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GROUNDBREAKING FOR RETIREMENT VILLAGE - The Duplin Retirement Village will be located in Warsaw across from the Warsaw Elementary School. The project will provide housing for 60 retired residents and cost in excess of \$750,000. The Retirement Village is expected to be completed within six months and provide employment for

approximately 30 people. Pictured above, during groundbreaking ceremonies held last Thursday, are, left to right, Bob Cousins, project contractor and president of Construction and Design Corporation of Goldsboro; John Gurganus, Duplin Development officer; Charles Harrell, administrator of the Mount Olive Retirement Village; and Frank Steed, Warsaw town commissioner.

New Doctor At Faison And Greenevers Medical Centers

The location of doctors certified in internal medicine has allowed Duplin's level of available health care to expand and include local treatment of the more serious health problems, said Dr. Kenneth Lee, who began work with Goshen Medical Center in Faison and Plain View Medical Clinic in Greenevers, in September.

county which had been referred to Chapel Hill and other larger hospitals for treatment.

According to Lee as certified internists, he and Dr. Jeff Margolis have the expertise to diagnose and treat the more serious health problems such as chronic heart disorders which Duplin doctors had referred to larger hospitals in the past. In order to expand the local health care opportunities, Lee said, the Goshen Medical Center doctors are working to establish dual hospital privileges at Duplin General Hospital and Sampson Memorial Hospital.

"I have worked in the past with dual hospital privileges and see no problem here," Dr. Lee said. "In terms of health care capabilities we can do more for our patients because of the additional facilities at Clinton. Also, there are other internists on the staff to help us form opinions. But, on the minus side, Clinton is much further for our patients at the Plain View Center than Duplin General in Kenansville."

Both Drs. Margolis and Lee will be seeing patients on an alternating basis at Goshen Medical Center and Plain View Clinic, Lee said. In the future, Lee added, another doctor may be added to assist in the practice at the two medical centers. Working with Drs. Margolis and

Lee at Goshen Medical Center is Physician Assistant David Reeves.

Lee is a native of Macao, a Portugese colony southwest of Hong Kong and after his family moved to California, he became a citizen of the United States and enrolled at Pasadena City College while still attending high school. When Lee later graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he was the only one in his class to graduate with two degrees after only three years of study. Lee graduated with degrees in electrical engineering and genetic biology. He also enrolled in the University of California School of Medicine and School of Pharmacy at the same time and graduated from both.



Dr. Kenneth Lee

"At both medical centers, Dr. (Jeff) Margolis and myself treat every patient that doesn't involve surgery," Dr. Kenneth Lee said. "Internal medicine is a very broad field in which we deal mainly with diagnosing and prescribing treatment for diseases. We are concerned about providing a continuity of health care for our patients and the local people. To provide health care continuity we are able to take care of some of the patients in the

He and his wife, Roberta, reside in Warsaw.

"Dr. Margolis and I hit it off right away," Dr. Lee said. "I feel Duplin has a potential to become a doctor and right now I plan to settle down and try to establish myself as one of the area local physicians."

Rezoning, Property Purchase Approved In Warsaw

At its recent meeting, the Warsaw Town Board of Commissioners approved two rezoning requests and authorized the use of a \$12,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to purchase property.

The board, which met last week, also tabled action on a proposed annexation.

Property on which apartment buildings are being planned just outside of the northeastern city limits off Trashpile Road was rezoned from single-family dwellings to multi-family dwellings.

A 2 1/4-acre lot owned by

Billy Kennedy was rezoned to permit a mobile home park. The lot is bounded by West Chelley and West Yancey streets on the south and west sides, by Stewart Creek apartments on the north and Seaboard Systems railroad on the east.

Kennedy will prepare a plan of his project for the town's planning board.

Purchase was approved of the burned-out Tommy Gresham home and lot for \$12,000 from HUD community development grant land acquisition funds. The ruined house, described as an eyesore, will be demolished.

The property is located beside U.S. 117 on the north side of town in a HUD rehabilitation area.

