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Howard's Trial Date Set

The Rev. Clarence Howard is tentatively scheduled to go on trial Nov. 9 in Duplin Superior Court on charges of killing a 53-year-old Kenansville widow.

Duplin County district attorney said a grand jury is to consider evidence in the case Oct. 26. The grand jury will be asked to consider a bill of indictment against Howard. The murder charge stems

from the April 21st death of Inez Quinn Jernigan of Kenansville. Officials have said that her body was found nearly 24 hours after she was beaten with a chair and stabbed with a knife.

Howard, a 44-year-old Baptist minister from Mount Olive, was arrested and charged with the murder earlier this month. He was denied bond by Superior Court Judge Henry L. Stevens.



REPRESENTATIVE DOUG CLARK presented Sallie B. Tyndall with a North Carolina flag last week in Kenansville. Tyndall accepted the flag in behalf of the Kenansville Chapter 215, Order of the Eastern Star. The

flag will be flown at the Masonic Lodge, which is currently being renovated. Pictured, Rep. Doug Clark and Sallie B. Tyndall, worthy matron.

Moore Presented Fellowship

Duplin County Agricultural Extension Agent J. Michael Moore has been presented a fellowship for graduate study at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

The fellowship is part of an annual program sponsored by the Philip Morris Tobacco Company. Fellowships were awarded to N.C. tobacco agents Moore and Kenneth McCaskill of Macon County, vice president of domestic leaf, O. Witcher Dudley, and Dean J.E. Legates of the SCSU school of agriculture

and life sciences and the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service Director T.C. Blalock. Both Moore and McCaskill are studying at the university updating their knowledge and tobacco technology and teaching skills. The Philip Morris fellowship program began at NCSU in 1977, providing \$20,000 per year to bring county agents with tobacco responsibilities to Raleigh for additional training in response to a mutual concern of Philip Morris and NCSU that the agents' educational

needs be addressed to provide updated professional service to today's tobacco farmers.

"We view the county agent as a key point in the transfer of tobacco production information from the University to the farmer, Dudley said.

The fellowship program is an example of the cooperation between industry and a public institution. Legates said in praise of the program.

Moore works in the major flue-cured tobacco county of the state and will be using

his fellowship to work toward a master's degree. He is a native of Lones County and has worked in Duplin for two years. During this time, he has doubled the number of on-farm test demonstrations and worked to provide farmers with the most recent agricultural information. Moore resides in Warsaw and is active in civic organizations and is a member of the United Methodist Church where he works with the young people.

J. Michael Moore has been on the Duplin Agricultural Extension Service staff since May, 1979, and has designed and carried out programs not only in tobacco but in corn and small grain with a large clientele. His work with on-farm testing and demonstration plots has helped Duplin farmers have available close at home information that helps them as they make decisions regarding their own production practices. We also feel that participation in further study will help local farmers have access to updated information. We look forward to having J. Michael back in the county in December," commented Mrs. Lois G. Britt, AES chairman.

Kenansville Jaycees To Roast

N.C. Senator Harold Hardison

The Kenansville Jaycees will hold a roast for N.C. State Senator Harold Hardison Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at E.E. Smith Junior High School in Kenansville. Numerous state officials have been invited to attend and help with the roast. These will be

announced in the near future as they are confirmed.

The cost of the event will be \$15 per person with all proceeds going to the N.C. Cystic Fibrosis and Leukemia foundations. Those attending will be treated to a banquet consisting of a steak supper with all the trimmings in addition to the delightful and

entertaining program.

Anyone wishing to purchase tickets or obtain further information should contact Woody Brinson, Doc Brinson or Phil Hardy in Kenansville, or by mailing checks to the Kenansville Jaycees, P.O. Box 490, Kenansville, NC 28349.

Invitation To Cowan Museum Dedication

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners and the Cowan Museum Committee

cordially invite you to attend the presentation and dedication ceremonies of the Jo

Ann Cowan Brown Museum Collection on Seminary Street in Kenansville on

Sunday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. Open House will be held until 5 p.m.

Duplin Will Help Pay For Trips

Duplin County cannot afford a van and driver to transport 12 kidney patients to Wilmington three times a week for dialysis treatment, but will pay each patient \$8 toward the cost of each trip, the county commissioners decided Monday.

The group had asked the county board on Sept. 1 for a van and driver to replace aid from the National Kidney Foundation, which will end Nov. 1.

The board decided it could not afford a new van and that it would incur too much liability if it used an old van it already owns. It will use Title 20 federal funds from the Department of Social Services to pay 75 percent of travel expenses of \$14,976 to

the kidney patients.

