



## Honor 29 Firms At Safety Awards Dinner

Four outstanding achievement in on-the-job safety, three units of the Scovill Inc., Hamilton Beach division, Clinton, have earned special awards from the N.C. Department of Labor, which Labor Commissioner John C. Brooks will present at a dinner in Clinton today.

Final Assembly Dept. #612 with 2,451,548 safe employee hours from Nov. 7, 1977 through Jan. 31, 1985, qualified for the two-million-hour award.

For 1,844,297 safe hours April 4,

1977 - Jan. 31, 1985, Final Assembly Dept. #622 will receive the one-million-hour award, as will the Field Dept. with 1,457,515 hours, Jan. 10, 1978 - Jan. 31, 1985.

Nearly 55 guests are expected to attend the presentation scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Farm House Restaurant. At the program Brooks will honor those as well as 26 other businesses and the Town of Rose Hill with the department's annual safety award for 1985.

Recipients come from communities in Duplin, Pender and Sampson counties.

L. Jack Walls, plant manager for Kemp Furniture Industries Inc., Clinton, will give the invocation. Presiding will be Chamber President Annabelle L. Fetterman, executive vice president of the Lundy Packing Company, Clinton. Jeffrey L. Oliver, personnel director at WestPoint Pepperell's Clinton plant, will introduce Brooks.

Brooks will note particularly the achievement of Reeves Brothers Inc. of Kenansville which earned the annual safety award for the 14th consecutive year.

Safety award recipients from Duplin include: First year - House of Raeford Farms Inc. of Rose Hill and Town of Rose Hill; Second year - Calypso Plywood Company Inc.; Fourth Year - Guilford Mills Inc. of Kenansville; Fifth Year - National Spinning Co. Inc. of Warsaw; 10th Year - Beulaville Garment Co., Carolina Power & Light Co., Wallace area, Guilford Mills Inc., plant offices of Kenansville, J.P. Stevens & Co., Inc. Carter Plant and Holly Plant of Wallace; and 14th year, Reeves Brothers Inc. of Kenansville.

To qualify for a labor department annual safety award, an establishment must have 10 or more full-time employees and no on-the-job fatalities during a calendar year. In addition, it must have maintained either a perfect safety record for the year or recorded an occupational injury incidence rate at least 50 percent below the statewide average.

The Clinton dinner is the 26th in a series of 29 scheduled across the state this spring. The effort began in 1946 as a cooperative activity with the U.S. Department of Labor under World War II Manpower Act. Since 1961, the program has been administered solely by the N.C. Department of Labor.



Duplin Nutrition Site Relocates In Warsaw

During the ceremony for the relocation of the Services for the Aged Warsaw Nutrition Site, local officials recognized the National Guard. The site has been located at the Warsaw Baptist Church for several years, but now has been moved to the Warsaw Armory. On May 24, speakers pictured above, left to right, Walter

Brown, director of the Services to the Aged; J.F. Strickland, member of the Duplin County Board of Education; Bill Costin, Duplin County commissioner; Ralph Cottle, Duplin County manager, recognized the National Guard contributions to the nutrition program. The nutrition site opened at Warsaw Armory Friday.

## RR Spur Removed From System's Map

The Warsaw to Clinton spur of the Seaboard System Railroad has been removed from Seaboard's system diagram map. Since August 1984, the Warsaw to Clinton line has been listed as a line which Seaboard had under study and might be subject to a future abandonment application.

Through the cooperative efforts of the Southeastern North Carolina Rail Users Association, a group representing rail users of Duplin and Sampson counties and Seaboard Systems Railroad officials, an aggressive marketing plan was initiated in October of 1984 to increase the volume of rail shipments on the Warsaw to Clinton spur and the Warsaw to Wallace line. The Warsaw to Wallace line was never placed on the System diagram map and no study for abandonment has been proposed on this line by Seaboard.