In other action: — A contract for demolition of the Mary Stanford house in the rehabilitation project area was let to W.H. Flowers on a bid of \$835.

— Purchase of 30 Christmas decorative light fixtures to be hung on utility poles was approved. The cost of the fixtures is \$4,000.

"The present lights are ugly, out of shape and don't all work," said Town Clerk Alfred Herring. The old fixtures have been used for 13

years, he said.

— Two 15-year-old town trucks were sold to Marshall Thornton of Clinton for \$700. A 1978 police car was sold to Frank Steed on a bid of \$1,200.

— James L. Martin was appointed to the Board of Adjustments to replace James Cooper.

— Board members discussed returning of the American Legion building to its original downtown site at the corner of Hill and Railroad streets, but took no action on the matter.

If the building were brought back to the downtown from its present out-of-town location, a 12-inch thick fire wall would have to be built between the Legion building and Smith's Dry Cleaners. The wall would have to be two feet higher than the Legion building, Mayor Sam Godwin said.

"That would be an odd looking thing," said Godwin, a builder. "A masonry wall wouldn't stand up; you'd

have to corner it somehow. It'd also close up all the windows on that side of both buildings."

If the building were moved, the Legion would donate it to the town in return for a 99-year lease to hold monthly Legion meetings.

Three James Kenan Students Selected As Morehead Nominees

Three students of James Kenan High School have been selected as Morehead Award nominees for 1983-84. Nominees include Mitchell Kernstine, Deborah West and Thomas Faison.

Morehead awards are made annually to approximately 70 high school seniors. The students are awarded \$6,500 each of their four

years as an undergraduate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The funds are intended to pay tuition, room, board, books and laundry during the school year and cover the cost of the student's participation in the summer enrichment programs providing off-campus internships for Morehead Scholars.

Nominees must have evidence of moral force of character and the capacity to lead and take an interest in their classmates. Nominees must have a proven scholastic ability and extra-curricular attainments, as well as a physical vigor as shown by participation in competitive sports. The students are nominated first by their high school scholarship committee and interviewed by the county Morehead Selection Committee, where two nominees are chosen and advance to district inter-

views. District nominees are interviewed at UNC-CH and Morehead Scholars named.



Thomas Faison

Thomas Maurice Faison is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Faison of Warsaw. Thomas is currently ranked number one in his class at James Kenan High School and he has received awards in English II, biology and world history. He has also lettered in football, basketball and track and is a member of the monogram club and the National Honor Society. After graduation from James Kenan, Thomas plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

and the National Honor Society, and a 1982-83 Marshal. During high school Mitchell has received the Outstanding Tenor award, All-County Chorus, the United States National Business Education Award, American history award, and attended the Washington Close-Up, North Carolina Close-up, the Tarheel Computer Career Camp and the Governor's School-East. Mitchell is a member of the Society for Distinguished American High School Students and the American Biographical Institute's Personalities of the South. After graduation he plans to attend either the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill or North Carolina State University and major in computer science.



Deborah West

Deborah West is the daughter of James and Sandra West of Warsaw. Deborah is a member of the National Honor Society, monogram club, drama club, the varsity cheerleading squad and the United Methodist Youth Fellowship organization. She has received the English III award, was named runner-up in the Electric Membership Corporation District Essay contest, served as a 1983 Marshal, and participated in the East Carolina University math contest. Following graduation, Deborah plans to attend Peace College or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Mitchell Kernstine

Mitchell Kernstine is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Van A. Kernstine of Warsaw. He is a member of the high school drama club, monogram club, pep club, chorus, manager of the varsity football team, member of the tennis team

Arson Likely Cause Of Fire At Wallace Church

Arson is suspected in a fire early Friday that completed the destruction of the Way of Truth Free Gospel Church on River Road about two miles southeast of Wallace in Duplin County.

Much of the church was destroyed in a fire Feb. 22, two days after the congregation first held services in the church after remodeling it, Duplin County Sheriff T. Elwood Revelle said he suspected arson in the winter fire and in a previous fire at the church. Revelle estimated damage in the February fire at \$25,000 and said at that time kerosene could be smelled around the building. No arrests have been made in connection with the fires.

