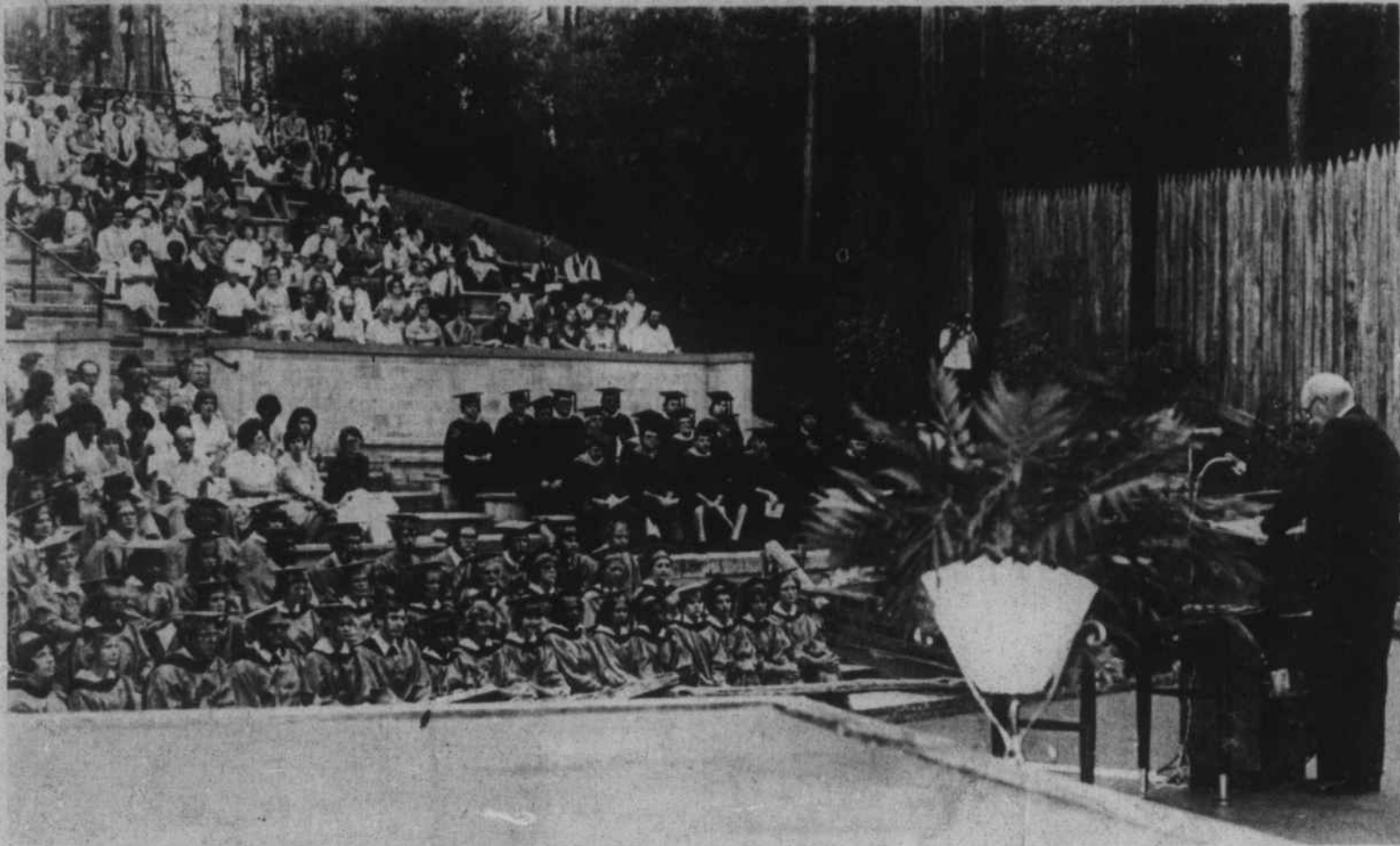


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JAMES SPRUNT TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT - A near-capacity audience listens to Senator Harold Hardison address 1980 graduating class. The weather and setting were ideal for the 18th commencement exercises. (See story on Page 13)

Duplin To Use Wing For Doctors' Office

The former nurses' residence at Duplin General Hospital will be converted to physicians' office suits, the Duplin County Commissioners decided last week.

Commissioner W. J. Costin, who had made the motion, Commissioner Allen Nethercutt and Board Chairman S. Franklin Williams voted for the conversion. Commissioners D. J. Fussell and Calvin Turner abstained.

The two-story structure, now referred to as the "South Wing" of the hospital, was built during the mid-1950s and has been unused for the past three years. It was last used to house nursing classes at James Sprunt Technical College nursing classes, but was abandoned when a building was completed on the JSTC campus. Before that, it was used as a convalescent residence, but failed to meet federal requirements.

The Duplin board is investigating grant sources to finance the project.

"The big need in the county in the near future is medical care," Costin said. "Because of a lack of specialists, Duplin General has operated in the red and we are financing our rescue squads to carry our patients to other hospitals because of this lack. If Duplin is to progress, we must have these specialists."

