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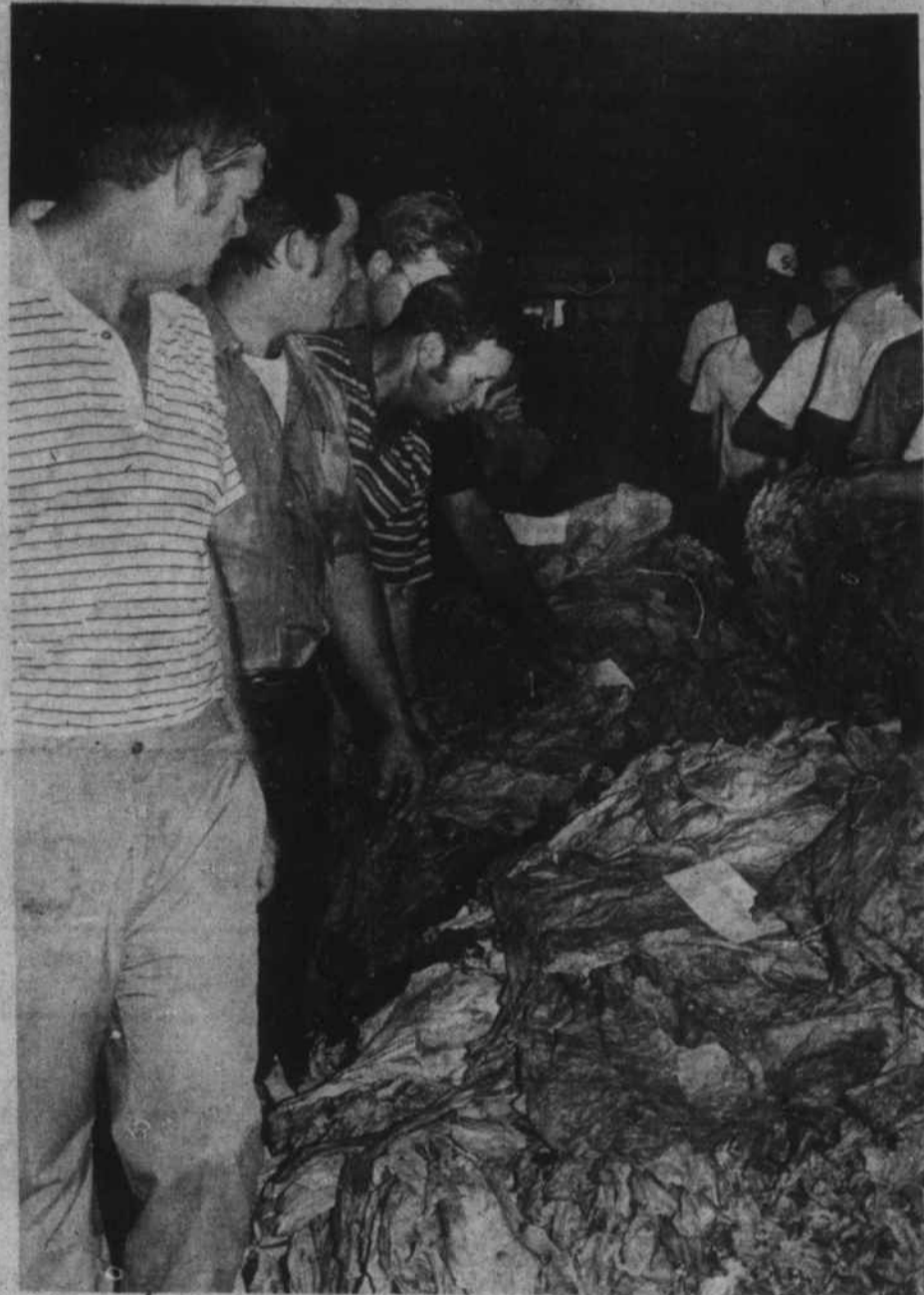
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TOBACCO AUCTION - The second day of sales at the New Duplin Warehouse in Wallace brought higher tobacco prices. However, Paul Phillips, the warehouse owner, said prices will not begin to please farmers until buyers bid for the upper stalk leaves. Tobacco sold on the second day consisted of the lower stalk leaves which had a price support drop of ten cents in the past year.

Photo by Emily Killette

Graham House Inn To Open In Kenansville November 1

By Emily Killette

The house has a history suited for our plans, said Rich Boyd, who will be managing and developing the Graham House Inn in Kenansville. The Graham Inn, a restaurant, is scheduled for opening November 1.

"As far back as 1860, Emma Cooper, who owned the Graham House, took in borders and served lunch to the people employed at the courthouse," Boyd said. The Graham House Inn is located on the corner of Main and Cooper Streets.

