



Liberty Hall Accepts Donation Of Library Chair

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Edwards of Kinston are pictured above with Liberty Hall curator Patty Loftin presenting a mid-1880s library chair. The chair came to the Edwards as a gift and was restored using the original leather for donation to the Liberty Hall collection. According to information gathered, Edwards and Liberty Hall staff agree the chair was used in the home library and cock fights! The chair is on display in the young man's room of Liberty Hall.

Vest Is Duplin Schools Teacher Of The Year

Working in a bank and hoping for a chance to teach, the 1984-85 Duplin County Teacher of the Year Johanna Vest now knows the reality of at least two of her dreams.

Johanna Vest of Wallace has had a permanent position in Duplin County schools at North Duplin Junior High since 1980-81. And, only in the past two years has Johanna moved from teaching student labs to the regular classroom. Today she teaches five math classes and one science to seventh and eighth grade students.

Johanna came to Duplin County public schools after working almost three years in banking. The experience led to Johanna's study and certification in math. She is a graduate of Appalachian State University with an education major in home economics.

"This is the second year I have been in competition for teacher of the year," Johanna said. "Last year I was an honor teacher. But, the faculty here felt like I should try again and have supported me in a second try." Johanna will advance into regional competition for Teacher of the Year in Jacksonville, November 15.

"Teachers should be viewed as



Duplin Teacher of the Year Johanna Vest

professionals," Johanna said. "As always, it is important that we (teachers) reach as many students as possible. In schools today teachers mold students' characters and introduce them to many social skills, as well as teach them academics. And, those responsibilities weigh heavy on us. But, teachers recognize we must get the most out of our students because they are our future and what they learn will make an important difference.

"Every child has some potential and something to give," Johanna said. "I think it is up to the teacher to discover and teach through the student's interests. And, above all, something I try to do is build self-worth and pride in the students."

An easy way to measure teacher effectiveness, Johanna said, is through the building of a scrapbook. One look through a teacher's scrapbook would reveal her teaching philosophy and accomplishments. A requirement in the teacher of the year competition is a scrapbook.

"All teachers should keep a scrapbook for themselves," Johanna said. "It tells you that you've made some accomplishments and you are worthwhile as a person — that your life has made a difference." Often the difference is made in the life of an ideal student and a student who has been turned around to realize school is a benefit, Johanna pointed out.

"An ideal student is one that is willing to work," Johanna said. "A student that realizes school is important for their future and is willing to cooperate usually gets support at home. But, a teacher can build an ideal student by motivating the child who has a distaste for school."

Johanna serves Duplin as the local NCAE secretary. She also participates in the Beta Sigma Phi chapter of Wallace. Beta Sigma Phi is a cultural and service organization with an international membership. Johanna has served as president of the Wallace chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. And, she and her husband, Donald Vest, attend the Wallace United Methodist Church. Donald is employed with J.P. Stevens of Wallace. The couple has resided in Duplin since 1976.

Duplin named Mary Anna Grady of East Duplin High School and Beth Brinson of Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary Honor teachers in the 1984-85 county teacher of the year competition.

County Buys PCA/FLB Building

Allen Nethercutt, chairman of the Duplin County Board of Commissioners, announced the purchase of the PCA/FLB building located on Beasley Street in Kenansville for \$500,000 for mental health services in Duplin County.

The purchase was made possible by a grant of \$435,000 from the state and \$54,263.12 from the Duplin County general fund appropriations.

The Duplin County Mental Health Center started on a modest scale about 15 years ago with a budget of \$40,000. Since then it has grown to provide community-based alternatives for the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of the mentally ill, mentally retarded and the alcoholic.

The mental health center has been a part of Duplin General Hospital on

the third floor since 1983 along with the 14-bed psychiatric inpatient unit. The mental health center will soon move their services from the third floor for improved patient care. The 14-bed psychiatric inpatient unit will continue to be located in Duplin General Hospital and provide psychiatric inpatient care for short-term treatment of the mentally ill and the alcoholic.

The hours of operation will continue without any change from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. The emergency services are provided by the staff on call during the evenings and weekends with cooperation of the DGH emergency services and the Duplin County Sheriff's Department.

