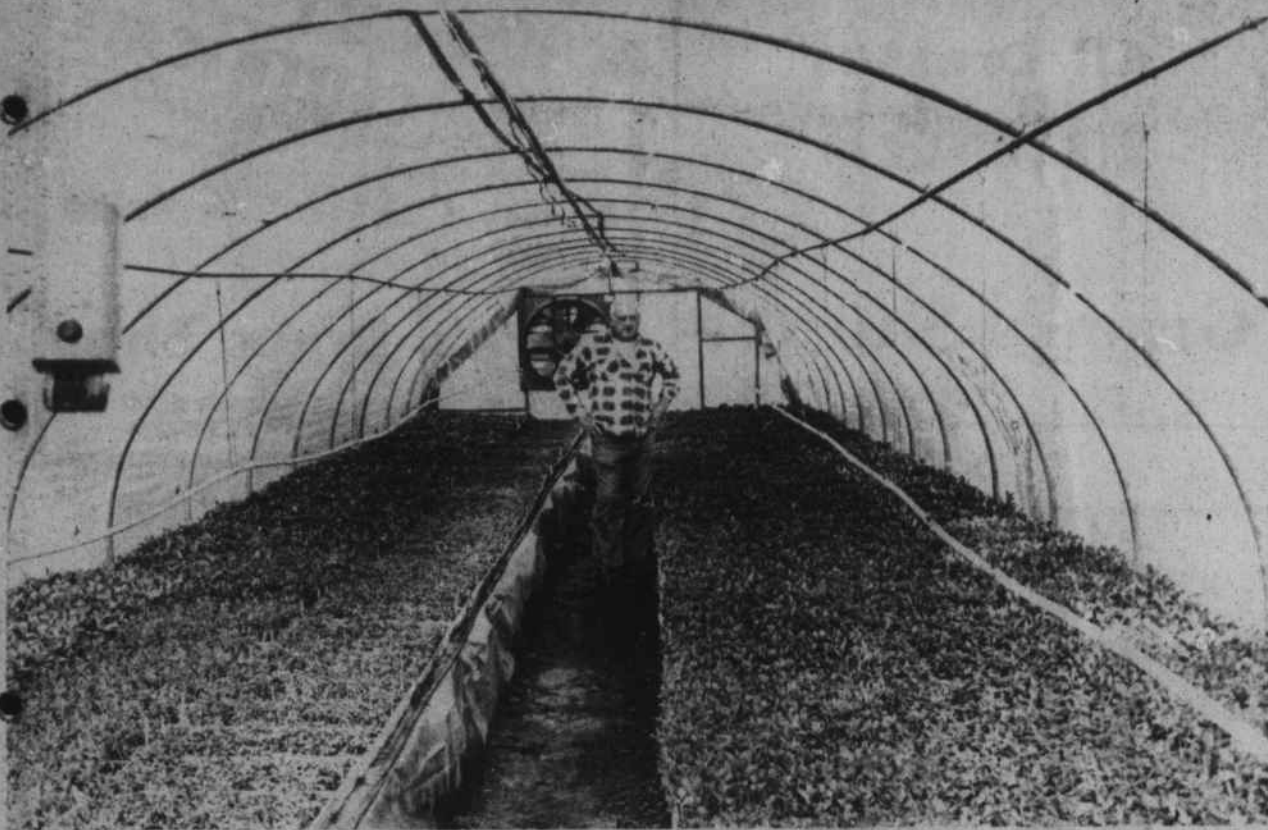


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11th Annual Conservation Tour



NATHAN HINKLE NURSERY - Also on the tour was the Nathan Hinkle Nursery near Beulaville. Hinkle, who is from Harlan County, Kentucky, said "Being born and raised in coal mining country, anything green like this is — well, you just fall in love with it. We sell wholesale to the nursery people. We put a root on it and they put a top on it. We have been in the nursery business for 12 years now. Where these greenhouses stand, one year we had peppers on this land. It brought \$18.12. Right then I knew we had to do something else. We started in azaleas as a hobby and

last year we shipped 1,200,000 to 37 states," said Hinkle.

The purpose of the tour was to review and discuss conservation measures which local people are carrying out to conserve the natural resources and to improve the environment of Duplin County. Seven farms near Kenansville were included in the tour which some 100 farmers, businessmen and others attended. Soil and water conservation measures in actual application were shown and explained to the group.



CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST WINNERS - Left to right, Wendy Stroud, first place winner from B.F. Grady School, Kim Hobbs, second place winner, also of B.F. Grady, and Dwala Sutton of Warsaw Elementary School

was third place winner. The poster contest was for area sixth graders. A check for \$25 went to first, \$15 for second, and \$10 for third place. The first place winner will advance to area competition. Joe Williams of Rose Hill, poster contest official, is also pictured.

Jernigan Murder Trial To Be Moved Out Of County

Superior Court Judge Henry Stevens III agreed to a motion by Reverend Sheldon Howard's defense attorneys to a change of venue Thursday. Howard is charged with the first degree murder of Inez Quinn Jernigan.

Attorneys Doug Conners and E.C. Thompson III argued that pre-trial publicity by the local news media and word of mouth (street talk) caused prejudiced feelings against their client, Rev. Howard, and therefore they wanted the trial moved out of Duplin County and the Fourth Judicial District, which includes Duplin, Jones, Onslow and Sampson Counties. The attorneys also

objected to bringing in a jury to Duplin to decide as a "hostile atmosphere exists in the county." "A fair and impartial trial is impossible in Duplin County," said Thompson.

Judge Stevens agreed to move the trial. An announcement on where it is to be held, and when, is expected within the next 10 days. Conners and Thompson also asked for an out-of-county grand jury to hear the evidence as the grand jury had also been prejudiced by pre-trial publicity. Stevens denied that motion. Thompson stated Judge Stevens had agreed to hear other motions in the case on Nov. 9th. Just what motions was

not disclosed.

Following the rulings on change-of-venue motions, District Attorney Bill Andrews stated he saw no problem in coming in under the 120-day trial rule, as the time began with the grand jury hearing. When asked about the change of venue, he said, "We are ready. We are waiting on the defense. Makes no difference where it is tried, it won't change the evidence. It stays the same. It may shorten the time to select a jury, as people from another area are less likely to have known either the deceased Mrs. Jernigan or the defendant, Rev. Howard," he added.

Attorney E.C. Thompson stated Thursday he knew nothing of a letter appealing to area ministers to encourage congregation members to donate to a defense fund for Howard, saying the cost of the defense effort is phenomenal (sic) estimated at \$100,000 or more. "All I know is what I have read in the papers. Doug Conners and I are working on an hourly basis. No set fee amount has been discussed."

A letter is being circulated by Leonard Woodall Jr. of Princeton, committee chairman for the Sheldon Howard Defense Fund, and by committee treasurer, Edward Miles.

Hunt Names Eight To Duplin Prison Council

Governor Jim Hunt has named eight members to the Duplin County Correctional Unit advisory council. The council serves as a liaison between the prison unit and the community and helps in the recruiting and training of volunteers to work in the prison.

The appointees are as follows: Nadine D. Blanton of Kenansville, guidance counselor at North Duplin High School; George Garner of Kenansville, director of the criminal justice technical program at JSTC; Elizabeth Grant of Kenansville, manager of the employment security commission; Burnis Hargrove of Rose Hill, deputy sheriff of Duplin County; Bill Hussey of Wallace, supervisor at Worsley Oil Co.; Charles Ingram of Kenansville, an attorney; Mayor Douglas Judge of Kenansville, director of evening students at JSTC; and Riddick E. Wilkins of Warsaw, a retired agricultural extension agent, chairman of the Duplin County NAACP, and recently elected to the school board.



YELVERTON SCHOLARSHIP WINNER CONGRATULATED - Barbara Yelverton is pictured above as she congratulates Judy Miller, pictured on the right, the first recipient of the Charles H. Yelverton Scholarship. The James Sprunt Technical

College scholarship committee announced the selection of Miller. The scholarship will be awarded at the beginning of each school year to a student enrolling in the JSTC general education program.

Judy Miller Receives First Yelverton Scholarship

The James Sprunt Technical College scholarship committee selected Judy M. Miller of Watha as the first recipient of the Charles H. Yelverton Scholarship at the technical college.

