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Camille Grady



Thomas Faison



Beverly Bryant

Three Duplin High Schools Announce Valedictorians

Three Duplin County high schools announced the 1984 senior class valedictorians last week. Camille Grady of East Duplin, Thomas Faison of James Kenan and Beverly Bryant of Wallace-Rose Hill were named.

Camille is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Grady of Albertson and was selected as a Morehead Scholar and National Merit scholar. As a Morehead Scholar, Camille plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and graduate with a major in religion and then enter Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. to prepare for a career in the ministry.

"As a student at East Duplin High School," Camille said, "and especially in my senior year, I have grown tremendously proud of my county, especially due to participation in the folk arts program."

"One of the areas which has been the greatest help in learning responsibility has been my job as a bus driver," Camille said. "And, it has been the motivation and concern of my teachers, parents and friends which has helped me in my job as a bus driver and as a student." Camille was presented a safe bus driver award last week along with the senior math award.

During high school Camille has

been a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, National Spanish Honor Society, Phi Theta Pi, Science Club, Future Teachers of America, band, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Historical Society and the Bus Driver Association.

Thomas Faison is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Faison of Warsaw. He plans to attend North Carolina A&T State University and major in engineering.

"Being part of a team and learning how to work together helps an individual become a better person," Thomas said. "In high school I have enjoyed being active in sports and being part of a school with a competitive winning tradition in both athletics and scholarship." Thomas is a four-year high school participant on the football, basketball and track teams at James Kenan.

Thomas has received awards in English I and II, Algebra I, CP World History, biology and was a Rotary Student of the Month. He was a Morehead Scholarship nominee and is currently a Kenan Scholarship nominee. During high school, Thomas has been a member of the Mongram Club, HOSA, and served as a member and president of the National Honor Society.

Beverly Sue Bryant is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton J. Bryant Sr. of Rose Hill. She plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and major in business.

In preparing the valedictorian address, Beverly plans to include a special thanks to her parents and recall class memories and friendships as well as focus on some future goals for the 1984 graduates.

"Friendships are the most important part of life," Beverly said. "No matter where an individual goes or what they do, they never forget the support of special friendships."

Beverly has been recognized as a DAR Good Citizen, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Outstanding Senior and Chief Marshal while attending Wallace-Rose Hill High School. She has been active in junior varsity cheerleading, math club, Spanish Club, Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, DECA, Bus Drivers Association, and the annual staff.

Salutatorians are Vicky Keiley at Wallace-Rose Hill, Mitchell Kernstine of James Kenan and Terri Toomis of East Duplin high schools.

North Duplin High School will announce the 1984 valedictorian and salutatorian late this week.

Kindergarten And First Grade Program Approved

Kindergarten and first-grade pupils of three Duplin County schools will be taught under a new program this fall.

The Board of Education last week approved the Open Court Co.'s Headway Reading Program. The program will cost between \$10,000 and \$11,000, amounting to \$8.50 per pupil, for North Duplin, Rose Hill-Magnolia and Chinquapin kindergarten and first-grade pupils.

The program is not funded by the state. Supt. L.S. Guy told the board he expects the program to become state-funded within two years because of the demand from local school systems.

To explain the difference between the new reading program and the system's present programs, Guy called on Thelma Allen, a school administrative supervisor and Duplin school teacher and staff member for 26 years. She described five major differences between the new and the present systems:

- The new reading program emphasizes reading, writing, spelling, listening and language while the

present program emphasizes only reading.

- While the present program emphasizes 14 consonants, the new program stresses letter names and sounds from A through Z.

- The new program emphasizes working with small and large groups, while the present program emphasizes working with small groups. The new program will permit fast students to progress and give slow students a better opportunity. Children sound out letters and words. "They see, hear, say and write."

- While the present program analyzes phonics, the new method takes each letter and "hooks" it to the next letter so children sound each letter and blend the sounds.

- The new program eliminates "Dick, Jane, Mac and Buffy." It uses Aesop's Fables as reading text.

Guy said the staff has studied the program for some time. "If you just saw the material you'd say it'll never work. You have to see it in action."

Ms. Allen told the board the present program has no spelling

book for first-graders, while the new program does.

In other business, the board decided to hold a special meeting at 8 p.m. May 24 in the O.P. Johnson Education Building in Kenansville to review results of a survey on the open classroom concept.

Questionnaires have been sent to business people, parents, students and teachers. The results are expected by May 24, Guy said.

The open classroom system has been used in schools built since 1972 — the Wallace, Rose Hill-Magnolia, Warsaw and North Duplin primary and elementary schools. The Chinquapin, Beulaville and B.F. Grady schools remain on the conventional classroom system.

In Duplin County, the open classroom concept consists of suites of large open spaces in which two to four classes are sometimes gathered with two to four teachers and their aides. The teachers can teach in teams, with each teacher working in his or her strongest areas. That theoretically provides students with the best available teaching.

