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FRIENDLIEST, MOST COURTEOUS EMPLOYEE - Anna West Graham was honored Thursday as a guest of the Warsaw-Kenansville Rotary Club and was awarded a plaque for being selected as Friendliest, Most Courteous Employee. Club members have for several weeks been searching for outstanding examples of friendly, courteous employees who serve the public. The winning candidate was selected by vote of club members at a recent meeting from several nominees. Close runners-up in the voting were Hazel McNeil of Clarks Drug Store in Warsaw; Becky Rawles of USS Agri-Chemicals in Wallace; and Laulia Williams of Wilson's Supermarket in Warsaw. Anna

Graham is the wife of Dennis Graham of Warsaw and is employed by Branch Banking & Trust at both the Warsaw and Faison branches. The contest was a part of the worldwide observance of Vocational Service Week. Vocational Service in Rotary stands for service to society through ethical dealings in business with customers, employees, competitors and suppliers, and it has been a basic part of Rotary since its founding 76 years ago. Pictured, left to right, Rotary President Bob Brumleve, Graham, Sonya Kernstine, Rotary Student of the Month; and Al Beard, vice president of Branch Bank and Trust Company in Warsaw.

No Funds Received During Year ABC Store Policies Questioned

The town of Kenansville did not receive any moneys from the local ABC Store during the last fiscal year, and Town Administrator Woody Brinson said there are no funds expected from the store in this fiscal year.

According to figures compiled by the State ABC Board and presented by Kenansville citizen, Don Suttles to the town board, Kenansville ranks among the lowest stores in the state based on annual net profit. The state net profit average among ABC stores is 10 percent, while the Kenansville store shows a 4.2 percent profit in the last fiscal year. However, Brinson pointed out the Kenansville ABC Store has never reached the state average of 10 percent profit. In the store's best year, a profit of 8.49 percent came in 1974-75, and since then, the ABC Store profits have been on a decline. By 1978-79, store profits had dropped to 4.4 percent, with the ABC Store paying out \$28,000 and taking in \$12,325.28. Brinson said the town of Kenansville, which receives 55 percent of the ABC profits, and the county 45 percent, agreed to help the store the following year by taking none of the profits from the ABC revenues in the 1979-80 fiscal year, Brinson said.

Suttles questioned the town board on local ABC Board policies and the ABC store operating procedures. He questioned the need of three full-time employees at the ABC Store and asked

why changes made by the ABC Board appointed a year ago had been reversed. After the appointment of three new members to the ABC Board last fall, store hours were cut and employees were limited to two full-time workers. According to ABC Board Chairman John Hall, the cuts were to limit the operating expenses of the store. However, Hall pointed out in a telephone conversation last week that both cut-backs were dropped in order to add revenue at the ABC Store. And, he said, the third employee at the ABC Store is not a full-time worker.

The store is presently operating from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., six days a week. The reduced hours had been noon until 8 p.m., cutting, what Hall called, some of the "prime sales hours" from the ABC Store. Since the move to a 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. day, he said, the sales have been somewhat improved, with enough morning sales to justify the ABC Store operation. While the third employee is part-time, working 32 hours a week, Hall stated the need for all employees to keep the store operating efficiently. He added, the problems of the ABC Store will not be worked out overnight, but over a period of years.

The ABC Board and the Kenansville Town Board met Monday night at the town hall to discuss the problems of the town ABC

Store. The Kenansville town board approved the expansion of three lanes through downtown. The board voted three to two expanding the lanes along Main Street 200 feet past the emergency entrance of Duplin General Hospital. The board had approved three lanes and no parking from Lodge Street to Hill Street during the August meeting. Commissioners Betty Long, Jimmy Johnson and Cordell Johnson voted to extend the three lanes and Commissioners Earl Hatcher and William Fennell opposed the motion.

Town Administrator Brinson was instructed to send town board meeting agendas to Kenansville Commissioners and post one copy on the town hall bulletin board each Thursday before the monthly meeting. A third set of plans for the fire department/town hall expansion was presented to the board during the Oct. 6 meeting. The plans were changed according to suggestions made by the commissioners at the September meeting, with the architect reducing the area by 1,000 square feet. The building had been expanded in a square shape as the commissioners had suggested; the estimated cost had been cut from \$120,000 to \$84,000 for 2,800 square feet.

Additional suggestions from the town commissioners to change restroom facilities and the meeting room entrance were sent back with the plans to architect Don Yelverton. The town board instructed Brinson to have an estimate on the expansion with the additional changes and to present the cost at the October 13 meeting.

