



TREE OF WARMTH - Girl Scouts and Brownies from all of Duplin County gathered in the Thompson Gymnasium at the Warsaw Recreation and Parks December 3. The Scouts decorated a Christmas tree and brought gifts to share with the foster children in Duplin who took part in decorating the "tree of warmth." The gifts are to be distributed to the foster children by the Duplin County Social Services Department and the tree of warmth has been

donated to the Warsaw Nutrition Site of the Services to the Aged. The Christmas tree was donated to the Girl Scouts by the Kenansville Jaycees. Troops present were 477 in Wallace, 605 of Warsaw, 527 of Wallace, 414 of Warsaw, 508 of Warsaw, 431 of Wallace, and 240 of Warsaw. Pictured above, Troop 605 leader Christine Dewitt and Scout Shell Barden at the "tree of warmth."

Massive crowding, labor-intensive industries and governmental regulation of people's lives were among China's major impressions on Betty Lanier of Rose Hill.

Mrs. Lanier recently toured China as a member of an 80-person North Carolina Friendship Force tour. The friendship force, she said, is a non-profit, private organization chartered to promote understanding through friendship between people of different cultures. It has members in 27 countries, she said.

Members usually exchange visits and live with host families for a short time. She said because China is a communist country such intimate visitation is not permitted.

Her impression of Shanghai was of 11 million people and "22 million bicycles." She said: "I think I saw them all at one time. I never saw so many people. It's like Super Bowl crowds. The buses just blow their horns and go lickety-split through the people. The people simply get out of the way."

The first stop on the Oriental tour was Hong Kong, where she was told the greatest fear is that China might take over the colony when the British lease

China Leaves Impression On Rose Hill Resident

expires in 1997. Many people are getting dual citizenship so they can leave, she said. The tour guide told her that he and his wife had saved their money for several years and went to London to have their baby so they could get dual citizenship with England. The baby died, however. The death left the couple with no excuse for getting dual citizenship, he said.

The group had to carry luggage and walk across the boarder to China. Every item had to be inspected and listed. The entry lists were checked against the exit baggage lists, she said.

The group first went to Canton and then to Peking. She said a haze overlaid Peking. "You couldn't see the sun. You could hardly breathe. It was the most backward place I ever saw. People seemed suppressed. Housing was pathetic," she said.

Everything seemed gray. People wore blue and black clothing and a building boom was taking place. High-rise buildings were going up everywhere.

Men retire at 60 and women at 55 or 50 if they do manual work. After retirement people are expected to do volunteer work.

She called the Great Wall

of China the most spectacular thing she had ever seen, even more so than the pyramids of Egypt. It was bitterly cold when they were at the wall, with the temperature 8 degrees below zero and the winds blowing at 60 miles per hour.

"I felt the sun had come out when we got to Shanghai.

I could breathe. You would see some people in western dress."

Mrs. Lanier said she got the impression basic education was better than in the United States. They learn the basics, she said. Everyone seemed to study English.

They have a "children's palace operating about 3-5

p.m. in each community where kids can do as they wish," she said.

China is trying to control its population, which increases about 12 million people a year, she said. The government gives couples with only one child a bonus. It penalizes those with additional children.

E.E. Smith Honor Roll

The following students at E.E. Smith made the honor roll the second six weeks of school. To be eligible, a student must receive a satisfactory citizenship grade as well as maintain the required academic average.

All As means an A on every subject (93-100). A average means (93-100) and B average means an average of 85-92.

Seventh Grade
A Average - Shelia Benson,

Bryant Murphy, Zana Stepp, B - Wendi Albrecht, Kevin Baker, Sonia Brinson, Jina Dobson, Genevieve Faison, Melissa Grady, Cheryl Hooks, Bobby Hughes, Anthony Humphrey, Paulita Johnson, Rhonda Quinn, Doris Smith, Ivy Southernland, Patricia Tyner, Twanna Vann

8th Grade - All A - Carolyn Wilson, A - Richard Brown, Carlos Caraway, B - Gigi Ammar, Karen Becton,

Melanie Brock, Terrance Graham, Angela Hill, Curtis Hooks, Vickie Knowles, John Malone, Edward Jarman, Turman Raines, Craig Smith, Johnny Whaley, Brandye Williams

9th Grade - A Average - Karen Cecil, B - Terry Carroll, Teresa Dixon, Edith Dobson, Mary Ann Dobson, Beth Guy, Kim Hall, Sharon Hobbs, Michael Moore, Teresa Newkirk, Kim Smith, Margaret Williams, Wendy Williams

Extension Home Economics News

Smaller Space
The high cost of housing and the high cost of energy have forced some families to live in a smaller amount of space. Less space doesn't mean you have to feel crowded.

