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DUPLIN CONSERVATION FARMER OF THE YEAR - Eugene Outlaw and his family were named the Conservation Farm Family of the Year. Outlaw is pictured above with Conservation Service Director Kenneth Futreal

during a stop on the Outlaw farm during the conservation tour last week. Futreal, pictured on the left, and Outlaw answered questions from the tour group on conservation practices used to stop erosion of cropland.

Eugene Outlaw Family Conservation Farm Family Of The Year

By Emily Killette

The Eugene Outlaw family was named the 1980 Conservation Farm Family of the Year during the 10th annual Duplin Soil and Water Conservation tour last week.

The Outlaw family has been working in the Pleasant Grove community to prevent erosion on their farm. Outlaw installed seven grassed waterways by the fall of 1979 and 10,000 feet of tile. He estimates the 3.4 acres of waterways have cost approximately \$1,500 an acre. The construction of waterways on cropland pay for themselves in crop production saved, said Kenneth Futreal, director of the Duplin Conservation Service.

"When a farmer constructs waterways he is not losing that land, because the waterways are areas which could not be planted because of erosion problems," Futreal said. "And, by grassing waterways, the farmer stops the wash across good farmland."

According to Outlaw, he began working with the Duplin Conservation Service after a 13-foot ravine washed in land he had recently

cleared for crops. Since Outlaw has filled in the ravine and grassed a waterway in its place and he added a tile to help drain areas with the most wash. Other parts of the recently-cleared land have been tiled for underground drainage and soybeans will be harvested from the 35 acres of new land this fall. The Outlaws have 95 acres and raise tobacco, corn and soybeans along with working a swine operation of 200 sows.

Eugene Outlaw and his wife Ruth have two sons, Gene and Johnny. Gene works with his father, while Gene's wife, Nancy, teaches at B.F. Grady School. The Outlaw farm was the final stop on the conservation tour before dinner and the awards program at Pleasant Grove Community Building. Sponsoring the dinner was United Carolina Bank of Kenansville.

Two tour stops before the Outlaw farm demonstrated the problems of erosion, a 10-foot deep wash on the Arnold Gresham farm and the beginning stages of installing grass waterways at the Furnie Lee Boyette farm.

Another stop included the Margaret Wolfe farm where

the N.C. Forestry Service is replanting timberland. Futreal explained timberland can yield the same profits per acre as corn or soybeans over the total years. However, he stated, the time involved for the timber to mature is much longer, making a lengthy period before a person receives a cash return on the trees.

A representative from the N.C. Forestry Service explained the process of cutting, burning and replanting a forest. He added, state and federal programs aid persons with woodland in replanting. Replanting by the Forestry Service costs \$165 an acre on the Wolfe farm and aid from the North Carolina Forest Development program is funding all but \$50 per acre of the cost. More information on forestry programs is available at the Duplin Conservation Service office.

The tour stopped at the Andrew Keathley farm in the Pleasant Grove area for an irrigation system demonstration. The pivot-type irrigation system is used year-round, watering corn, tobacco, soybeans and alfalfa.

Traveling just beyond Duplin, the tour of approxi-

mately 150 people visited Pink Hill and the Wilbur Tyndall Museum of Farm Implements. The museum opened in 1976 as a bicentennial project and contains historical farm machinery and equipment manufactured by the John Deere Co.

Opening the awards program was Calvin R. Mercer, director of the Soil and Water Conservation District Board. The first presentation went to the conservation poster contest winners. The annual sixth grade poster awards were presented to the students by Mrs. Betsy Williams of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Conservation District. First prize was awarded to Anna Lee of Warsaw Elementary, a trophy and \$25; second prize, Beverly Brown of B.F. Grady, trophy and \$15; and third prize, Darrell Smith of B.F. Grady, trophy and \$10.

After announcing the 1980 Conservation Farm Family, a special award was presented to Mrs. Hazel Ruth Kornegay, a retired sixth grade teacher from B.F. Grady. Mrs. Kornegay was recognized for her instructions in conservation education. She has taught 40 years in Duplin County schools.