Walt Pennington, manager of the Barcalounger Company in Turkey, is

chairman of the Rail Users Association. Other officers are Gerald Quinn of Quinn Co. of Warsaw, vice chairman; F.J. Faison of Carroll's Foods of Warsaw, treasurer; and Betty Carr, Clinton Chamber of Commerce, secretary.

According to a spokesman for the Rail Users Association, "We are pleased to receive this good news. Through hard work and cooperation of the Seaboard officials, we have won this battle. Much gratitude is owed by the people of Duplin and Sampson counties to Walt Pennington and the other officers of the association. A commitment to improve service and increase the volume of traffic has been agreed to by all parties. The ability to fulfill these commitments will determine if this declassification from the abandonment study will be a lasting one. The rail users in Duplin and Sampson counties must continue to monitor their rail service needs."

## Rose Hill Developer Named In Coastal Rezoning Suit

The rezoning of property on West Onslow Beach to allow a high-rise condominium is "unconstitutional and unlawful," according to a suit filed against Onslow County, developer Marlo Bostic of Rose Hill, real estate agents and others involved in the project.

The suit was filed in Onslow County Civil Superior Court by Wilmington lawyer Algernon L. Butler on behalf of Duell F. Gamble, Mary Jo Gamble and Karen M. Gamble. The Gambles own property in Stump Sound Township next to the 3.01-acre site of the proposed 102-unit condominium.

"We feel it's spot zoning and in violation of the land use plan of Onslow County," Duell Gamble said.

The 11 defendants are Onslow County, the county Board of Commissioners, Professional Realty Insurance and Management Enterprises Inc., Century 21 Prime Inc., Thelma Elizabeth King, Alma King Eubank, Marion Eubank, Marlo F. Bostic, Frances W. Bostic, Roger Page Jr. and Doris B. Page.

The suit states that Professional Realty Insurance and Management Enterprises Inc. has an office in Wrightsville Beach and does business under the name Century 21 Prime Inc.

It says the company holds contracts to buy the property next to the Gambles' land and that the company filed a petition June 7, 1984, with the Onslow County Planning Department to rezone the property for a 126 multi-family high-rise condominium. The suit does not name the con-

dominium project. Gamble said, "It's had several names. The most recent is Harbor Tower and appeared in an advertisement in a supplement to the May 12 issue of The Washington Post."

The suit says that on Feb. 6, 1984, the Onslow County Board of Commissioners denied, by a 3-2 vote, an earlier request to rezone the land. At that meeting, the commissioners stated they "did not feel that the project was in the best interest of the public."

Following hearings on July 12 and July 19, the Onslow County Planning Board unanimously recommended that the rezoning be denied. During the hearings, the size of the original project was reduced to 102 units,

with 96 to be on the ocean side and six on the sound side.

The county commissioners reversed their decision Aug. 20, however, John Starling represented Century 21 Prime. The vote to rezone was 4-1, with Paul Starynski casting the dissenting vote.

The suit contends the board's action was to "accommodate the development plans of an individual developer" rather than to promote the "most appropriate use of the lands of Onslow County in the interest of the general public welfare."

"We wouldn't have bought property here if it hadn't been zoned for single family homes," Gamble said.

## Rep. Murphy Introduces Shellfish Legislation

State Rep. Wendell Holmes Murphy has introduced legislation to prohibit shellfish bed leases within a half-mile of residences.

Murphy said he introduced the bill because he has heard a number of complaints that people working shellfish beds, as well as takes used to make the beds, present hazards to swimmers, boaters and skiers.

The proposal, designated House Bill 1319, says: "The Marine Fisheries Commission may not grant a new or renewal shellfish lease within 1/2 mile of a shoreline with residences or in waters heavily used for recreational purposes."

John Costlow, chairman of the Marine Fisheries Commission, said he is opposed to Murphy's action because the commission, not the

General Assembly, should address the problem. The commission was formed to regulate shellfishing and other marine activities.

Costlow said he had not been told of the bill and thought the commission should hear any complaints before lawmakers enact "piecemeal" regulations.

"I'm afraid if they start trying to regulate marine fisheries on a piece-by-piece basis, they're going to have a terrible mess," Costlow said.

