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RECEIVES EAGLE SCOUT AWARD. Stephen M. Williamson, Jr., of Kenansville received the eagle scout award Sunday. Steve is a member of Scout Troop 50 and has been in scouting since 1969. As a cub scout Steve received the arrow of light Award which is the highest honor that can be earned in the Webelos. Pictured above is Steve with his parents, Judge and Mrs. Stephen Williams.

Steve Williamson Receives Eagle Scout Award

Stephen M. Williamson, Jr., age 18, son of Judge and Mrs. Stephen M. Williamson Sr., of Kenansville, received the Eagle Scout Award Sunday in services at the Kenansville United Methodist Church. Steve is a member of Troop 50 and began his climb to the highest award in scouting in 1969 when he was a Cub scout. He received the Arrow of Light, which is the highest award that can be earned in the Webelos in 1973. He has served as Cub Scout Den Chief, Assistant Patrol

Leader, Patrol Leader, Senior Leader, and now serves as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He is a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, a service organization for honor scouts.

He has attended Boy Scout Camp six summers and in 1976, he hiked the complete 100-mile Pilgrimage from Fremont to Halifax and received the Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Patriotic Achievement. During that year he served as

President of the Future Farmers of America Club. In 1978, he hiked the Francis Asbury Trail. It is a rugged twenty-seven mile trip over North Carolina mountain trails and routes.

As a Senior at James Kenan High School, he is the Vice President of the Monogram Club, and a member of the Pep Club and Varsity Football team. He is a member of the Kenansville Fire Department and Rescue Squad. In May of 1979, he became a certified Life Guard with the

National Red Cross and was employed as Life Guard for the Duplin County Country Club during the summer of 1979. Stephen received the Certificate of Merit and is represented in the 1978-1979 edition of WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. In December, 1979, he was chosen as 1st Runner-up in the Century III Leadership Contest sponsored by the Secondary School Principals. As of February, 1980, Stephen became certified by the State of North Carolina as an Emergency Medical Technician.

April 1, 1980, Stephen was chosen by the James Kenan Faculty and recognized by the Warsaw-Kenansville Rotary Club as the Rotary Student of the Month. He has been accepted and will be enrolling at Campbell University this fall as a Pre-Law student.

Democratic Committee

Reject County Vote On School Board Districting

The Duplin County Democratic Executive Committee unanimously rejected Representative Doug Clark's recommendation to present the districting of the Board of Education on the Nov. 4th ballot, during their meeting April 15.

According to Duplin Democratic Chairman Melvin Williams, a proposal to elect the Duplin County Board of Education by districts was passed by the committee in January. The proposal called for the drawing of school districts which would follow the lines of the County Commissioner districts. District I will be composed of Warsaw and Faison townships; District II, Calypso precinct, Wolfscrape, Glisson, Albertson and Smith townships; District III, Limestone and Cypress Creek townships; District IV, Island Creek and Rockfish townships; District V, Rose Hill, Magnolia and Kenansville townships. Members of the Board of Education would be required to reside within the district for which he or she seeks a seat on the Board, Williams stated. Members of the Board would be elected to four-year terms and would be sworn into office during the first meeting of the Board of Education in April following the November election, the

proposed bill stated.

At the January meeting of the Executive Committee, Clark was given a copy of the school board proposal. Clark was to submit the bill to the North Carolina Legislature in June. However, Clark sent the proposal back to the Executive Committee with the addition of a section requiring a citizen vote before becoming law. Attached to the returned proposal was a copy of an article written by Clark explaining that a general election vote would not be required to change the method of electing the Board of Education. However, he wrote that a vote is necessary to change the method of election for county commissioners, House Representatives, and members of the Congress. Clark stated that he did not view the work of the Duplin County School

Board any less important, and the general public should have a vote on the issue.

According to members of the Executive Committee, the first five days of the legislative session in June will be for noncontroversial local bills. A bill introduced with the support of both the local representative and senator will have no problem passing through the Legislature and becoming law, Williams said.

