

# Duplin AARP Elects Officers At Organizational Meeting

The Duplin chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons elected officers at the organization dinner meeting held in Kenansville October 29. More than 100 people attended.

Featured speaker was AARP National President-elect John T. Denning. Elected to serve as Duplin AARP Chapter officers were: president, Lois West of Warsaw; vice-president, Troy Mullis of Kenansville; secretary, Mae Spicer of Kenansville; and treasurer, Minnie Kitchin of Warsaw.

Named to committee chair positions were: publicity, Ruth Jones of Kenansville; membership, Frank Sawyer of Beulaville; tours, Cleo Hobbs of Warsaw; legislative, Christine Williams of Pink Hill; and programming, Adalaide Rice of Kenansville.

According to Denning, more than 17.3 million chapters of AARP are active in the United States today. The organization was founded in 1958 and the large membership has

generated from a common interest in health care.

"The AARP organization allows people to come together with common interests and work toward a common cause," Denning said at the Duplin AARP organization meeting last week. "And, the membership is going to continue to grow because of the interest we have in quality programs."

A major campaign of the AARP is health care programs and Denning pointed out five goals of the organization in this area. Its goals are to reduce the rate of cost increases in all areas of health care, protect and strengthen the Medicare and Medicaid programs, encourage the development of alternative health care systems, encourage Americans to adopt more healthful lifestyles, and provide information to consumers on health care costs and options.

Denning is a former Duplin and Sampson County educator and was installed as national president-elect

of AARP during the association's biennial convention in April. His term is two years.

He is a former principal of Rose Hill School and since his retirement in 1975, Denning has worked to promote educational programs for older people and has organized rural health clinics. He has served on the Governor's Advisory Committee on Aging and on the N.C. Legislative Research Commission's Committee on Aging.

AARP membership is open to persons 50 years of age or older. Membership in the Duplin chapter is \$2 annually and national membership is \$5 per year. National membership is required before joining a local chapter.

A proposed meeting schedule for the upcoming year was presented at the organizational dinner. The next chapter meeting is November 15 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Kenansville. Additional information is available through chapter officers and committee chairpersons and chapter advisor, C.M. Rice of Kenansville, assistant state director of AARP.



Duplin Names AARP Officers

During the organizational meeting of the Duplin chapter of the AARP October 29 at the Senior Citizens Center in Kenansville, officers were named. Pictured

above, left to right, are AARP officers, Minnie Kitchin, treasurer; Lois West, president; Rev. Troy Mullis, vice-president; and Mae Spicer, secretary.

# Saves On Bills

Jim Woody and Chuck Lewis of Fast Fare know the importance of good timing when it comes to running a convenience store. They know the store should be ready for shoppers who want a loaf of bread at midnight or a cup of coffee at 5 a.m.

But Woody and Lewis also know that good timing can pay off when it comes to using electricity.

Their company, the Convenience Store Group, has 82 Fast Fare and 6 Zippy Mart stores in the Carolinas that are on Carolina Power & Light Co.'s time-of-use electric rate. And they report dollar savings of up to 15 percent.

The Fast Fare store in Kenansville is among those on the optional rate.

On the time-of-use rate, electricity costs less during the hours of the day when electricity demand is less on the utility company system. It costs more when power demand is high.

Woody and Lewis are project managers for the Convenience Store Group based in Raleigh. Their specialty is finding ways for the company to save money by managing energy use better.

"I heard about the time-of-use rate last April in a radio advertisement and decided to see if our stores in the CP&L service area could save money on the rate," Woody said.

Lewis and Woody met with CP&L representatives in Raleigh in April, 1983 to learn more about the voluntary rate and to estimate the potential savings.

"After initial studies we projected an annual savings of \$115,000 for the 88 stores in the service area," Woody said. "That would have meant a 10 percent savings over the standard commercial electric rate."

The Convenience Store Group's savings so far in 1984 are running ahead of the initial estimate, Lewis reports. "As of right now, we're saving 12 to 15 percent — about \$13,000 per month in the winter and \$5,000 per month in the summer."

The time-of-use rate gives customers the financial incentive to shift some of their electricity usage to off-peak hours, according to John S. Monroe Jr., manager of CP&L's conservation and load management department.

Peak hours from October through March are weekdays from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Weekends are always off-peak.

"These convenience stores are

well suited to the time-of-use rate," Monroe said. "They are open a large number of hours year round, and there are several appliances in each store that are cycled on and off during on-peak times."

Time-of-use rates are also available for residential and industrial customers.

Woody and Lewis have recommended several ways to maximize their savings without interfering with customer service. For example, some appliances in the stores are programmed to cut off when certain other appliances begin operating.

In addition to shifting some uses of electric power, Woody and Lewis have recommended general conservation measures. These are included in the store operations manual at each store.

"We've tried to show our employees that every little conservation measure can add up and take money off the total store operating bill," Lewis said.

CP&L's Monroe explained that the power company is providing its customers with ways to save money now while helping the company hold down overall electric power costs in the long run. "The time-of-use rate is one option," he said.



In Peace College Drama

Warsaw resident Julie Carlton plays one of the major roles — that of Mrs. Van Daan — in Peace College's Nov. 6-10 production of "The Diary of Anne Frank." Here she is with the other members of the Van Daan family (from left) Bob Klotz of Raleigh as Mrs. Van Daan



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