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Blue Mold A Reality In Dobson Chapel Area Of County

Blue mold has appeared in Duplin County in the Dobson Chapel area. Melvin Bostic of Kenansville has reported blue mold on his

tobacco beds, and Extension Agent J. Michael Moore urges farmers to begin treatment against the disease.

This fungal disease of tobacco, which causes estimated damages of \$1.25 million to the 1979 tobacco

crop in Duplin, has the potential to totally destroy the 1980 crop.

Blue mold is recognized by the development of bluish-cottony mold on the underside of the leaf. Generally appearing in small scattered areas throughout the plant bed, infected plants become a lighter green color than health plants. Severe cases may result in total burning of leaf area back to the bud. Blue Mold is favored by wet weather and low temperatures. Bright sunny days and high temperatures tend to check the disease.

There is no cure for blue mold. The best cure is prevention. Tobacco growers have several choices in preventing blue mold in 1980. Ridomil, a soil fungicide which provides full season control of blue mold will be the choice of many who are able to obtain this newly labeled material. Ridomil should be incorporated in the soil prior to transplanting at the rate of one quart per acre.

To obtain more information or to report blue mold, contact Moore at 296-1996.



Photo by Emily Killeto

BLUE MOLD FOUND IN DUPLIN - County Agricultural Extension Tobacco Agent J. Michael Moore was called to the farm of Melvin Bostic near Dobson Chapel on Hwy. #50 outside of Kenansville. And, Moore said that Bostic had the first case of blue mold to be reported in the county. He urged farmers

to treat their tobacco beds before traces of the disease are found in the plants, and suggests that for more information on treatment, farmers can call the extension department. Pictured above is a tobacco plant with blue mold.



STATE DRAFTING AND CARPENTRY WINNERS - From East Duplin High School. Renee Dupree, pictured on the left, won second place in the District II VICA Architectural Drafting contest and fifth place in state competition. Renee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Du'ree of Albertson

and she is a senior. Curtis Kennedy, pictured on the right, won first place in the State VICA Contest in Carpentry, and he will continue in national competition at Atlanta, Ga. this June. Curtis is a senior and the son of the Rev. Norman C. Kennedy of Beulaville.

SBA Workshop Reminder

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

The representative will be located in Kenansville on Thursday, May 1 in the commissioners room at the courthouse. The hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Area storm victims who have questions about their SBA disaster applications are urged to attend or call the toll-free disaster line, 1-800-532-0368.

According to SBA statistics, over 80 applications have been requested from Duplin County and eight have been returned and are being processed. A total of 24 applications have been returned to the SBA office from the 23-county disaster area.

School Board Candidates Meet With Duplin County Branch AAUW

Candidates for the Board of Education met with members and guests of the Duplin County branch of the American Association of University Women last week for a brief question and answer session.

AAUW Vice-President and Program Chairman Sue Clark introduced the candidates, allowing each to briefly state their platform. A panel of four AAUW members questioned the candidates before the session was opened for questions from the audience. Moderating the discussion was Mary Wood of Warsaw.

Faye Bryant, candidate, stated that a good education has to start when a child is young, and that a good education is a thorough education.

Candidate Steve Kilpatrick spoke against open classrooms, which he called a mistake, and said changing the education system would be a slow process.

Incumbent board member G. Fredrick Rhodes said he was proud of Duplin's education system, but added that there is room for improvement.

Candidate Joe Swinson, also an assistant principal in the Duplin County school system, said strong independent leadership of the school system is needed from the Board of Education. He also added that a promotion policy should be established within the Duplin school system.

Members of the AAUW panel included Elaine Hall of

Kenansville, Valerie Cooper of Warsaw, Betsy Lanier of Beulaville, and Louise Mitchell of Kenansville.

Betsy Lanier said that not enough time has been spent teaching children to read and write in the elementary grades. She added that most of the emphasis on learning in the lower grades is being placed on the sciences and math. What can the board do about the curriculum at the elementary level, she asked.