"Duplin citizens do not have enough knowledge of the bill to vote for it, and if it is defeated, it will be too unpopular to get Rep. Clark to introduce it into the Legislature," Max Alphin, Wallace precinct representative said.

Williams added, "Rep. Clark never mentioned a vote by county citizens to the Board of Education or the

Executive Committee before we passed the proposal."

Mrs. E.L. Boyette of Chinquapin said, "We have been selected to represent the citizens, and I don't think we need to put it (proposal) to a county-wide vote."

Magnolia Precinct Representative Aubrey Murfree made the motion that the Executive Committee return a copy of the original draft of the school board election proposal as passed in January to Representative Clark for introduction into the Legislature in June. The motion was seconded by Margaret Sutton, the Wolfscrape representative. A letter was drafted by the Executive Committee to accompany the returned bill, asking Clark for an immediate reply concerning any further action he may take on the bill as proposed by the Executive Committee.

Former Deputy Found Guilty Of Theft

George Williams of rural Wallace, a former Duplin County sheriff's deputy, was sentenced to two eight-month active jail sentences, to be served consecutively, by Judge George Fountain in Onslow County Superior Court here Thursday.

Williams was found guilty on two counts of misdemeanor larceny by a Superior Court jury Wednesday. He appealed the conviction and was free late Thursday on \$1,000 bond.

The case had been transferred from Duplin County to Onslow County Superior Court after a mistrial was declared in the Duplin court because a witness and juror were riding together from their homes to court.

The case was tried in Onslow County Superior

Court three times, with hung juries resulting from the first two trials.

The trials were held because Williams appealed his conviction late last summer in Duplin County District Court. He was charged with stealing a radio booster and brackets from Buck Whaley's

Furniture and Appliance Store on NC 11 near Wallace in May 1979.

At that time Williams was employed as a county deputy. He was suspended from the Sheriff's Department following an investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation.

World Missions Conference

The World Missions Conference begins at Dobson Chapel Baptist Church Thursday and goes through Sunday evening, April 27th. The program will start at 7:30 p.m. each evening and at 11 a.m., Sunday. Each of the five speakers will bring a challenging message. A covered dish supper will be

held at 6 p.m. Saturday. **TRYON PALACE TOUR RESCHEDULED**

Attention all Senior Citizens of Sandy Plains Free Will Baptist Church, the tour has had to be rescheduled due to a conflict in getting a bus. The trip to Tryon Palace has been changed to May 16,

Farmers Meet With SBA Representative

About 15 applicants for disaster loans met with Small Business Administration representative Jerry Gaglione at the Duplin County Courthouse last Tuesday.

Farmers met with Gaglione asking questions about disaster loan applications. A loss due to the March 1-3 snow storm would have to be verified and the applicant would have to prove the ability to pay back the loan in order to qualify, Gaglione said. To verify the loss, he suggested the farmers photograph their collapsed poultry houses before cleaning up, and present bills from contractors for rebuilding. If the farmer intended to rebuild the poultry houses himself, Gaglione said the bills for materials and additional labor could be used as verification of a loss.

However, he added that the SBA would not pay a farmer for his labor in rebuilding the poultry houses. The loss of livestock due to the storm could also be claimed on the loan, with verification through a veterinarian or the county ASCS office, Gaglione said.

"How long after I get all the application complete and to Charlotte before I will get a check from the SBA?" Woodrow Jackson, a poultry farmer from Kenansville, asked. Four of Jackson's houses were completely destroyed by the March snow storm.

Gaglione estimated the entire process to take five weeks — a week for processing, two weeks for credit checks, and two weeks for a check to reach Charlotte from the Denver SBA office. To speed up their applications, Gaglione told farmers to submit deeds to only the land which would be used as col-

lateral for the loan, and include copies of their 1977-79 income tax returns. The income tax statements are used in computing the term of repayment for the loan, Gaglione said.

