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DOCTOR CONSIDERS DUPLIN - Dr. Charles Beauchamp of Michigan and his wife and daughter visited Duplin County last week. Beauchamp is currently teaching at the University of Michigan medical school in Ann Arbor while seeking the opportunity to begin a long-range medical practice in internal medicine. Duplin was recommended to Beauchamp by the Office of Rural Health Services.

Beauchamp is considering locating a practice at the Warsaw Medical Center where he will be working with Dr. Steve Griffith and Dr. Clark Hamner. Pictured above, left to right, Dr. Steve Griffith of Warsaw, Duplin Medical Association member Gerald Quinn, Dr. Clark Hamner of Kenansville, Patti Beauchamp and daughter Jean, and Dr. Charles Beauchamp.

Duplin County Stays Democratic In Election

Duplin county voters maintained their Democratic tradition in a near record turnout last week with 61 percent of the registered voters casting ballots.

Claude Hepler, elections board chairman, said he believes the 13,216-vote turnout is a county record. Hepler said long lines of voters were standing at every precinct and that waiting for up to half an hour for a turn at the voting booths was common.

Voters strongly favored a state constitutional amendment requiring district judges to be licensed attorneys but at the same time

voted for a district judge who is not a lawyer. Steve Williamson, unopposed for district judge, received 9,271 votes. In contrast, the amendment was favored by 7,428 votes to 4,495 against. Williamson, son of a former sheriff, is a former school teacher and probation officer.

Third District Rep. Charles O. Whitley of Mount Olive topped the ballot with 8,948 votes. Republican challenger Larry Parker received 3,267.

Gov. Jim Hunt received 8,743 to 3,960 for Beverly Lake. Only Locklin Precinct favored Lake out of the county's 20 precincts.

President Carter carried the county with 7,521 votes to 5,977 for Ronald Reagan. Locklin, Cabin, Wolfscrape, Calypso and Albertson precincts went for Reagan.

Longtime observers said the turnout of 20-24-year-olds, who usually don't vote in large numbers, was heavy. Most ballots were cast before noon.

Sen. Robert Morgan received 7,448 votes and John East 5,124. East won Wolfscrape 330 to 205, Albertson 224 to 221, Cabin 173 to 153, and Locklin 126 to 93.

Tenth District State Rep. Doug Clark won re-election with 8,377 votes to 4,079 for

Lathan Wiggins the republican challenger. Clark swept all 20 precincts.

Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green received 7,839 votes to 4,202 for Republican challenger William Cobey Jr.

The election board received 246 absentee ballots cast, out of which 143 were cast for Carter and 103 for Reagan.

Register of Deeds Christine Williams, Board of Education member Joe Swinson, Commissioner W.J. Costin, soil and water district supervisor William Pickett Jr. and 4th Senate District Sen. Harold Hardison were all elected without opposition.

Doctor Visits In Duplin

By Emily Killete

A third physician, Dr. Charles Beauchamp of Michigan, has expressed interest in locating a practice of internal medicine at the Warsaw Medical Clinic.

Dr. Beauchamp, informally called Chuck, and his wife visited Duplin County last week. Several meetings with county citizens and visits to medical facilities in Duplin were arranged for Dr. Beauchamp and his wife by the Duplin Medical Association.

The Duplin Medical Association was organized last December, said Richard Harrell, administrator at Duplin General Hospital, to recruit and retain physicians and outpatient health care services for the county. In less than a period of one year, the volunteer board of directors on the Association have successfully worked with the North Carolina office of Rural Health Services and local citizens to recruit two family physicians to Duplin, Harrell added.

And, Duplin was again recommended as a prime area for the location of a long-term medical practice to Dr. Beauchamp by the Rural Health Services, Harrell said.

"Chuck's work in internal medicine and the two doctors which have recently begun a family practice would complement each other," Harrell said. "The doctors working together at the Warsaw and

Beulaville medical centers would provide a balance in medical services to county citizens."

According to Harrell, Dr. Beauchamp is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, the highest achievement in the field of internal medicine. A practice of internal medicine involves the diagnosis and treatment of diseases such as diabetes.

Dr. Beauchamp is presently working for his second year as a clinical instructor of internal medicine at the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor. After completing his internship and residency at the University of Rochester in New York, Dr. Beauchamp began the instructing position at Michigan. He was an undergraduate of the University of Stanford in Texas, and is a 1975 graduate of Duke Medical School in Durham.

After one year of work as an instructor, Dr. Beauchamp said, he is interested in seeking a practice. And, when Dr. Beauchamp contacted the Office of Rural Health, Duplin was recommended.

"I am looking for the opportunity to practice," Dr. Beauchamp said. "But, the determining factor will be if a doctor is really needed. And, in Duplin the opportunities do seem good for the location of a long-term internist practice."

"I have talked with both doctors at the Warsaw and Beulaville medical centers and they are very enthu-

siastic about the possibilities for medical practices in this area," Dr. Beauchamp said.

A small community atmosphere with good educational facilities for the Beauchamp's three young children are parts of the criteria, along with the medical needs of the community, Dr. Beauchamp said. While in Duplin last week, the Beauchamps visited the schools and talked with teachers. Visiting Duplin with Dr. Beauchamp were his wife Patti and their youngest daughter, seven months of age, Jean. The couple's two sons, David age three, and Jeffery age five, did not visit Duplin with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Beauchamp.

Warsaw Medical Center

According to Gerald Quinn, a member of the Duplin Medical Association, the medical center in Warsaw will be complete in December. The medical center had been expected to open in November, but Quinn said a delay of the cabinet installation has held up the project's completion.