Candidate Swinson said teachers of science and math should be requiring the same quality reading and writing skills as the English teachers in each grade. And candidate Bryant said that the school curriculum should involve input from both the parents and the Board of Education.

Incumbent Rhodes stated that the Board of Education had met recently with students from North Duplin High School, and the students indicated that academically they could be pushed harder.

The candidates were also questioned on supplementing teachers' pay. Kilpatrick said he favored the idea of supplementing the salaries of teachers and indicated that would draw better teachers into the Duplin school system.

At the close of the meeting, Gloria Blanton, AAUW organizing chairman, announced that the next meeting of the Duplin branch would be held May 19 at the Rose Hill Restaurant. A dutch dinner will be served.

Three Die In Accident

Three persons were killed in a one-car accident on U.S. 117 near Magnolia.

Killed were Brenda C. Conklin, 25, Sara E. Conklin, 5 months, both of Wilmington, and Cindy Lou Walker, 12, of Wallace.

According to the highway patrol, the car Ms. Conklin was driving swerved to the left on U.S. 117 near Magnolia around 9:30 Friday, overturning in a ditch. Another passenger in the car was taken to Duplin General Hospital.

Grown Breaking May 10

Goshen Medical Center To Award Contracts May 6

By Emily Killeto

Contracts for the construction of the Goshen Medical Center in Faison will be awarded May 6, and a ground-breaking ceremony will be held on the following Saturday, said Goshen Medical Center Coordinator George Wallace.

"Goshen Medical Center will be a cross between a doctor's office and a health department," Wallace said. "The doctors will be directed toward using Duplin General Hospital for their patients. And the Medical Center will work in conjunction with the county health department to try to help fill gaps of the county health services."

According to Wallace, the center will include two physicians and a dentist. The center will devote two of the four wings of the building to medical treatment facilities and one wing each for the dentist and business office. Included in the two medical wings are six exam rooms and two doctors' offices with a central X-ray and lab, Wallace said. He added that a treatment room for emergencies would also be included in the center, along with a patient educator. The purpose of the patient educator, Wallace said, is to counsel families and patients and provide nutrition information.

The business office is centrally located and will handle the work of both the medical and dentistry wings in the center, Wallace said. Fees for the services of the center will be similar to those of other doctors' offices in Duplin, he added.

"We will charge fees just like a regular doctor's office, and the center will accept the different types of health insurance, as well as Medicare and Medicaid," Wallace said. "We hope to be able to charge according to the

