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New Chamber Leader

President Doug Judge passes his leadership role to Charles Sharpe during the installation exercises of the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce last Monday

night. Pictured (L to R) Doug Judge and President Charles Sharpe.

Sharpe To Lead Kenansville Area Chamber

Charles Sharpe, director of Guardian Care Nursing Home of Kenansville, was installed as president of the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce on Monday night. The seventh annual meeting was held at the Farm Service Credit building at 7 p.m.

Chamber President Doug Judge called on Tom Rouse to introduce the speaker. "I'd like to thank you for letting me introduce someone like Ed Walker, stated Rouse, who is a close friend of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce director. Walker is also a retired Baptist preacher and president of the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce Association.

"Right across the street is my birthplace," opened Walker, as he pointed toward Duplin General Hospital. Walker is a native of Rose Hill.

"I know about your sophistication and your progress," continued Walker. "I like to speak to Chambers of Commerce because of all organizations, the Chamber can make things happen. Everything rises and falls with leaders. The Chamber is the leader in any community, designed with purpose to make things worthwhile. The Chamber is a vehicle that gets people out of the livingroom and gets them together in

order to get things done. You've got to plan where Kenansville is going to be five years from now. Congratulations to you on your membership and what you are doing. You have done good. . . a good job. In order to make your community like you want, you must do one thing — work. You've got a good Chamber and I challenge you to make it better."

In closing, Walker said, "Ladies and gentlemen, all of you are leaders and I tell you to lead good."

President Judge outlined what the Chamber had accomplished the past year as follows: (1) welcomed newcomers, (2) helped with tour groups, (3) helped with Bill Helton Appreciation, (5) advertised in local papers and Liberty Cart program, (5) Community of Excellence, (6) helped with County Fair, (7) Twelve Days of Christmas, (8) welcomed lots of visitors in Kenansville, (9) sent brochures to Welcome Centers, and (10) furnished Santa at Christmas.

Judge ended by saying, "It has been an honor to have been your president this year." He then installed Charles Sharpe as the new Chamber president for 1984.

Other 1984 officers and directors installed were: Vice-president, Gray Morgan; Treasurer, Mattie S. Minshew; Executive Secretary, Vickie

Vinson; Directors - Mattie Minshew, Charles Sharpe, Charles Hughes, Amos Brinson, Gray Morgan, Paul Phillips, Charles Ingram and John Ramirez.

Newly-installed President Charles Sharpe made these observations about his leadership and the coming year for the Chamber: "I guess you might call me an import, so to speak," stated Sharpe. "When we first thought about coming, we were down in the dumps, but when we got to Kenansville we were delighted. I'm very proud of Kenansville and the Chamber and what it does. We have become very active in the community and want to progress as your Chamber leader. I would like to see new industry come to Kenansville and I invite you to come to the monthly meetings. This is your Chamber and you only get out of it what you put in it. I challenge you to become involved.

"I want this Chamber to become the best it has ever been," concluded Sharpe.

The dinner was catered by Chamber member John Ramirez of The Graham House Inn with special entertainment by John Goodnow, artist in residence at James Sprunt Technical College.

Candidates File For May Primary

Filing for Duplin County offices ended Feb. 6 at 12 noon.

Filing began Jan. 2 for two seats on the Duplin County Board of Commissioners and two seats on the Duplin Board of Education, Register of Deeds, and Representative to the State House.

Three people filed for Duplin County offices the first day the county Board of Elections opened, Jan. 3. Lillie Frederick Sandlin of Magnolia became the first candidate to file for the new District 5 board of education seat. Also filing for that seat is Amos Q. "Doc" Brinson Jr. of Kenansville. The Fifth District seat includes Kenansville, Magnolia and Rose Hill precincts. No resident of that area has been on the board since a change was made four years ago requiring board of education members run in districts. Board of

Education districts comprise the same territory as the commissioners' districts. Each commissioner and board of education member is voted on only by voters of the district.

Incumbent members Riddick Wilkins and James F. Strickland of the Duplin Board of Education filed for the District One seat last week. Incumbents Wilkins and Strickland of Warsaw, both of District One, are serving terms up for re-election in the May primary. Strickland is a 24-year veteran on the Duplin Board of Education and Wilkins will be ending his first term with the board.

