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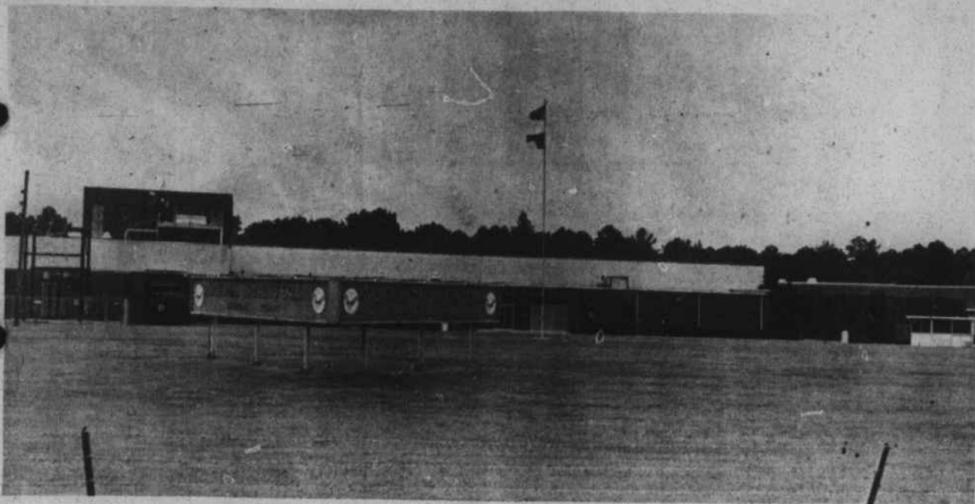
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Warsaw National Spinning Plant

## Grant Means New Permanent Jobs For Warsaw Area

Approval of a \$1,040,000 federal grant to Warsaw for industrial development will mean an additional 118 permanent jobs at the Warsaw National Spinning plant.

Representative Charlie Whitley last Friday announced the Department of Housing and Urban Development has approved Warsaw's application for the Urban Development Action (UDAG) grant.

The money will be loaned to National Spinning Co. which is converting its Warsaw plant from manufacture of textured yarn for banlon clothing items to open-end spinning for manufacture of yarn for sweat suits, some sweater material and men's hosiery.

The conversion will enable the plant to add 118 permanent jobs which will mean an estimated \$1 million a year payroll increase in the area.

Cost of the entire project is estimated at \$11.9 million with \$10 million being provided by industrial development bonds to be issued by Duplin County Bonding Authority; the remaining funds will be company funds.

Whitley's office stated the JDAG program is designed to help communities with high unemployment. Eligibility for the grant is limited to towns. To be eligible a town must have an agree-

ment with an industry to increase or save employment through expansion or equipment modernization or conversion. The industry must agree to be annexed by the town. Warsaw will annex the plant site after receipt of the money.

National Spinning is three miles from Warsaw's town limits. Warsaw will not be required to supply water and sewer facilities to the plant, which already has such facilities.

John Gurganus, Duplin County's development direc-

tor, said North Carolina Secretary of Commerce Lauch Faircloth has approved the industrial bond issue. The proposed issue must be advertised, which will be done next week. If no objections are received within 30 days, the county can sell the bonds which are tax-free. The tax feature allows them to be sold at lower than market interest rates which means lower cost to the industry which repays the bonds. Gurganus noted such bond issues are repaid by the companies involved, not the

counties. Annexation of the plant will increase the Warsaw tax base and the capital outlay will increase the assessed valuation of the plant. Gurganus noted, "It's difficult to get an industry outside a town to agree to annexation, but in this case, annexation means availability of money to make the necessary conversion to meet market demands."

The UDAG grant was successfully submitted by McDavid Associates of Kenansville and Farmville.

## Ocracoke Quilters To Demonstrate At Fair

By Ruth Wells  
Publicity Chairman

Duplin County Agribusiness Fair viewers have a real treat in store when they view the exhibit and demonstration of the Ocracoke Quilters, whose motto is "Blessed Are The Quilters For They Shall Be Called The Piece Makers."

This group will bring an ancient art that continually grows in popularity. Handed down from generation to generation, they have also attended national workshops and conventions. Their skills are also perfected as the ladies use quilting as a pastime, awaiting the return from the sea of their fishermen husbands.

