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OUTSTANDING CITIZEN NOMINEES - Nominees for the 1980 4-H Outstanding Citizen Award are pictured above. Each nominee received a certificate, and the winner received a plaque. The awards were presented by Congressman Charlie Whitley during a dinner at The Country Squire sponsored by the Duplin County Farm Bureau. Each nominee was selected by a 4-H club in Duplin County. They are pictured above, front row, James H. Blanton, We Can Make It Happen Club; Davetta Herring,

Wallace 4-H Club; Mrs. N.B. Boney, Kenansville Youth in Action Club; and R.E. Wilkins, Stanford 4-H Club. Back row, 4-H Agricultural Extension Agent Ray Rhinehard, Congressman Charlie Whitley, Outstanding Citizen Dr. Edwin Ewers, nominated by the Warsaw Shamrock and the New Horizon clubs; and Duplin Farm Bureau Agent Robert Worthington.

Duplin Water System Debated

A call for facts, not political answers, came from the 30 persons attending the county water system hearing Wednesday night in Kenansville.

The proposed system would cost an estimated \$17 million and include 400 miles of pipe. A county bond issue of \$7.6 million would be needed to finance the local share. The proposed system would need 4,600 users to become self-supporting.

"Stop treating us like imbeciles. Don't give political answers. Give us facts," declared Moe Mosley of Warsaw, a local radio station manager. He was referring to a brochure promoting the proposed project.

Disappointment in what he called the "pitifully low turnout" at the meeting was expressed by Alfred Dixon, coordinator of the proposed project.

"I know there were more people interested, and I know they received the word," he said. He noted the meeting had been highly publicized by press and radio throughout the county.

Jimmy Dixon of Warsaw, commenting on the statements of a three-member forum that the project would not increase taxes, asked, "Where do you think the money from all these grants comes from?"

Dixon, a turkey farmer, added, "We're becoming addicted to these grants."

Forum members were Tommy Herring of Wallace, a member of the county planning board; Bob Pittman of Rivers & Associates, the engineering firm for the project; and Mike Bell of the

state Health Department.

Herring defended the proposed project. "It's cheaper for us to put this in now than later, and we are projecting it will not raise taxes, but I'm not going to put my neck on the line and say it absolutely will not affect taxes," he said. "All of our studies, though, indicate it won't raise taxes."

Proponents and opponents alike said they want to see the county grow. Other meetings will be scheduled through 1980 and 1981.

Kenansville Area C Of C Auction Set

Carey Wrenn and Carey Williams, Jr. have been named to chair the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce auction set for April 26 at 7 p.m. in the business

district of Kenansville.

In making the announcement, Rich Boyd, president of the Kenansville Area Chamber, said, "The Chamber sponsored an auction in 1978 to raise funds for physician recruitment for the area. It was successful by bringing needed revenues and it also provided an opportunity for the community to get together. We have selected two of the most energetic individuals of the area to head our auction. Both young men are totally involved in the community and will do an outstanding job."

Announcements concerning details will be made by the co-chairman within the next few days. The auction will be held in the county parking lot across from the Bank of North Carolina.



Photo by Emily Killeto

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN - Dr. Edwin Ewers of Warsaw was awarded the 1980 4-H Outstanding Citizen last Friday night. Ewers was one of five candidates selected by the 4-H clubs in Duplin County as a nominee for the Outstanding Citizen Award. Ewers was nominated by the

Warsaw Shamrock Club and the New Horizon Club. Pictured above is Congressman Charlie Whitley who presented the awards, Dr. Ewers, Director of the Duplin Agricultural Extension Service Lois Britt and President of the Duplin County Farm Bureau David Kilpatrick.

Soybean Referendum Set For April 8

April 8 is the date when soybean farmers will decide whether to approve a one-cent-per-bushel assessment on all soybeans marketed in North Carolina, according to Snodie B. Wilson, agricultural extension agent. The soybean "check-off" program has been in effect since 1966 and the upcoming vote will cover authorization for a six-year period beginning with the 1981 soybean crop and extending through 1986.

North Carolina, the first state to commercially grow and process soybeans, was the first to initiate a grower-funded self-help program for soybeans. Twenty-one states now have an assessment program patterned after the N.C. Soybean Producers' Association. Five already have gone to a full penny per bushel rate, with North Carolina and five others seeking to move to the full penny rate.

