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Kenansville Troop 50 Court Of Honor

The Kenansville Boy Scout Troop 50 held a Court of Honor, Nov. 20 in the fellowship hall of the Kenansville United Methodist Church. According to Scout Master Conrad Jenkins, a total of 126 badges was awarded to the 14-member troop. Jenkins also pointed out the group is the oldest continuous Scout troop in the Tuscarora Council. Currently the troop is working to renovate the Scout hut located behind Duplin General Hospital and acquire

photographs of all former leaders and Eagle Scouts since its organization in 1946. Troop members pictured above, left to right, seated, Brandon Hobbs, Davis Brinson, David Page, Tad Rouse and David Casey. Kneeling, Jimmie Rich, Frankie Wood, Scott Autry, Robbie Whitman, Rolf Blizzard and Scout Master Conrad J. Jenkins. Standing, Bobby Hughes, Bo Hobbs, David Price, Timmy Jenkins and Jeffrey Jones.

Rose Hill To Take Chance With New Well

Despite a possible problem with iron and manganese in the water, a new town well will be drilled at the site of a test well on the west side of town.

The Rose Hill Town Board last week directed Lee Register, who drilled the test well, to drill the production well.

Register reported the site provided an adequate water supply at a potential pumping rate of 250 gallons per minute but said he could not guarantee the water would not exceed the state's manganese and iron content limits. State limits for drinking water call for no more than three parts per million for iron and five parts per million for manganese.

Iron and manganese are commonly found in well water in the region. Van Lewis of McDavid Associates of Kenansville said the elements are a nuisance rather than a health problem. Excess iron in water stains clothing and other items that are washed.

Lewis said changing the well site would not guarantee any improvement and could cost more money for options and for piping.

The board decided to go ahead with a well and provide whatever treatment is necessary to maintain water quality.

The town will seek Damages of \$31,750 for delayed completion of its new wastewater treatment plant. Engineer Buck Kennedy of L.E. Wooten Co. of Raleigh said the plant, which was supposed to be finished March 7, was completed 152 days later in August.

Kennedy said the delay cost \$25,987.66 to the engineering company, \$5,413.69 in interest on bond notes that couldn't be sold until the work was completed and \$350 in attorney fees. Kennedy pointed out the damages are not a penalty but a safeguard to cover additional costs due to a delay. They will be deducted from the final payment for the work.

The board will study the request of D.L. Parker Jr. of South Elm Street for permission to drive his tractor-trailer rig 350 feet on Elm Street to his home for parking. The empty rig weighs 25,000 pounds and is 56 feet long.

Buddy Pope, who holds the town auditing contract, reported that the tax collection rate is 92.1 percent.

A Plantation Christmas In Kenansville

Christmas was just developing its holiday trappings and decorations in the days before the Civil War. Commercial tree decorations, for example, did not arrive on the marketplace until the 1870s and ready-made Christmas cards were also a post war phenomenon. Even the Christmas tree was a relatively recent acquisition in American culture, becoming somewhat accepted during the 1850s. These facts are all taken into consideration as plans are made for the annual Plantation Christmas Celebration scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 15 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The beautiful old ancestral home of the Kenan family will be decorated and open to the public.

Weeks of preparation and planning go into making open house at Liberty Hall an area holiday tradition. Over 800 people toured the buildings last year to see how the holidays were celebrated on a southern plantation. Early southern families also spent an enormous amount of time planning for the Christmas season. Decorations feature imaginative arrangements of such fruits as apples, lemons, pears and pomegranates and natural materials like the dried pods of okra,

sweet gum balls, nuts, cotton bolls and dried peppers are used throughout the house. Greens — cedar, pine, boxwood, yew and hemlock are combined with the leaves of magnolia or holly to create unusual combinations and pleasing effects.

Decorations range from elaborately created nosegays for the Christmas tree in the Ladies' Withdrawing Room to a simple sprig of pine and holly on a window sill. Elaborate or simple, plain or fancy, each decoration at Liberty Hall expresses the spirit of Christmas the Kenan family enjoyed each year and one that guests can enjoy today. The decorations used are built from scratch and create an effect of elegant simplicity and inestimable charm and an atmosphere of love and caring at a special time of year.

The Liberty Hall Restoration Commission stages the annual open house as part of the "Twelve Days of Christmas in Historic Kenansville," which is sponsored by the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce. A Plantation Christmas is open to the public and there is no admission charge on Sunday, Dec. 15. For more information, contact Liberty Hall Restoration at 296-0522.