Kenneth Smith, a teacher at Beulaville, said he completed an application for his mother, Ida Mae Smith, in about four hours; however, he added that the process of gathering all the information to fill out the application took over a week.

"The biggest problem I had filling out the application was not knowing how detailed to be. I think the application is designed more for a corporation than a farm operation," Smith said.

Raleigh Lanier of Beulaville agreed that the questions on the application

were the hardest part. However, after about three days of work, Lanier said he had completed the application and had all the necessary deeds and contractor's estimates. Lanier lost one house in the snow storm, and a part of a second house.

The cost of a new poultry house with equipment is about \$3.25 per square foot, and farmers asked if additional money could be borrowed to upgrade and increase their poultry operations. According to the SBA representative, farmers are only allowed to borrow enough money to replace what was lost, not to expand. Gaglione added that the SBA recommends applicants take out life insurance policies to cover large loans because death does not erase the debt to SBA.

SBA Representative To Visit Duplin And Lenoir

A representative of the U.S. Small Business Administration will be in Lenoir and Duplin Counties next week to assist victims of the March 1-3 winter storm with their disaster loan applications.

The representative will be located in Kinston at the Federal Building, 301 E. King St. on Wednesday, April 30. The following day, Thursday, May 1, he will be located in the commissioner's room at the courthouse in Kenansville. The hours for both locations will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

SBA District Director Larry Cherry explained that the two locations are centrally situated in the area which suffered the greatest damage from the storm. He encouraged anyone in the vi-

city who has a question concerning the disaster program to visit one of the two locations.

However, for immediate response to a question, or to obtain an application, Cherry urged victims to use SBA's toll-free disaster line, 1-800-532-0368.

The disaster program is available only to those persons who suffered physical or economic damage from the storm at locations in Duplin, Sampson, Lenoir, Onslow, Beaufort, Dare or adjacent counties. All applicants must be able to demonstrate repayment ability.

Completed applications should be mailed to the U.S. Small Business Administration, 230 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, N.C. 28202.

Extension Club Celebrates Anniversary

The South Kenansville Extension Homemakers Club celebrated its 25th Anniversary when it met on Friday afternoon, April 18th, 1980, at 2:30 with Mrs. Milton Rice. Mrs. Clarence Murphy called the meeting to order and presided. The opening song, 'This Is My Father's World' was led by Mrs. Louise W. Mitchell after which Mrs. N.B. Boney conducted the Devotional basing her remarks on Deuteronomy 7:7 and 8 stressing the phrase 'God Loves You.'

Mrs. W.M. Ingram had charge of the program on 'How Is Your Shopping Etiquette?' She discussed shopping habits that affect food and prices. Mrs. Boney reviewed the history of the club since its organization in April 1955 and listed the past presidents during its 25 years of activity. After which she discussed the Nationwide Homemakers Membership Contest, which began in January of this year and will end in December, 1981.

Four of this club's members attended the District meeting in Raleigh on April 8th. They were Thelma Murphy, Celia Stroud, Lorena Vestal and Sally Tyndall. They gave reports of the meeting during the business session. The club voted to meet at 3

o'clock during the summer instead of 2:30.

During the social hour which followed the meeting

Mrs. Rice served Angel food cake topped with the silver numerals of 25 at one end of the dining room table which

was centered with a pretty arrangement of tulips from her garden and Mrs. Ellis Vestal served punch from the

other end.

There were nine members including one new member and three visitors present.



KENANSVILLE HOMEMAKERS HONORED--South Kenansville Extension Homemakers Club celebrated its 25th anniversary last week and honored during the meeting were some of the club's long-time members. Honored during the celebration were members (seated left to right), Louise Boney, Inez Chestnutt and Celia Stroud. Standing are Lorena Vestal, President of the Duplin County Council of Homemakers and Thelma Murphy, President of the South Kenansville Homemakers Club.

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