The program is administered by the NCSA, which is involved in development and improvement of soybean production, research, marketing, utilization, education, quality and the general welfare of producers. A 30-man board of directors covering all the producing areas of the state governs the organization's activities. Thurman Burleson of Stanly County is the president and James F. Wilder of Raleigh is executive vice president.

Some achievements of the association include \$210,000 in permanent yearly legislative appropriations for soybean research and extension programs at NCSU. Since the first referendum was approved, the association also has directly funded nearly \$300,000 in research and extension projects at the University, and more than \$185,000 for promotion and market development programs through the American Soybean Association Market Development Foundation.

The association is very active in local promotion programs, fairs and trade shows. It has presented testimony to many state and federal hearings on behalf of soybean growers and has been recognized as one of the outstanding state associations in the nation.

Twenty polling places have been set up in Duplin County according to Wilson. Polling

places are: Jimmy Matthews' Hardware & Grocer, Route 2, Rose Hill; W.R. Grace & Co., Teachey; Hunt's Grocery, Albertson; R-Mart Grocery, Albertson; M.L. Lanier & Smith, Inc., Route 1, Chinquapin; Garland Whaley Store, Route 1, Chinquapin; J.D. Kennedy Store, Route 2, Pink Hill; Mike's Service Center, Route 2, Pink Hill; Ray Smith's Grocery, Beulaville; Outlaw's Grill, Herring

Crossroads; ASCS, Agricultural Building, Kenansville; Agricultural Extension Service, Ag. Building, Kenansville; Farmers' Hardware & Merchandise Co., Inc., Warsaw; Lewis' Farm Supply, Faison; J.T. Summerlin Feed Mill, Mount Olive; FCX Store, Wallace; The Country Store, Cedar Fork; G.H. Myers Grocery, Route 2, Mount Olive; Duplin Trading Co., Warsaw; and Farmers' Seed & Feed Co., Wallace.

SBA To Provide Disaster Loans

Larry Cherry, Charlotte district director for the U.S. Small Business Administration, announced Friday details of the SBA physical and economic injury disaster loan program available to homeowners, farmers and businesses in Beaufort, Dare, Duplin, Lenoir, Onslow, Sampson and all adjacent counties for a total of 23 counties.

Any farmer, homeowner or business suffering damage from wind, heavy sleet and snow storms of March 1-3 are eligible to apply for low interest loans to repair or replace the property

damaged or destroyed. Cherry also says that interest rates are 8 1/4% for applicants who have the ability to obtain financial assistance from other sources and 5% for those who, in the judgment of

SBA, do not have access to other financial resources. Repayment terms are based on the ability to repay. In addition to loans for physical damage, loans may be made to small businesses that suffered economic losses to

help them meet obligations that could have been met if the disaster had not occurred.

Applicants must file for property damage loans before May 22, and for economic injury loans before December 22, 1980.

SBA has installed special toll-free telephone lines for applicants to make inquiry and to apply for loans. The free number, 1-800-532-0368 will be open from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The mailing address for Small Business Administration is 230 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.

Meat Company Opens Plant In Warsaw

William W. Contris, president of the Warsaw Meat Co., announced the opening of their processing plant in facilities formerly operated as B & R Meat Products. The company is located on Hwy. 24, one mile east of Warsaw. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Diamond Meat Co., Inc., headquartered in Petersburg, Va. The pork processing firm will employ approximately 25 when operations begin in mid-April. The company will not have meat for sale to the public, Contris explained. "We have been extremely impressed by the friendliness and helpfulness of the

local Warsaw merchants, citizens and county development commission. The quality and quantity of the local labor force has been impressive," Contris added. The company anticipates processing approximately 100 hogs per day once operations begin.

Candidates In The Running For Board Of Education See Page 9

Austin Out For USA Basketball Team

Ms. Gwendolyn Austin, a 6'2" junior at Wallace-Rose Hill High School, has been invited to participate in the open trials for the U.S.A. Women's basketball team. The competition was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado March 24-26, and open to women from all over the country.



STILL READY TO GO - Gordon Lanier of Cedar Fork has constructed a column still by plans he received from The Mother Earth News magazine. Lanier said the column still is different from an old-time illegal still used by a moonshiner. The difference in the two

types of still is the part where the alcohol vapor condenses. The column still has a tall column in which the water and alcohol condenses, but the old moonshiner's still used a coil called a worm, Lanier explained.

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Downtown Mt. Olive Merchants Open Til 9 Friday Nites