Lifeline Coming To County At Duplin General Hospital

Duplin General Hospital announced that it will be providing Lifeline to the people of Duplin County beginning Dec. 5th.

The Lifeline committee is comprised of representatives from Duplin General Hospital, Duplin County Home Care, Duplin County Emergency Medical Services, the Health Department, Services to the Aged, Hospital, Medical Society

Auxiliary, and Duplin General Hospital foundation Board. It has been with a cooperative effort by these organizations that Lifeline will be made available.

Lifeline, a personal emergency response system operated by Duplin General Hospital, can be the essential service which will allow many elderly or disabled persons living alone to remain safely in their homes.

Lifeline uses the subscriber's telephone line to make a call to the emergency of the hospital, which is monitored 24 hours a day. The subscriber has a portable help button which he is instructed to keep with him at all times. It has a range of 200 feet from the phone allowing for a fair range of mobility. In case of a medical emergency, arrangements will be made to have the subscriber

transported to the hospital. Even if the subscriber became unconscious, Lifeline will place the call for help through the automatic timing device.

Lifeline allows the independence and happiness of living at home and the reassurance of emergency care whenever it is needed.

For more information, contact Duplin County Home Care in Kenansville at 296-0819.

Kenansville Town Office Announces Holiday Service Schedule

There will be no garbage pickup Thursday, Nov. 28, or Friday, the 29th as these are Thanksgiving holidays for town employees. The regular schedule will resume on Monday and the clerk's office will be closed both days.

The garbage truck will operate on the following schedule during the Christmas holidays: the truck will

run on Monday, Dec. 23 to pick up both businesses and residential garbage. The truck will not run on Tuesday, Wednesday nor Thursday, but will run again on Friday, 27th to pick up garbage from businesses and residences.

The clerk's office will be closed the whole week of Dec. 23-27 for

Christmas and vacation, but will open Dec. 30 and 31st for anyone wishing to pay their 1985 town taxes before the year ends. We will not begin charging interest on unpaid 1985 town taxes until Jan. 7.

There will be no garbage pickup on Wednesday, Jan. 1 due to the New Year holiday. The clerk's office will also be closed that day. If there

are any questions, call the Town Hall at 296-0369, said Mary Ann Jenkins, town clerk.

Duplin Receives Grant

The Duplin County Watershed Improvement Commission will receive a \$31,000 watershed grant from the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development (NRCD) for channel improvement and water based recreation development on Limestone Creek located near Beulaville.

Limestone Creek is a \$2 million project to improve 50 miles of

channels for better drainage of agricultural lands and prevention of topsoil erosion.

The Duplin County Watershed Improvement Commission will use the grant to purchase landrights for the recreation area needed to complete the project. The project is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service, NRCD's Division of Soil and Water Conservation, the Duplin

County Board of Commissioners, Duplin County Watershed Improvement Commission, and the county's Soil and Water Conservation District.

The state's small watershed grant program is administered by NRCD's Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The Legislature appropriated \$300,000 in each year of the 1985-87 biennium for the program.

Cheap Help For Farmers In Duplin County

"There's cheap help available to farmers these days," says Kenneth Futreal, district conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service in Kenansville. "All a farmer must do is recognize the extra helper and use it."

What's the help, you ask? It's crop residue, and all a farmer must do is leave it on the fields instead of plowing or burning it.

How does crop residue help? "Crop residue helps in many ways," says Futreal. "One way crop residue helps is that it prevents erosion during winter rains."

Controlling erosion keeps organic

matter in the fields where it increases the moisture-holding capacity of the soil and makes the soil easier to work.

Years ago it was believed that crop residue needed to be plowed under but research shows that organic matter increases more with less cultivation. Crop residues on or near the surface allow organic matter to work into the soil slowly and at the same time protect the soil from erosion.

Some people even burn crop residue. When an acre of small grain stubble and straw is burned, you lose about 40 pounds of nitrogen, five

pounds of phosphorus and 60 pounds of potash, plus the loss of benefits from organic matter. With today's tough economic times, it makes sense not to burn residue or fall plow.

One more feature of crop residue is that it helps keep runoff water cleaner, which keeps water in our streams and lakes cleaner. We all benefit!

Use crop residue effectively, and let it help you save time, money, soil and organic matter. This conservation practice costs little, and it's waiting to help you.

Kenansville Elementary School Thanksgiving Thoughts.... Inside On Pages 4 & 5

