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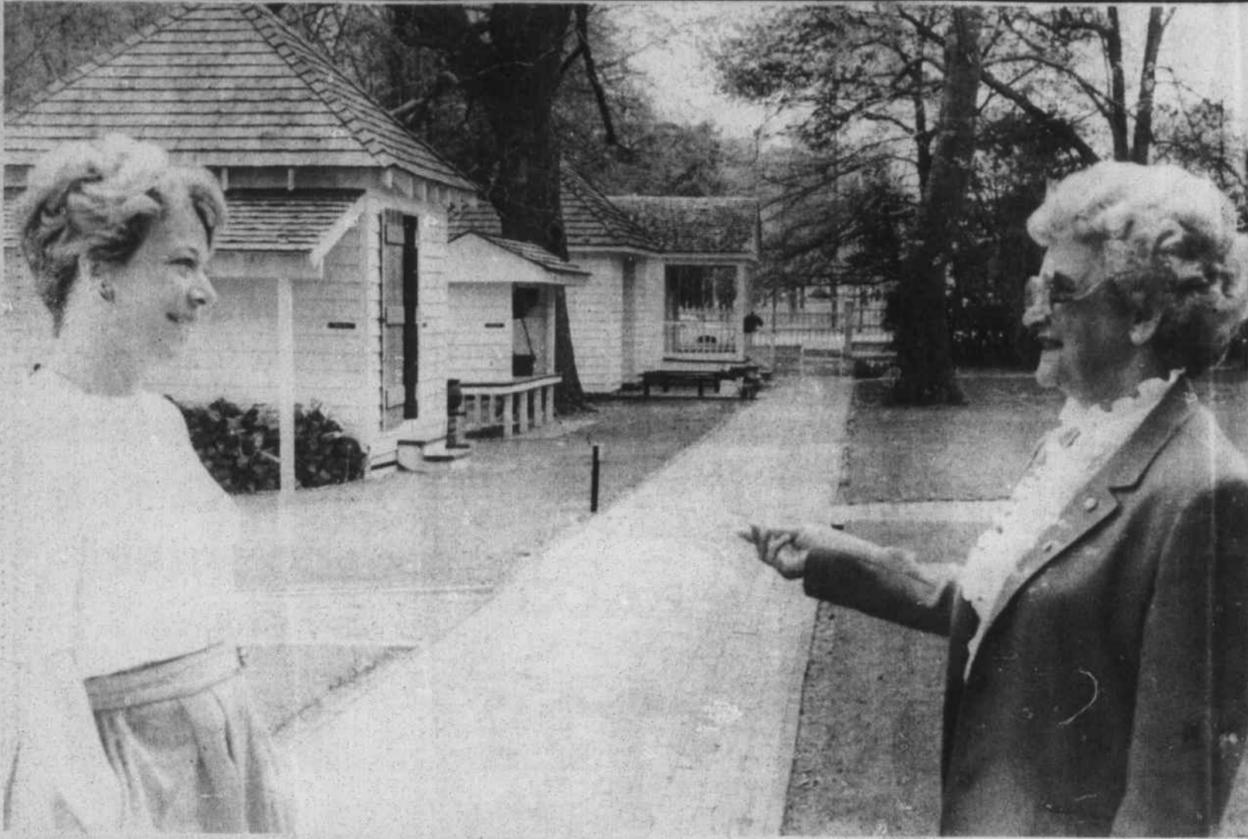
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## Liberty Hall To Be Featured In Southern Magazine

Staff from Southern Accents magazine of Atlanta, Ga. were at Liberty Hall in Kenansville last week. The magazine will feature Liberty Hall in an edition within the next 18 months. Last week the Southern plantation home was

photographed by Cotten Alston of the Southern Accents staff. Pictured above, right, Liberty Hall Curator Dorothy Rollins and Southern Accents Special Projects Editor Sallie Stevens, left, tour the Liberty Hall gardens and support buildings.

## Liberty Hall Photographed For Magazine Feature

The next time Duplin County appears in a national publication, it will not be associated with the March tornado disaster but a feature on Liberty Hall in Kenansville.

Last week photographers and special projects editor for Southern Accents magazine in Atlanta, Ga. began working on a feature article about Liberty Hall. The article is expected to appear in the magazine within the next 18 months.

Southern Accents spans a coverage area of 15 states from Maryland to Florida to the Mississippi River and Texas. The magazine was founded in 1977 as a quarterly publication. This year Southern Accents begins publication six times annually. The format of the magazine focuses on southern homes and gardens both historical and modern. Also featured are art and historical collections.

The magazine features both public homes, like Liberty Hall, and private dwellings unavailable to general tourists. Like the homes, the magazine offers the public its only opportunity to see and learn about many private gardens.

Southern Accents is not in North Carolina for the first time -- features have appeared in the magazine about Tryon Palace, Hope Plantation and Orton Plantation along with several private homes.

