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SIXTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS - The David Byrd home will be opened to the public on the sixth day of Christmas, December 20. The home of David and Betty Byrd will be decorated in fresh greenery and handmade chicken decorations throughout the house. The home is located on

Rural Paved Road 1300, less than three miles off Highway 11 North. The home, along with Liberty Hall and the Graham House Inn will be open from 2-6 p.m. on the sixth day of Christmas.

Kenansville ABC Board Lays off Employee

The Kenansville ABC Board agreed to lay off the part-time employee effective January 1, during the Dec. 15 Alcohol and Beverage Control Board meeting.

Two full-time and one part-time persons are presently employed at the store. The part-time employee at the Kenansville ABC Store has been working 32 hours a week, said store manager Bob Hughes, at a salary of \$128.

Hughes objected to the dismissal of the part-time employee stating that two employees would have to work over a 40-hour week. He added, 30 hours a week are needed to complete the bookwork for the store. The store is open 72 hours a week.

Christmas bonuses for the ABC Store employees were also denied by the board during their meeting December 8. A total of \$809 in Christmas bonuses were given the three employees last year, which ABC Commissioner Emmel Coggins said, equals a week and one-half salary per employee.

In an attempt to trim some of the bookwork, Coggins said, the board moved to change the payroll from weekly to monthly. The monthly payroll will become effective at the beginning of the 1981-82 fiscal year, July 1st.

An employees' handbook was discussed by the ABC Board, and adopted as amended. The handbook will

be the first written agreement between employees and the board since the ABC Store was established in the 1960s, Coggins said. The handbook will establish store employment policies for sick-leave, vacation, disciplinary action, raises, employment probation and benefits, Coggins said.

"We have never had an exact agreement," Hughes said. "Up until now, we all trusted one another, and it was never spelled out as it is in the handbook. By talking with the board and the board talking with us, we knew what we had and we didn't think anyone was trying to take advantage of us."

And, a timer to automatically cut off the outside lights at the ABC Store was approved by the board. Two 850-watt flood lights are located on each of the four corners of the store building, Hughes said. Each night, the lights are switched on to burn until the store opens the following business day.

With the purchase of a timer, the lights will burn only 30 minutes each night after closing, Coggins said. Light from an adjacent street light and surrounding lights will be sufficient to deter break-ins after store hours, he added.

The board adopted a new insurance plan which will increase the store's liability and workmen's compensation at a decreased cost of \$200 each year. According to Coggins, a package policy has been put together for all state ABC Stores through the Fireman's Fund Insurance

Co. Kenansville will be participating in the package deal which increases the liability insurance from \$100,000 to \$2.5 million, Coggins said.

A representative from the ABC Board will appear at the January 5 meeting of the Kenansville town board. The ABC Board will be requesting the town's cooperation in efforts to change the profit allocation between towns and the county, Coggins said, the board will request the Kenansville Commissioners write a letter to Representative Doug Clark asking that legislation be introduced at the end of the 1981 session changing the ABC profit distribution, ending county funds and allocating the entire profit to the towns. The board feels the county should not profit from ABC funds when Duplin voted dry, Coggins said.

The county receives 55% of the profit revenues from town ABC stores, which amounted to more than \$65,000 in the last fiscal year. Towns receive 45% of the profit from their ABC store.

Ivey Bowden, store employee, received a salary increase to \$5 an hour. Hughes was authorized by the board to attend the mid-winter State ABC meeting in Charlotte, trip expenses of \$35 a day, plus 25 cents a mile will be paid from the store's budget.

Coggins received a \$25 check for service on the board. He refused the salary, but endorsed the paycheck which he donated to ABC store employees as Christmas bonuses.

Trap Snares Four Suspects

A night's wait paid off for O. B. Brown, who owns a country grocery store at Lyman, when he apprehended four suspected bottle thieves Saturday and held them at bay with a shotgun until sheriff's deputies arrived.

Brown said he had missed two or more cases of bottles Thursday and Friday nights, so he decided to stay in the store after he closed on Saturday.

Brown said he heard people moving around the

cases about 9:30 p.m. and called the Duplin Sheriff's Department. When officers arrived, he had four suspects lying on his driveway under threat of a shotgun.