Planned for the Inn's new dining hall are daily house specials and a soup and salad bar during the weekday luncheon hours. Night dining, planned Thursday through Sunday, will feature a menu of foods from seafood to steak. Evening meals will be served in the colonial Williamsburg style. Candlelight meals may be eaten from pewter plates and will be served by waitresses and waiters dressed in colonial Williamsburg fashions, Boyd

said.

The Inn will also feature a wine cellar stocked by the Duplin Winery. Duplin wine will be served at the Inn and tours of the winery at Rose Hill can be arranged through the Inn, Boyd said. A feature of the Inn's wine cellar will be a wine-making operation, and wine made at the Inn will be served to the Graham House patrons, Boyd said.

The purpose behind the Inn, Boyd said, goes back to Ms. Cooper who cooked lunch for the people who worked in Kenansville, and when the new Inn opens, it will also provide the local employees with a place to eat lunch, he said. Lunch prices at the Inn are planned to average about \$4 for a full meal; dinners will not cost over \$8, Boyd said.

The Inn will employ about 15 people, Boyd said, and will provide facilities for parties and receptions. The main restaurant will be located on the first floor of the house, and the upstairs will be used for banquet and party rooms. According to

Boyd, until construction is complete and the Inn opens, he will be occupying the upstairs as living quarters. Only minor changes will be made in the house, he said, which includes painting to change the color scheme,

and repairs to the hardwood floors. The outside will only be changed in color. The Inn will be painted a light gray and trimmed in a cream-yellow, Boyd said. The porch will be accented with yellow

wicker furniture.

Owners of the Inn are Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Brinson, Lt. Sharon King, and Rich Boyd.

Liberty Cart

Attendance Up

According to a survey conducted by North Carolina Theatre Arts, attendance at THE LIBERTY CART outdoor drama in Kenansville has increased by 30% compared to the 1979 season. During the opening weekend of the historical drama, over 1,400 people attended.

Average nightly attendance is now close to 400 per night, with reservations for the remainder of the season coming in at a rate significantly higher than in 1979. An increase in the number of tour groups booked for the

1980 season has also been noted.

North Carolina Theatre Arts reports that attendance at all theatres surveyed is up between 10% and 35% over the 1979 season. Outdoor dramas are generally showing the largest increase in audience size. According to Theatre Arts, the ten millionth ticket sale is expected in mid-August or earlier, and 1980 promises to be one of the best years ever for outdoor and indoor theatres.

In its fifth season, THE LIBERTY CART is coopera-

ting with the Department of Commerce's division of tourism and travel in promoting the theme, "This summer, don't go away, stay in North Carolina." The increase in attendance so far this year is a possible indication of the trend for North Carolinians to vacation and travel in their home state rather than spending time and money traveling to other vacation areas.

THE LIBERTY CART will be performed every Thursday through Sunday evening through August 24.

Phillips Attends Youth Seminar

John Thomas Phillips, Jr. of Warsaw was among about 120 high school students from throughout the state who participated in the seventh annual Youth Seminar on Law, Leadership and Government in Chapel Hill, July 27-August 1.

John is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Phillips and attends James Kenan High School in Warsaw.

The purpose of the semi-

nar was to give young people opportunities to learn more about government and how to develop their own leadership skills. The participants attended a number of workshops and panel discussions on justice and youth rights, news media, community organizing and government.

At the end of the week-long session, the students received certificates for their participation during a

luncheon featuring an address by Howard Lee, secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

During the week the students heard other state officials including Attorney General Rufus Edmisten; Elizabeth Koontz, assistant superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction; Gary Pearce, the Governor's press secretary; Rep.

Patricia Hunt; and District Court Judge William Jones Caslotte.

The seminar was co-sponsored by the N.C. In-

stitute of Government in Chapel Hill and the State Youth Council, a component of the N.C. Department of Administration's youth involvement office.

Tobacco Market Opens

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New Elementary School To Open This Fall

By Emily Killette

The only thing missing at the new Kenansville elementary school is the bustle of children, said Wilbur Carr, principal of the school.

The Kenansville elementary school, the newest in the county, will open to students this fall, and grades kindergarten through six will attend. Also, located at the new school, will be the county's hearing impaired program. And, new the school will be — a new building, and a new teaching system, open classrooms.

However, Carr said, the Kenansville school is a good

compromise between the open classrooms and the traditional. The suites at the school are not completely open; the rooms are divided into three sections. The outer two sections of the room are main classrooms; the inner section is a common "wet area," Carr said. The wet area allows room for both outer classes to join together in art activities such as painting with water colors. Included in the wet area are restroom facilities. Also, a small private instruction room is part of each suite; the instruction room will comfortably seat eight to ten first grade students and an

adult, Carr said.