The general education scholarship honoring the late superintendent of Duplin County schools, Charles H. Yelverton, was established in July by the JSTC Board of

Trustees and formally endorsed by the Duplin County Board of Education. The value is \$250 per year for a total of \$500 during the two-year general education program. The scholarship is expected to be sufficient to defray costs of tuition, fees, books and supplies during the two-year period.

Judy is a graduate of Fort Hunt High School in Alexandria, Va. and has attended

Cape Fear Technical Institute in Wilmington. She is the mother of four sons.

The Yelverton Scholarship is awarded on the basis of demonstrated ability without regard to need. Each applicant was jointly considered by the scholarship committee and reviewed according to class rank, academic average, curricular and extra-curricular activities, and letters of recommendation.

Veterans' Day Parade To Honor Armstrong



J. J. ARMSTRONG of Warsaw has been selected by the Veterans' Day committee of Warsaw to be the guest of honor for the 1981 Veterans' Day Parade Saturday, November 14. Armstrong, a veteran of World War II, is the only known veteran living in Warsaw to have been on Hawaii during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7th, 1941. Following his tour of duty in the Army, he moved to Warsaw in 1947 to manage the local A & P Store. He retired from that position in 1971.



"I had just left the mess hall, going to check the duty roster, when I heard this airplane in a dive. He'll never pull it out. I said to myself, and rushed to the top of a small knoll to see the crash. The plane was over Wheeler Field and dropped a bomb (a dive-bomber), pulled it out of the dive, and turned right toward Schofield Barracks. Over Schofield the guns from each wing of the plane were blasting away. I could hear the bullets hitting the buildings and the pavement. It's maneuvers, I thought. Those fellows are on maneuvers. Someone else agreed with me. . . Yes, those were paper wads hitting the barracks and the ground, someone said. A bomb hit an ammo dump, and boy, that explosion shook the rock. My sergeant said, 'Those s.o.b.s are here.' He got us out of the open and down into a ditch, ravine, or whatever. We were in the bushes out of sight but were on top of our TNT and dynamite supplies."

That is the way J.J. Armstrong of Warsaw describes the first half-hour or so of that infamous day, December 7, 1941 on the island of Honolulu, Hawaii. The time was 7:55 a.m. when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

"I had only been in the army for a short time. I was drafted July 10, 1941 and arrived in Hawaii October 17 of that year. I was in the combat engineers. My rifle was locked up upstairs in my barracks. Later that day we were loaded in a truck and went to fill sandbags. Actually it was clay, but they were called sandbags. The bags were to be stacked to keep a suicide plane from diving into an area to cause more damage. . . I remember seeing truck loads of dead bodies headed for burial. From then on it was one alert after another. They were shooting imaginary Japs — dogs, cows, anything that moved at night. I was on Hawaii for about three years. I had a radio hooked up at the barracks. It had an antenna wire of copper going the length of the barracks and used coke bottles for insu-

lators. Sometimes we could pick up WPTF in Raleigh if things were just right, but not all the time. We would hear the 11 o'clock news at 7 o'clock. We also picked up Tokyo Rose. She played the latest and best music. We first learned of the Japanese sub being caught near Pearl from her. She knew names and a lot of things. It was bad when she supposedly read 'Dear John' letters and would call men's names as well as their girl friends names, too. . . I've still got that radio and wouldn't take a pretty for it," said Armstrong.

He was discharged in May of 1945 after a trip to Saipan. He came to Warsaw to manage the A & P Store in 1947 and retired from that position in 1971. He was born at Rocky Point, the son of J.B. and Susan Pitt Armstrong, one of five children. He attended elementary school at Rocky Point and high school at Burgaw. Following high school, he went to work for the A & P in Wilmington. Two years later he was given the manager's

position at Chadbourn. He was there when he received his "greetings" from Uncle Sam.

Bikers Raise Money

Pink Hill raised \$621.59 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital recently as local bikers pedaled in the Pink Hill Wheels for Life Bike-a-thon.

"The ride was a great success and showed that Pink Hill understands the importance of research being done at St. Jude. Chairman Ginny Maxwell said in announcing the ride results, "Everyone who participated did a wonderful job. The \$621.59 raised will help continue the research into childhood cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Children here and everywhere will be helped by this successful bike-a-thon and the progress being made at St. Jude Hospital."