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Four County **EMC Names** Youth Tour Winners

Four high school juniors have been selected for the 1984 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. by Four County Electric Membership

Corporation (EMC).

The winners of the week-long, expense-paid tour are: Lisa Bryan of Bladenboro; Releata Baker of Rose Hill; Chris Deal of Watha; and Julianna Smoot of Clinton.

Miss Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Baker, is a student at Wallace-Rose Hill High School where she is a member of the math and Spanish clubs and the National Honor Society.

She has been nominated to attend the Governor's School of Performing Arts and was a semi-finalist to the N.C. School of Science and Math. In addition, she is the junior editor-inchief and photographer of the school's annual staff and is a member of the All-County and All-State bands.

Miss Baker also holds memberships in a 4-H Club, the American Legion Post #377 Junior Auxiliary and the school softball team. She enjoys playing the piano, clarinet and the bells.

First alternates to the Youth Tour are: Jennie McQueen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McQueen of Elizabethtown; Robert Jessup, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Jessup Jr. of Wallace; Lea Ann Lanier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Lanier of Burgaw; and Natia Murphy, daughter of Barbara Murphy of Willard.

Scholarship Recipients Honored

Two James Sprunt Technical College students along with students from 25 of the other community and technical colleges in the N.C. system, attended a luncheon in their honor sponsored by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph on April 6.

Ruth Carlton and Arnold Dunn are recipients of CT&T scholarships established year to provide assistance to minority students and displaced workers who are retraining for new job skills. The program provides each institution two \$500 scholarships.

At the luncheon held in Rocky Mount the participants were congratulated for their achievements in remarks by D. Wayne Peterson, president of CT&T, and by Dr. Bob Scott, president of the state department of community colleges.

Ms. Carlton is a second-year student in the executive secretary program and resides in Warsaw. Dunn, from Kenansville, is a secondyear student in the general education - college transfer program.

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Within our county in the last 40 years, one of the most important parts of the education system has been established in Kenansville. The Duplin County Library was established in Kenansville during 1944, according to an' October 31, 1947 issue of THE DUPLIN TIMES. Often in colonial and Civil War days, a public or private library preceded the foundation of any type of formal educational institution.

The Duplin County Library operated four years opening only limited

hours during the weekdays. Books from the Duplin Library became scattered through the local communities during these four years.

In 1947 the state government allocated funds to pay, full-time salaries for all North Carolina county libraries.

libraries. The state contributed an annual salary of \$2,500 and Duplin County supplied the library facilities. In the three years previous the state had allocated Duplin \$1,800 annually to use for the purpose of operating a library. Also, in 1947 the state allotted Duplin \$2,000 to use to buy new books for the library. A bookmobile was expected to be delivered to Duplin's library in January of 1948. At the time 20 bookmobiles had been delivered to county libraries in the state and Duplin was

According to the 1947 article, a new full-time librarian had been hired and arrived in Duplin November 1. The name of Duplin's first full-time librarian remains today as the name of the county library -

Dorothy Wightman.

Miss Wightman was not a native of North Carolina and had only worked in our state less than two

years when she came to Duplin. years when she came to Duplin. Prior to working as Duplin's full-time librarian, Miss Wightman was employed in Person, Orange and Caswell counties. She was a graduate of Western Reserve Library School and worked in libraries of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Her work in Duplin began November 3, 1947.

The efforts Miss Wightman made

The efforts Miss Wightman made to build a storehouse of information in books that were readily available to local citizens has improved each individual using the facility. Today, the Duplin County-Dorothy Wightman Library is located on Seminary Street in Kenansville. The library is under the leadership of another dedicated individual, John Michaud.

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