The 50-year-old wooden church was moved to its present site from the Hallsville area about two years ago. The congregation remodeled the structure and held services there for the first time Feb. 20.

The congregation was organized by Elder Carlton West nearly 2 1/2 years ago in his home. West, his wife, Pearl, and their five children moved to Duplin County from Washington to start the church. The congregation has been meeting in the old WLFE radio station building on U.S. 117 in Wallace since the February fire, West said.

Wallace Fire Chief Thomas Townsend said he suspected arson in Friday's

fire. He said 26 members of the department answered the fire call at 1:19 a.m. The frame structure burned quickly, he said, since it had been virtually destroyed by the previous fires.

Firemen were just leaving the church area around 2:20 a.m. when they received a call to a house fire on nearby S.R. 1155.

Townsend said the house, owned by Willis C. Williams, was furnished but unoccupied. Williams estimated damage to the house and contents at \$25,000.

The cause of the house fire was unknown, Townsend said. "We have no reason to suspect arson in connection with this fire," he said.

Resolution Declares Duplin A Disaster Area

WHEREAS, Duplin County is a large rural county covering 815 square miles, and having a population of 40,952, a per capita income of only \$4,653 and is heavily dependent upon agriculture, and

WHEREAS, Duplin County is the #1 gross farm income county in North Carolina and has now had its anticipated farm income severely reduced by a continuing drought resulting in a natural disaster and

WHEREAS, the normal average rainfall for Duplin County for the growing season from April through this date is 25.0 inches and

WHEREAS, certain areas of Duplin County have received the normal amount of rainfall to this date, other areas have received little or no rainfall during the critical growing period from April 1 to present; furthermore, extremely high temperatures ranging from 104° and averaging about 98° (daytime) for a period of several weeks have compounded the severe evaporation of what moisture has been available, and

WHEREAS, it is projected that the farm income of Duplin County will have a yield loss of corn-grain 25%, soybeans 50%, pasture-grazing 50%, pasture (hay

50%, tobacco 20%, and horticulture crops 20%, and

WHEREAS, Duplin County has heavy numbers of livestock affected by extremely high temperatures and the severe drought, 4,800 beef cattle; 100 dairy cattle; 330,000 swine; as well as 7,000,000 poultry and turkeys, and

WHEREAS, Duplin County, an already economically deprived area, is primarily dependent upon agriculture for its income and is now exposed to a drought which has caused further severe economic loss for our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Duplin County Board of Commissioners respectfully request that Duplin County be declared a disaster area resulting from the continued severe drought conditions and that our state and federal representatives do whatever is within their authority and power to lend assistance to the large number of Duplin County citizens upon whom this drought is dealing a crippling economic loss.

This the 6th day of September, 1983.

William J. Costin,
Chairman of the Duplin County Board of Commissioners
ATTEST: Ralph Cottle, Clerk.

Fire Destroys Kenansville Home

A one story wooden house burned to the ground early Saturday morning on S.R. 1301, about seven miles northwest of Kenansville.

"The house was completely engulfed in flames and the roof had fallen in" when firefighters arrived around 2:45 a.m., said Andie Bostic, captain of the Kenansville Fire and Rescue Department.

No one was in the house, owned by Herman Branch, when the fire began, Ms. Bostic said. The fire was reported by the owner of a store who lives about 150 yards away, she said.

Firefighters worked about two hours to extinguish the

flames and cool a propane gas tank behind the house, which did not explode, Ms. Bostic said.

The cause of the blaze has not been determined. "It was so far gone, it would be hard to tell," she said.

Fire Hits Nash Johnson Farms Building At Rose Hill

Fire damaged a building at a poultry farm near Rose Hill last week, fire investigators said.

Four fire departments were called to the blaze at the Nash Johnson Farms on U.S. 117 at about 2:30 p.m.

The roof of a hatchery building, which housed chickens, eggs and incubators, was heavily damaged, said Clayton Herring, chief of the Rose Hill Volunteer Fire Department.