Calvin C. Turner, commissioner and treasurer of the Duplin-Sampson Area Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Board, remarked that he was pleased to find a permanent location for mental health services in Duplin County that has grown from an outpatient clinic with a \$40,000 budget in 1971 to well over \$2 1/2 million in 1984 with a corresponding increase in staff and services.

Fletcher Pearson, Sampson County Commissioner and chairman of the Duplin-Sampson Area Mental Health Board, commended the Duplin County Commissioners for their support and said, "It is a significant milestone in the progress of the Area Mental Health programs. We are on the threshold of bringing services closer to people and developing additional services that would improve the quality of care for the mentally ill, mentally retarded and the alcoholic."

Ralph Cottle, county manager, who has been involved in the negotiations, remarked that the mental health center could consolidate some of their services and expand their programs to prevent unnecessary hospitalization and dependency on the state institutions.

Until a lot is purchased in Kenansville and a new building constructed, Farm Credit Services will continue to operate in the current office.

According to Kenansville Farm Credit Service director John Smith, the sales agreement with the county allows the lease of up to 3,500 square feet of the building's office space.

Mimes To Touch Area

TOUCH is mime with a difference. They sometimes talk and they never wear whiteface.

TOUCH MIME THEATRE from the Art School in Carrboro has been touring the eastern U.S. for the last eight years. And what they do is never boring.

The trio of mimes — Sheila Kerrigan, Jeff Lambdon and Skip Mendler — with their pianist Paul Whetstone, create their own material, using props, costumes, live music and masks to make a show which is contemporary, innovative and funny.

Sponsored by the Duplin County Arts Council, TOUCH MIME THEATRE of the Art School, will be conducting a residency in Duplin County on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 12 and 13. The company will visit Warsaw Elementary at 9:30 a.m., Kenansville Elementary at 1:30 on Monday, where they will present single full-school performances.

On Tuesday, Nov. 13, they will perform at Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary with performances at 9:30 and 1:30 and also several teaching workshops. Parents and community members are invited and encouraged to come to any performance.

The appearances of TOUCH are not new to Duplin County. The group has worked several times before in providing school performances. "We're glad they can return," says Merle Creech, executive director of DCAC. "They're that good and they communicate such universal feelings."

"We feel that the whiteface hides your face and makes you look less human," says Jeff Lambdon, one of the mimes. "Our work is about human beings, not about clowns."

Often mime actors don whiteface makeup to perform, but TOUCH never does that.

Mime is an ancient form of art, a

way of communicating without words, but rather with actions which convey a special meaning. Instead of using voice, one may use his entire self to express ideas. Mime is a language the whole world understands.

Taylor Honored In 63rd Veterans Celebration

Heber Dalis Taylor of Kenansville says World War I in many ways compares with the Vietnam conflict.

Taylor will be the honoree of the 63rd Warsaw Veterans Day celebration this Saturday. As a veteran of WWI, Taylor is a native of Beaufort County and has resided in Kenansville since 1961. He enlisted in the United States Army during 1917.

"Back then enlisting was the thing to do," Taylor said. "I had just finished high school at the time." He was assigned to the 323 Infantry Company E 81st Division and at the end of basic training, Taylor's troop was shipped overseas to South Hampton, England.

"It took 17 days to go over," Taylor laughed. "We were in a convoy of 24 ships, and luckily, I was on one of the biggest!"

"We got over there and walked across England at night. During the day we would lay in trenches in cemeteries and when we reached the Channel, we rode across it at night in cattleboats." Taylor and his fellow soldiers continued to walk at night after landing in France until they reached the northern front. Food for the troops arrived in the mountainous area by mule, he recalled.

"Our job was to lay in the trenches during the day and fire at the Germans at night," Taylor said. "When the Armistice was signed I was sitting on a side saddle in the woods and all of a sudden you didn't hear a single gun fire. Up until that time there was gunfire going on all the time."

"We fought from trenches and those men who were sent to Vietnam were ground soldiers — the ones in the woods — just like us," Taylor said. "And they were killed and gassed. Vietnam was a terrible mistake."

