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**BARRED OWL PRESENTED TO JSTC** - James Sprunt Technical College was presented a barred owl found dead last fall near E.E. Smith Jr. High School in Kenansville. The owl was found along the roadside by Duplin Agricultural Extension Agent Ray Rhinehart, who sought information to preserve the animal through Duplin County Game Warden Earl Brinkley. Preserving a barred owl for personal use is illegal in North Carolina because owls are listed among endangered species, Rhinehart said. Rhinehart was instructed to contact a public institution such as JSTC and work with the institution to obtain the necessary permits to preserve the animal. At JSTC, President Carl Price wrote the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and the Federal Fish and

Wildlife Service to obtain the permits to mount the barred owl for display at the technical college. After obtaining the permits, Price arranged to have the owl mounted by the taxidermist class at Montgomery Technical Institute. According to Rhinehart, the barred owl is the second largest species of owls in the state. They make their homes in pine and hardwood forests and feed on small rodents. Rhinehart, a wildlife biologist, explained, "Why waste such a pretty animal when it could be used somewhere?" The barred owl is the second owl to be donated JSTC within the past 12 months. James Sprunt now displays both a great horned and a barred owl. Pictured above, left to right, JSTC President Carl Price receives the barred owl from Ray Rhinehart.

## Inez Jernigan Found Slain At Her Home

A Duplin County woman was found beaten and stabbed to death in her home north of Kenansville Wednesday morning.

Inez Jernigan, 53, who lived on N.C. 11 about three miles north of Kenansville, owned Jernigan Tractor Co. in Kenansville. She was

found dead in the dining room of her home around 9 a.m. by two employees who went to the door after she was late for an appointment with them.

Duplin County Sheriff Elwood Revelle said she had been "brutally beaten and stabbed" and had probably

been killed sometime Tuesday night. The body was sent to Onslow Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville for an autopsy.

Revelle said there were no suspects in the case and that no motive for the killing was known. He said there was no immediate indication that

anything had been stolen from Mrs. Jernigan's house.

An investigation is continuing by the Sheriff's Department and the State Bureau of Investigation.

Mrs. Jernigan lived alone in the house. She was the widow of the late Clifford B. Jernigan.

## Future Of Watershed Project Looks Shaky

The future of the long-awaited Limestone-Muddy Creek Watershed project of eastern Duplin County appears shaky due to state and federal budget cutting.

The \$409,000 expected in state grants for the project appears doubtful, County Manager Ralph Cottle told the board of commissioners last week.

The board agreed to press the county's legislative delegation to obtain solid commitments for the money. The project has been in the discussion and planning stages for more than a decade. It received final approval last year and all but a handful of the necessary right-of-way easements have been obtained. Channel cleaning and ditching would reduce crop and forest loss

from excessive water.

County Attorney Russell Lanier said the county needs authority to make use of property condemned under eminent domain while the courts determine the amount of money to be paid the landowners. The state has this authority, he noted, but the county does not.

He said two or three landowners were refusing to grant right-of-way easements for work on the watershed project. Use of this land for the project is needed by July 1, he added, in urging the county board to contact N.C. Sen. Harold Hardison to try to obtain the needed authority.

A public hearing on a county-wide franchise to Clear-Tel Cablevision of Hope Mills was ordered for

1:15 p.m. May 4. Gerald Michaux of Clear-Tel said if it receives the county franchise and the Kenansville franchise, it plans to locate its earth station (dish antenna for satellite-channel reception) in the Kenansville area and extend service via cable to the other towns.

Clear-Tel has been awarded a franchise from Warsaw and has made franchise presentations to Wallace, Teachey, Rose Hill, Magnolia, Kenansville and Beulaville. The firm will make its presentation to Faison and Calypso.

Michaux said construction of the earth station will begin 30 days after the firm receives the franchises from Duplin and Kenansville. Clear-Tel is offering 35-

channel capability, including five channels not now being received by people with outside antennas. Warsaw residents can receive up to nine channels with outside antennas.

