



Hospital Auxiliary Donates Funds For Equipment

The Duplin General Hospital Auxiliary donated \$1,500 to the facility for the purchase of a bronchoscope. Pictured above, Duplin General Hospital Auxiliary members, left to right, Louise Mitchell and Sallie Ingram, present Hospital Administrator Richard Harrell with a check for the new equipment. According

to Harrell and Auxiliary members, the bronchoscope is used to view the upper airway passage, larynx, trachea and bronchi. The Auxiliary now has a membership of more than 30 volunteers. Anyone wishing to join will be welcomed.

Arts Council Fund Drive Begins "Run With The Arts"

"Run with the Arts!" is the theme of the 1985 Duplin County Arts Council fund drive.

"We want to try to maintain the good things in our schools," Duplin County Arts Council Director Merle Creech said. "This year we had a lot of extras like the Army Chorus, the Goldsboro High School Chorus and the Mount Olive College Singers. And, to continue at the current level, the Arts Council has set a goal of \$15,000." Each year the Duplin County Arts Council organizes two major performances and one artist residency at each of Duplin's public schools.

"This year we exceeded that level at every school because of the extra free programming," Merle said. "I mean, there wasn't a performance fee, but there were other expenses for these groups, like travel. Of course these type of programs aren't available every year, but the Arts Council continues to seek these types of quality performers."

Last year the Arts Council exceeded its \$10,000 fund drive by \$2,000, Merle said. And, this year's fund drive will begin in the schools. The school fund drive begins Febru-

ary 11-15 and leads into the community effort, February 18 through mid-March. Brochures for the annual fund drive are currently being circulated.

"A point the Arts Council wants to emphasize is the school fund drive," Merle said. "The school which collects the most money will be awarded an extra concert or performance in the spring. And community businesses and parents that regularly donate can make their contribution through the school to support that school's change for additional programming."

Individual classes raising the most within each school will also receive special recognition, Merle pointed out. The "Red Sneaker Award" will be presented to the champion fund-raising classes of the Duplin elementary schools. And, the senior high school champion fund-raising classes will be presented an old classic movie.

In the coming year, the funds raised during the drive will go to finance programming in the schools. Many of the programs featured through artist residencies were requested in the past year, and Merle said the Arts Council will continue to

work with the needs of the individual schools.

"In the coming year we hope to offer more dance groups," Merle said. "But, most of all we want to offer more things in which students can participate."

"In the past year we have found that working through the requests of the schools has been successful," she said. "When a program is designed by a school, then you know it meets their needs." An example of the requests from the schools is a series of pottery classes the Arts Council is arranging for the spring. Requests filled during the year have included the residency of two visual artists in Kenansville and Wallace schools.

The Community Fund Drive is being coordinated by the Arts Council Board of Directors, Merle said. And, past presidents of the Duplin Arts Council Board are serving as honorary chairpersons of the fund drive. These past presidents include Irving Graham, Johnny Williams, Dennis Ramsey, Edriel Ausley and Gary Sanderson.

"All donations are welcomed — small or large," Merle smiled. "It may be small, but it's a real donation in terms of our young people."

Duplin County Board Buys 100 Voting Machines

Duplin County will say "goodbye" to paper ballots in future state, county and national elections.

The board of commissioners last week agreed to buy voting machines.

It accepted a bid of \$81,075 from Computer Electronic Systems of California to provide 100 voting stations to equip all 20 precincts.

Government Data Systems of Charlotte bid \$89,100 on the project.

The board had asked for bids on voting equipment during its Jan. 7 meeting.

In other action the board:

- Approved the request of James Sprunt Technical College President Carl Price for \$60,000 to complete the funding for an 11,700-square foot student center scheduled for the

JSTC campus. JSTC has \$500,000 from a state construction grant, \$40,000 from a state equipment grant, \$50,000 from its capital reserve and \$50,000 from unbudgeted reserves for the project.

- Approved the request of Rich Boyd and Lois Britt for a \$10,000 loan to complete the interior of the Kelly-Farrior house in Kenansville so the Cowan Museum can be moved into it.

- Went into secret session but did not state a reason, as required by state law.

