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Four-Year Extension Program Announced

The Duplin Agricultural Extension Service was among the 100 counties announcing a new statewide four-year plan, Nov. 21. The plan projects a statewide increase of \$55 million in agricultural income by 1987, said Duplin chairman of the Agricultural Programs committee Larry Knowles.

The new four-year program is designed to meet some of the county's major human, community and economic needs. Announcement of the "People's Plan '87" was made at a breakfast meeting of the Agricultural Extension Advisory Leadership System via specialized committees, the program committee, and the Extension Advisory Leadership Council, through the news media and Extension newsletters.

and reporting any accomplishments of the above major programs including participant surveys and results of major program activities. The accomplishments will be conveyed through the Extension Advisory Leadership System via specialized committees, the program committee, and the Extension Advisory Leadership Council, through the news media and Extension newsletters.

Home Economics

The major programs in home economics concentrate on family economic stability and security, foods and nutrition and health, and family strengths and social environment, said Elinor Ezzell, chairman of the Home Economics Program Committee in Duplin.

These programs are based on the following problems of Duplin families as identified by the Extension Home Economics Advisory Committee in early 1983: Difficulty in coping with financial problems; Lack of use of all available resources in order to extend family income; lack of knowledge in making best choices in all aspects of the housing dollar; lack of understanding of the aging process and making adjustments to aging; lack of understanding of how good nutrition contributes to total health; and lack of skills in getting maximum nutrition from the food dollar and other resources in order to meet nutritional needs.

4-H

Four-H planned programming in the next four years will concentrate in four major areas. These major programs are: 4-H public awareness

support designed to help increase membership, volunteerism, financial support and develop activities; 4-H program expansion to increase the number of youth involved in educational experiences through the community setting; 4-H program maintenance to increase the length of time that volunteers and 4-H'ers remain involved in the 4-H program and; development of youth and adult leadership and life skills through special interest programming and/or project clubs designed to help youth and adults develop life skills in specific subject matter areas and leadership skills which will enable them to be effective leaders in the future.

Community Resource Development

Over \$500 million of the \$670 million tax base is tied directly to agriculture. Many of Duplin's people are rural nonfarm, but their life style is controlled by this economy, said David Byrd Jr., chairman of the Duplin Community Resource Development program.

In order to accomplish this, the plan of action will be: County fair to operate with committee structure that will cause expansion of the fair, development of facilities, cooperation between communities, intermingling of business, government, industry, and agriculture and open communications for further projects; implement observances of National Ag. Day, Farm City to reinforce; develop and expand facilities for Cowan Museum to attract tourists; correlate work of 4-H and CRD program committees to determine day camping/workshop facilities needs and acquire some.

People's Plan '87

Agriculture

The major programs included in Duplin's agricultural four-year plan of work are: Farm business management and marketing, poultry, livestock and poultry pest management, field crops, livestock, horticultural production, forestry and home beautifications. There are provisions for assessing

Seventh Grade Consolidation

State Plans Fire Up Chinquapin Residents

part of Social Services and three by mental health workers. A transportation coordinator, whose salary will be paid from the federal money, is to be hired next year.

The board agreed to sponsor the proposed Maxwell Creek Watershed — a 48,000-acre project from Johnson's Chapel near Warsaw to the Northeast Cape Fear River east of Rose Hill.

Robert Ray Thomas was appointed to the jury commission to replace Annie Laura Puckett, who resigned.

from taking part in any school activities, she added.

"We do not feel that children ages 12 and 13 are mentally mature enough to mix with children ages 17 and 18," Mrs. Williams said in reference to building a junior high school at East Duplin.

The Chinquapin people propose demolishing the

existing Chinquapin I school, which is one of the oldest in the county, and adding land and classrooms to the newer Chinquapin II school.

She concluded, "We feel that a big mistake was made when the high schools were consolidated and to make another mistake now would jeopardize the security of our children."

The former Chinquapin high school (Chinquapin I) was consolidated with East Duplin when that school was opened in the early 1960s.

The Chinquapin I school now houses grades 4 through 8. Last year it had an enrollment of 319 students. The main building was built in 1926 and renovated in 1952. The lunchroom was

built in 1947, the gymnasium in 1935 and the old agriculture shop, now used for storage, in 1944. The state study offers two plans, both of which call for the elimination of this building for school use.

Chinquapin II now houses kindergarten through third grades. Enrollment last year was 219 students.

Moore Named Local Chairman Of NCSU Alumni Fund Campaign

J. Michael Moore of Warsaw has been appointed to head the North Carolina State University Alumni Association's 1983-84 Loyalty Fund Campaign in Duplin County.

NCSU Alumni have set a national goal for 1983-84 of more than \$1 million to support academic programs at the school.

Moore and a staff of volunteers will be calling on the some 220 NCST alumni in the county in the next few weeks asking them to help expand the endowment supporting the John T. Caldwell Alumni Scholars program and seeking their support through membership in the association.

