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Win Competition At The Fair

Tracey Kinlaw and Tar Baby were the showmanship winners at the 1985 Duplin County heifer show. Karen Kornegay and her two heifers, Crystal and Tiffany, were the winners in the overall junior and senior class competition. Tracey is from Rose Hill and her heifer is a Black Angus. Karen, the 1984

Duplin fair heifer competition and showmanship award winner, is from Mount Olive and her heifers this year are Polled Herefords. Pictured, left to right, are Cecil Kornegay and daughter Karen with Crystal, and Jerry Kinlaw and daughter Tracey with Tar Baby.

Identification Program Planned In Duplin Schools

The Duplin County school system will hold a child identification program.

The Board of Education last week approved the plan which calls for fingerprints, dental checks, a statement of physical characteristics and a photograph of each child participating.

One set will be made for each child and given to his or her parents.

The schedule for the program will be coordinated with school principals.

A child must have parental permission to participate. Children will be given permission slips to take home. The forms include a space for parents to sign if they don't want their children fingerprinted.

"I think we ought to try it but I think it's going to take a lot of work," said James Strickland of Warsaw, a board member.

"As long as the emphasis is on missing children, I think it's OK," said board member Amos "Doc" Brinson. "Parents that don't want it

don't have to take part."

Supt. L.S. Guy said: "We have a captive group. It's a large group. There are all kinds of things and ideas people want to push on the schools. I think we have to protect these children."

In other business, the board agreed to ask the Duplin County Commissioners to transfer building fund money to the school system for the James Kenan High School addition and renovation.

"We have begun work and obligated money," Guy told the board.

The project's estimated cost is \$1,055,000. Plans call for eight new classrooms, a new library and renovation of old classrooms, the cafeteria and the administrative suite.

Herb McKim of the Wilmington firm of Ballard, McKim and Sawyer Architects is preparing the plans.

After unsuccessful attempts in the last two years, the board again applied for a health education coordinator from the state Department of Public Instruction.

75 Workers Flee After Rose Hill Blast

An explosion in a pressurized ammonia gas line forced about 75 workers to evacuate a poultry plant in Rose Hill last week. No one was injured in the incident, county officials said.

A man who answered the telephone at the House of Raeford Rose Hill Poultry Plant would say only that no one was injured. He refused to answer any further questions and abruptly hung up.

Fire and rescue units from Magnolia, Rose Hill, Kenansville and

Warsaw responded to the call at about 6 p.m. Wednesday. At least three State Highway Patrol troopers were sent to detain traffic around the plant on U.S. 117.

"When I was going down there I could smell it a mile away," said Hiram Brinson, the county's emergency services coordinator. "It wasn't difficult to detect what it was."

Brinson said he, firefighters from Rose Hill and Magnolia, and two plant employees donned breathing

gear, entered the plant and closed the valve on the line. Within an hour emergency workers had stopped the leak, he said.

In July a similar, more serious incident occurred when leaking gas at a turkey processing plant in Wallace sent some 35 workers to area hospitals. Emergency rooms in Pender and Duplin counties treated workers suffering from vomiting, dizziness, chest pains, coughing, headaches, eye irritation and breathing disorders.

Emergency officials believe that the July gas leak was either chlorine or ammonia, but probably chlorine, which has a weaker odor, Brinson said. The ammonia leak at the Rose Hill plant had a strong odor that workers quickly identified, Brinson said.

He said plant officials responded quickly to Wednesday's leak and were able to move the workers outside to safety in minutes. "They have a lot of exits in that plant," Brinson said.

Bank Clears Faison Site For New Building

Faison lost three of its oldest buildings when construction crews began tearing them down to make way for a new Southern Bank facility.

Three adjoining brick buildings, originally built by Luther Taylor prior to 1932 were torn down late last month and clean-up at the site continued this past week. The buildings were located between the Faison Volunteer Fire Department and the Animal Hospital.

According to Mount Olive Southern Bank President Bob Williams, construction of the bank facility will begin in November and is expected to be complete by March of 1986. The present Faison location of Southern Bank is a downtown store front.

Williams added the new facility would offer Southern Bank customers full service, not limited banking like in its present Faison office. Among the services will be a bank vault with safe deposit boxes and night deposit.

During the past, the future bank site has been a general store, an auto dealership, hardware store, grocery store, apartments, dry cleaners, theatre, cotton gin and R.D. Clifton Fruit and Vegetables.

Commissioners Address Teen-Age Pregnancy In Duplin

A health department official hopes to start a teen-age pregnancy prevention program next year in the Duplin County schools, he said Monday.

The N.C. General Assembly allocated funds this year to county health departments to address teenage pregnancy problems, said Joe Costin, county health director. Duplin's share is \$40,000.

About 100 Duplin County teenagers gave birth in 1984. Costin told the County Commissioners Monday that his department wants to work through the school system by showing films and giving lectures on teenage pregnancy. The commissioners

endorsed Costin's plan.

Before the plan can be carried out, the Board of Education also must approve it. Debra Beasley, a county health educator, said no coordinated effort is carried out in the Duplin County schools to educate teenagers on the subject.