W.J. Costin filed for re-election to the First District seat of the Duplin County Board of Commissioners. Costin will be seeking his fourth term as a Duplin County Commissioner. Also a candidate for the District 1 county commissioner seat

is Frank Steed of Warsaw. Steed is a former member of the Warsaw Town Board and City Mayor. D.J. Fussell of Rose Hill has filed for re-election as District Five representation on the Duplin County Board of Commissioners. Also, a candidate for the District Five County Commissioner seat is George Ammons Jr. of Kenansville. Ammons is a member of the James Kenan High School Advisory Board.

Christine Williams filed for re-election as register of deeds. Williams will begin her ninth term if she wins re-election; currently she has held the office 32 years.

Representative Wendell Murphy of Rose Hill filed for re-election to the Tenth District seat of the State House. Murphy will be seeking his second term as Duplin and Jones counties representative to the State House.

Duplin Officials Paid More Than Penders

In almost every case, Duplin County pays its department heads more than people in the same jobs are paid in Pender County.

While length of service may contribute to higher wages paid some employees, that factor doesn't hold true in all situations.

Howard Holly, finance officer, personnel director and clerk to the Board of Commissioners in Pender County, for example, makes \$20,184

annually. Holly, who was initially hired as tax supervisor and county auditor, has worked with the county since 1961.

In Duplin County, the finance officer, who has been employed with the county since 1968, makes \$28,605 annually. The finance officer is also responsible for purchasing and computer services, said Duplin County Manager Ralph Cottle.

Cottle makes \$28,102 annually. Pender County does not have a county manager.

According to the 1980 census, Pender County was 22,215 residents and Duplin County has 40,952.

The Pender County tax collector, who has held the position since 1961, makes \$17,556. In Duplin County, the tax collector was hired less than a year ago and makes \$16,498.

The tax supervisor in Pender County, who was initially hired in 1977 as a county planner, makes \$16,752 annually. Two years later he became tax supervisor.

The Duplin County tax supervisor, who is also part-time Veterans Service officer, was hired in 1975. The supervisor makes \$19,706 annually.

Pender County's full-time Veterans Service officer makes \$13,296.

In Pender County, the register of deeds, who has held the position for

20 years, makes \$17,556. In Duplin, the register of deeds, who has held the position for 33 years, makes \$22,633.

Although the register of deeds is elected in all counties, the county commissioners determine the salary.

The commissioners determine the salary of the county sheriff, also an elected position. The Pender County sheriff, who took office a year ago, makes \$18,360. The Duplin County sheriff has held the position for more than 20 years and makes \$23,736.

Even though a large part of the salaries of the counties' health directors and social services directors are paid with state funds, the commissioners in each county determine the salaries of those department heads.

In Pender County, the social service director, who was hired a year ago, makes \$20,184. In Duplin County, the director, who has held the position for more than 20 years, makes \$23,737.

Pender County's health director, who was hired in August, makes \$18,360. In Duplin County, the health director, who has held the position for more than 20 years, makes \$24,857.

Pender County's attorney is paid an annual retainer of \$8,532; Duplin's attorney is paid \$12,780.

Duplin Pageants Saturday Night In Kenansville

Miss Duplin County and Little Miss Duplin pageants will be combined February 11 at 8 p.m. in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville.

The 1984 theme for the pageant night is "Winter Wonderland." And, mistress of ceremonies will be Susan Griffin Fisher of Elizabethtown, the Miss North Carolina 1975, who ranked in the top talent finalists during Miss America competition. Ms. Fisher is the former Miss High Point.

The Miss Duplin County contestants will be judged on evening gown, swimsuit and talent competition as well as their reactions during an interview with the judges. Miss Duplin County will receive a \$700 scholarship and a \$250 wardrobe. First runner-up to Miss Duplin will receive a \$150 scholarship. Trophies will be presented to contestants named "most talented" and "Miss Congeniality." The winner of the pageant will represent the county in the 1984 Miss North Carolina competition.