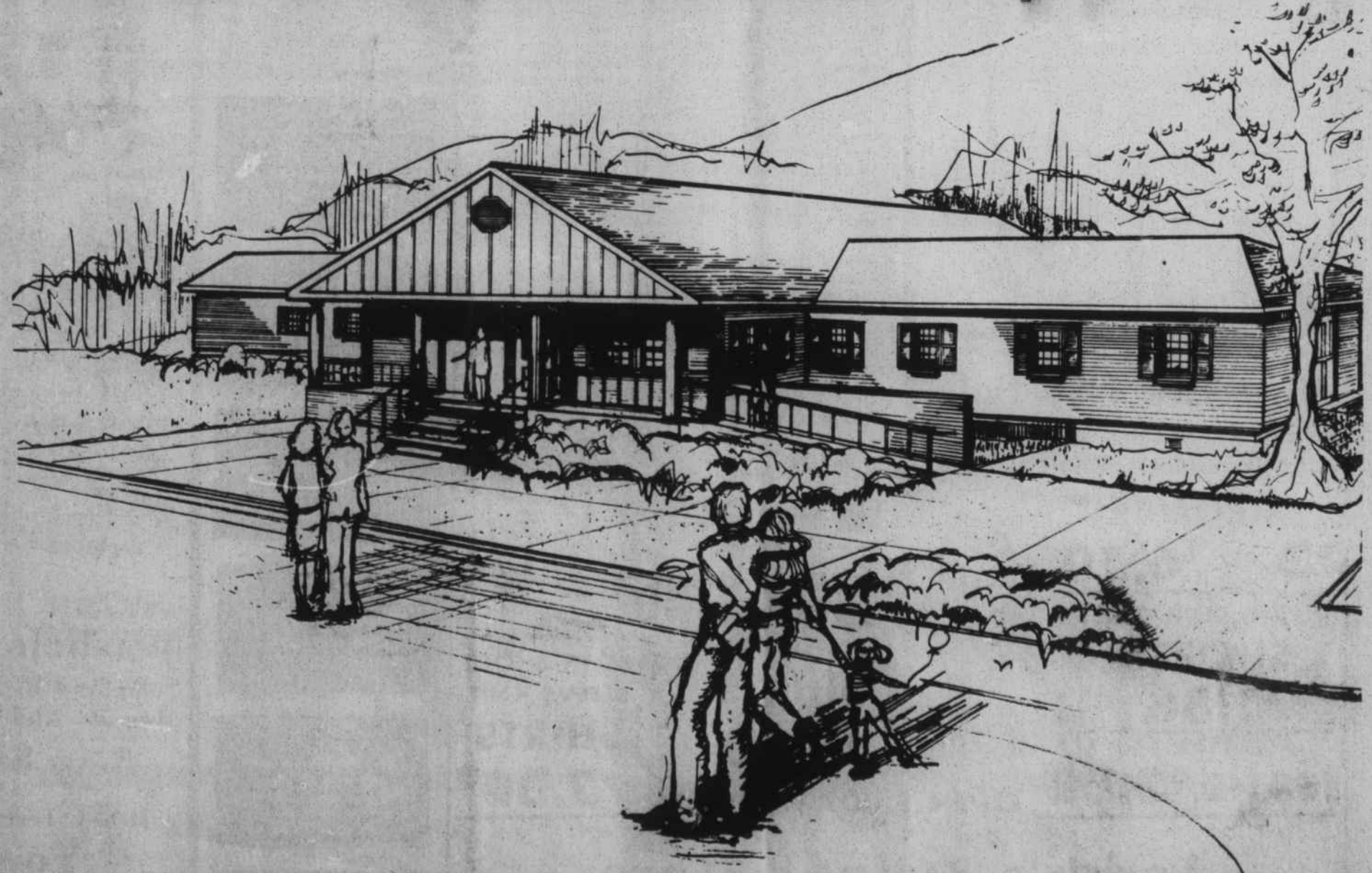
ability to pay, but that has not been worked out yet."

At first the federal government, through the Rural Health Incentive Program, will be paying all the operational costs," Wallace said, "but as the patient fees begin to come in, we hope to be 75-85% independent in about three years."

Dr. Bob Carmen, a dentist for the center, has been recruited, Wallace said. The process of recruiting doctors is taking longer, but, he added, the recruitment committee has several interested prospects, all of whom are general practitioners.

The Goshen Medical Center is designed to be a 5,000-square-foot building costing approximately \$312,000, Wallace said. And equipment will cost between \$80,000 and \$90,000. Wallace added that the building is designed for further expansion in both the medical and dentistry sections. According to him, the purpose of the medical center is to draw long-term medical services to Duplin County. The Goshen Medical Board of Directors plans to encourage each of the doctors who comes into the medical center to eventually buy their practice, Wallace said. Contracts for the center will be awarded on May 6, he said, and the center may open as early as September.

Goshen Medical Center is owned by a private non-profit corporation which was formed in 1978 by 21 citizens in Faison, Wolfscrape and Glisson townships, Wallace said. The entire project has been funded through grants from the Rural Health Initiative, he added. Ground-breaking ceremonies will be May 10 at 3 p.m., Wallace said.



Goshen Medical Center