Taylor spent one year and 11 months of his military enlistment overseas. With his troop, Taylor was credited with participation in the Chateau-Thierry campaign and the breaking of the Hindenburg Line. Following the Armistice, Taylor was assigned, along with 20 other members of his troop, to establish a post office in Aux Les Daims, France. After about a year, Taylor returned to the United States.

"I had studied French, but I couldn't speak it much before I got to France," Taylor laughed. "The very first thing I asked for was bread. I asked this farm woman for bread and she took me around back and pulled out a rabbit!" Arriving home, Taylor began a job with the Railway Mail Service out of Washington, D.C.

"I have had a good life," commented Taylor, who has just recently celebrated his 88th birthday. "I can't complain."

"Most of all I think I enjoyed the Railway Mail Service most," Taylor said. "I'd be in one place a while, then I'd move on to another and then another, all along the Atlantic Seaboard states." His job with the Railway Mail Service was to establish post offices along the railroad line. The job kept Taylor on the move from city to city along the route of the railroad.

"When you left Mount Olive by train you had only one stop on the way to Wilmington, and that was Magnolia," Taylor said. "Now Magnolia is almost dead. And, when I first came to Duplin County, there wasn't a paved road anywhere."

"It's hard to believe in one man's lifetime, all the changes that have been made," Taylor said.

Taylor and his wife, Thelma, settled in Kenansville in 1961. The couple came to Duplin County in 1951, shortly after their marriage.

The Taylors lived five years in Warsaw before moving to Clinton, where Mr. Taylor operated a heating and air conditioning service. After five years in Clinton, the couple moved to Kenansville where Mrs. Taylor had been employed since 1951 as Welfare Department Director of Duplin. In Kenansville, Taylor continued in the heating and air conditioning service.

Prior to the move to Duplin County, Taylor had been employed in the shipyards of Newport News, Va. The decrease in rail demands led Taylor to resign from the position with the Railway Mail Service.

Taylor is a graduate of the Piedmont Boarding School of Cleveland County and King's Business College of Raleigh. Today, the Taylors are both retired.



H.D. Taylor

Warsaw's Annual Veterans Day

The 63rd Warsaw Veterans Day Celebration is November 10 and features a confederate troop encampment and a friendship day.

The North Carolina 23rd Battalion will present living history in an encampment across from the Masonic Lodge. The confederate troop will set up Nov. 10 for an overnight stay in Warsaw. A War Museum will also be open Nov. 5-10 at Southern Bank in Warsaw. And, a memory window will be on display at the City Finance office depicting the Veterans Day theme of post World War II years.

Friendship Day is November 11 at the Warsaw Baptist Church. The program, designed for Veterans Day in Warsaw by the Duplin County Arts Council, is a look at the culture, government and people of Warsaw, Poland. The friendship service begins at 4 p.m. and features a slide presentation, ethnic refreshments, some Polish folk songs and stories, and a display of artwork from school children in both cities of Warsaw. Featured speaker is Friendship Force Representative Dr. Ralph Steele.

Honoree this year for the 63rd celebration is H.D. Taylor of Kenansville, a World War I veteran. Marshal for the 1984 parade and celebration is Dick Jones, host of an area morning television show. The parade begins Saturday at 11 a.m.,

followed by the annual fund-raising barbecue dinner held by the Warsaw Fire Department. Plates will be on sale at the fire department building.

Sidewalk sales are planned for the celebration on Saturday along with a variety of free entertainment. The Warsaw See Saws perform in the town hall parking lot beginning at 1 p.m. The James Kenan High School band, chorus and Unicorn Club follow the square dancers at 1:30 p.m. Students of Brenda Herring's Dance Studio perform at 2:30 p.m. and a break dance review begins at 3 p.m. The Hesitations Band concludes the scheduled afternoon entertainment with their performance from 3:30 until 4:30.

Saturday evening entertainment includes a senior high school student dance at the Warsaw Recreation Department gym, the See Saws at Warsaw Elementary School and the Charlie Albertson Band at the Warsaw Armory. Admission to the dance at the armory is \$12 per couple. The student dance begins at 8 p.m. The Warsaw See Saws dance from 7 until 11 p.m., and the Charlie Albertson Band plays 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Tickets for the dance at the Armory are on sale at the Kenansville Drug Store, Warsaw Southern Bank, Warsaw Veterans Committee members and at the door.