The county had earlier given the Duplin-Sampson Mental Health program until

September 15 to obtain \$80,000 to renovate the structure for administrative offices. Dr. E. J. Ramon, director, said the program had been unable to raise the funds. Ramon had requested an additional week to attempt to find the financing, but Costin said, "We need the specialists' space more than we need added administrative space for the mental health program."

Ramon said the mental health program was paying Duplin General \$200,000 a year to care for its patients.

"Any way you look at it, we're one building short," Williams commented, "and if we must build, it will be better to join with Sampson County and construct a mental health building jointly."

Before Duplin formed an area mental health program with Sampson, the county had maintained its own program, converting the former Rose Hill School to the present Archway East and Omega Enterprises and the former C.W. Dobbins school building in Wallace to a juvenile mental health center.

The Duplin County Health Department will use the upper floor of South Wing temporarily for office space.

In other business, J. Michael Moore, agricultural agent, reported that many farmers have been unable to sell their corn because of problems with aflatoxin. He said the state allows corn

containing up to 200 parts of aflatoxin to be sold as feed for some livestock, but added that some mills were refusing to take infested corn and others were docking it \$1 or more a bushel.

Frank Moore, tax supervisor, reported the department has discovered 900 automobiles worth \$2,433,039, were not listed on the tax rolls. Moore said the value represents \$17,000 in tax money at the county's rate of 70 cents per \$100 assessed valuation plus the late payment penalties involved.

Walter Brown, head of the county's nutrition and aging program, reported the kitchen to prepare meals for the aged, located in the former county jail, will be ready for operation this week. Brown also told the board he bid \$1.40 per meal to supply 120 meals a day for the Onslow County program. Onslow will handle delivery of the meals.

Area Sports See

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Contest Saturday Night In Kenansville

Eight Girls Vie For Miss Poultry

The annual Miss Poultry pageant will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville with eight girls vying for the title.

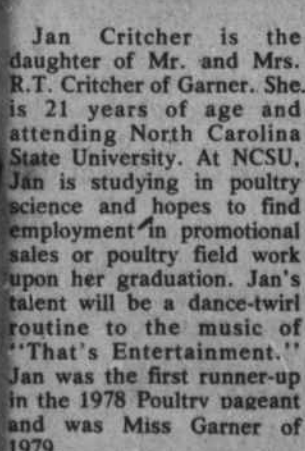
Special guests at the pageant will be the new Little Miss Rose Hill Pamela Rouse and Little Miss North Carolina Hemisphere Aimee Watson. The mistress of ceremonies will be Janet Hogan of Norman.

The eight contestants in this year's pageant are, Beulah Delores Brawley, Jan Critcher, Connie Frances Swindell, Alice Joan Boney, Penny James, Marshi Lynn Forsythe, Lynn Carol Matthews and Jerriane Inscow.

Delores Brawley is the 21-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul K. Brawley of Statesville. She is a student at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro studying piano. Delores plans to graduate with a Bachelor of Music in music education. For her talent in the pageant, Delores will sing the medley, "My Man/Can't Help Lovin' That Man."



Alice Joan Boney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Boney of Wallace. Joan is 19 years of age and is presently attending James Sprunt Technical College. After completing courses at JSTC, Joan plans to attend the University of Campbell and continue her studies in criminal justice. Joan will be singing in the Miss Poultry pageant.



Jan Critcher is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Critcher of Garner. She is 21 years of age and attending North Carolina State University. At NCSU, Jan is studying in poultry science and hopes to find employment in promotional sales or poultry field work upon her graduation. Jan's talent will be a dance-twirl routine to the music of "That's Entertainment." Jan was the first runner-up in the 1978 Poultry pageant and was Miss Garner of 1979.

Connie Frances Swindell is the daughter of Mr. and



Mrs. Jimmy Swindell Jr. of Hobucken. Connie is 21 years of age and a student at East Carolina University. At ECU, Connie is studying interior design. Connie hopes to graduate with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in interior design and seek employment in that field. She has served as a past Croaker Queen. Her talent in the poultry pageant will be monologue of Edgar Allan Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart."



Penny James is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery James of Beulaville. She is 18 years of age and

attends Hardbarger Junior College of Business in Raleigh. At Hardbargers, Penny is working toward a degree in the field of fashion merchandising. Penny will be clogging as her talent in the pageant Saturday night. She is a former contestant in the Beulaville Junior Miss pageant.

Marshi Lynn Forsythe is the daughter of Mrs. Priscilly Forsythe of Chapel Hill. Marshi is 23 years of age and attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her plans for the future include attending dental school. Marshi's talent will be a piano solo.



Lynn Carol Matthews is the 21-year-old daughter of Mrs. Joyce C. Matthews of Warsaw. Carroll is presently residing at Wrightsville Beach and attending the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. At UNC-W, Carroll is studying music and plans to teach as well as

Board Fails To Meet

The regular meeting of the Board of Education failed to transpire last week because of a lack of a quorum.