The reigning Miss Duplin County, Julia Spicer, will crown the new queen. Julia is a junior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill studying radio and television communications. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spicer of Kenansville. As a Morehead Scholar, Julia will study in London, England this summer. She is also a varsity member of the UNC-CH fencing team.

Seven contestants will vie for the 1984 title of Miss Duplin County Saturday night. The contestants include: Allyson Stroud of Kenansville, Clarice W. Carter of Rose Hill, Oscara L. Carter of Wallace, Lee Ann Blanton of Wallace, Cynthia English of Wallace, Melissa Lou Brooks of Wallace and Angela Joy Norman of Rose Hill.



Melissa Lou Brooks

Melissa Lou Brooks is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brooks of Wallace. Melissa is a senior at Wallace-Rose Hill High School and hopes to attend Wake Forest University and study nursing, law or music. She is an eight-year member of the band and will sing as her talent presentation for the pageant.



Allyson Stroud

Mary Allyson Stroud is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy

Stroud of Kenansville. Allyson is a senior at James Kenan High School and has ten years of training in dance. She will perform a ballet routine as her talent presentation for the Miss Duplin County pageant. After graduation, Allyson plans to attend the Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and major in business administration. Allyson is also a four-year veteran actor and dancer with the outdoor drama, The Liberty Cart, in Kenansville.



Oscara L. Carter

Oscara Lynne Carter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar T. Carter of Wallace. Oscara is a 1981 graduate of Wallace-Rose Hill High School and presently attends North Carolina State University in Raleigh. At NCSU, Oscara is studying to become a licensed certified public accountant. Oscara has 11 years of training in piano and dance and will perform a tap dance in the 1984 competition for Miss Duplin County.



Angela Joy Norman

Angela Joy Norman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warner W. Norman III of Rose Hill. She is a graduate of Harrells Academy and presently attends East Carolina University in Greenville. Angela is seeking a bachelor of fine arts degree with a major in dance choreography and a minor in drama. She will perform an original tap dance in the Miss Duplin County pageant.



Cynthia English

Cynthia Rose English is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray English of Wallace. Cynthia is a 1982 graduate of Wallace-Rose Hill High School and presently attends Miller-Motte Business College seeking a degree in business administration. She has had training in piano and voice and plans to sing in the Miss Duplin County talent competition.



Lee Ann Blanton

Lee Ann Blanton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby G. Blanton of Wallace. Lee Ann presently attends

Duplin Red Cross Holds Midwinter Meeting

The midwinter meeting of the Duplin County Chapter of the American Red Cross was held Jan. 26 in the afternoon in the fellowship hall of Grove Presbyterian Church in Kenansville.



Clarice W. Carter

Wallace-Rose Hill where she is a senior. She has seven years of training in dance and will perform a modern jazz routine during talent competition for the 1984 Miss Duplin County pageant.

Clarice Williams Carter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Carter of Rose Hill. She is a graduate of Harrells Academy and presently attends the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Clarice is studying business and marketing at UNC/W. She will perform a dance routine in talent competition for the Miss Duplin County title and has had 15 years of dance training.

Charles Albertson, chairman of Beulaville, presided. Rev. David Dickey, pastor of Grove Church, made the opening prayer.

Harold Rose, treasurer, gave a very alarming report showing that the chapter funds were extremely low and something would have to be done soon to replenish the treasury. He reminded the group that 50 percent of the Fund Campaign receipts had to be sent to National headquarters and that did not leave much for the local chapter to run on. It was suggested the chapter try to get advance donations on the 1984 campaign.

The report on youth activities was given by Mrs. Vernon Reynolds and Mrs. George Penney gave the report on safety services. It showed 11 classes were taught during the past six months and 86 certificates were presented.

Mrs. Viola Quinn gave the report for community services to camps and hospitals. This was followed by the report of services to military families by Mrs. N.B. Boney. Mrs. Boney also discussed the results of the nine visits of the bloodmobile since the annual meeting last June. She thanked the volunteer workers and blood donors for the 701 units of blood that were given on those occasions.

George Garner's fund campaign report was printed in detail last week in the county papers. Rev. Troy D. Mullis, retired Presbyterian minister, closed the meeting with prayer.



Julia Spicer

Miss Duplin County 1981