- Scheduled a public hearing at 7 p.m. Jan. 28 in the commissioners' room of the courthouse on the Urban Development Action Grant request from Carroll's Foods of Warsaw and Goldsboro Milling Co. of Goldsboro

to help finance a turkey processing plant being planned for northern Duplin County.

- Set April 1 for the start of the annual series of department budget hearings.

- Heard a report by Hiram Brinson, emergency management director, that 85 percent of the members of three rescue squads had been inoculated against hepatitis B. He said 24 members of the Faison squad, 28 in Wallace and 29 in Chinquapin received the shots to protect them from possible infections from cuts suffered during rescue operations. He said some members were advised not to take shots because of possible reactions to medication they are taking.

Kenansville Area Chamber Of Commerce Banquet

The annual Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce membership banquet is Feb. 5 at the Country Squire restaurant. Chamber officers will be installed.

Guest speaker is Al Calloway, director of the Division of Business Assistance of the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Calloway has been instrumental in the recruitment of industry to the state, said Woody Brinson, Duplin Development officer. Brinson will introduce Calloway and brief Chamber members on the recruitment efforts for new industry within Duplin.

Current and prospective members are urged to attend the banquet beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 5. Dinner is \$5 per individual.

Officers to be installed include Gray Morgan as president, Emily

Killette as vice-president, and Katie Brown as treasurer. Members of the Executive Board include Frank Quinn, Bert Alabaster, John Ramirez, Paul Phillips, Charles Ingram, Emily Killette and Gray Morgan.

Governor Jim Hunt recently appointed Al Calloway of Raleigh to serve as a special representative for textiles in the state Department of Commerce. Calloway will work specifically with the textiles industry in this new position and will be the industry's personal contact in state government.

Calloway, 56, previously was assistant director of the Business Assistance Division of the state Department of Commerce.

During the first seven months of last year, textile and apparel imports

were up 44 percent over the comparable period last year. The year before, those imports were up nearly 70 percent compared to just four years before. Nationwide from 1980 to 1983, the textile, apparel and fiber industry has lost 240,000 jobs, including 27,000 in North Carolina.

Calloway, as assistant director of the Business Assistance Division since 1977, has worked closely with the textile industry helping companies locate sites for expansions and new plants, and working with them on environmental matters and on buyer-supplier conference.

He is a native of Cabarrus County, which is in the heart of the state's textile industry. His current responsibilities will be divided among other staff members.

75 Percent Collected Duplin Taxpayers Pay Up

Duplin County taxpayers paid 75 percent, or \$4,344,849.33, of their 1984 taxes on time, Tax Collector Norman Sandlin Jr. said.

More than half of the total, \$2,397,271.50, came in during December and the first week of January, he said. The first week in January was the last period in which 1984 taxes could be paid without penalty. A two percent penalty is in effect for the remainder of January.

Sandlin's department mailed personal and real property tax bills totaling \$5,316,885.93 for 1984.

The overall rate of collection for the past 10 years is 95.8 percent, he said. "We hope with our new foreclosure process we can up that rate."

We have to use some persuasion on some people to get them to pay."

Sandlin said it is unfair to people who pay their taxes to let anyone "get by without paying."

"I am surprised at how well the farmers have been paying because of the low prices of many of their products," he said.

The uproar about the tobacco program is building concern for the future, Sandlin said. The ultimate fate of the tobacco program will affect farmland values.

Duplin County's 1984 tax rate was 75 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. Total valuation was \$700,910,796.

The 12 largest taxpayers included four textile firms, four public utilities, one wholesale firm, one pickle

maker and two agricultural enterprises.

The companies and their tax bills were: Guilford Mills of Kenansville, \$157,657.66; J.P. Stevens Co. of Wallace, \$145,164.37; National Spinning Co. of Beulaville and Warsaw, \$120,363.48; Quinn Co. of Warsaw, \$105,001.35; Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co., \$84,690.86; Carolina Power & Light Co., \$82,813.23; Charles F. Cates & Sons of Faison, \$57,772.32; Nash Johnson & Sons Farms of Rose Hill, \$54,268.22; Reeves Bros. of Kenansville, \$38,808.18; Four County Electrical Membership Corp., \$30,240.86; and Carroll's Foods of Warsaw, \$30,069.37.