The firm is offering five percent of the gross income in return for a franchise.

The board appropriated \$600 for the new Pin Hook Volunteer Fire Department which will serve the Pin Hook, Deep Bottom and Cypress Creek areas. Pin Hook Fire Chief Willis Sholar told the board the new department has a fire truck and a roster of 40 volunteers who are attending fire training school two nights a week.

The board proclaimed the week of April 26-May 2 as emergency medical services week.

## Williams Re-Elected Chairman

## Duplin Democrats Hear Whitley

Over 200 Duplin County Democrats held a spirited annual convention April 25th at the courthouse in Kenansville, which was labeled most unusual for a non-election year. Signs designating precincts, red, white and blue flowers, and pictures of past Democratic presidents created a festive atmosphere.

Elected for two-year terms were Chairman Melvin G. Williams of Smith Township, First Vice Chairman Carolyn B. Ingram of Warsaw, Second Vice Chairman Riddick E. Wilkins of Warsaw, Third Vice Chairman David Phillips of Kenansville, Secretary Ruby Black-

more of Warsaw, and Treasurer Max Offerman of Wallace.

W.E. Craft of Kenansville and J.C. Page of Warsaw were elected to serve with Williams on the state Democratic executive committee.

The convention adopted a resolution strongly opposing the state legislature's plans to put Duplin in a six-county state representative district with Columbus, Brunswick, Bladen, Sampson and Pender counties. The resolution requested that Duplin be put in a two-county district with either Jones, Sampson or Lenoir counties.

Congressman Charlie Whitley gave the keynote address in which he

expressed great optimism about the ability of the Democratic party to win future national elections. He gave a detailed account of the alternatives to the Reagan budget proposed by the Democratic majority in the U.S. House of Representatives.

A drawing for a \$100 shopping spree was won by Pamela Lanier of Route 2, Beulaville. She is a fourth grader and the daughter of Cedar Fork Precinct First Vice Chairman James D. Lanier.

The convention passed a resolution asking that federal funding for the Goshen Medical Center and Plainview Medical Center be con-

tinued at present levels.

Another resolution endorsed by the convention supported legislation currently before the legislature requiring county boards of commissioners to appoint the nominee of the appropriate political party in the event of a vacancy in any elected office.

Mrs. Marion Elkin of Wallace was recognized for outstanding achievement in the party's April fund-raising drive. Precincts recognized for reaching their goals in the drive were: Warsaw, Faison, Calypso, Glisson, Albertson, Smith, Beulaville, Cedar Fork, Cypress Creek, Locklin, Wallace, Rockfish, Rose Hill and Kenansville.

## Wallace Seeks Water Study

The Wallace town board asked last week that Henry von Oesen Associates of Wilmington propose a new study of possible water supply sources for the town.

A previous study by the firm indicated any new wells in the city would deplete the already dropping water table.

The town owns 80 acres at Henderson Field, the airport southwest of the city in Pender County, which it wants reviewed for water

well potential. Another possibility would be a well in the Northeast Community, east of Wallace along the Northeast River.

The board took no action on a request for \$3,000 for salaries and utilities, but did appropriate \$1,500 additional money for the utility budget due to increased electrical rates. Town Commissioner Willie Biggs voted against the move saying he believed the board should appropriate the entire \$3,000.

Librarian Jean Sykes asked for the additional salary money to retain a library assistant for the remainder of the fiscal year. The board had earlier transferred \$2,000 into the library salary account from unused building maintenance funds.

Town Commissioner Charles Blanchard said, "A salary overrun of nearly \$3,000 upsets me. We're supposed to stay within our budgets. I can understand overruns on items over which

we have no control, but we can control salaries. State law says we're supposed to operate under a balanced budget and we can't with things like this coming up."

The library's 1980-81 budget authorized two full-time and one part-time worker.

Ms. Sykes commented, "I'm caught in the middle between the library board which sets policy and the town board which appropriates the money."