If some areas of your home seem overcrowded and others are underused, try to make the space you have more functional.

For example, try to create a country kitchen area — a place where you can cook, eat and live and entertain informally. And, if you have seldom-used rooms such as a formal dining room or guest room, convert them into places for day-to-day living.

To make your house seem larger, think of your home as one large unit when you choose decorations. Have wall and floor coverings the same from room to room with changes in texture to add variety. And remember that simple window treatments that blend with the wall colors can help make rooms seem larger.

To reduce the feeling of clutter, remove unnecessary and seldom-used furnishings. When you select new furniture, choose smaller pieces with simple lines and try to select furniture that is multi-functional.

One last reminder: grouping your television, stereo, bookshelves and storage cabinets into one wall unit can help increase floor space and eliminate clutter.

Vending Machine
Picture this. You walk up to a vending machine, put in your money and a soft drink pops out. Now picture this, you walk up to the vending machine, insert an empty can and money pops out.

Far out? Not any further away than our neighboring state of Virginia. A manufacturer there has a vending machine that gobbles up old cans, paying out a nickel to the person who feeds it. When the machine reaches its capacity of about 1,800 cans, its contents are whisked away to a recycler.

Users say the machines are made to withstand humidity. Thanks to lasers and scales, a prankster can't slide a full can into the crusher. In fact, this reverse vending machine may be the first in a long line of gobblers. Within a year there may be machines that chew up glass and plastic too.

Clothing Outlets
A shopping expedition to clothing outlets can be a lot of fun and you can save yourself some money —

especially if you take the time to develop some shopping savvy.

But smart shopping does call for some advance planning. For example, you might make a list of what everybody in your family needs including sizes, color preferences and styles. Then give yourself a maximum allowance to spend. That way you won't be as apt to be overwhelmed by all those potential bargains and splurge.

By all means, take the time to evaluate construction of garment and quality of fabric. If the garment is labeled "irregular" or "second," figure out what the defect is and whether or not it will affect appearance and wearability.

Finally, shop wisely.

"An army of volunteers will be required to carry out the program of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for the year of 1984," said R.E. Wilkins of Warsaw, chairman of membership and finance. There are less than 140 paid personnel in the entire U.S., but hundreds of thousands of volunteers make up the main workforce, he said. A goal of 2,000 members and 6,000 registered voters are major goals for 1984.

A special planning banquet is scheduled for Dec. 8 in the education of Big Zion AMEZ Church, Route 1, Kenansville. The membership drive will begin Jan. 1 and end Sunday, Feb. 12 with a birthday rally.

The organization will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee Anniversary in 1984 when the organization will be 75 years old on Feb. 12.

Its program reaches every

facet of our lives including education, job opportunities, housing, veterans affairs, youth development and training, communications, legal redress and membership.

"The NAACP has carried 36 cases to the U.S. Supreme Court and has won 35. That's a pretty good track record," Wilkins says.

The Rev. Dr. Emmett Burns, deputy director of the eighth region of the U.S., will be the principle speaker on Feb. 12. More than 100 membership recruiters have already consented to serve in the 1984 membership campaign and another 100 is needed, Wilkins said.

The Duplin branch has for several years been N.C.'s largest and if 1984 goals are reached, 1984 should retain this title. Persons desiring to serve should attend the planning and training banquet Dec. 8, he suggested.

NAACP Seeks Volunteers To Reach Goals

Youth Basketball Begins Next Week In Warsaw

The Warsaw Recreation and Parks Department will hold youth basketball tryouts at the Thompson gymnasium December 13, 15, 16 and 17. PeeWee tryouts for first through third graders will be December 13 and 15 with boys at 4:30 p.m. and girls at 3:30 p.m. Midget tryouts for fourth through

sixth graders will be December 16 and 17 — girls at 3:30 p.m. and boys at 4:30 p.m.

New players and players aging up from Pee Wee to Midget should be present both days. Returning players must sign up at the Recreation and Parks office prior to league try-outs.

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