New Winery To Open In 1985

Grapes Make Good Business

A Carolinas native may be on its way to an industrial revival.

The muscadine type grape, characterized by a distinct flavor, provides the raw material for an 8-year-old winery in Rose Hill. A new winery is expected to open there this fall.

Jackson Builders of Goldsboro was hired last week to build the Carolina Wineries Corp. winery north of Rose Hill.

David Fussell, secretary-treasurer of the winery, said construction will begin within two weeks.

A chain link fence and 12 huge fermentation tanks, bought from a closed Milwaukee brewery, mark the site.

The new winery is to produce 250,000 gallons of wine the first year.

Duplin Wine Cellars, a producer-owned cooperative, produced its first wine in 1976. Last year it produced 120,000 gallons, all from an assortment of muscadine varieties, including scuppernong, carlos, noble and magnolia.

Fussell has received word from Arsenio Pardo Rodriguez, president of a Spanish trade publishing group, that Duplin Wine Cellars has been

awarded the group's international gold medal for quality of wine and spirits. The awards program will be conducted June 12 during a dinner at the Hotel Melia Castilla in Madrid.

Fussell said he does not plan to attend the dinner.

Duplin Wine Cellars received a bronze medal from Wineries Unlimited, a trade association, for its 1981 Magnolia wine.

Fussell said Duplin Wine Cellars and Carolina Wineries will not compete with each other. They will appeal to different market segments.

The resurgence of North Carolina's wine industry comes at a time when farmers are desperately seeking additional income sources. The traditional tobacco crop faces an uncertain future. Production has been severely curtailed because of weakened demand.

In the last century North Carolina was a major wine producer. Several wineries were in operation, including Sol Bear Co. of Wilmington. Its winery at Front and Marsteller streets had a capacity of 200,000 gallons a year. One of the nation's largest wineries was at Aberdeen in Moore County.

An Edgecombe County vintner,

Paul Garrett, produced the best-selling wine in the country. It was a blend of scuppernong, concord and California wines that he named Virginia Dare.

Statewide prohibition in 1909 ended the state's wine production. With little market opportunity during the national prohibition period of the 1920s and early 1930s, North Carolina grape production declined rapidly.

North Carolina vineyards now cover about 1,700 acres, according to the horticultural marketing section of the N.C. Department of Agriculture. In a normal year growers can expect production of 5,000 to 6,000 tons of grapes.

Because of limited markets, the price of muscadine-type grapes has dropped from more than \$300 a ton 10 years ago to around \$200 a ton last year.

If the two local wine ventures succeed, expansion will increase the demand for grapes. A New York wine producer with a winery in South Carolina is the only other major buyer available to state grape growers.

The fresh fruit market can absorb only about 10 to 15 percent of a normal harvest.

District Farm Credit Service Merger Should Cut Costs

Area Federal Land Bank and production credit associations will merge into one organization with Aug. 31 the target date, according to John Smith, president of Coastal PCA and Federal Land Bank of Kenansville.

The planned merger stems from consolidation of these organizations throughout the four-state area covered by the Columbia, S.C., Federal Land Bank and Federal Intermediate Credit Bank district. The district includes North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The consolidations should lead to greater efficiency and lower cost operation, Smith said.

The Land Banks supply long-term farm credit and the PCAs, short-term loans, for farmers.

Four PCAs - Coastal, headquartered in Kenansville; Southeastern, headquartered in Lumberton; Cape

Fear of Fayetteville and Dunn — will be included in the consolidation. Two Federal Land Bank associations — Kenansville and Lumberton — will be included.

The organization will serve Harnett, Robeson, Cumberland, Scotland, Hoke, Bladen, Sampson, Duplin, Pender, New Hanover, Brunswick and Columbus counties.

Smith said the public will notice little change.

Harvey Beckham, president of the Federal Land Bank Association of Lumberton, will become president of the consolidated organization, Smith said. It will be based in Lumberton.

Smith noted that the consolidated organization will include four of the state's largest agricultural counties. Duplin has been the top agricultural county of the state for more than two decades. Sampson, Robeson and Columbus normally rank among the

top 10 agricultural counties in the state.

Duplin is the leading poultry-producing county in the United States. Duplin and Sampson are the leading swine-producing counties in the state, closely followed by Columbus. Robeson is normally the third- and Columbus the fourth-ranking tobacco county of the state.

The service offices in Kenansville, Wallace, Burgaw, Charlotte, Whiteville, Lumberton, Raeford, Laurinburg, Fayetteville, Lillington, Dunn, Clinton, Newton Grove and Elizabethtown will remain open.

Smith said present personnel will be retained. The consolidation may result in a reduced staff eventually.

"A farmer can service both his long-term (Land Bank) and short-term (PCA) credit needs with one stop," Smith said. Under the consolidation each office will have a branch office manager and staff.

Apartment Building Complex

Warsaw Says No To Project

The Warsaw Town Board last week denied a developer's request that the town lay water and sewer lines on private property.

