show didn't sound all that bad.

The eleven o'clock news wraps up the evening report. You get up out of the chair, head upstairs, and settle down for a good night's rest. Snuggling under the quilt, you forget all about the worldly problems and transcend into a deep sleep. After what seemed eternity, you are awakened by the dog barking outside. Groggily, you climb out of bed and glance out the window overlooking the front lawn. Parked at the curb is a patrol car from the sheriff's department. Cursing under your breath, you knew what that meant. Throwing on a pair of trousers, a shirt, jacket, and shoes and socks, if you remembered them, you kiss the wife and tell her you'll be right back. Then heading outside, you are greeted by the deputy and the both of you take off in the patrol car toward the hospital. That's right, the hospital. You're not under arrest. You are a blood donor.

Giving Blood in the Past
Giving blood for the needy dates back to the latter 19th century. Advancements have been made a hundred fold since those days, one of these advancements being the formation of the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross is divided

into many chapters throughout the country, and other parts of the world. Wherever they operate, there is a commendable team of volunteers operating along side. With the dedicated personnel of this working machine, the Red Cross delivers blood wherever needed, and received blood from donors whenever available. Depending on the territory of each chapter, different plans for collecting blood are implemented.

Three Possible Ways of Finding Donors

One plan as described at the first of the article, is referred to as "The Walking Blood Bank." According to this plan, the sheriff's department compiles a list of people with varying blood types who have agreed to be donors. In the past, many hospital employees took part in this program. This method sufficed but the people closest to the hospital usually gave the most blood.

Another method incorporated by some hospitals was the patient that was to have surgery would find fifteen donors to replace the blood that would be needed during the operation.

A third plan, referred to as the "Family Plan," consisted of the donor giving one unit of blood that would guarantee blood for his or her family for the entire year. For awhile this was effective.

Blood Donors Today

Today, at least in this locale, the Red Cross sends us the bloodmobile. Most everyone is familiar with this service. Out of Greenville comes a tractor trailer rig loaded with equipment, supplies and personnel. They set up shop wherever they receive an invitation or need for a blood drive. The bloodmobile is indeed a service for

Duplin County.

Bloodmobile to Visit James Sprunt

On March 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the bloodmobile will visit James Sprunt Technical College in Kenansville. They will set up shop in Room 113 of the Hall Building. The purpose of the visit is to fill a quota for this area.

Every year, the bloodmobile attempts to meet a quota of 1,500 units donated from Duplin County citizens. On each visit they hope to meet a quota of 100 units. One hundred sounds like a nominal number in these inflationary times, but the reality exists that 100 units is seldom reached. Kenansville did not meet this quota last year.

Advantages of the Bloodmobile

The advantage of the bloodmobile is that the blood given by Duplin County donors is given to Duplin County citizens when needed. There is no cost for the blood itself. The cost factor comes from processing and handling of the blood. The Red Cross charges the hospital this charge of \$21.50 per unit as it is now. The hospital transfers this cost to the patient in addition to \$15 for transadministration plus another \$15 for typing and cross-matching.

One might say that this would add up after a number of units. Without the bloodmobile, each unit of blood would cost between \$50 and \$60 plus the hospital charges. Now that adds up to much more. Last year Duplin General used approximately 660 units of blood. Speedy mathematics would show that the cost factor would rise from what it was at about \$40,000 to what it could be at \$80,000. The cost factor would nearly double.

Development Commission Meets

Approve Request For Brochures Funds

The Duplin Development Commission met Feb. 26 and approved a request to help finance the printing of brochures for the 1980 production of THE LIBERTY CART.

Appearing before the commission was general manager of THE LIBERTY CART, Rich Boyd. He pointed out that through the promotion of THE LIBERTY CART tour, including for the first year a visit to Duplin Wine Cellars, dinner at The Country Squire, guided tours of historical homes in Kenansville, and concluding with a performance of THE LIBERTY CART, Duplin County was also promoted in THE LIBERTY CART brochure. Boyd explained that opening dates for THE LIBERTY CART had been moved back in order to capture the most tourists. According to Boyd, the show will run through most of August, which he indicated to be the best tourist month of the year. Last year 5,000 people saw THE LIBERTY CART, Boyd said.

Agreeing that THE LIBERTY CART could be included in the policy of the commission to grant financial assistance for towns for updating or the publication of promotional brochures, the outdoor drama received \$100 in aid for the publication of brochures.

