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AWARD RECIPIENTS - Duplin County award recipients in the picture are, left to right, back row, George Cowan, individual community volunteer leader; Kenneth Fussell, senior citizen volunteer. Front row, James G. Batts,

disabled person volunteer; Dennis Perry, accepting for the Warsaw Jaycees, community volunteer organization; and the Governor and Mrs. James B. Hunt Jr.

Gov. And Mrs. Hunt Honor Volunteers In Raleigh

Gov. and Mrs. James B. Hunt Jr. were at the Royal Villa in Raleigh Nov. 4 to pay tribute to the people they have hailed as America's greatest resource — volunteers. The ceremony, one of three this fall, was held in the ballroom. They presented awards in nine categories to outstanding volunteers in the 33 eastern

counties participating. To the group of over 900 assembled for the event, Hunt said, "Your example of giving instead of getting, caring instead of complaining, actions instead of apathy, is the catalyst which will continue to make North Carolina a good place to live and work." The 1981 Governor's statewide volunteer awards ceremony is a result of a

process which began in March. Throughout the year, local committees identified outstanding volunteers in each county participating. Although the categories and broad guidelines were established by the office of citizen affairs, local selections were made in a number of ways. In counties with involvement councils, each was asked to select the top

volunteers in their community. In other counties, the county commissioners were asked either to make the selection themselves or to appoint a committee to make that selection. In many counties volunteers were honored at local recognition events prior to this ceremony, and many are planned following the event.



NURSING WEEK PROCLAIMED IN KENANSVILLE - Mayor Doug Judge is pictured above as he signs a proclamation naming November 15-21 as Associate Degree Nursing Week in Kenansville. The proclamation was the result of Gov. Hunt's action to name the week

throughout the state. Pictured above, left to right, JSTC Health Education Director Gayle Weeks, Judge, JSTC senior nursing class president Roslyn Padgett, and first year nursing student Doreen Manley.

Nursing Week Proclaimed Nov. 15-21

Kenansville, the home of Duplin County's technical college, has followed Gov. Hunt with a proclamation naming Nov. 15-21 as Associate Degree Nursing Week. The proclamation is part of a local, state and national celebration honoring two-year nursing programs for providing 30 years of bedside nursing care. James Sprunt Technical College has been part of the nurse's educational program in North Carolina since 1962. The technical college began a practical nursing program as an extension of Wayne Industrial Center under the direction of Sue Saunders of Rose Hill. A demand for

more registered nurses led to the installation of the associate degree nursing program at JSTC in 1971. Today, 161 students have graduated from the program. In the last 10 years, more than 32,500 persons have enrolled in programs leading to an associate degree throughout the state community colleges. "Regardless of the number of nurses the community colleges graduate, said JSTC Health Education Director Gayle Weeks, "there is a constant demand for more nurses." Across the state last year, The N.C. community colleges enrolled 3,705 students in the programs lead-

ing to associate degrees in nursing. The students included 215 men and 3,490 women. "Technical colleges like JSTC educate nurses who graduate after two years of training with almost 500 hours of work experience in hospitals and nursing homes," Weeks said. "The students also have over 950 hours of classroom training. The actual work training is done locally in the service area of JSTC where most of the graduates will be employed." The JSTC nursing program is designed to prepare students for registered nursing in 21 months. After graduation, the student is

eligible to take the state board exam to obtain the registered nurse license. James Sprunt has a service area of five counties: Duplin, Pender, Onslow, New Hanover and Jones. JSTC service area presently employs more than 50% of the graduates of the college. Among the 161 graduates from JSTC, 146 are registered nurses and approximately 130 are employed in health care occupations. "The associate degree nursing program prepares students for a variety of health careers such as working in doctors' offices, special clinics, in service education, nursing homes and hospitals," Weeks said.

Howard Pleads Guilty

The Reverend Clarence Sheldon Howard plead guilty to second degree murder Tuesday morning in a special session of Duplin County Superior Criminal Court. It was a plea bargaining. Conditions of the plea included dismissal of the first degree murder charge. Sentencing will be delayed for pre-sentencing diagnostic study.

Howard, 44, was charged in connection with the death of Inez Jernigan during the night of April 21, 1981. The arraignment was before Judge Henry L. Stevens III.

Howard has been held without bond in Duplin County jail since being arrested in a Goldsboro theater Oct. 2. Mrs. Jernigan, 53, lived alone in her home 3.5 miles north of Kenansville. She owned and managed Jernigan Tractor Co. of Kenansville.

Howard is the former pastor of Northeast Free Will Baptist Church of Mount Olive. He is also a former pastor of Pearsall's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church north of Kenansville of which Mrs. Jernigan was a member.

Will Hire 75 More Employees National Spinning Announces Rebuilding Of Warsaw Plant

Officials of National Spinning Company announced the rebuilding of their Warsaw plant at a news conference held at Carson's Restaurant in Warsaw Tuesday morning. This rebuilding with new equipment for producing yarn will mean the hiring of approximately 75 employees.

Ben Ellenberg, plant personnel director for the Warsaw and Beulaville plants, introduced Fred Archer, plant manager, and Don Barham, corporate vice president of industrial relations, who made the announcement. "In May, 1980, we announced a cutback on the Warsaw plant. Today we have good news to announce — the rebuilding of the Warsaw plant," stated Ellenberg.

Barham said they would start immediately rearranging equipment within the plant. "The new equipment — most modern in the word — should be running full by April or May of 1982 producing top-quality yarns for men's hosiery and ladies' apparel with an approximate cost of modernization at \$3.5 million," Barham stated. "Between now and then we will add approximately 75 employees over the current 100 employees to bring the total to 175," he said.

The first phase of the plan calls for the plant to run at 60% capacity. They expect to hire and bring into the community two or three key management people but do not know what the future requirements will be, Barham said.