Both doctors recruited by the Medical Association in the winter of 1979, Dr. Steve Griffith and Dr. Clark Hamner, are working out of the Beulaville medical facility. The Beulaville Clinic is located in the office formerly occupied by Dr. Stefanik. Upon completion of the Warsaw facility, Dr. Hamner and Dr. Griffin will treat patients at both medical centers.

The Warsaw Medical Center is located in the educational building of the old Warsaw Baptist Church. The building is leased to the Medical Association and is being renovated by donations from local families and businesses and a Rural Health Services grant.

The five-to-one matching grant left the Duplin Medical Association responsible to raise \$25,000. And, matching funds were raised by donations from approximately 700 local families and 12 businesses, Quinn said.

In recruiting physicians, the Medical Association establishes an agreement with the doctors to utilize Duplin General Hospital when possible, Administrator Richard Harrell said.

"As patients use the clinics, health care dollars will remain within the county enabling the Association to guarantee more physicians an active and satisfying practice," Harrell said. "As more doctors come to the area, Duplin General Hospital use will increase allowing more up-to-date equipment and services."

According to Harrell, Duplin Medical Association is working to recruit long-term medical practices in the county, and have achieved this goal with Dr. Hamner and Dr. Griffin. And, in the future, any physician joining the Association will have plans for a long-term practice within Duplin County, Harrell added.



HISTORIC PEARSALL HOUSE GUTTED BY FLAMES - The William Dickson Pearsall house in Kenansville was gutted by fire early Nov. 6. The house had been donated to the town of Kenansville and a \$10,000 state grant was obtained to plan the restoration of the historic building.

The house had once served as the first dormitory of the school which has since grown into James Sprunt Technical College, and the building was later used as a home for James Sprunt's president.

Board Asks DOT To Study Turning Lane On Main Street

The Kenansville Town Board reversed a decision to extend the turning lane on Main Street to the emergency entrance of Duplin General Hospital during the November 3rd meeting.

The board reversed their October decision to add the area from Hill Street to the emergency entrance into the turning lane ordinance beginning at Lodge Street. The ordinance allows for three lanes instead of the existing two, adding a lane for turning traffic on Main Street. Marking of the three lanes on Main Street will end all on-street parking.

In reversing their decision, the board instructed the town administrator, Woody Brinson, to request the Department of Transportation to make a study of the area regarding the need for a turning lane. The decision to three-lane the area of Main Street from Lodge to Hill Street was made in conjunction with a recommendation from DOT.

Mayor Doug Judge named Commissioners Betty Long, Earl Hatcher and William Fennell to a committee with

instructors to recommend a rent or relocation of the town hall for the next fiscal year. During the special meeting of the town board and Kenansville fire department, plans to expand the fire department building had been dropped because of the financial difficulties of the

town. And, the Kenansville fire department released the town of its obligations in the 15-year contract which required the town to expand the fire department building, in lieu of rent for town hall office space. The fire department is to begin receiving rent for town hall office space in the 1981-82 fiscal year, or the town office is free to relocate without any debt to the fire department. Fire Chief Lauren Sharpe informed the commissioners during the October meeting. The committee of commissioners was instructed to report back to the board with a recommendation in February.

Carey Wrenn with the Kenansville Recreation Commission announced replacements on the commission and plans for the coming year. New appointments include Earl Brinkley, Zann Stepp, Ronnie Bostic, Chuck Helton, Randy Hamonds, Anne Craft, Stacey Smith, Dennis Kirby, Willie Steele, Don Suttles, Arthenia Hall, Carey Wrenn, Steve Summerlin and Edna Gray Bostic.

Plans for the coming year include park and concession building improvements. Wrenn said the recreation commission hopes to be able to complete restrooms in the concessions building and stop erosion problems in the park. The commission also plans to promote fund-raising

projects and recruit participation in the Kenansville recreation program. Wrenn said. He added, the commission is working toward hosting the 1982 state Dixie League Youth play-offs.

Police Chief Tyson Bostic reported trouble with Extended Day School disturbances. According to Bostic, the Kenansville Police Department has been called as many as seven times within four days to quiet disturbances at EDS.

"The problem is that we can't identify these people," Bostic said. "We get called to EDS and when we bring the disturber into the office, the people who work there can't say for sure whether he's a student or not. And, when the school personnel can't identify him, our hands are tied."

Bostic said many of the persons disturbing classes are people who come to EDS students. These non-students leave E.E. Smith Junior High walking into Kenansville and return before the buses leave later the same night, often disturbing EDS classes, he said.

Public Works Director Larry Hoffman requested the town apply for a CETA public works employee. A position would be available under CETA guidelines, he said. The board instructed the town administrator to apply for the CETA position as

requested by Hoffman.

The board appointed Don Suttles and Emmel Coggins to replace Rich Boyd and John Hall on the Kenansville ABC board. Boyd and Hall had resigned stating conflict of interest, as both are part-owners of the Graham House Inn, which has recently been granted an alcohol license. The resignations were effective November 9.

Liberty Cart Has Best Year

"Attendance for the 1980 season of THE LIBERTY CART was the best ever," says James F. Strickland, president of the Duplin Outdoor Drama Society, Inc. More than 7,138 people attended the 1980 season, an actual 98% increase over the 1979 season. Strickland said, "Special nights, reducing playing time of the performance, a good promotion campaign and a better production were contributing factors to the 1980 season's success."

The 1980 production marked its fifth season and plans are already in progress for the 1981 season, which is scheduled for July 17 thru August 23.



Renovations being completed at the Warsaw Medical Center.