

Along the Way

By **Emily Killeto**

Duplin Theatre Production Set For Next Week

The Duplin County Community Theatre is gearing up to present its third production, a readers theatre, beginning May 6. The cast will perform three presentations for the public and then visit the county high schools.

The community theatre will present "Lipstick and Lollipops," eight sets from different readings varying from Jean Kerr's "Ten Worst Things About A Man" to "Elephant Child" by Rudyard Kipling, and "Advice To Young Parents," written by Duplin's Jo Cameron Jones. Jo Jones will also be working with "Lipstick and Lollipops" as artistic director. Directing the production is Jack Ireland, a two-time star as leading actor in past community theatre productions and star among the local cast of the outdoor Drama, "The Liberty Cart."

Together, Ireland and Jones performed the leading roles in Duplin's theatre production of "On Golden Pond," which opened in conjunction with the 1981 Farm-City Fair. Director of Duplin's "On Golden Pond," Winnafred Moseley and actress Margo Jenkins will appear in the up-coming community theatre production. Veteran from "The Liberty Cart" and community theatre stage, Betty Chestnut will also be among the flood of new faces coming to perform in "Lipstick and Lollipops."

According to director Jack Ireland, not only have the actors from the community theatre's first two productions returned, but an additional 10 to 15 people of varying ages have joined the cast of dedicated actors. The community theatre began in 1981 with a spring production of "Aaron Slick from Pumpkin Creek" and followed with a fall debut of "On Golden Pond." Each production has drawn larger crowds, with "On Golden Pond" closing to an audience of 75 Duplin citizens.

Until "Lipstick and Lollipops," the old Kenansville Elementary School Auditorium had been the home of the community theatre productions, but the up-coming presentation will open in the Hoffer Auditorium on the James Sprunt Technical College campus. The production will be held May 5, 6 and 8, opening nightly at 7 p.m. The up-coming performance is tentatively scheduled to travel to the Duplin high schools and present different parts from the eight sets of "Lipstick and Lollipops." The production is also different from the community theatre's past performances; the drama is a readers theatre. This involves the story-telling of a narrator as well as the work of actors to perform the roles.

Like folks in Duplin County have done in the past, they are doing again — dedicating time and talent to perform the arts locally. Duplin folks can first be praised for their efforts and production of "The Duplin Story" in 1949, and again in 1950, and from the outdoor adventure in theatre, came the basis for

Kenansville News

Highway Patrol Wives

The Highway Patrol Wives of Troop B, District 4, met Sunday in the home of Mrs. Kay Autry, Route 1, Kenansville. District 4 is comprised of Duplin and Pender Counties. Last month at an afternoon social in the home of Mrs. Dale Warrick in Rose Hill, the wives decided to organize an auxiliary and meet monthly.

The ladies discussed the recent state convention held in Hickory. Members attending were Jean Blanton, Brenda Edwards, Letress Hammonds and Kay Autry. Highlights of the convention included reports of a successful tea given by the state auxiliary for the recent Patrol School graduates and their families. Also, that nearly all of the \$5,000 needed to purchase bears for the State Zoo has been raised or pledged. Following afternoon shopping and tours of numerous furniture outlets, the ladies relaxed at the Saturday evening banquet. Attorney General Rufus Edmisten was the special guest speaker. After a Sunday morning service conducted by the Rev. Lamar Wakefield, the newly-elected state officers were installed. The next state convention was set for October 8-10 in Mt. Airy.

After concluding the business of the meeting, the ladies enjoyed refreshments as they planned for future events. The next meeting was set for May 15 for a breakfast at Graham House followed by a trip to the beach.

Couples Club

Mickey and Karen Benton were hosts on Saturday night for the Couples Bridge Club. Three tables were in play. Kathryn Wrenn won high score and Mickey Benton second high. Henry Guy won the low score prize. For refreshments, everyone enjoyed cake, blue cheese ball with crackers, stuffed celery, relish tray, orange balls, peanuts and their choice of coke or coffee.

Personals

Mrs. E.L. Loftin of Weaverville and Mrs. Catherine Holt of Cary visited Miss Pattie Loftin several days last week. Mrs. Percy Wharton of Goldsboro visited her sister, Mrs. Paul Ingram, last week. Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones were Mr. and Mrs. Deane Jones and two sons of Mount Vernon, Maine, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nichols of Waterville, Maine, and the George Clarks of Raleigh. Rev. and Mrs. Troy D. Mullis have been visiting

relatives near Charlotte. They also attended his class reunion at Davidson College. Elizabeth Spicer was home from Raleigh last weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Kretsch have been visiting the Clyde Rollers in Mathews. Mrs. Faison McGowan visited relatives in Fayetteville last week. Mrs. Robert Hollingsworth has been visiting the Rudy Navidads in Fayetteville. Mesdames N.B. Boney, E.S. McGowan and Thomas Hughes visited the T.J. Tolsons in Goldsboro last Thursday. Mrs. Ben Williamson has been visiting Mrs. Ed Sparks and family in Virginia Beach, Va. Mrs. Jack Sitterson and Mrs. Lloyd Stevens shopped in Goldsboro one day last week. Mesdames W.M. Ingram, N.B. Boney and E.S. McGowan attended the U.D.C. district meeting in Wilmington last Saturday. Dorothy Mathews of Florence, S.C. spent several days here last week with her sister, Eloise K. Ryder. Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Hewett of Wilmington spent the weekend with her parents, the Wiley T. Booths.