CONSERVATION POSTER WINNERS - Sixth graders from all county public schools were given the opportunity to participate in the annual Duplin Soil and Water Conservation Service poster contest. Pictured above are the winners of this year's competition, along with Mrs. Hazel Ruth Kornegay, a retired sixth grade teacher from B.F. Grady who was honored with a special award for her work in conservation education. Pictured, left to right,

third place winner Darrell Smith of B.F. Grady, Hazel Ruth Kornegay, first place winner Anna Lee of Warsaw Elementary and her teacher Mrs. Gladys Rose, and second place winner Beverly Brown of B.F. Grady and her teacher, Mrs. Nancy Outlaw. The prizes of individual trophies and cash were presented to the poster contest winners at the annual conservation tour awards ceremony on October 29.

59th Annual Veteran's Celebration In Warsaw

The 59th annual Veterans' Celebration will be held in Warsaw Saturday honoring Col. and Mrs. Henry C. Merritt.

The week-long celebration began Monday with the opening of a carnival. Wednesday night activities included the fifth annual Veterans' Bowl of Midget League Football teams. Tonight a free teenage dance is being held at the town hall, with disco music by Art Taylor. In case of rain, the dance will be held in the recreation building.

Following the Thursday night disco, a dance is scheduled for Friday evening at the Warsaw armory. Friday night's dance will be the seventh annual event sponsored by the Warsaw Jaycees. Featured bands for Friday night are Home

Grown Vigilantes, a southern rock group, and the Mechanical Bull. Admission is \$5 per person and the dance begins at 9 p.m.

And, bingo at the old police station is scheduled for Friday night beginning at 7:30.

Saturday events begin with a parade at 11 a.m. marshalled by Charlie Gaddy. Gaddy is an anchorman for WRAL in Raleigh. During his career as a television anchorman, Gaddy has received two first place awards for documentaries from the North Carolina division of United Press International. He has also received the television award from the N.C. Association of Retarded Citizens. Gaddy is an alumni of Guilford College and active as a professional emcee and pageant entertainer. He was the emcee for

the 1980 Miss Duplin County pageant. Gaddy also participates in charity programs such as the United Cerebral Palsy, N.C. Zoo and Cystic Fibrosis telethons.

Appearing in the parade Saturday will be local and professional floats, Miss Duplin County 1980 Shari Jones, and all county high school bands. The Dunn Clowns will appear along with the walking James Kenan High School clowns. The Sudan motor club and many other entries are scheduled to appear in Saturday's parade.

Prizes will be awarded for parade entries. The first place band will receive \$100, and second prize is \$75. The award for the best float is \$100, and second place is \$75. Warsaw East Federal Savings and Loan is offering a \$35 prize to the best school

float.

A sidewalk sale will be in progress during the entire day on Saturday, and at noon a gospel sing with 23 groups will begin at Warsaw Junior High and last until midnight; admission is free. A square dance will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Recreation Building and a Veterans' Dance sponsored by the Warsaw Police Department is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. in the Armory. Admission to the Veterans' Dance is \$10 a couple.

Concluding the week-long Veterans' celebration will be the memorial services at Pinecrest Cemetery on Sunday. Memorial services begin at 2 p.m.

The annual Veterans' Celebration is sponsored by the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce and the Jaycees.

Sumner Elected To Mt. Olive College Board Of Trustees



Eugene Murphy Sumner

Eugene Murphy Sumner, a native of Duplin County and current faculty member at Meredith College in Raleigh, has been elected to the board of trustees of Mount Olive College. Dr. Sumner was elected to a six-year term on the 30-member board by the N.C. State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, the sponsoring body of the liberal arts junior college in Mount Olive.

Although Dr. Sumner is new to the board, he is not new to MOC. After graduating from Beulaville High School, he attended Mount

Olive to earn an A.A. degree. With his A.A. degree, Dr. Sumner enrolled at Atlantic Christian College where he graduated with a B.A. in 1964. He then earned a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1968. In 1973, he graduated from UNC-CH with a Master's degree in Social Work, and this year he

earned his Doctor of Social Work degree from the University of Utah. Dr. Sumner also holds certificates in clinical pastoral education and group child care.

Dr. Sumner is also ordained Free Will Baptist minister and has served as pastor of two churches, Dublin Grove in Aurora and Little Creek, Ayden; and as assistant superintendent of the Free

Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex. He is currently chairman of the department of sociology and social work at Meredith.

Dr. Sumner holds memberships in the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Church, located near Beulaville.

Mount Olive College, founded in 1951, is a fully accredited co-educational institution with an enrollment of over 400 students.