"When we saw brochures on Liberty Hall, the magazine knew the home was special," Sallie Stevens, Southern Accents' special projects director, said. "Liberty Hall offers the magazine a chance to feature plantation life as it really was prior to the Civil War."

"Many children grow up and live their adult life in cities and never have the opportunity to visit historical homes like Liberty Hall."

"Sherman and his troops came

through and wiped out Atlanta's pre-Civil War homes and heritage, leaving us with no local opportunity to see the working of plantation life like there is available at Liberty Hall here in Duplin County.

"Today there is a great move underway in the south to restore old homes. Many of the homes featured in Southern Accents are owned by couples who have invested their last cent in restoring houses often more than 100 years old."

Liberty Hall is unique among plantation and historical houses, Stevens pointed out, because there are a number of the home's original furnishings on display. And, the majority of the original furnishings were crafted by skilled North Carolina woodworkers.

Recently Stevens has completed work on a feature about Whitehall in Florida for Southern Accents. Within Whitehall hangs pictures of Lily Kenan Flagler, whose wedding to Henry Flagler took place at Liberty Hall in Kenansville. The wedding gown worn by Lily in the famed early 1900 ceremony has recently been restored and is on display in Liberty Hall. Whitehall was built by Flagler for his bride, Lily Kenan, and after their deaths opened to the public.

"The two houses are so different," Stevens said. "I had never heard of Lily before I went to Whitehall and saw her picture and I had studied the history of Kenansville."

Liberty Hall and its gardens and support buildings were being photographed by Cotten Alston last week for the Southern Accents feature. Copies of the magazine are sold on newstands in North Carolina's larger cities and Stevens said issues featuring Liberty Hall will be sent to the curators of the plantation home in Kenansville.

## Commissioners Approve Bid For Faison Area Water Project

The bid for a community water system that would provide water for 50 families was approved last week by the Duplin County Board of Commissioners.

The board also allocated money to complete the county airport runway extension.

The bid of \$77,835 by H&W Inc. of Seven Springs was approved by the board for a water project in the Burning Bush community near Faison. The project is part of a

community development block grant. The bid must be approved by state officials before work can start.

The board returned the proposed mobile home park ordinance to the Planning Department for further study after several people voiced objections to various portions.

The board directed county attorney Russell Lanier to seek state forest service assistance in determining what if any damages might be due to Orvis Thigpen of Beulaville as a result of a ditch being dug the

wrong way on his property by workers on a watershed project. Thigpen asked for damages of \$2,400.

The board approved the request of Bennie Wilson, chairman of the county airport board, for \$28,095 to complete paving of the airport runway extension. Wilson said the low bid was \$39,095 from Barris Construction Co. of Kinston.

The airport board had on hand \$11,000 it had held back from the previous contractor. The original contractor, Blalock Construction Co. of Kinston, went bankrupt, leaving the work unfinished.

In other business, Jack Brinson of Kenansville asked that the doe hunting system of last year be

retained. Hunters were issued tags does. The number of tags issued in any area depended upon reports on deer populations by state biologists.

Brinson said 860 bucks, 29 yearlings and 201 does were registered. He estimated only about 60 percent of the kill was registered.

Gene Norris of Beulaville, Reid Fussell of Wallace and Bill Spencer of Warsaw asked the board to appropriate \$2,000 for copy machines and \$1,000 a year for incidental expenses in the three National Guard armories in the county. The request was rejected.

The Board of Education presented its 1984-85 budget proposal calling for \$3,314,950 from the county general fund to the commissioners.

## Fire Damages Kitchen

Fire damaged the kitchen of a house off N.C. 111 about five miles south of Pink Hill Thursday night.

No one was home when firefighters from the Pink Hill and Sarecta volunteer fire departments arrived around 7 p.m.

Firefighters broke out a window in the kitchen and put out the blaze within a few minutes. Lt. Curtis

Boyette of the Pink Hill Volunteer Fire Department said the blaze damaged a kitchen wall and caused smoke damage throughout the house.

Boyette said the blaze was thought to have begun near a clothes dryer in the kitchen. He said a passing motorist saw smoke and called for help.

## Times Presents Photography Exhibit

A photographic exhibition of the March 28 tornado disaster within Duplin County has been hung in the James Sprunt Technical College library by the newspaper staff of Duplin Publishing Company in Kenansville.

Photographs in the exhibition were taken March 28, less than 24 hours after tornadoes ripped through northern Duplin County. The majority of the exhibition is of the Pine Forest housing development, but also included are pictures of the Young Squire manufacturing building and Red Hill Fixtures.

"The exhibition shows only a portion of the devastation caused by the tornadoes," Editor Ike Riddick of Duplin Publishing Company, said. "The photographs show only the monetary damage caused by the storm. We have no way to begin to account the mental anguish it left behind."

