

Second Annual Fund-Raising Theatre Production Planned

The Carolina Regional Theatre will present "The Good Doctor," a comedy play, Feb. 20 as the second annual James Sprunt Foundation fund-raiser.

Two productions of Neil Simon's play "The Good Doctor" will be presented by the Chapel Hill-based acting company. A lunch-matinee is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. and a dinner-theatre performance begins at 7 p.m. in the Jester's Court of The Country Squire restaurant in Kenansville.

"The Good Doctor" combines the comic genius of two of the theatre's best-loved writers, Neil Simon and Anton Chekhov. Simon skillfully combined a series of short stories into a touching and often hilarious evening of pure entertainment. The stories are woven together by a narrator, the Writer, who shares his problems and joys

of literary creation with the audience. The Writer also provides insight into the funny and fallible characters staged in the play. Neil Simon is among America's most popular playwrights with such Broadway hits as "The Odd Couple," "Barefoot in the Park" and "The Sunshine Boys."

"The 1981 dinner-theatre drew more people than seats were available," JSF executive director Donna Thigpen said. "To avoid over-crowding, the Carolina Regional Theatre will present a luncheon and dinner performance of 'The Good Doctor.' The Foundation is very excited about the 1982 fund-raising theatre. And, much of the excitement is due to the overwhelming support Duplin citizens displayed for James Sprunt Technical College during the

1981 fund-raising dinner-theatre."

Proceeds from the productions will be used to supplement public funds received by JSTC. Public funds received through the state are often limited or not applicable in areas of scholarships, programs and facilities development. The increased private support of JSTC will extend the range of opportunities and service the college can offer, explained Foundation chairman, Tom Yates.

Planning the fund-raising theatre are Foundation members Ellen Brewer, Tom Yates, Charles Albertson and Prentice Smith. Lunch-matinee tickets only are available through Joe West at The Country Squire or through board members and the executive director. Dinner-theatre tickets are available through Founda-

tion members and Thigpen. Further information may be obtained through Thigpen at JSTC, phone 296-1341, or from board members Edd Dudley Monk, Dr. Corbett L. Quinn, Robert Lee, Mrs. Winifred T. Wells, Yates, Brewer, Allen Nethercutt, J. Willard Hoffer, Emmett Wickline, Charles W. Albertson, Mrs. Pearl McGowan, Harold Precythe, Riddick Wilkins, Prentice Smith and Dixon Hall. A limited number of tickets are available for each performance.

The Carolina Regional Theatre has a nine-year history of touring professional quality theatre. The theatre company has presented 13 stage productions for adult audiences and six designed for young people. The CRT has toured North Carolina and 10 other states.



THE GOOD DOCTOR - A scene from production of Neil Simon's comedy, "The Good Doctor." (Photo by Danny Moore)

BAZAAR

The Warsaw United Methodist Women will hold their Spring Bazaar April 3. There will be a lunch and barbecue supper.

To the man driving a green truck with a black tailgate who picked up my son's bicycle in front of Jackson's IGA in Kenansville on Monday, 1-25-82, when it fell off of my trailer, I would appreciate very much if he would return it to Conrad Jenkins, phone #296-1177. An eye witness saw you get the bicycle. If returned, no charges will be pressed against you.

North Carolina Vocational Education Week



Mrs. Sandra H. Lee, chairperson, Duplin County Vocational/Technical Education Advisory Council, in announcing Gov. Hunt's proclamation to observe the week of Feb. 7-13 as North Carolina Vocational Education Week, informs that the Duplin County VTEAC will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Duplin County Board of Education.

Mrs. Lee, who works in the planning department at the Guilford East plant in Kenansville, said that she is pleased to see Gov. Hunt giving occupational education this kind of attention. She says, "I have been on the advisory council for several years and have learned much about the programs in both the Duplin County public schools and at James Sprunt Technical College. We have some very good programs in both and they try hard to meet the educational needs of the county. They do, however,

need the advice and assistance of the businesses, industries and citizens."

The Duplin County VTEAC is comprised of a voluntary group of citizens who represent the county both geographically and demographically. Council members are confirmed by the James Sprunt Board of Trustees and the Duplin County Board of Education.

The Council meets with representatives of both institutions on a quarterly basis through the school year beginning in September and ending in May. The primary function of the Council is to review all aspects of the occupational education programs available in the county and to recommend to the schools and JSTC ways to better their occupational program offerings. These recommendations may include anything from the addition of equipment or instruction to improve existing programs to adding completely new programs to the current offerings.