Duplin School Menus

May 3-7

Breakfast

Mon. apple cinnamon or cereal, orange juice
Tue. ham biscuit or cereal, apple juice
Wed. buttered toast or cereal, orange-pineapple juice
Thur. waffles or cereal, banana
Fri. grits with eggs or cereal, assorted juices

Lunch

Mon. beef over rice with roll or yumbo sandwich, glazed sweet potatoes or french fries, pineapple or mixed fruit
Tue. hot dog with chili or chicken with noodles and roll, campfire beans or green peas, peaches or fruit jello
Wed. barbecue on bun or meatloaf with roll, steamed cabbage or whipped potatoes, wonder bar or diced pears
Thur. vegetable beef soup with peanut butter sandwich or ham with macaroni & cheese with cornbread, turnip greens, apple or banana
Fri. roast turkey with rice and roll or corn dog, green beans or tossed salad, apple-sauce or juice.

Open Letter

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF DUPLIN COUNTY

April 19, 1982

The Warsaw Jaycees are concerned about the proposed constitutional amendment which would change the term of office of our legislators from two year terms to four years. We feel that the citizens of our state would best be served by the system as it stands today.

Considering that ours is the only state in the union where the governor does not have veto authority, a change to a four year term for our legislators could create a dangerous imbalance of power in our government.

Therefore, at our meeting of April 15, 1982, The Warsaw Jaycees voted unanimously to support the present system of election of our legislators.

We welcome any group or individual to come before our members and express any dissenting opinion they have. Please send any requests to: The Warsaw Jaycees, P.O. Box 806, Warsaw, N.C. 28398.

Sincerely,
Dennis Perry

President
The Warsaw Jaycees

Cucumber Pest Alert Update

Planting is progressing fairly well in Duplin County with soil temperatures ranging in the mid-60s which are optimum for cucumber seed emergence. There are a great deal of slicers already up and progressing nicely, with pickling varieties not far behind. In areas where corn has been planted and atrazine used, some injury may occur due to the sand which has blown from these treated fields. Atrazine injury can be

identified by a marginal burning of the cucumber leaves which often involves a downward cupping of the leaves, as well. With time, plants should grow out of this and continue growing and produce a good crop unless a great deal of injury has occurred.

With many cucumber varieties already up, growers should be on the lookout for aphids, flea beetles and cucumber beetles, which will be feeding on young de-

veloping plants. Flea beetles and cucumber beetles feed on developing leaves, while the cucumber beetle may girdle plants at the soil line killing them. Both beetles may be controlled by applications of sevin at a rate of one pound active ingredient per acre. Aphids feed on developing shoots and may be controlled by thiodan if a soil insecticide was not used at planting at a rate of 8-16 ounces of active material per acre.



Joé Lanier

SON of A gun

It has been almost three years now that Duplin County has had a county manager. A practically new board of commissioners in 1979, with, I think, good intentions, decided to put Duplin County on the county manager system of government. However, as politicians sometimes do (make that most times), they found themselves with a system that was bright and shiny — one they bragged about and actually convinced themselves of its good merit. If they had doubts about its effectiveness, they soon lost those as they had to put up a front to make their decision look good, by saying it was good. Head doctors say that if you say something long enough, you will begin to believe it, even if it is not so. This system will cost Duplin County taxpayers a salary of \$26,000 for the manager and a little over \$11,000 for one of the office secretaries this next year — if no salary increases are granted. The fact that seems to be forgotten, is that this county operated just as effectively, efficiently and economically in 1978 as it did this past year. Four years ago, the Duplin County government operated just like it did this past year.

Let me say that one more time. Four years ago, the county had no county manager and it operated just like it did this past year. The commissioners, those elected by the people, did no more four years ago than they did this past year. They did know more about the day-to-day operation of

the county, however, four years ago. Four years ago the county accountant did the things now being done by a county manager. I believe that had the commissioners voted to hire a secretary for the accountant to do the minor duties needed for the commissioners to feel important, and left the county manager system on the shelf, the county would have been many thousands of dollars better off than it is today. Just in salaries and office management. Quite frankly, the system has thus far been like white sidewall tires on a car. Black walls are cheaper and will take the car everywhere that the white sidewalls

will, but they don't look as good. One other note. I have been attending county commissioner meetings for more years than I like to remember. I have heard all of them say how demanding and time consuming the job is — how you get no thanks — how every decision makes someone mad — and in general what a sorry job it is. But, during all the time I have been attending, only two have voluntarily walked away. They may gripe, but the only way to get them out is to vote them out. They won't quit. Son-of-a-Gun.

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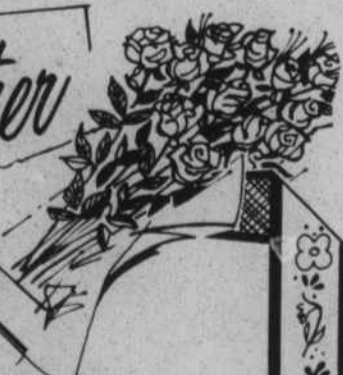
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