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Work Begins To Construct A New Roof Over The Old School

The Duplin Board of Commissioners appropriated funds to put a new A-frame roof over the old Kenansville Elementary School shortly after the property was deeded to the county from the Board of Education. Work began last week with the removal of the front entrance roof which had served as a

home for area pigeons for many years. According to members of the Duplin County Maintenance Department, the entrance will not be replaced to its original design and the entire roof project may take more than a year to complete.

Drama Season Ends Saturday

Too late, that is exactly what you will be if you wait another week to attend THE LIBERTY CART historical outdoor drama in Kenansville.

This week is the final performances of the 1984 season of Randolph Umberger's THE LIBERTY CART at the William R. Kenan Jr. Memorial Amphitheatre. Also, concluding this week is the alternate show, WAR BRIDES by Terri Wagener. The children show ended August 19 after four Sunday evening performances.

"The 1984 season has offered a play to suit every member of the family," General Manager Jim Johnson said. "And, we want to encourage the public to take advantage of the shows this week and attend."

"There will be one performance of the alternate show WAR BRIDES, Johnson said, "and three performances of THE LIBERTY CART during this final week. The weeks begin Wednesday with WAR BRIDES and concludes with per-

formances of THE LIBERTY CART on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings."

Also featured as pre-show entertainment during the final week are Jeri and Larry Mercer of Chinquapin. The husband-and-wife team have performed the past three weeks as pre-show entertainment for the audiences. The Mercers perform country and gospel music and have been entertaining in this area for more than two years. Pre-show entertainment begins at 7:30 on Thursday, Friday and Saturdays.

"Anyone who has put off attending the show this year has missed a great group of actors," Johnson said. "But it's not too late. This is the final week which offers another chance to see WAR BRIDES or THE LIBERTY CART."

North Carolina Theatre Arts and the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources recognize THE LIBERTY CART as a professional theatre and provide grant assistance from funds appropriated by the General Assembly.

Duplin Fair Set For October 1-6

Plans are nearing finalization for the October 1-6 Duplin County Agribusiness Fair and the event will be visited by North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham, according to General Manager Jim Johnson.

Along with Graham, the Duplin Fair expects television personality Slim Short from Greenville to join activities scheduled on tobacco night. Tobacco night is planned for October 4.

The Duplin Fair is scheduled for October 1-6 on the old Kenansville elementary school grounds in the county seat. Last year more than 10,000 people attended, fair officials said, and this season an even larger audience is expected because of an increase in entertainment, exhibitions, concessions and the midway.

Entertainment is planned each night appearing both on the old Kenansville elementary school stage and the William R. Kenan Memorial Amphitheatre stage. Scheduled entertainment includes the Warsaw Seesaw square dancers, a variety of singing groups and bands, the Mount Olive College Chorus, a talent show, break dancers and a fashion show.

Afternoon events at the fair are expected to follow the course set last year with educational contests and entertainment. These events include the tractor driving, brick-laying, archery and skeet shooting contests and a spelling bee. Duplin area school chorus and band groups will be featured as afternoon entertain-

ment, Fair Committee member Austin Carter said.

The livestock exhibition is expected to be double its size from last season, Fair Committee member David Byrd said. The heifer show currently has nine entries. And, for the first year, the fair will have goats and a variety of other animals as well as swine and poultry on exhibition. Included among the animals will be a miniature horse, only 32 inches in height, Byrd said.

Horses will be on exhibition throughout the week in the fair. And Johnson, general manager of the Duplin Fair, pointed out the addition of the Saturday horse show is a major area of growth.

Fair tabloids listing the individual categories for exhibition will be mailed in local newspapers the first week in September. Shortly after the tabloids are mailed, Johnson said children can expect to receive free admission tickets through their public school system. The school passes will be valid until 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 4 p.m. on Saturday. Also a first, individual exhibitors will be given a one-day free pass to the fair, Johnson said.

"We are proud of the individual exhibits," Johnson said. "And, the Fair Committee hopes to increase the number of exhibitors by offering a free one-day pass."

The Duplin County Fair hours are 4-10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. through 10 p.m. the week of October 1-6. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12 years of age.

Warsaw, Builder In Dispute Over Plant

The Town Board of Warsaw has directed town attorney Garrett Ludlum to file a countersuit against Miller Building Corp. of Wilmington for damages for delayed completion of its wastewater treatment plant.

"It's a very involved matter," Ludlum said.

He said it involves claims and counter claims of the town, Miller Building Co., United Pipe Corp. of Charlotte, and a Miller subcontractor, B.S. Blake.

The town and Miller had agreed earlier on cash damages of \$5,000 for the construction delay. The company paid that amount.

United Pipe contends that it has not been paid for \$25,000 worth of pipe supplied for the construction project. It sued Miller, Blake and the town as the owner of the project. It was seeking a "material man's lien" against funds to be paid Miller Construction, Ludlum said.

In its response, Miller filed a cross claim against Warsaw, alleging that the town was unjustly enriched by the pipe provided by United Pipe, Ludlum said.

He said the town believes it has no liability and that the pipe matter lies entirely between Miller, United Pipe and Blake.

As a result of the various actions,

Ludlum said, the town board has directed him to prepare the damage suit against Miller.