Current Council members and their occupations are: Mrs. Sandra H. Lee, chairperson, planning department, Guilford East; Ralph Cottle, county manager for Duplin County; Robert Brumleve, controller for Quinn Company; Jack Smith of the public schools; George Cowan, retired farmer and curator of Cowan Museum in Kenansville; C.C. Smith county magistrate; Kenneth Maxwell, owner Ag. Mark, Inc.; Jack Williams, agriculture; Graham P. Quinn, agriculture; Thomas Hall, agriculture, retired educator; George F. Landen, agricul-

ture, retired principal; Ms. Rebecca Judge, R.N., mental health; Jim Wellons, plant manager, J.P. Stevens, Inc.; Wendell Murphy, owner of Murphy Farms; Thomas Murphy, vice president, United Carolina Bank; Ms. Wanda Farris, secretary, public schools; Alex Brown, mayor of Greener; Ms. Elizabeth Grant, manager of Employment Security Commission of Duplin, Sampson and Southern Wayne Coun-

ties; and Ms. Judy Wallace, agent with the Agricultural Extension Service.

Mrs. Lee says, "Any Duplin citizen interested in occupational education is invited to contact any Council member and express their concerns and ideas regarding Duplin County occupational education offerings. In fact, I invite any interested persons to attend our next meeting on Feb. 11th."

Home and Garden

By Kenneth M. Teeter
Duplin Asst. Agricultural Extension Agent



Garden peas, also known as English or green peas, are one of the earliest vegetables gardeners can plant in our area. Garden peas are a cool weather, rapid maturing crop which must be planted early for maximum yield. Early February is an excellent time to plant as they will take a frost or two.

There are two basic types of garden peas; one has an edible pod and the other type, with which most of us are familiar, in which we eat only the peas. The edible pod varieties suited to our area include sugar snap, mammoth, melting, sugar and snowbird, while the regular garden pea varieties include wando, green arrow and freezonia.

For a family of two who expects to freeze or can some in addition to using them fresh, one pound of seeds should be adequate. Seed should be sown about one inch apart and one inch deep as soon as soil can be properly worked. Peas are in a group of vegetables which actually produces much of their own nitrogen needs so go lightly with the nitrogen if you apply any at all.

Certain varieties such as sugar snap do better when supported with wire netting or a string trellis.

Peas should be ready in 60-70 days from sowing, depending on the weather. In general, harvest the pods when they appear well filled, but before they begin to fade in color or harden. After de-stringing the edible pod peas,

the young pods are cooked whole like snap beans or used in salads.

Low-growing ground covers are being used extensively in contemporary landscape design. There are some areas of the yard where grass is not practical. It is difficult to mow steep banks — they often are better blanketed in a ground cover. Grass often is a problem beneath large shade trees, where the problem is solved by covering the ground with a mass of low-growing plants.

In many cases, ground covers such as dwarf periwinkle, English ivy, liriopse, ajuga or mondo (ophiopogon japonicus) can be used in shaded areas. Low-growing junipers, dwarf pyracantha and santolina are plants adapted to full sun. In areas where there is foot traffic, you will want to use grass.

Ground covers are especially useful as plantings to "tie-together" shrubby groupings in a foundation planting. Sometimes a bed of ground covers will drastically reduce the time required to maintain a large lawn or turf area.

For a detailed discussion of ground covers, secure from the county extension office a copy of Ground Covers for North Carolina, circular #529.

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Letter To The Editor

Feb. 1, 1982

Dear Sir:

On Wednesday, January 13, 1982, the day of the ice storm, Duplin General Hospital provided emergency care to 52 patients, most of which arrived during the hours of 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Eight patients, some with serious injuries, were admitted to the hospital.

As Mayor of Kenansville, I want to complement the hospital and all the rescue squads, EMTs and the fire and law enforcement personnel of Duplin county for their efficiency during this crisis. I am very impressed with the efficiency of the medical staff, nursing and non-nursing staff at the hospital who all responded in a very professional manner.

Two of the eight seriously injured patients were an employee of the Town of Kenansville and his four-year-old son. Thank you for your dedication to your profession and for getting these two and the others back on the road to recovery.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Carolyn M. Hall
Mayor

Words cannot express my thanks to everyone for your support during my week in Greensboro competing in the state Junior Miss Pageant. I had a wonderful time and will always treasure the memories of that week and your support.

Love,
Lee Ann Costin
Duplin County Junior Miss

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