The board authorized the sale of electrical wiring for Christmas lights to the town of Turkey. According to Brinson, Turkey had expressed an interest in the wiring and agreed to pay Kenansville \$2,500 for the equipment. Brinson said the \$2,500 represented Kenansville's total investment in the wiring. The surplus electrical wiring for Christmas lights resulted when the board agreed to participate in the Twelve Days of Christmas program and use no colored decorations on the light poles in downtown Kenansville.

A surplus 1970 dump truck and 1976 police car were approved for sale by sealed bids. And, the board approved the purchase of a 318 Dodge motor as a spare to be used in the dump truck; the motor cost \$100.

Brinson announced Oct. 29th as the date Kenansville will officially be presented the Governor's Community of Excellence Award in Raleigh.

Board Ok's Jobs In Housing Program

Last week the Board of Commissioners approved the hiring of a coordinator, a rehabilitation specialist and a secretary to organize a new housing rehabilitation program.

The county received authorization to start the organizational procedure in anticipation of a \$500,000 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant. Alfred Dixon, who has been coordinator of the county water system, was appointed coordinator of the new program. Dixon's salary will remain at \$13,393 per year.

The specialist and secretary will be hired as soon as possible. Yearly salaries were set for the specialist at \$11,749 and for the secretary at \$7,589. Duration of the grant and the positions will be 18 months.

Dixon said the housing grant provides \$357,000 for housing rehabilitation and \$143,000 for waterline extensions. The rehabilitation project will affect 108 persons and the waterline extensions 90 persons.

Dixon said the maximum that can be spent on most houses for rehabilitation will be \$8,000. The maximum for rehabilitating mobile homes will be \$6,300.

Three houses will be demolished, he said. The program will spend up to \$15,000 each to replace these with doublewide mobile homes or modular homes.

Landlords making use of the program may not increase rents or sell rehabilitated property for four years unless they repay the amount expended to HUD.

Full funding of the grant is expected by November, Dixon said.

Dixon told the board that of the 177 possible customers on the county water system which was laid between Kenansville and Greenevers, 115 have signed up to be connected to the system. Contractors have connected 37 of these services so far, he added. The first water bills on the system will be mailed in December.

The board unanimously refused to sign a contract with the state for a foster home care grant totaling \$24,000. The county would have had to put up \$904. In June the board requested a grant that would have been sufficient to take care of five "high risk" children in foster homes.

The board based its refusal of the proposed contract on the fact that in the contract the state suggested the county take over complete financing of the program after two years.

The board agreed to repay the state the \$9,000 the county has received from the grant.

Tax Supervisor Frank Moore received permission to hire 23 tax list takers. The listing period will be Jan. 2-31. Listers will be paid

\$3.64 per hour. The contract with Dr. C.L. Quinn of Magnolia as Health Department physician was renewed with a pay increase of \$1,050. The salary was increased from \$15,000 to \$16,050.

FAISON TOWN BOARD Approves Sewage Treatment Plant

Faison commissioners approved plans for one of the first spray irrigation sewage treatment plants in the state last week at the regular town board meeting.

According to Engineer Finley Boney, the sewage treatment site is based on approximately 100 acres of land outside of Faison. And, he said, 60 acres of the land will be used for spraying the treated remains from the sewage plant. The irrigation is divided into nine plots of five to eight acres. Each plot will be used individually, Boney said, spraying one plot a day. The irrigation system is designed to enable the town to farm the plots or lease the land for agricultural crops, he said. However, Boney pointed out, only crops not consumed by humans can be grown at the treatment plant.

The money made from the leasing of the land at the treatment plant or the sale of the sewage system, Mayor Bill Carter said, and may lead to lower rates for the sewer users. According to

the engineer said. The plans for the sewer system include the addition of 16,000 feet of lines which will replace or extend old lines. Plans include a new treatment plant and two lift stations within the town. According to Boney, the construction of the sewage system will be let in two contracts — the

collection lines and the plant. At the present time, the town of Faison has \$800,000 available for the treatment plant, Boney said. However, funds for the collection system are not definite, and the amount of line the town is able to install will depend on the moneys received from grants, he said.

The sewer plans are being reviewed by Farmers Home Administration, the engineer said. And, the plans should be approved by all agencies involved in the project by November 1, at which time bids can be advertised.

Commissioner William Igoe made a motion to keep Town Administrator Neil Mallory on a \$100 per month retainer. The administrator will continue to work on the town's EPA 201 program and the current water and sewer projects. Additional grants coming to the town requiring Mallory's time will be paid by the town to the ad-

ministrator on an hourly basis. Travel and phone expenses for Faison business will be paid by the town. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fred Wheelless and approved unanimously by the board.

Mallory had been working as a tri-town administrator in Faison, Mount Olive and Fremont. Beginning October 1, Mallory became a full-time administrator in Mount Olive.

