

THE PINK HILL REVIEW

"Serving Pink Hill, Deep Run, Albertson, Beulaville, And Their Surrounding Areas"



VISITS PINK HILL ELEMENTARY - On Friday, Superintendent Young Allen visited with children in the classrooms and the library at the Pink Hill Elementary School. He talked with 4th and 5th grade students about elementary school children and education in Russia. The menu for the week was made with storybook characters. Miss Blizard's 4th grade class presented a skit in the library about storybook characters. Fifth graders read and told stories each day to primary children. During the week, Principal Rovec Swinson read a story to every class of

children in the school. Fifth graders' research projects involving outlining and bibliographies, and a filmstrip and tap presentation done by a student as a book report were on display in the media center. Some classes, including the teacher, participated in free reading for 10 minutes every morning. In some classes children answered the roll call by telling about a book they had read. National Library Week was full of events drawing attention to reading books, and the services available in the school media center.



CHECK PRESENTED TO RESCUE DEPARTMENT - Deep Run Ruritan Club and the Deep Run Fire Department recently co-sponsored a barbecue dinner with all proceeds going directly to the Pink Hill Rescue Squad. The Deep Run community has used the Pink Hill Rescue Squad in many emergency situations and they felt that this community effort would help to express their appreciation to the team of volunteers. Pictured, left to right, are: Ray Blizard, president of the Deep Run Ruritan Club;

Donald Heath, lieutenant Pink Hill Rescue Squad; Ernest Byrd Jr., rescue captain; Lynwood Barwick, chairman of the benefit committee; Felix Gray, Fire Chief for Deep Run Fire Department; and Johnnie Turner, Ruritan Club treasurer. The check for \$3,161.95 was presented at a special meeting held Tuesday night at the Deep Run Community Building. Music and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

(Photo by Lynda Stroud)



HEART FUND CYCLETHON - The annual Heart Fund Cyclethon was held on Saturday. Riders taking part included Robbie Murphy, Kenneth Thompson, Brett McLaurin, Pam Smith, Joe Frazer, Archie Mervin, Robbie Pittman, Allen Tyndall, Jackie Rogers, Christie Smith, Tony Kopanski, Joy Tyndall Tay Rett Hood and Rita Hardy. Serving as chairlady for the cyclethon was Ginny Maxwell. A special thanks goes out to her and the following volunteers who helped make the event a success: Pam McLaurin, Bob Kopanski, Roger Davis, Ryan and Nancy Smith, Luther and Tim Ledford, Lon Hood and Ginny Lynne Maxwell. (Photo by Lynda Stroud)

King ECU Marshall

Wayne King has been selected to be a marshal at the ECU graduating class of 1982, and during the year '82-83. Wayne is a sophomore majoring in business. He is the son of Mary Ellen King of East Lynwood Ave, Pink Hill, and the late Richard King.



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When we think of protecting liberty, we are likely to think only in terms of fighting wars. And while winning wars is essential to liberty, we must not overlook the

great contribution civilians have made. Perhaps no people in a peacetime society have made greater contribution to the preservation of liberty than those of the Great Depres-

sion era. Our whole nation was in a state of economic paralysis. It is in times like this that people are likely to follow any leader who promises change — the Socialists, the Communists, the Fascists, or any crackpot who offers a quick cure for all ills.

Depression is also the condition that may set in motion the forces that lead to war. We have only to look at Germany in the early 30's to see how Adolph Hitler came

into power. Mussolini used a discontented people to build his Fascist party and himself to become dictator of Italy.

There were those in the United States who began to clamor for a different form of government. Some began to ask for a dictator, as they felt Democracy was dead. The Communist party in America began to grow.

But, the great masses of our population recognized that liberty was not dead and

must be preserved. In small communities across the nation, people stood together and helped each other. They created their own entertainment to smooth the edge of the bleak times. The churches became the center of community life. This was a time of great despair and the people who lived through it came out strong American citizens. To this group, we dedicate the 1982 Liberty Festival.

Time Ripe For Asparagus

Asparagus may provide area farmers with a new money crop. The market now appears greater than the crop supply.

Joan of Arc, a major national food processor, offers farmers contracts for producing asparagus. The firm built a canning plant near Turkey several years ago, primarily to process yams.

It began contracting for asparagus three years ago. "We're targeting about 4,000 acres of asparagus and we have about 500 now," said local operations manager LeMar "Ket" Ketelsleger during a plant open house and field day this past week.

Extension workers and farmers from Columbus, Bladen, Sampson, Johnston, Wayne, Duplin and Onslow counties attended.

Ketelsleger said that when the 4,000-acre mark is reached, the company will reassess its position and probably seek additional acreage.

The company pays growers 60 cents a pound for hand-harvested asparagus and 50 cents a pound for machine-harvested. Ketelsleger said the contract price is based on the average of the major producing states.

This is the first year any of the company's asparagus here has been harvested. The yield will increase from 600 to 700 pounds an acre for the first harvest to nearly 3,000 pounds per acre at the maximum. He expects about 13 harvest years from each asparagus field.

Addison Tart, a Johnston County farmer, said he is getting \$55 to \$60 per acre for each cutting. He expects 15 to 25 cuttings a year after the first year or two. He has 15 acres of asparagus and plans to increase to 50 or more acres.

Dr. Ed Estes, horticultural marketing specialist with North Carolina State University, said more company interest could spur development of asparagus as a money crop in the state.

"I'm cautiously optimistic about the prospects for North Carolina farmers' growing asparagus," Estes said. "I'd be more optimistic if one firm weren't the only game in

town. "One of the good points is asparagus is a high return crop — \$400 to \$600 per acre average across the 10- to 13-year life of an asparagus field."

Prospective asparagus growers will put \$800 an acre into production costs before seeing their first harvest, he added. The first harvest comes two years after planting in the field.

"Some farmers may be afraid to tie up their land in a long-term contract. They're not used to committing land in that way in eastern North Carolina. That's why they grow vegetables in eastern North Carolina instead of fruit. Asparagus is like peaches and apples in requiring long-term planning and commitment on the grower's part," Estes said.

Joan of Arc has about \$5 million invested in its Turkey canning plant. Ketelsleger said it pays more than \$1 million a year in wages and during the peak sweet potato canning period employs 450 people.

The company cans yams from late August to early December and dry beans from December to March. It plans to can asparagus from early March to mid-May.

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