The board unanimously voted \$3,744 for the county's share. Payments are expected to start about Nov. 1 after administrative details are worked out. The payments will be made to the patients even if they travel together.

In other action, the board on first reading unanimously awarded a cable television franchise to Univision of Richlands, the only bidder for a countywide system. A second reading is required.

Seven of the 10 towns in the county have voted to accept Univision, for which customers will be charged \$8.95 a month. Univision, which will pay the county a royalty of 3 percent of its net revenues, promised to serve 75-80 percent of 14,000 county homes within two years.

The board passed on final reading a bill which will bring building inspection into line with the state codes. After Dec. 1, the county, which now checks only electrical work and insulation, will carry out full inspections.

On first reading Oct. 5, Commissioner D.J. Fussell objected that the cost level of \$90,000 at which a building would be required to have an architect was too low. At today's prices, he said, not much of a building can be built for that price.

The minimum should be more than \$100,000, he suggested. He made the same objection Monday but with only a majority required on second reading, the bill passed. The vote was the same as on Oct. 5: against, Fussell; for, W.J. Costin, Franklin Williams, Calvin Turner and Allen Nethercutt.

The board adopted unanimously a resolution presented by Melvin Williams, chairman of the Duplin County Democratic Committee. The resolution asks that in redistricting of the state, now being undertaken for a second time this year by the General Assembly, Sampson be a one-county, one-seat district and Duplin and Jones be a two-county, one-seat district.

If that does not work out, the resolution called for Duplin and Sampson to be together as two-county, two-seat district. Duplin now is,

a district with Pender and Brunswick counties.

The commissioners appropriated \$1,500 to replace the gasoline pump used by county cars and \$775 to buy a cash register so cash receipts

in the register of deeds office can be centrally located.

The board also passed a resolution asking Carolina Power & Light Co. not to raise rates.

Gurganus To Head N.C. 2000 In Duplin County

Governor Jim Hunt announced the appointment of John H. Gurganus Jr. as Duplin County chairman for North Carolina 2000.

Gurganus will join other county chairmen and the Commission on the Future of North Carolina in putting into action a statewide program to set directions for the next two decades in the state.

"I am proud to appoint John Gurganus to head the North Carolina 2000 effort in Duplin County," said Hunt. "He is committed to making life in Duplin County and in North Carolina better, and he has the leadership skills to make sure Duplin citizens

have a clear voice in this important state effort."

As N.C. 2000 chairman, Gurganus will be putting together a local organization to build awareness among citizens of the emerging issues in North Carolina and to determine what citizens want for their future in this state.

Gurganus is industrial developer with the Duplin County Industrial Commission. He is a member and recently elected as president of the Eastern N.C. Development Association.

A joint meeting of the commission and county NC 200 chairmen will be held Oct. 22 in Raleigh.

Four County EMC Consumers To Be Mailed Surveys

Over 600 consumer-members of Four County Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) will soon be asked to participate in a survey of residential power use patterns. The survey is a follow-up to a similar survey conducted by the co-op about a year ago, according to L. P. (Bill) Beverage, general manager for Four County EMC.

"The questionnaires for this survey will be going into the mail between Oct. 26 and Nov. 6, and we hope the consumers involved will take the time to fill them out. The information we gather will be most helpful as we try to plan for growth in our power demand over the next few years," Beverage says.

The questionnaires seek information on the kinds of housing units being served,

how much insulation they have, the kinds of major appliances and heating/cooling systems being used, and the steps consumers are taking to conserve energy use.

Albertson Red Cross Fund Manager

Charles Albertson of Beulaville has been appointed 1981 fund campaign manager for the Duplin County Chapter of the American Red Cross, according to Chapter Chairman Charles Ingram.

Albertson is working with Ingram and Lloyd Stephens, vice chairman of the chapter, and Mrs. N.B. Boney, secretary, in their efforts to line up co-workers in their various communities.



NEW EQUIPMENT EXPLAINED TO DUPLIN SWINE PRODUCERS - Carolina Agri Systems of Beulaville recently held a new equipment seminar at the Country Squire. Details of a new hog feeder and infrared heater were explained to some 50 farmers. Pictured, left to right, Kim

Hatcher, Gary Peterson of Chorettime, Philip Pryor of S.D.M. InfoRed, Inc. of Fredricksburg, Va, Greg Brown of Carrolls of Warsaw, Dwight Armstrong of NCSU, and Jim Stocker of Murphy Farms.