Truck Crash Near Clinton Leaves 2 Dead

Two drivers were killed Friday morning when a tractor-trailer carrying \$51,000 worth of bacon crashed head-on into an empty oil tanker on U.S. 421, the N.C. Highway Patrol reported.

"The truck was loaded with bacon and the bacon grease burned like oil," said Trooper Donald Pridgen. "They kept the flames down but it took some time to extinguish the fire."

Lewis Leonard McKinney of Lillington and Carmel Ray Byrd of

Wallace apparently died on impact, Pridgen said. James Lee Purdy Jr. of Fuquay-Varina, a passenger in the tanker rig, was reported in critical condition at Sampson Memorial Hospital after witnesses pulled him from the wreckage, he added.

Witnesses said Byrd, driving the truck owned by the Carolina Meat Processing Inc. of Holly Ridge in Onslow County, passed a car and was in the left lane passing another tractor-trailer when he met McKinney's truck at the crest of a hill. Both

trucks went to the left shoulder and collided, Pridgen said.

William Christopher Williams of Salemburg, driver of the car Byrd passed, and Sampson County Sheriff's Detective Jimmy Mazingo pulled Purdy from the burning cab. Herman Stewart of Supply, driver of the truck Byrd passed, summoned help.

The funeral services for Byrd were to be held at the graveside in the Byrd family cemetery near his home at Route 2, Wallace.

Local Quiz Bowl Set

The countywide 1985 Quiz Bowl has been set for Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at James Sprunt Technical College. The 1985 Quiz Bowl is sponsored by the Duplin County Public Library.

The statewide Quiz Bowl began in

1980. It is a program of academic competition among teams of North Carolina high school students. This is the fifth year that Duplin County has participated.

All four Duplin County high schools, James Kenan, North

Duplin, East Duplin and Wallace-Rose Hill, have chosen their teams and are preparing for the matches. The winning team will go to the District Quiz Bowl in March. Everyone is urged to come out and support their local school team.

Revitalization Planned By Chamber Of Commerce

A downtown revitalization committee is being planned by the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce.

Forty-five businessmen met last week to hear Oppie Jordan, downtown development representative of the N.C. Department of Commerce, decry lack of promotion of the town.

"When you come into Warsaw,

you don't even know where downtown is. Supposing I was a person owning a chain of shoe stores and coming through Warsaw. Supposing I wanted to expand and Warsaw needed a shoe store. What would stop me and let me know Warsaw was a fine target for a shoe store?" she asked the group.

The town's brochure does not

indicate availability of labor or buildings, she said. "It was not designed to make people want to invest in Warsaw," she said.

Johnson Sheffield, chamber president, asked people interested in working "to get Warsaw turned around" to sign up before leaving the meeting.

Annual Tobacco Stabilization District Meeting Feb. 12

Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, the grower-owned cooperative which administers the price support program for flue-cured tobacco, has scheduled its 27th annual district meeting for North Carolina growers in District #5.

District #5 includes Duplin, Green, Harnett, Onslow, Pender, Sampson and Wayne counties.

F.H. Shackelford Jr. of Hookerton, director of the district, and Fred G. Bond, general manager, announced that the meeting will be held in the Hoffer Auditorium at James Sprunt Technical College in Kenansville on Tuesday, Feb. 12 beginning at 2 p.m.

The meeting will be important to

flue-cured tobacco growers as well as to others interested in the tobacco program. For the past three years price support loan operations have been administered under provisions of the No-Net-Cost legislation. The impact of this legislation has placed a financial burden upon the growers. Under the law, growers must underwrite any potential losses through an annual assessment. The amount of the assessment each year depends upon many factors such as the amount and the initial cost of tobacco which growers deliver to Stabilization, prevailing interest rates, and length of time tobacco remains unsold. The effects of this legislation, along with other related matters, will be a major part of the program presented at the meeting.

In addition to Stabilization's report on the 1984 season, reports will be given by representatives of Tobacco Associates, Inc.; Tobacco Growers' Information Committee; USDA's tobacco division of Agricultural Marketing Service; and other allied organizations and agencies. Ample time will be provided at the meeting for discussion.

A brief business session will be held following the regular program to select Stabilizations advisory committee members from each of the flue-cured tobacco producing counties in the district.

Shackelford added, "Flue-cured growers are urged to make every effort to attend the meeting in order to get a better understanding of the cooperative's operations."