Mayor Bill Carter informed the board of a rate increase notification from Carolina Telephone and Telegraph. The notification requested the board's approval of the rates. According to Carter, the basic telephone rate for the town of Faison would increase 30 percent while the over-all rates would rise 13 percent. The board tabled discussion on the rate increase until the next meeting.

Man Dies In Car Accident

Mack Rivenbark Jr., 23, of Wallace, died around 3:50 a.m. Sunday in a single-vehicle accident on a rural road near Teachey.

The vehicle ran off the road on the right side, crossed over the left side of the road and hit a utility pole, according to investigating Highway Patrolman W. F. Sandy.

It was the 14th traffic fatality in Duplin County this year. The cause of the accident was not known, but Sandy speculated the driver may have gone to sleep at the

wheel. The funeral was held at Edgerton Funeral Home chapel in Wallace. Burial, Riverview Memorial Park.

Surviving: son, Mack Christopher Rivenbark III of Willard; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Rivenbark Sr. of Rose Hill; sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Aldridge of Rose Hill, Mrs. Pam Dixon of Wallace, Miss Joann Rivenbark of Raleigh; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar English of Wallace; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Cassie Rivenbark of Watha.

4-H Awards And Exhibit

The Duplin County 4-H awards and exhibit program will be held Tuesday, Oct. 21 in Kenan Auditorium in Kenansville beginning at 7 p.m. The event will be the highlight of a year's work and will recognize individual and club accomplishments in exhibits, contest and project work.

The handmade crafts, canned goods and science exhibits displayed will be only a small portion of the 400 exhibit categories which

will open to the public at 3 p.m. Exhibits will be judged and blue, red and white ribbons will be awarded. Awards will also go to the outstanding 4-H'ers and leaders for 1980, and to the members and clubs displaying the most and best exhibits.

Everyone is invited to share in recognition of the talents and creativity of this fine group of young people — Duplin County 4-H'ers.

Duplin Annual Red Cross Drive Underway

Citizens of Duplin County will be given the opportunity to contribute to the American Red Cross between now and the end of October. This organization relies totally upon voluntary contributions and stands ready to assist victims of disaster wherever they are. A large number of individuals across the county are working to make this a successful drive. When one contacts you, please contribute generously.

The county chairman is Lloyd Stevens, phone 296-1159. A partial listing of the team is shown as follows with area coordinators listed first in each case. Additional volunteers are welcome to join: Albertson, Glisson, Wolfscrape - John Goodson and Hazel Kornegay, coordinators; Mrs. Eugene Outlaw, Mrs. Bettie Smith, Mrs.

Rodney Kornegay, Mrs. Leonard Sutton, Mrs. Larry Harper, Mrs. Donald Grady, Mrs. James Parker, Jr., Mrs. Charlotte Dupree, Mrs. Bessie Hill, Elton Ray Davis and Tom L. Stroud. Chinquapin - Roma Kenan and George Landen, coordinators; Mrs. Ann Hunter, Mrs. Clara Huffman, Mrs. Annette Raynor and Mrs. Ann Sholar.