## JSTC Forum Series To Study Question: America: Where Is It Going?

Will the problems America is experiencing overcome our country? How can we solve these problems? Why does the world seem so unstable and dangerous these days? James Sprunt Technical College is sponsoring a public forum series that will look at questions like these. The series, entitled "America: Where Is It Going?" will begin Tuesday, May 5. The forums in this series are designed to provide the citizens of our area with different views of the problems facing America and of different solutions to these problems.

Forums will be held May 5, 7, 12 and 14 and are free and open to the public. The series will be held in the auditorium of the Hoffer building on the campus of JSTC from 7:30-9 p.m. James Sprunt is sponsoring the series with the assistance of a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Committee, a program of the

National Endowment for the Humanities.

On Tuesday, May 5, Dr. Gail O'Brien of North Carolina State University and Dr. Gene Purcell of Atlantic Christian College will speak on the topic "Prosperity: Will It Ever Return?" Dr. O'Brien is a historian and will examine how the

American standard of living has changed and is changing. Dr. Purcell, a philosopher, will look at how we define prosperity, particularly the whole idea of "More Is Better."

On Thursday, May 7, Dr. Claude H. Farrell, an economist at UNC-Wilmington, and Lewis Pitts Jr., a lawyer

active in energy issues, will examine the role energy plays in America's future. Pitts will speak on the topic "Nuclear Energy Causes More Problems Than It Solves" and Dr. Farrell will examine the important role abundant energy plays in keeping our economy going.

## Kernstine Named Josten Scholarship Award Winner



the program, selected the 140 winners.

Commenting on the awards, Don C. Lein, president of The Jostens Foundation, said, "The Jostens Foundation is committed to developing quality education for today's young people and responding to the needs of our youth."

Funds for The Jostens Foundation are provided annually by a major support program of Jostens, Inc., Minneapolis-based manufacturer of custom-designed products which motivate individuals and recognize achievements in business, education and athletics.

## East Duplin Student Wins Scholarship



Randall Jerome Page, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Page of Route 1, Albertson, is the winner of the George

Foster Hankins Scholarship at Wake Forest University at Winston-Salem. He will receive \$5,700 per year for four years.

Randy plans to pursue a career in medicine. He is a member of the Snow Hill Free Will Baptist Church at Albertson. At East Duplin he is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa Club and the Science Club. He participated in the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium 1980, F.T.A., Governor's School 1980-81 and he represented East Duplin in the Quiz Bowl 1980-81.

## Students Receive Nominations

Eleven students representing three Duplin County schools, have received nominations to attend the 1981 Governor's School at one of its two locations. The Governor's School West, Salem College, Winston-Salem, and the Governor's School East, St. Andrews College, Lenoir, are a summer program for gifted and talented high school students.

Seven James Kenan High School students have received nominations. They are

Regenia N. Brown, Phillip R. Pickett, Marcia D. Boone, Margo A. Jenkins, L. Frankie Whaley, Edward L. Best and Allen F. Roper.

Three East Duplin students were nominated. They are Michael L. Houston, Laura B. Hunter and Anthony H. Quinn.

One Wallace-Rose Hill High School student, Regina L. Dobson, was nominated. Miss Brown will be in the choral music program at the Governor's School East while Pickett will also be in Lenoir-

burg in the natural science program.

Miss Boone will advance her knowledge in both the choral music and natural science programs at the Governor's School West. Miss Jenkins and Whaley will also be in the choral music program at Salem College. Best will be in the mathematics program, while Roper will be in the natural science program, both at the Governor's School West.

Others attending the Governor's School East in-

clude Houston, Miss Hunter and Miss Dobson. Houston and Miss Hunter were chosen for the mathematics program, while Miss Dobson was chosen for the natural science program.

Quinn will be in the natural science program at the Governor's School West.

These outstanding students will spend six weeks of their summer in the program. They will advance their knowledge along with some of the outstanding students across the state.