P&R Associates asked the board to install the pipes on land where the company plans to build 28 apartments. The development firm offered to pay \$11,200 in tap-on fees.

The Town Board rejected the request when they met on Monday night.

Board members said they were concerned that the amount offered would not cover installation costs.

Generally, the town installs water and sewer pipes up to property lines. Property owners have pipes installed from the city lines into their buildings.

P&R Associates also petitioned the city to annex the project's 10-acre site, which faces Warsaw Elementary School. The company plans to build seven structures, each containing four apartments.

The board will hold a public hearing on the annexation request at 7:30 p.m. June 11 in Town Hall.

Another public hearing will be

held at 7:45 p.m. June 11 on rezoning property along U.S. 117 on the northern edge of town from business to R-6 to permit mobile homes. Mobile homes may not be located on property zoned for business.

The board voted to sell a 1968 van with 7,000 miles on the odometer, owned by the Fire Department, to the Duplin County Arts Council for \$500.

Bryan McIver and Leandros Mathis were appointed to the Warsaw Board of Adjustment.

Completion Of I-40 And Widening Of NC 24 And 11 Top Highway Officials List

Aside from urgent requests to complete I-40, local officials put the widening of N.C. 24 and N.C. 11 at the top of the list of need for Duplin and Onslow counties.

Pender County put in an informal request for patching or repaving roads and cleaning ditches.

About 40 officials from South-eastern North Carolina met in Kenansville Thursday with state highway Administrator Billy Rose and Louis W. Sewell, who represents Brunswick, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender and Sampson counties on the state transportation board.

Widening N.C. 24, which runs east-west through Duplin and Onslow counties, was the first priority

request from Jacksonville Planner Horace Mann; Clinton Smith, Onslow County economic developer; Warsaw Mayor Sam Godwin; and Lt. Col. C.J. Barone, who spoke on behalf of the Marine Corps. N.C. 24 in Jacksonville is Lejeune Boulevard the main access route to Camp Lejeune, and links the base with the state port at Morehead City.

Several officials said that Onslow County is the ninth most populated county in the state and has no four-lane roads connecting it with other counties or highways.

Duplin County Manager Ralph M. Cottle urged the transportation representatives to add lanes to N.C. 11 south of Kinston to connect with I-40.

Young people in eastern North

Carolina usually have to leave home to find jobs, Cottle said. He said eastern counties are jealous of rampant industrial growth in the central part of North Carolina and need highways to lure more industry to the east.

Most officials who spoke Thursday said the completion of I-40 is eastern North Carolina's top transportation need.

Camp Lejeune relies heavily on local highways to get equipment and personnel to ports at Morehead City and Wilmington, Barone said. He estimated that 40,000 vehicles enter and leave the Marine base daily.

He urged the state to upgrade roads immediately around the base in the Jacksonville area as well as highways leading to the ports.

Few Vote For Machines At Meeting

In a show-of-hands vote in Rose Hill last Thursday, members of the Duplin County Municipal Association showed little interest in having the county purchase voting machines.

Ruth Quinn, mayor of Magnolia, and the associations president,

asked the 40 to 50 people at the dinner meeting to raise their hands if they wanted the county to purchase voting machines. Only 10 people raised their hands. Her request followed some discussion on the matter.

Melvin Cording, former Wallace mayor, said, "We're still counting

ballots into the next morning after an election. If you figure the time you're paying all the workers you'd come out about as cheap" with machines as with paper ballots.

The last returns from the May 8 primary election came into the board of elections in Kenansville between 2 and 3 a.m. May 9.

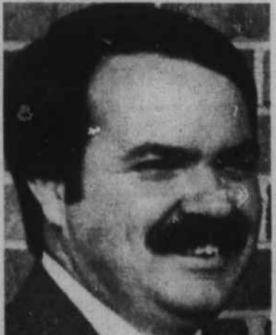
Local Jaycees Receive State Awards



Woody Brinson



Ray Rhinehart



Dennis Kirby

The Linn D. Garibaldi Award was presented 1983-84 Kenansville President Woody Brinson this past weekend at the North Carolina State Jaycee Convention. The Garibaldi Award is presented by the Charlotte Jaycee chapter to the year's most outstanding Jaycee president in the state. The Kenansville chapter was recognized as the number one chapter in the state at midyear and received second place for the last half of the 1983-84 year during the weekend convention.

The top regional Jaycee director award was presented to Ray Rhinehart of the Warsaw Jaycees at the annual state convention in Raleigh this past weekend. Rhinehart worked as director of the southeastern Jaycee region during 1983-84. The selection was made on the basis of new memberships within regional chapters and the number of new chapters extended.

The North Carolina Jaycee of the Month of April award was presented to Dennis Kirby of the Kenansville Jaycees during the annual state convention in Raleigh last weekend. Kirby is the 1984-85 president of the Kenansville Jaycees and was instrumental in helping extend a Jaycee chapter in the town of Beulaville during April.