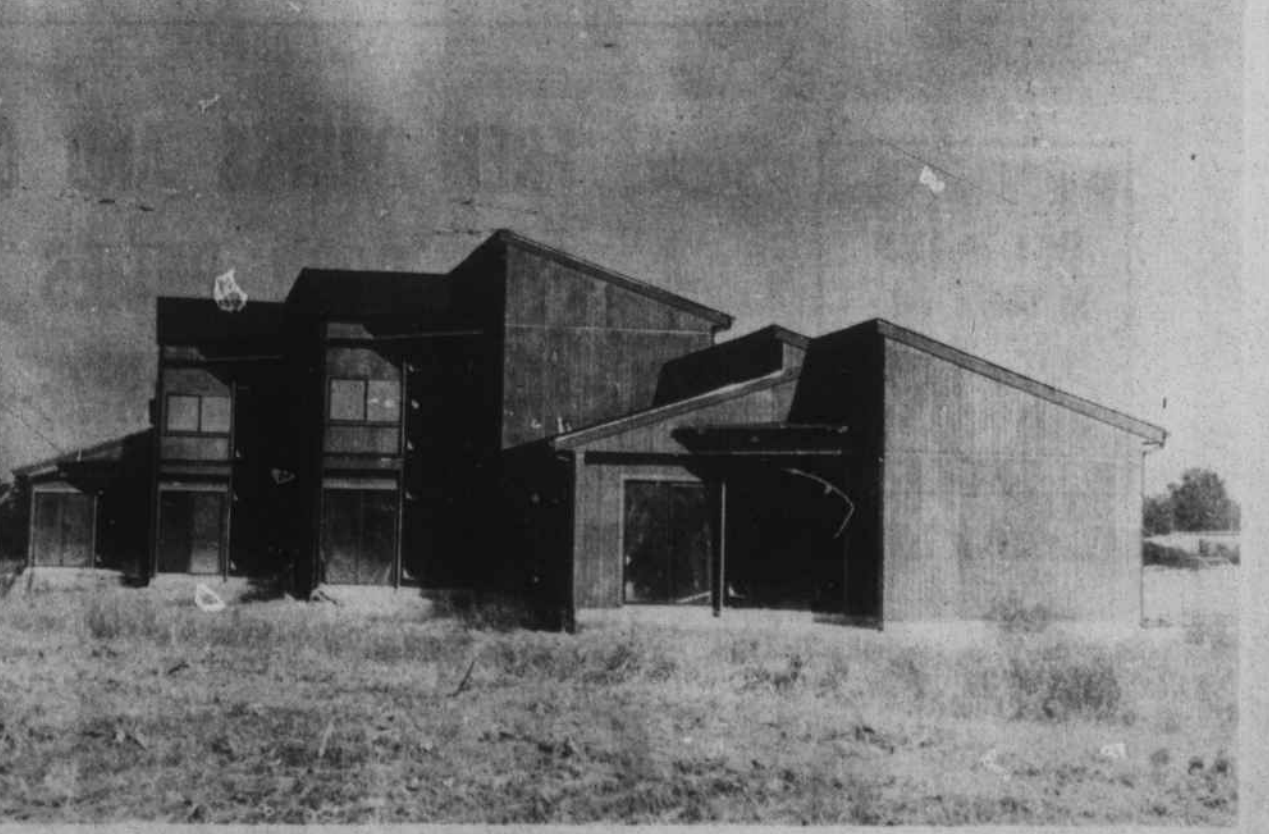
Faison - Al Frizzell, coordinator. Magnolia - Rudolph Becton and Marjorie Pickett, coordinators; Mrs. Louise Quarterman. Beulaville - Charlie Chasten and Bill Thigpen, coordinators; Mrs. Maggie Chasten, Clarence Ingram, Mrs. Martha Miller and Mrs. Lubelle Williams. Bowden - Mrs. Bettie Carlton and Mrs. Jean Wil-

son, coordinators; Mrs. Vanessa Skinner. Calypso - Rev. Louis Galloway, coordinator; Mrs. Jim Hazel Stroud, Mrs. Gayle Tucker, Mrs. Carolyn Taylor, Mrs. Pattie Sue Blackburn, Robert Walker and Morley Waters.

Kenansville - Rev. Troy Mullis, coordinator; Mrs. Jessie Gore, Mrs. Hortense Hasty, Mrs. Joanne Howard, Mrs. Sally Ingram, Mrs. Jeanette Jones, Mrs. Ruby Jones, Mrs. Ruth Jones, Mrs. Ruby Kornegay, Mrs. Virginia Holland, Mrs. Barbara McKay, Mrs. Mary Murphy, Mrs. Doris Sitterson, Mrs. Jean Stephens and Mrs. Sally Tyndall. Rockfish - Mrs. Ethel Alston and Mrs. Anny Dryant, coordinators. Smith's - Mrs. Sheila Futrell, coordinator; Terry Futrell, Mrs. Alice Smith,

Kenton Smith, Miss Kim Smith and Mrs. Ruby Smith. Teachey - Rev. Larry Blount.

Wallace - Mrs. Emily Jessup and Robert Smith, coordinators; Mrs. N.H. Carter, Mrs. Jack Cottle, Mrs. Bob Cranford, Mrs. Louise Dobson, Mrs. Kenneth Farrior, Mrs. Gertrude Finch, Mrs. Margaret Kenan, Mrs. Jayne McLean, Thel Overman, Mrs. Carolyn Rouse, Mrs. Christine Smith, Mrs. George Worsley and numerous young people. Rose Hill - Rev. Clark Porter, coordinator. Warsaw - Ray Roberts, coordinator; Mrs. Helen Johnson, Mrs. Jane Sheffield, Mrs. Lillian Rabon, Mrs. Sylvia Weatherly, Mrs. Cathy Lee, Mrs. Harriette Phillips, Mrs. Jeannette Hasty, Mrs. Margaret West and Mrs. Mary Foster.



SOLAR APARTMENTS NEAR COMPLETION IN BEULAVILLE - Green Leaf Apartments will be ready for occupancy in early November, according to Russell Bostic and Richard Williams, Green Leaf Associates partners.

The apartment project will feature a passive solar system and is the first of its kind for moderate income families in North Carolina.