Arrested and charged with larceny were Ronald Mark Lanier, 16 and Terry Daniel Smith, 16, both of Route 1, Chinquapin, Ricky James English, 18, Route 2, Wallace, and Berry Jeffrey Mobley, 16, of Route 1, Benjamineville.

Deputies found eight cases of bottles taken from another store in the suspects' car.

Cable TV Proposed At Warsaw Board Meeting

Cable television for town citizens was proposed December 8, during the regular monthly meeting of Warsaw Board of Commissioners by Clear-Tell, Inc. of Hope Mills.

The cable television company proposes 35 channels which will allow the addition of networks as demand increases. Clear-Tell has been working in the towns of Warsaw and Wallace surveying the potential for cable service. In Warsaw, 1,200 potential customers have been identified through the company's survey. Town Clerk Alfred Herring said.

According to Herring, the company tentatively plans to offer Warsaw customers free hook-up within the first 60 days of service. After the first 60 days, a hook-up fee will be charged new customers, and a monthly rate of \$9.50 has been tentatively set for each customer's cable service, Herring added. Included in the cable stations will be Home Box Office, Herring commented, which is the optional pay television. The optional service will allow customers to monitor special broadcasts, such as fights.

The board asked Town Attorney Jene Thompson to investigate the company's offer comparing the Clear-Tell proposal with neighboring towns serviced by a cable television franchise. If approved by the town board, Herring said, a public hear-

ing will be called before the company is issued a franchise in Warsaw. If the company is granted a franchise, a base office will be established in Warsaw with service beginning in approximately one year. Herring added, if the deal is turned down by either Warsaw or Wallace, the company will service the remaining town.

Dr. Mett Ausley appeared before the board requesting the town take responsibility for the railroad crossing into Stewart Creek Apartments on North Front Street. Ausley had been contacted by Seaboard Coastline requesting the crossing be upgraded to meet the Railroad's standard.

Ausley, the former owner of the property, had signed a contract with Seaboard Coastline agreeing to maintain the crossing. The contract continues to be binding, Ausley said, and could cost him several thousand dollars to repair the crossing on property which he no longer owns. Ausley added he would close the crossing before spending the money necessary to repair it as requested by Seaboard Coastline.

A motion to repair the crossing at the town's expense was made by Commissioner Frank Steed. The board agreed to send a letter advising Seaboard Coastline that the town would assume future responsibility for the crossing.

The board approved \$200 for a historical study in the town of Warsaw. Mrs. Henry Stevens, Jr. requested the board contribute to help the study of historical Warsaw homes over 50 years old. According to Mrs. Stevens, 60 homes have been studied so far. The project is being done in conjunction with the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Historical Preservation Society, she said. The project involves students from UNC-W who do the survey work and receive college credit for the work. During the research, Mrs.

Stevens said, several houses in Warsaw have been found to be over 150 years old.

Appearing before the board was Ernest Frederick with a building proposal at his business site. Frederick, owner of the USS Agri-Chemical dealership on George Street, informed the board of plans to construct a 36 ft. x 36 ft. building on the lot. The building would open to the railroad tracks and be used for bulk storage of fertilizer. The building would be used as part of the existing business, Frederick said, and not conflict with the zoning ordinance. No opposition was expressed by the board.

Quinn Co. Saves By Controlling Energy

The Quinn Co., a \$100-million-a-year wholesale firm, reduced its electricity costs in the past year despite rate increases by using an electric energy managing system, according to Gerald Quinn, vice president.

Quinn said the company reduced its use of electricity by 16.7 percent or 638,430 kilowatts in a 12-month period. It paid \$8,542 or 7.55 percent less for electricity during the period.

During the year ending in October 1979, the firm used 3,826,600 kilowatts, for

which it paid \$113,204.97.

During the same period ending in 1980 the firm used 3,188,170 kilowatts and paid \$104,562.67.

Quinn said the firm is now using \$293 worth of electricity per day. Last year at this time it was using \$302 worth of electricity a day.

It used 25,479 gallons of LP gas in the October to October 1978-79 period at a cost of \$9,512.74. During the same 1979-80 period it used 20,125 gallons of LP gas and paid \$10,049.51. The price increased 33.8 percent.

Quinn said the firm spent \$12,500 on an electric energy managing system, which includes timing devices on lights and heating units. Lights go out at 3:30 p.m. closing time except for security lighting. Lights come back on at 6 p.m. for the night shift to load out trucks. Lights go off again whenever the night crew has the trucks loaded.