Neither the chairman, E. L. Boyette of Chinquapin, nor the vice chairman, Graham Phillips of Wallace, were present. Also absent was Frederick Rhodes of Albertson, who was defeated for re-election by Hilbert Swinson of Albertson.

The only members present at 8 p.m. were Jimmy Strickland and Patricia Broadrick of Warsaw. They waited until 8:30 and when no other members appeared, Strickland declared the meeting canceled.

perform upon her graduation. Carroll has served as Miss Wilmington and was third runner-up in the 1980 Miss North Carolina pageant. She will play the piano for her talent in the pageant.

Jerriane Inscow is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philie A. Inscow of Rose Hill. Jerriane is 20 years of age and is a graduate of Louisville College. She is currently working at Murphy Farms, Inc. of Rose Hill and

Company Buys Industrial Site

Imperial Spinning Mills Inc., a new company, is purchasing a 40,000-square-foot structure just south of Wallace which was erected as a speculative industrial building by Davison and Jones Construction Co. in 1978, it was announced last week.

"This will represent a \$1.3 million investment in building and land," said Graham Phillips of Wallace, a member of the N.C. Economic Development Commission. "The company will add \$2 million in industrial equipment."

Imperial will begin expanding the building to 48,000 sq. ft. and will add offices on the site immediately, he said. The firm expects to begin manufacturing in mid-February. It obtains raw material from DuPont de Nemours Inc. and spins the fiber into yarn for use in hosiery manufacturing.

Imperial expects to employ 125 persons in three eight-hour shifts, seven days a week. The firm's payroll is expected to add at least \$1 million a year to the area's gross income.

George Perkins of Sanford is president of the newly incorporated firm. George Parker and Jerry Hamm, also of Sanford, are vice presidents. Hamm will move to Wallace to be in charge of manufacturing operations. The three incorporators previously were employed by Federal Spinning Corp. of Sanford.

hopes to continue her business studies in the near future. Jerriane will perform a dramatic monologue from "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder for her talent in the pageant.



WINE JELLY - Ann Fussell at the Duplin Wine Cellars, serves some of the wine jelly made by Judy Wallace at the Agricultural Extension Service. Tasting the jelly is Judy Bryan and Ann Knowles. Wine jelly and other grape products will be available for the public to taste during the third annual Wine and Grape Day at the winery in Rose Hill Saturday.

Good Things Come From Grape Contest At The

Annual Grape & Wine Day

The third annual North Carolina Grape and Wine Day will include contests, exhibits, tours and the grape stomp Saturday at the old Poultry Jubilee fairgrounds.

Added to the list of activities planned by the North Carolina Grape Association, the Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service will be sponsoring a "good things made with grapes" contest. The events planned by the grape association include tours and tasting of wines at the Duplin Winery, special edition bottling where the visitor can label his own bottle of wine, bus tours of nearby vineyards, and an auction of rare North Carolina wines. Contests sponsored by the Grape Association will be held at the old fairgrounds, beginning with the grape catch, followed by the grape tote, and concluding with the

grape stomp. During the afternoon contests, grape exhibitions will be open grape juice, grape jelly, biscuits, grapes and a limited supply of recipe books will be available. Events at the winery and grape contests begin at 1 p.m.

The "good things made with grapes" contest is sponsored by the Duplin Winery and DAES. There are 18 categories in which to enter grape products — jelly, wine jelly, sugar-free grape jelly, jam, uncooked jam, marmalade, preserves, preserves, canned grape hulls, canned grapes, juice, spiced canned grapes, other canned grape products, cakes made with grapes or grape product, pies, other desserts made from grapes or grape products, homemade sweet wine, and homemade dry wine. Entries for the contest can be submitted until 1 p.m. Saturday. Items which are

not perishable can be entered until Saturday at the Duplin Winery. On the day of the show, entries are to be submitted at the Rose Hill Recreation Building at the old poultry fairgrounds.

Exhibits will be judged at 1 p.m. on Saturday and a blue, red, and white ribbon winner will be declared in each category. In addition, two "best of the show" gifts will be awarded, one to the contestant receiving the most points in the grape food products categories, and a second gift for the best overall homemade wine. The good things made with grapes exhibition, recipe demonstrations will begin.

Opening the N.C. Grape and Wine Day will be Miss Duplin County Shari Jones. Also participating in the grape stumping competition will be Miss Poultry Cynthia Jenter.

Among the exhibits will be grapes and grape products from the vineyards of Burl Williamson, president of the North Carolina Grape Association. Williamson is a native of Sampson County, where he has 40 acres of vineyards in the Clinton area.

Registration for the grape day will begin at 9 a.m. with a fee of \$2 covering the events of the day. Tours and tasting will be available beginning at 9 a.m., and contests and exhibits are scheduled to open at 1 p.m. Trophies and prizes for the grape catch, tote, and stomp will be awarded immediately after the grape stomp. The stomp will begin at 4 p.m.

According to Ann Fussell at the winery, Dennis Rogers, a communist with the Raleigh News and Observer, will return to defend his title as champion stomper.