The NCSU Alumni Assoc. established the Caldwell Alumni Scholars program in 1975. Forty-four Caldwell Alumni Scholars are studying on campus this fall, each having received an annual scholarship award of \$3,000 which is renewable for the student's four years of undergraduate study. The awards are based totally on merit. The alumni association has set a goal to support 100 scholars by NCSU's centennial in 1987.



Bryce R. Younts, executive secretary, said the association will work to further support academics through a variety of programs to attract top scholars and to reward outstanding teaching and research and extension activities.

Joseph A. Powell of Raleigh is nationwide chairman of the campaign. He and William M. Barnhardt of Charlotte, association president, will be directing efforts within the next month to contact the more than 60,000 alumni throughout the country.

Powell said support in Duplin and the surrounding area will be an important factor in the association's ability to meet the \$1-million goal.

Murphy Appointed To Special Commission

Representative Wendell H. Murphy of Duplin County has been appointed by House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey to a special commission to study the State laws providing liens for real estate builders and workmen.

The Legislative research

commission study will consider whether existing laws are adequate to ensure payments to contractors, laborers and material men.

Murphy, a Rose Hill agribusinessman, represents Duplin and Jones counties in the 19th House District.

Kenansville Jaycees To Roast Attorney

The Kenansville Jaycees will hold a Roast for Attorney Vance B. Gavin on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at E.E. Smith Junior High School in Kenansville. Numerous state and county officials have been invited to attend.

For further information or tickets, contact Woody Brinson at 296-1400, Doc Brinson at 296-0346, David Phillips at 296-0215 or Carey Wrenn at 296-0134 or mail your check to the Kenansville Jaycees, PO Box 490, Kenansville, N.C. 28349.

Referendum In January For Albertson Water System

A referendum to authorize a \$425,000 bond for the proposed Albertson water district water system will be held Jan. 10.

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners set the referendum date last week after approval of the proposal on second reading.

Bob Pittman of Rivers & Associates of Greenville, project engineers, estimated the project would cost \$1,325,000.

If the bond issue is authorized, he expects to call for bids by the end of February.

Financing would include a \$314,000 Farmers Home Administration loan, repayable from the bond issue, a FmHA grant of \$697,900 and a state grant of \$313,100.

The project would include laying of 39,000 feet of 8-inch pipe, 130,000 feet of 6-inch pipe and 64,000 feet of 4-inch pipe.

The system would have about 300 customers. Pittman said 275 potential customers have paid a \$10 deposit.

The estimated minimum fee is \$12 a month for up to 2,000 gallons of water. The average fee is expected to be

\$16 per month for use of 5,000 gallons.

The water district has the same boundaries as the Albertson voting precinct, which has 620 registered voters. Registration for the referendum will end Dec. 12. The registration books will be purged of inactive voters after that date, said Carolyn Murphy of the county election board staff.

In other action, the commissioners approved a nurse's position for the health department at an annual salary of \$13,276, which would be paid by the state. The nurse will specialize in tuberculosis control.

The commissioners also approved purchase of a microfilm printer-reader for the register of deeds office at a cost of \$14,995.

Walter Brown, director of the county's Services for the Aging, announced the approval of the agency's application for a federal grant of \$93,450 to buy six vans to transport aged and ill people. The board appropriated the \$9,345 required in local money to match the grant. The contract for the grant was to be signed Nov. 30.

Brown said.

Fourteen similar vans, including 11 operated by the Duplin-Sampson Mental Health Department, are in use in the area. Two of the new vans will be used by the Services to the Aging Department, one by the De-

partment of Social Services and three by mental health workers. A transportation coordinator, whose salary will be paid from the federal money, is to be hired next year.

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Local school advisory groups disagree with portions of a state school facility recommendation for Duplin County and are letting the board of education know what they think.

The recommended consolidation of the seventh and eighth grades of Chinquapin, Beulaville and B.F. Grady schools, either at Beulaville or at East Duplin High School north of Beulaville, was strongly opposed by Chinquapin residents.

Superintendent L.S. Guy told the board of education earlier this week that the school staff and the board

will study proposals of the local school committees and develop a long-range school facilities plan based on a combination of the state and local recommendations.

Margaret Williams, representing Chinquapin residents, told the board of education most people in the Chinquapin area appear to oppose the consolidation proposed in the state study.

She said, "Some of our seventh and eighth graders would have to be bused over 20 miles each way to school each day."

The riding time would prevent many of the children



TOP FUND-RAISERS IN ROCK-A-THON - The Kenansville Jaycees presented the three top fund-raisers in the Cystic Fibrosis rock-a-thon with T-shirts. Each of the three raised more than \$30 through their participation in the rock-a-thon Oct. 21, which qualified them for teeshirts

from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Pictured above with their teeshirts, left to right, Annell Bostic, Russ Brinson and Dawn Guy. Also pictured, left to right, Kenansville Jaycees Carol Stankus and Randy Kight. The ten participants raised a total of \$320.