Quinn said the system saved enough money in the first eight months to pay for itself. "It took a lot of talking to convince me to spend \$12,500 for the system."

"We thought we had been doing a good job of switching off lights, etc. manually, but apparently we were not," Quinn said. He said not much can be done about the new temporary increase of 25 percent.

"All of this didn't just happen. It took a lot of work. Employee cooperation helps. The less costs we have, the more money we make and the more we can pay our employees," Quinn said.

Quinn Company Will Supply Produce

Renovations have begun at the Quinn Company in Warsaw, which will establish the wholesaler as a full-service supplier to independent grocers, said Gerald Quinn of the Quinn Company.

The company plans to begin supplying fresh fruit and vegetables in April after 20,000 square feet of renovations are complete. The expansion into the produce department and structural renovations are costing \$500,000, Quinn said. The renovation of an existing building at the Quinn Company has been designed to utilize the latest technology which will ensure the most efficient and sanitary distribution of the products from the growing area to the supermarket, he added.

"This is the last step of the plan to become a full-service supplier," Quinn said. "And, it is something we have been planning for years."

Quinn Company is one of the many expanding businesses in Duplin County. Since the beginning of the year, four additional businesses in Duplin have expanded operations, said Duplin Industrial Development Director John Gurganus. Swift in Wallace expanded early in 1980, adding \$3 million in construction. The renovations included the demand for 25 new employees in the turkey stuffing process added at the facility, Gurganus said. North Carolina Hydraulic in Beulaville expanded adding \$400,000 in construction and 27 new employees. Reeves and Guilford East, both of Kenansville, improved their facilities over the past year, Gurganus said. Reeves underwent a \$450,000 expansion, adding shipping and storage space, while Guilford East spent \$1 million to upgrade wastewater treatment facilities.

New industrial investments in Duplin County during the year will have the potential to employ 355 persons, Gurganus said. New operations which will employ additional persons include

Georgia Pacific at Bowdens and Imperial Spinning in Wallace. Georgia Pacific is employing 60 persons and the yarn-spinning operation to base in Wallace will have the potential to employ 125 persons, Gurganus said. The Imperial Spinning investment represents \$4 million, while the sawmill at Bowdens is a \$3.5 million operation.

Three additional industries have purchased operations in the county. Bell and Sons of Calypso employs 25 persons at the site of the former Calypso Manufacturing Co. The \$250,000 investment by Bell and Sons at Calypso

came after the sewing operation closed, Gurganus said. Similar to the Calypso manufacturing operation, Warsaw Apparel closed and was purchased within this year, he said. Warsaw Apparel reopened this month and will have the potential to employ as many as 125 persons.

Warsaw Meat Company opened this year, Gurganus said, and employs 20 persons. The meat company, located on Highway 24, was once owned by Carroll's of Warsaw. At the meat company, pork is slaughtered and deboned before being shipped to other locations for further processing, Gurganus said.

Textile Plant To Open In Wallace

Imperial Spinning Mills plans to begin operations in its new plant in Wallace next month.

The industrial shell building erected just south of Wallace several years ago, was taken over by the new company earlier this year. Renovations are now under way on the 40,000-square-foot structure.

In addition to completing the interior of the shell, the firm is adding 8,000 square feet on the back of the building and a 2,000-square-foot office area on the front.

The plant will spin yarn for use in sweaters and men's hosiery when it goes into operation. It will employ an estimated 125 persons on a

24-hour, three-shift operation.

The plant's payroll is expected to top \$1.3 million per year when it enters full operation.

Duplin employment officials reported that three to five persons had applied for every job at the plant.

The county's official unemployment rate is placed at about 8 percent; however, that figure fails to take into account the underemployed persons and those not registered with the job services office. An estimated 15,240 persons are employed in the county, while 1,320 are listed as actively looking for work.

Medical Explorer Post

Richard E. Harrell, administrator of Duplin General Hospital, has announced the formation of a Medical Explorer Post sponsored by the hospital. "We will hold our first-nighter to organize and sign-up mem-

bers on Wednesday night, December 17 at the hospital at 7:30 p.m.

"Exploring is for young men and women of high school age through age 20, and is one of the programs of the Boy Scouts of America," said Harrell.



Miss Duplin County Shari Jones Appears In The Faison Christmas Parade