Whitley To Speak At Prayer Breakfast Nov. 11

Congressman Charles Whitley will speak at the November 11 Kenansville Community prayer breakfast sponsored by the Kenansville Jaycees. The breakfast is open to everyone and the citizens of the surrounding area are encouraged to attend.

According to a spokesman for the group, the prayer breakfasts are held each second Tuesday of the month excepting in January, when

it is held during Jaycee Week. The prayer breakfasts start at 7 a.m. and are held at the Country Girl restaurant, one mile west of Kenansville on N.C. 24. November 11 is Veterans Day, and the club

feels fortunate to have Whitley as the speaker. Everyone is invited to spend this short period of time at the breakfast. It usually lasts about 45 minutes, and includes a Dutch treat breakfast.

Grocery Store Robbed In Wallace

Police in Wallace are looking for a white male suspect in the Thursday night robbery of the Wilson's grocery store at Rockfish Plaza.

The robbery of an undisclosed amount of money occurred at 11:20 p.m., 20 minutes after the store closed, Captain Willis Woodman of the police department said the next day.

The thief apparently hid inside, waiting for customers to leave, Woodman said. He carried what appeared to be a blue steel pistol and appeared to be alone, he said. No one was injured.

"He didn't use excess force; everyone was cooperative with him," Woodman said.

According to Police Chief Roscoe Rich, the robber took

the seven on-duty employees, one by one, into a room at the back of the store where he taped their hands and mouths. He escaped in employee David Milton Barnhill's car, a 1977 Ford Mustang. The car was found after dawn Friday on north Railroad Street near the city limits.

The suspect was described as 25-30 years old, about 5 feet, 11 inches tall, and weighing 150-160 pounds. Employees said he was neatly dressed. He is being sought in Wallace and surrounding areas. "We don't have that much to go on," Woodman said. "We have asked for assistance from some other departments and are receiving some information."

DGH Trustees Elect Officers

The board of trustees of Duplin General Hospital at its annual meeting in October, elected the following to serve as officers for the 1980/81 year: H.M. Price of Rose Hill, chairman; Ray Sanderson of Rose Hill, vice chairman; William Fennell of Kenansville, treasurer; and Richard Harrell of Warsaw,

secretary. Elected to serve on the executive committee of the board of trustees were: Elbert Davis of Route 2, Mount Olive; Juanita Kretsch of Kenansville; Ray Sanderson of Rose Hill; J. P. Smith of Magnolia; Iryin Graham of Wallace; and ex-officio members, Price, Fennell and Harrell.

Over 1,000 Attend Four County EMC Meeting

Over 1,000 members and guests attended the 31st annual membership meeting at Union High School on October 27. Of these, 617 were registered members, over twice the number needed for a quorum.

In addition to reports by Claude T. Cain and R.E. Pendergrass, respectively president and secretary-treasurer of the cooperative's board of directors, several special guests were recognized. Included were James Hubbard, executive vice president of the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives, Inc. of Raleigh, who briefly addressed the members.

Four incumbent directors were re-elected for three-year terms on the cooperative's board of directors. They are Claude T. Cain of White Oak, North Bladen district; William A. Settle-mayer of Riegelwood, South Bladen; James J. Malpass of Burgaw, South Pender, and James Hollingsworth of Willard, director-at-large.

Winner of this year's grand prize drawing for a 19-inch portable color tele-

vision was Mrs. Lucy Summerlin of Warsaw. The early attendance prize, a 12-inch portable black and white television, was won by Jerry J. Lee of Maple Hill. Other winners and their prizes were: Annie P. Rich of Elizabethtown, Sunbeam Mixmaster; Eugene M. Balcom of Rose Hill, G.E. can opener/knife sharpener; Frank James of Maple Hill, Rival crockpot; Charles P. Davis of Elizabethtown, rod and reel; Horace O. Lee of Harrells, weed-eater; Willie G. DeVane of Ivanhoe, beans 'N Stuff slow cooker, and Merley Graham of Riegelwood, electric blanket.

For the first time in many years, no entertainment was scheduled in order to cut down the annual meeting expenses. By a show of hands, a large majority of those present favored not having entertainment at the meeting.

Other highlights of the meeting included a slide presentation explaining Four County's position in the energy cost situation and displays on load management and energy conservation measures.