The wastewater treatment plant was to have been completed by Nov. 22, 1982. It was completed Feb. 2, 1983. Cash damages for late completion were set at \$250 a day in the contract, board members said. Ludlum said he had not calculated the amount of damages the town will seek.

On other matters, the board:

- Decided that flooding at Jay Garrit's house could be controlled by cleaning out a ditch across the street. Commissioner Bill Kennedy said a ditch beside the house is so close to

the building that if the vegetation is removed, the ditch bank will erode, causing damage to the house. Commissioner Walter Foster said cleaning out the ditch across the street will improve the drainage situation.

• Told recreation director George Lloyd Jr. to obtain a portable scoreboard to use in football, softball and basketball. Lloyd said the board will cost \$1,305. The Pepsi-Cola Co has agreed to pay half the cost, leaving the town's share at \$652.50, he said.

• Agreed to support the effort to keep the Clinton-Warsaw branch of the Seaboard System Railroad in operation.

Beulaville Commissioners Call Special Meeting With Town Zoning Board

The Beulaville Zoning Board presented the town commissioners with a set of subdivision regulations and if adopted they will be the first such guidelines for the municipality.

Other action by the board included

adjustments to several water and sewer bills for town customers and the proclamation of Amy Williams America's Miss Ideal Charm Day on August 26. Amy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Williams of

Beulaville. She is a former Little Miss Duplin County, and North Carolina Miss Ideal Charm.

The town commissioners appointed Ralph Jones and re-appointed Marie Maready and Earl Spell to the Beulaville Zoning Board.

In the discussion of the subdivision regulations, town board members suggested the reduction of subdivision sizes from 10 to 5 acres. The subdivision regulations will be presented to the town at a public hearing before the commissioners adopt the ordinances. According to Mayor Wilbur Hussey, a public hearing date for the subdivision regulations will be set at the Sept. 4 meeting of the town board. The residential regulations be updated to accommodate the newer more permanent types of double-wide mobile homes.

The request to update and clarify the present zoning regulations for residential property resulted from citizen complaints brought before the Beulaville Town Board during the Aug. 6 meeting. Citizens complained of mobile homes being parked in all areas of the town while undergoing remodeling. Renovation of the mobile homes creates a public nuisance and eyesore in areas not zoned for the units, Beulaville citizen Colon Whaley told the town board during the regular monthly meeting. regulations are a result of more than six months of study and work by the Beulaville Zoning Board with assistance from Melba Laney of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. The Zoning Board is also working on plans for extra-territorial zoning for the town of Beulaville.

The Zoning Board was asked to begin work on updating and clarification of the residential and commercial zoning regulations in Beulaville. Duplin Building Inspector Brice Sanderson suggested the Zoning Board even look into rezoning some of the commercial and residential property along Highways 24 and 41. He also suggested



Local Children Visit The Reynolda House In Winston-Salem

The Duplin County Arts Council coordinated an overnight trip for the participants in their summer Behavior Enhancement program to the Reynolda House in Winston-Salem. The group of 18 children left Thursday morning. According to Merle Creech, director of the Duplin Arts Council, the children joined in the Discovery Program to learn about painters whose art work is on display at the Reynolda House. Later the

children drew prints of their own. Staying as guests of the Reynolda House, the children were entertained through use of the tennis and handball courts, swimming pool and bowling alley on the grounds. Before returning to Duplin County on Friday, the group visited Old Salem. Pictured above, left to right, Jacob Herring, Merle Creech, Ronnie McFarland, Lamont Carter and Darien Hill.

Plain View Hires Full-Time Physician

Dr. Bruce Brasher, M.D. began a full-time position with Plain View Health Services in Greenevers last month. He is a graduate of the North Carolina based medical school at Duke University.

Brasher is a native of New Jersey. The ties Brasher made in North Carolina while attending undergraduate and medical school at Duke University drew him back to the state after completing a residency at the University of Alabama.



"I have spent most of my adult life in North Carolina," Brasher said, "and when I finished my residency I wanted to come back to North Carolina and practice medicine. "The first time I came to this area (Greenevers), I was really surprised to see such a nice facility," Brasher

said. "Since I have been here, I have found the patients to be very nice people. And, good patients make a practice a lot of fun."

Brasher specializes in internal medicine. Internists treat and diagnose adult diseases and illnesses. According to the new physician, approximately 70 percent of the patients served by Plain View Health Services are adult. Younger patients requiring more than routine physicals are often referred to doctors in pediatrics or general family practice at nearby offices of Duplin Medical Association, Brasher said.

The position with Plain View was located through the office of Rural Health Services and is a two-year contract, Brasher said. The office also helped locate two new physicians with Duplin Medical Association. Dr. Mike Olson, M.D. specializing in family medicine, and Internist Dr. Mark Overton, M.D. have recently joined Duplin Medical Association offices in Beulaville and Wallace. The association between Plain View and Duplin Medical goes beyond the referral of patients. Plain View and Duplin Medical have an agreement for patients in the hospital and at the clinics, Brasher said.

After the completion of the contract with Plain View, Brasher hopes to begin a private practice, but does not know whether Duplin will continue to be home at that time. Brasher and his wife, Jenny, and their daughter reside in Warsaw.