After the exhibition leaves JSTC in

two weeks, the photographs will be displayed at the Duplin County-Dorothy Wightman Library in Kenansville. The exhibition will remain under the supervision of county librarian John Michaud through the next several months as it travels to the town libraries. A schedule for the exhibition in town libraries has not been arranged but will be published in the future. The final showing will be at the county fair exhibition for Duplin Publishing Company.

"We are grateful for the cooperation of the James Sprunt Technical College library and the Duplin County and town libraries," Riddick said.

"The DUPLIN TIMES, DUPLIN TODAY and PINK HILL REVIEW newspapers hope that this exhibition will make area residents better understand the losses of their neighbors."

## Mount Olive Man Killed In Wreck

A Duplin County man was killed Saturday night when the pickup truck he was driving ran off S.R. 1501 and overturned 11 miles north of Kenansville, the N.C. Highway Patrol reported.

John Robert Lane, 21, of 212 Church St., Mt. Olive, was driving south at high speed when the truck left the road at a curve, Trooper W.F. Sandy said. Lane, who was not

wearing a seat belt, was thrown out of the truck.

Two passengers in the car, Denny Ray Bell, 17, of Mount Olive and Wanda K. Herring, 16, of Kenansville, were treated at Duplin General Hospital and released.

No other cars were involved in the accident. Sandy estimated the truck was traveling at 70 mph when it ran off the road.

## Whitley Receives Award

Congressman Charles Whitley of North Carolina was presented with the 1984 Leadership Award from the United States Congressional Advisory Board of the Coalition for Peace Through Strength in recognition of the leading role he has taken on a variety of national security issues before the U.S. Congress.

The award was presented to

Whitley by Genetta Vogelsang, national senior vice president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Col. Kenneth A. Steadman, U.S.A. (Ret.), national security director of the VFS, at an awards reception. Many of Whitley's colleagues and 850 members of the advisory board were present at the reception.

## Hospital Prepares Long-Range Plan

The Board of Trustees of Duplin General Hospital is concerned about the future direction and role of the hospital within the county it serves.

Recognizing significant recent changes in the practice of medicine and the utilization of acute inpatient care facilities throughout the state and nation, Duplin General Hospital desires to assess its current situation and identify the proper mix of facilities, services and programs so that it may continue to meet community needs.

A planning committee, chaired by Irvin Graham of Wallace, was designated by the Board of Trustees to prepare a long-range plan for Duplin General Hospital. The plan will identify the mission, role, function and programs of the hospital within the next five to ten years.

The planning committee's makeup includes the members of the Board of Trustees, representation of the hospital's medical staff, hospital administration and legal counsel. Chris Mansfield, associate director of the Center for Health Services Research and Development School of Medicine, East Carolina University at Greenville, serves as consultant for the planning project.

The members of the committee are: Dr. M.I. Ammar, physician and trustee; Wade Carlton, trustee; Elbert Davis, trustee; William P. Fennell, trustee; Irvin Graham, trustee; R.E. Harrell, hospital administrator; Mrs. Anne B. Houston, RN, MSN, director of nursing services; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ingram, attorneys; Mrs. Juanita Kretsch, trustee; Dr. Ed Little, physician; Allen Nethercutt, trustee; Dr. Oscar Redwine, physician; Ray Sanderson, trustee; William D. Thigpen, trustee; and Victor Tucker, hospital controller.

The planning committee decided it would review the findings of planning studies and would solicit the opinions and views of as many individuals as possible. Input is being obtained from trustees,

members of the medical staff and other physicians practicing in the area, hospital employees, and citizens of Duplin County.

Approximately 800 citizens of Duplin County have been selected to receive a questionnaire late in April regarding the hospital. Answers will be confidential as they will be recorded and summarized by staff at

the East Carolina School of Medicine. Citizens not receiving a questionnaire may obtain one by calling the office of administration at Duplin General Hospital. The telephone number there is 296-0941, extension 220.

Ray Sanderson, chairman of the Board of Trustees, said that Duplin General Hospital recognizes

its responsibility to strive for the best possible use of its available resources so that services may be provided economically, effectively and at the highest achievable quality standards. The hospital is committed to finding the solutions that best serve its many publics and, at the same time, enhance its viability as an institution."



## Hospital Auxiliary Contributes To Duplin General

The Duplin General Hospital Auxiliary celebrated its fourth anniversary this month, and as part of the activities, the group presented a check of \$3,100 to the operating budget of the hospital for purchase of an equipment item for the nursery. The volunteer group has a membership of about 41 and they man the information desk, deliver patient mail, and sell small gifts, flowers and candy. The group also sponsors a Candy-Stripe program for young teens to volunteer

time at the hospital. Proceeds from the Auxiliary sales go toward improvements and donations to Duplin General Hospital. Auxiliary president Carolyn Hall said. Pictured above, Richard Harrell, Duplin General Hospital administrator, accepts Auxiliary donation from the treasurer, Martha Swann, and chairman of the Auxiliary ways and means committee, Sally Eva Tyndall.