John Gurganus, Duplin development officer, summarized a report on the forest resources in Duplin and surrounding areas, stating timber is being cut faster now than 10 years ago, but is also growing faster. The annual removal rate of growing stock has increased by 11.3 million while the removal rate of saw timber has decreased 41.4 million board feet. The annual growth of growing stock exceeds the annual removal rate by 22 million cubic feet and 67.6 million board feet respectively, the report stated.

The report stated that since 1964, total acres of commercial forest have decreased by 126,860 acres, and privately-owned forest land has decreased by 135,414 acres, while publicly owned forest land has increased by 3,820 in Duplin County. In Duplin 59.9% of the land area is forest land, of which 303,614 acres of that forest land is owned by private citizens, and 7,798 acres owned by the public. Over half of the forest land owned by private Duplin

citizens is owned by farmers, and the state owns 7,585 acres while the county owns 213 acres of woodland in Duplin, according to the report.

The forest resources report lists 51 buyers available to Duplin timber producers in a radius of 50 miles of Warsaw, and 46 principal wood industries. According to Gurganus, the report will be used in the recruitment of wood-related industry to Duplin County.

The commission reviewed a newsletter concerning the

new industry locating in Calypso, Bell & Sons, Inc. The industry will locate in the old Calypso Manufacturing building, where it will make T-shirts. The commission also reviewed ideas for setting up a top management group in Duplin County. The group will include only the top executive from each business in Duplin. The commission agreed to survey the county for interest in the project.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a plaque of appreciation was presented from

the commission to former Commission President H.L. Oswald of Wallace. Oswald had served two consecutive terms, 1978 and 1979. Upon receipt of the plaque, he said, "There is not a better group of people than this group, and I am proud to have served with you." Oswald added that he felt the commission had progressed in the past, and he hoped to continue to be a part of the group as it progressed in the future.

Brown To Coordinate

Duplin Transporting Planning

Walter Brown, Duplin County director of services to the aging, will coordinate county efforts to develop a plan for improving transportation of elderly, ill and handicapped persons by the county's human services departments.

He was named to the voluntary position last week during a meeting of the county department heads and Neuse River Council of Governments officers.

A transportation plan to eliminate duplication of travel routes and increase ridership of available vans must be developed by a county for it to be eligible for transportation funds, Robert Quinn, assistant director of the NRCOG, told the group.

Social Services Director Millie Brown said her case workers carry many of their clients to their destinations, due to the erratic nature of their necessary travels, in their personal cars. She said the workers are paid 19 cents per mile. She said she has a travel budget of \$20,000 for her department.

Other human services departments with transporta-

tion budgets include mental health with seven vans and \$80,000, services to the aged \$30,000 with one van of its own and two it leases, and health with \$18,000 but no van transportation service.

The transportation funds come primarily from federal and state grants. The county puts up a small portion of the

total amounts.

Quinn told the group the grants all require the departments to coordinate their services. In the past, each grant specified only persons within the grant's field of coverage could be served from it.

Quinn said the changed policy was brought on by soaring transportation costs

and the need to conserve fuel.

Brown said another meeting will be scheduled after he obtains the information necessary to coordinate the travel arrangements of the different agencies. When a plan is developed, it will be presented to the board of commissioners for action.

Firemen To Help With Crime Watch

Sheriff Elwood Revelle is organizing a county-wide crime watch program through the cooperation of the volunteer fire departments.

Revelle said he is working with the fire departments because they cover the entire county and there are a large number of dedicated volunteers in their membership.

He said his department does not have enough

deputies to stand watch over the county in the same way residents of the individual communities can watch out for their own areas.

There are 18 volunteer fire departments in the county.

The sheriff's department has engraving devices which it will loan to the different fire departments so residents of their areas can mark tools, machinery and furnishings with identification numbers.

At a meeting of police

chiefs and volunteer firemen in Kenansville, L.D. Hyde of the crime control and public safety department reported 20 percent of the break-ins in North Carolina occur in homes with unlocked doors or windows. He said 51 percent of these crimes are committed by young people.

"You need to get young people involved in the crime watch program and teach them the penalties of stealing," he said.

Because some Duplin citizens give blood, they save money for any Duplin citizen needing blood.

Bloodmobile March 13 Again the bloodmobile will

be on campus at James Sprunt Technical College from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 13. The tables and personnel will be located in Room 113 of the Hall Building.

Challenges will be made to area businesses and to James Kenan High School to see who can give the most blood. The bloodmobile will award a plaque to the

winner. James Sprunt will have their own competition within the school also.

Posters will be distributed in Kenansville and elsewhere reminding donors and poten-

tial donors. We hope there will be a good turnout, but we need your help. Please find a spare moment that day, circle the date on your calendar.