"The plant will operate on a 7-day schedule for the same reasons we run the Beulaville plant on this schedule," he said. "We can't stop it and start-up is drastic." Barham ended his remarks by saying, "We will try to be good citizens and industrial neighbors and keep you informed as we look forward to growing beyond phase I."

Archer stated, "I also appreciate your coming and thank you for the help you have given us over the years that I have been in Warsaw. I plan to handle the change-over at Warsaw and continue to manage the Beulaville plant until we can bring on some additional key people. We look forward to completing phase I of the Warsaw plant, and our 'comeback' and look forward to the time we can announce phase II."

Wallace OKs TV Franchise For Cable Firm

The Wallace town board approved a cable television franchise Thursday night, pending receipt of a \$50,000 construction performance bond from the company, Univision of Richlands.

Chinquapin Man Killed

Monroe Kelly, 70, of Chinquapin, died Friday night at 7:30 at Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville following an auto accident earlier in the day. According to investigating Trooper R.N. Johnson, the accident occurred four miles east of Rose Hill at the junction of Highway 11 and rural road #1102 at 4:05 p.m. Friday, November 13th. William Hiram Brinson Jr., 35, of Kenansville, was

traveling north on Highway 11 driving a Duplin County owned 1981 Toyota station wagon. Fernando Guy Whitehead, 65, of Chinquapin, driving a 1977 Ford, pulled into the path of the Brinson vehicle and the two collided. Whitehead was charged with making an unsafe movement and death by a vehicle. Brinson was still under hospital care at press-time. Kelly was a passenger in the Whitehead vehicle.

Richard Burrows, town attorney, reported he had asked the company to put up the bond a week and a half ago but said he had received no response. Thursday night, Gail Bailey, an owner of the company, said the company would have no problem with

the bond. Burrows told the board the company failed to supply a bond in Onslow where it had a county cable television franchise and that the county had revoked the franchise. Ms. Bailey explained the problem arose in Onslow County when the county asked for a 15-year bond. She said the bonding company was dissatisfied with the terms of the contract between the company and Onslow County and cancelled the bond.

Hearing Planned Over Billing Dispute

A dispute between the town of Magnolia and Sopar Utilities Co. of Jacksonville over the estimated \$9,727 cost of extending a three-phase electric power line to the new sewage treatment plant will be taken to an arbitration hearing Nov. 23 in Fayetteville.

Garrett Ludlum, Magnolia town attorney, said that disputants can take their problems to an arbitration hearing instead of going through time-consuming and expensive court proceedings. Representatives of Sopar contacted the American Arbitration Association, which will supply someone familiar with the type of problem involved to hear the arguments. He said that if either party in a dispute is dissatisfied with the arbitration result, the party can take the matter to court.

Carolina Power & Light Co., the power supplier, told the town that extending three-phase transmission line from an existing line to the new plant will cost \$9,727. The town contends that the contractor of the \$289,297.95 utility project, Sopar, should pay for the extension. Representatives of the company contend they expected the power supply to be available at the site. The power company said it could have extended a single

phase line at no cost to the contractor or the city. Mayor Melvin Pope asked why CP&L asked for \$9,727 when it showed construction of the extension would cost \$8,332, a difference of \$2,395. He received no answer. He also asked why the company did not charge Warsaw anything for extending a power line almost one mile to a water pump but wants to charge Magnolia \$9,727. Tom McMillan, Wallace district manager for CP&L, replied that the Warsaw line was single phase. He said if the Magnolia extension had been single phase there would have been no charge.

Awards Contract

The Warsaw town board awarded McDavid Associates of Goldsboro a \$55,000 administration and engineering contract for a \$488,000 Housing and Urban Development Department rehabilitation project in Warsaw. The North Front Street project will demolish 10 houses and rehabilitate 35 others. It also will provide some drainage and pavement work on North Street, which extends for one block from North Front. An earlier HUD project totaling \$513,000 for rehabilitation of 35 houses on the south side of town is nearing completion. The board approved a contract last week for rehabilitation of the Bertha Smith Scott house on a bid of \$5,009 from Eakins Plumbing of Warsaw. Tyndal Lewis, engineer for McDavid Associates, said

the project can be started within a few days. Town Clerk Alfred Herring advised the board it would have to spend about \$2,000 for repaving five railroad crossings where the Atlantic Seaboard Coastline has made repairs that destroyed the paving. Bruce Sanderson, Duplin County building inspector, told the board the county will begin its full building, plumbing, heating, insulation and electrical inspection program. He told the board if it wishes to continue having the county inspect electrical and insulation projects, it will have to pass a resolution to that effect. The board appointed Brooks Boyette, Nathan Costin and William Phelps to the planning board and re-appointed Dwight Kirby to the N.C. Highway 24 Improvement Association.

The town board approved the first reading of a proposed cable television franchise from Rockfish Cable Television Systems of Erie, Pa., as a back-up in case the Univision company fails to meet franchise terms. The Univision contract calls for providing 21 channels for a basic fee of \$8.95 per month. Town Commissioner Willie Biggs made the motion to approve the second reading but to delay signing of the papers until the bond is in place. The motion received unanimous approval. The board awarded the 1981-82 town auditing contract to Kenneth Farrior, a certified public accountant from Wallace. The board also approved purchase of an effluent meter from the J.S. Dismuke Co. of Charleston, S.C. for \$7,456. The meter will record the volume of raw sewage flowing into the town treatment plant. A sale of surplus town equipment netted \$2,480. The board rejected bids for a 1969 International truck with a Packmore mechanical packer body because they were too low. The highest bid for the truck was \$600. Bids on two police cars will be opened at 10 a.m. Nov. 27 at the town hall. The Christmas parade will be held Dec. 12.