According to Carr, the school system at the old elementary building began a conversion process last fall. Teachers in each grade opened their doors and began a cooperative teaching program, with teachers in grades four through six teaching specific subjects. Along with the cooperative teaching effort, Carr said, the teachers adopted more of an open classroom instruction philosophy. The philosophy of taking a child and doing as much as possible for that child from where the child is, both academically

and environmentally, Carr explained.

"We are nervous about opening school this fall, but we are more excited," Carr explained. "The old school served its purpose for 54 years. Moving to the new school will be like trading a 1948 DeSota for a new Cadillac. But, it's not the building that makes the institution, it is the people."

Beginning in the fall, Carr said, 21 teachers and 14 aides will be on the Kenansville elementary school staff. Each teacher will have an aide, allowing the teachers more time to spend with the students, Carr said. Librarians, reading and music instructors are included in the teaching staff, but will not have individual aides.

The new school cafeteria will seat up to 225 students at a time, Carr said. The old cafeteria would seat only 96 students, which meant the serving period from breakfast into lunch was a continuous process, Carr said.

"At the old school, we would be serving food most of the day. By the time the children were served breakfast, it was time to start serving lunch," Carr said. "The old cafeteria could only seat 96, making the serving period very long. In the future we have the facilities for two serving lines if the need is to arise at the new school."

Another improvement is the library, Carr said. The old school did not provide much room in space and shelves for a library. The new library provides more space than the school has books, but, Carr said, the shelves will be filled as the years go by. Also, the library has student work areas and tables. And, two work rooms are included in the library area, Carr said.

The school is designed for the future as well as the present, Carr added. The shape of the roof allows halls to be lit by sunlight from windows at the top of the walls, and for the possibility of installing solar equipment in the future. The large windowed classrooms allow enough light that only a half-lighting system is needed during a sunny day, Carr said. The windows will also slide open, allowing for ventilation. By taking advantage of the sunlight, Carr said energy bills will be less.

Carr said the open classroom system would be new to him, even though he has worked with the philosophy of the system. Carr's experience has been with elementary and high school systems in a traditional one-teacher classroom. Carr explained teaching has little to do with the building, but should be centered around the children.

"Teaching and the learning process is a team effort which includes the parents, child, teacher, aides and the administration," Carr said. "And, it is the responsibility of the team to identify the needs of the children and meet those needs."

As a parent with children in the Kenansville elementary school and the Duplin County school system, Carr said, the school is one of the best in the state. Local citizens should be proud to send their children to the facility, he said. "I am thankful to Assistant Superintendent H.P. Honeycutt who has worked so hard to design this school. This project has been his life for the last couple of years," Carr said. "Now that it is almost completed, he has turned the school over to me after all the design and building headaches have solved."



Photo by Emily Killette

READING AREA OF LIBRARY - According to Principal Wilbur Carr of the Kenansville elementary school, the old building did not have an adequate library. But, at the new school this fall, the students of Kenansville

elementary will have a spacious, well-furnished library. Principal Carr is pictured at the reading table of the new elementary school library.

Kenansville School Open House September 18

The Kenansville Elementary school will hold its first open house September 18, said Principal Wilbur Carr.

The school will be opened to children this fall. The building had been scheduled to open in December of 1979, but wet weather conditions delayed construction during the summer months.

In December, a second

opening date was announced for March of 1980. However, three winter snowstorms further hampered efforts to complete the elementary facility. Construction began on the new school in December of 1978.

The school, built to house kindergarten through sixth grades, is of a traditional design. The structure is built

to accommodate approximately 450-55 students, and can be expanded to include the seventh and eighth grades.

Principal Carr encourages parents and local citizens to visit the new school. He is presently working at the new facility, and invites the public to stop by for a tour of the building.

Commissioners Blast Mosquito Control Critics

A letter protesting accusations against the state's mosquito control program was approved Monday by the county commissioners.

In the letter to Hugh H. Tilson, state health director, the commissioners said that Duplin County had been mentioned in a "very detrimental" manner in various newspapers, that it had been accused of misusing drainage funds for benefit of private individuals, and that the drainage program had been termed a failure.

"It appears the accusations and bad publicity... are being generated by entomologists that have worked and are working for one of the programs under your (Tilson's) direction," the letter said in part. "It is apparent from the intimations and accusations the entomologists have spent long hours doing research in Duplin County... We would like to request information showing dates, location of work and county employees or officials contacted... We

also request specifics on accusations of political favors involved."

David Underhill, director of the county's mosquito control program, said, "They're making accusations not based on fact, but on conclusions of reporters drawn from conclusions of entomologists."

"If they (the entomologists) had worked as hard trying to improve the program as they have fighting, it would be a better program."