Murphy said the law already limits shellfish bed leasing near such areas, but he wants the limitation to be more specific.

"I just want the law to be made clearer," Murphy said.

The existing statute states that

leased shellfish beds must be "compatible" with other uses, including navigation, fishing and recreation.

Murphy said he does not think shellfish beds should interfere with other uses of coastal waters, adding he thinks some waters have more value as recreational areas than as commercial shellfish beds.

"It appears to me that there is enough water along the east coast for everybody," Murphy said.

Those granted leases use the tracts to cultivate shellfish for commercial harvesting.

Costlow said he is concerned that the change might encourage more development to encroach on shellfishing areas, reducing the amount of shellfish harvested.

## Faison Produce Auction Market Opened May 24th

The Faison Produce Auction Market opened Friday, signalling the beginning of the heavy produce season in eastern North Carolina. Heavy trading of squash, cucumbers, peppers, cabbage and snap beans will keep the auction market and area packing houses busy for a two-month period.

Farmers and others interested in prices received at the Faison Auction Market can receive them by phone or in writing. Prices for commodities sold at Faison-area packing houses are also available by phone to anyone willing to spend the cost of a phone call.

The joint federal-state Market

News office will open in Faison this week, May 29, and will be headed by Mrs. Sharon Hecker, a USDA Market News reporter. Ms. Hecker and her staff can be reached at 267-9661 or 267-5351. Those phone number are not the numbers for price information, however.

Recorded phone messages that will be updated several times daily, for prices at the Faison Auction Market can be accessed by calling 267-9361, 24 hours a day. Prices from the area packing houses can be obtained by calling 267-7911.

Farmers or others interested in prices for white potatoes and cabbage in the northeastern section of North Carolina can reach a recorded message at 335-7675 in Elizabeth City.

Written copies of the prices at the Faison markets and other eastern North Carolina fruits and vegetables area are available on a subscription fee basis. For daily reports throughout the season, \$20 will cover the costs. For a weekly report, \$4 will cover the cost of the mailings.

To place your subscription for the written reports, or for more information on the Faison markets, contact the David Bowden, Market News Office, N.C. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611, or call 733-7252 or call Ms. Hecker at the Faison office.

## Duplin Preregistration Teacher Allotment

The projected membership in 1985-86 for Duplin County schools is 8,192.

Preregistration for kindergarten was held April 29th in each of the primary schools. The initial tally reflected approximately 100 students short of the present enrollment. Principals are beginning to organize the classes for the coming school year.

Parents are urged to preregister children immediately if they have not already done so. Preregistration of all students early allows for a more organized school opening in the fall.

The state Department of Public Instruction allotment of resources to the school systems is based on the projected membership for 1985-86. The initial allotment is 99 percent of

the anticipated membership.

The enrollment of students during the first ten days of school is critical to the final allotment of resources. The potential one percent adjustment in personnel allocation after the first 10 days of school equates to three or four teaching positions as well as other material resources.

It is important that students should report to school on August 26 to enroll in school and for their membership to count toward the allocation of professional personnel.

Orientation day is August 21 and buses will not operate that day. This orientation day provides opportunity for students and parents to meet the teachers and review the schedules, according to Dr. Alice S. Scott, assistant superintendent.



North Duplin Names 1985 Marshals

The names of the 1985 North Duplin High School marshals were announced last week. Each junior on the squad of marshals is a member of the Beta Club and has maintained an academic average of 90 throughout the year. Along with the 10 junior members of the marshals are two sophomores which are the top two students in their class. Pictured above, left to right, seated, are Mark Emmer, Chief marshal Melanie

Parker and Rodney Wilson; standing, Tammy Carter, Kimberly Hines, Nicki Guv, Lynne Sutton, Randy Fov, Jill Best, Sherry Patterson, Lisa Stancil and Nancy Thornton. Named marshals as sophomores and in 1985 as juniors are Melanie Parker and Nickie Guv. The North Duplin marshals will escort the 1985 seniors during commencement exercises June 7.