In other business, the commissioners awarded a bid to Motorola of Raleigh for a radio console for the Sheriff's Department, to be used to dispatch emergency service vehicles. The unit will cost \$67,272, plus \$2,500 for installation and \$4,200 for two years' maintenance.

The board also:

- Granted a \$1,571 salary increase to Glen Jernigan, chief administrator in the Sheriff's Department, from \$17,456 to \$19,027. Under the new federal wage and hour law, Jernigan is not eligible for overtime pay because he holds an administrative position.
- Gave the Health Department \$3,500 to buy vinyl flooring to replace carpet in offices that have been converted to examining rooms.
- Gave \$100 for Christmas to the Caswell Training Center of Kinston, which provides a home for the mentally retarded. About 40 Duplin County residents are cared for at the center.



Gifts From Outer Space

James Andrews, left, of Mount Olive College, recently presented Don Reichard, right, JSTC dean of instruction, and Mark Patrus, center, JSTC commercial art instructor, with photo collages and NASA insignias from Dr. William Thornton, Thornton, a Faison native

and NASA astronaut, presented the gifts in appreciation for his portrait painted by Patrus in 1983. Two of the photo collages representing Thornton's Space Shuttle "Challenger" flights, will hang in James Sprunt Technical College.

(Photo by Nelson Best)

Free Legal Assistance To Low Income

Legal Services of the Lower Cape Fear will begin a Circuit Riding program in Kenansville, Thursday, Oct. 10 to provide free legal assistance to low-income Duplin County residents.

A legal staff representative will be available to interview low-income

people with civil legal problems free of charge between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Duplin County Senior Center at Seminary Road near the Courthouse every other Thursday. Persons interested in making an appointment to receive this service

will need to telephone 1-800-672-9304 (toll free) between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

This nine-year-old legal services program out of Wilmington is a non-profit, federally funded legal services program. The program does not charge a fee for its services and has low-income eligibility requirements. Persons qualified for the service may choose to talk with a legal staff representative over the toll-free telephone number through Legal Services' Telephone Assistance Program (TAP) or they may now choose to make an appointment to meet with the legal staff representative at the Duplin County Senior Center.

Duplin County is one of seven counties Legal Services of the Lower Cape Fear serves, the others being New Hanover, Pender, Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen and Onslow.

The program accepts cases for representation in the following areas: public benefits (AFDC, food stamps, Medicaid, and Social Security), housing, civil rights, employment, and consumer issues. The program has a special project for income eligible domestic violence victims, called Judicare. Legal Services screens and pays attorney's fees for private attorney representation of low-income eligible domestic violence victims with serious problems. Legal Services also has a community education unit to provide workshops, self-help information and speakers.

Energy Program

The low-income energy program to help with heating bills of low income households will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 15. Applications will be taken and processed at the cheese distribution warehouse near the dog pound on Highway 11 south of Kenansville. Social Services staff will be available to take applications from Oct. through Nov. 27 at the warehouse.

This is not a first-come, first-served program. Anyone applying

between Oct. 15 and Nov. 27 who meets the eligibility requirements will receive a payment.

There will be no issuance of food items from the warehouse from Oct. through Nov. 15. New households wishing to apply for food should not come during that time.

Income of recipients of food stamps, AFDC, Medicaid and SSI will be used and other applicants will need to verify the total family income for the month of October, 1985.

Scholarship Program

The Elks National Foundation has established a national scholarship program for eligible students in two-year or vocational/technical schools. Called the 1986 Vocational Grant program, it provides 249 two-year awards of \$1,000 per year. They are available for the 1986-87 academic year.

Five awards are allotted to N.C. students and will be granted on a competitive point system according

to the criteria of motivation, need, skills, grades and application preparation.

All applicants must have the endorsement of a lodge of the B.P.O.E. of the U.S.A. to be accepted for judging. Application deadline is Nov. 25. For more information or application forms, contact the financial aid office at James Sprunt Technical College in Kenansville.

Patrus And JSTC Receive Gifts From Astronaut

James Sprunt Technical College and commercial art instructor Mark Patrus were recently presented gifts from outer space, courtesy of NASA astronaut Dr. William Thornton.

James Andrews of Mount Olive College represented Dr. Thornton in presenting three photo collages of Space Shuttle "Challenger" missions bearing NASA insignias and American flags flown in space aboard the space shuttle.

Patrus was commissioned to paint a portrait of Thornton which was officially presented at William

Thornton Appreciation Day in Faison. The ceremonies were held in Oct. 1983 to honor Thornton, a Faison native, on his return from his first space flight. The portrait is now on permanent display in the Faison Town Hall.

Dr. Thornton was selected by NASA as a scientist-astronaut in 1967, and currently works in the field of space medicine at the Johnson Space Center in Texas. The exercise machines used aboard space shuttle flights are one of Thornton's several

inventions.

So far Thornton has served as medical officer on two space shuttle missions. His first flight was aboard the Challenger on the first night launch and landing of the shuttle in 1983. His second was Spacelab 3 Mission, successfully completed in May 1985.

In making the presentation, Andrews said, "Dr. Thornton is very appreciative of Mr. Patrus honoring him with his portrait and is very grateful for all of his good friends and supporters in Duplin County."