Viewers will observe this

tedious labor of love which averages 20 to 12 stitches per inch in the quilting. They will display and demonstrate lap-type as well as Indian quilting and other types.

If quilting is your thing, watch for the date the Ocracoke Quilters will be at the Duplin County Agribusiness Fair in Kenansville Oct. 4 through Oct. 9.

Meet me at the Fair!



YOUNG CAST MEMBERS of THE LIBERTY CART perform as Colonial children during Act One of Randolph Umberger's THE LIBERTY CART in historic Kenansville.

Pictured above, back row, from left to right, Beverly Brock, Greta Batts and Zana Stepp. Front row, Portia English and Brittainy Edwards. Photo by Kerry Maher

## Few Vote In Duplin County Runoff Races

An absence of any local races accounted for a dismal voter turnout in Duplin County last week that may cost the county more than \$6 per vote.

The 588-ballot total cast in the county's Democratic primary runoff cost the county an estimated \$6.12 per vote, compared with 54 cents in the first primary. The only items on the ballot dealt with the state appeals court judge runoff.

It was the lowest total on record for a Democratic second primary, according to election officials.

The vote represented 3.83 percent of the 15,347 registered Democrats. There were no county or district runoff races.

The election was estimated to have cost the county \$3,600, although officials said the exact total can't be determined until all the records come into the election board office. Because of the expected light turnout, the election board reduced the number of election workers to cut cost as much as possible. The board was to certify the vote yet on Thurs-

day. In the first primary, with county sheriff and several commissioner races involved, 8,511 votes were cast. The cost of that election was determined to be \$4,561.49.

The dismal showing in the state judges' races was expected. Less than one vote an hour was cast in three precincts on that question. Precincts were open for a total of 13 hours.

Election Board Chairman Susie Smith called the runoff primary "ridiculous."

"Some people took naps

between voters," she said. "Can you imagine how bored these people must have been just waiting for someone to come in."

The Kenansville precinct recorded the highest tally, 78 votes. The precinct includes the county seat with a large number of attorneys and other officials in residence.

Seven votes were cast in Locklin and eight in Chinquapin precincts.

The tally was 299 for Eugene H. Phillips, 246 for Horton Rountree, 194 for Sidney S. Eagles Jr. and 378 for Paul Wright.



**GOLLIWHOPPERS** - a play for children of all ages, will be presented on Sunday afternoons, August 8 and 15, at the Courthouse Spring in Kenansville. The play is an adaptation of four plays from throughout the country, using song, dance and mime. Ten members of THE LIBERTY CART's professional company will perform under the director of Kerry Maher, with musical direction

by Brian Hoxie and Tom Newman. Beth McGee is stage manager for the show and costumes are designed by Jeff Fender and Janice Adams. Pictured above, from left to right, back row, Karen Griffin, Lamar Frasier, Paul Baker, Duayne Maynard, Monica Wood and Tony Yarborough. Front row, Dwight Eastwood, Jack Ireland, Joey Chavez and Robin Stanley. (Liberty Cart photo by Kerry Maher)

## 1982 Fair Parking Presents No Problems To Officials

By Ruth Wells  
Publicity Chairman

People have long since accepted the fact that there is ample parking at the Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville — paved parking, that is!

When all this space is used for the midway at the Duplin County Agribusiness Fair, WHERE do you park?

Carey Wrenn, president of the Kenansville Chamber of

Commerce, said his group has volunteered to direct parking each night of the 1982 FAIR Oct. 4-9.

Present plans are for Turkey Field, the ballpark just north of the Auditorium, to be used for parking. Also, just across Highway 11 from Turkey Field is an area that will accommodate approximately 100 cars.

The parking lot at the new Coastal Production Credit - Federal Land Bank building

is available for FAIR parking, as is the lot between Production and Guardian Care. Also, the space between Duplin General Hospital and the old Kenansville Elementary School can be used.

Wrenn also pointed out that there are a number of parking spaces in the paved lot in front of Western Auto. These spaces may be in use by county employees until 5 p.m.

Anyone who has ever attended a wrestling match in Kenansville, and those who passed thru town at that time, knows that there is parking on each side of Highway 11 from the Board of Education building to Jernigan Tractor Company. "We are expecting record crowds each night," states Wrenn, "but we feel ample parking is available and really should present no problems."