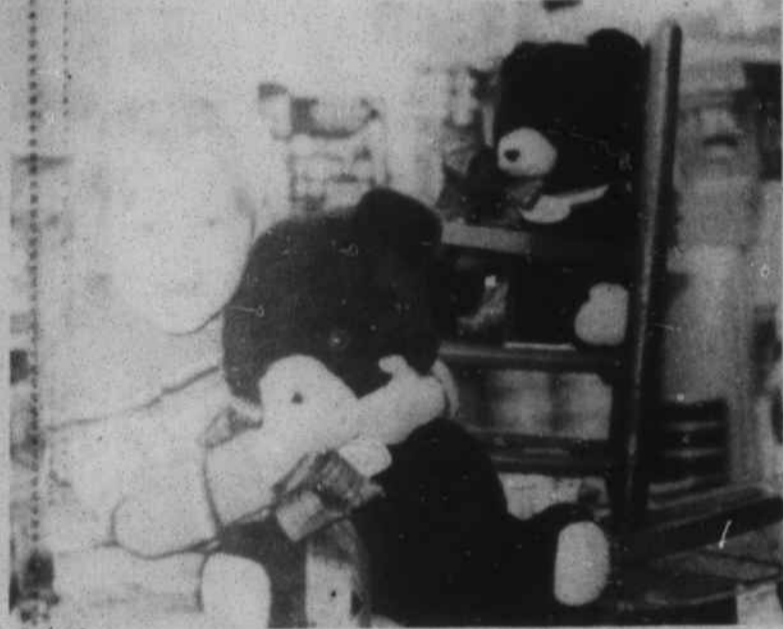


**Takes Oath Of Office**

Pictured above, Duplin County Magistrate Perry Williams administers oath of office to Kenneth Smith, the newest member of the Beulaville Town Board. Smith was sworn into office, along with Mayor Wilbur Hussey and Beulaville Commissioner Elvis Sumner, both re-elected in the elections earlier this year. Smith replaces Raybon Maready, who did not run for re-election.



**Wins Teddy Bear**

Shannon Dail, daughter of Edward and Cindy Dail of Kenansville, is shown with "Teddy, the True Value Bear." Shannon is the winner of one of the five bears to be given away at Quinn's in Kenansville before Christmas.

**Commissioners Take Oath In Beulaville**

Taking the oath of office as a Beulaville Town Commissioner during the December meeting of the board was Kenneth Smith. Smith is the newest member on the board; incumbents Mayor Wilbur Hussey and Commissioner Elvis Sumner were also sworn into office.

Smith, a junior high school teacher, joins the board for a four-year term. Smith is a member of the Beulaville Recreation Commission. He is replacing Commissioner Rabon Maready who did not run for re-election. Maready was presented a cake during the meeting of the Beulaville Board last week by the Beulaville Police Chief Aubry Murphy.

Prior to the oaths of office, the Beulaville Commissioners concluded discussion of applying for grant funds to upgrade the town water system and possibly connect with the

proposed Chinquapin water system. The board voted unanimously to apply for local water and sewer grant funds through Duplin County to help install a new town well. Commissioner S.A. Blizzard presented an estimated cost of \$163,000 to install the new well. The Beulaville Commissioners voted to apply for half the cost of the proposed well from county grant funds.

According to members of the board, both town wells tap into the same water vein and one pumps approximately 200 gallons a minute while the second pumps only 8 gallons a minute.

Following the oath of office for board members, the commissioners voted to begin legal action to collect delinquent taxes. The decision came as a result of a letter from the North Carolina treasury department demanding action be taken by the town to upgrade the collection rate of

local taxes. More than \$2,000 in delinquent taxes has been collected within the past month, after a late notice letter was sent to delinquent tax payers, Town Clerk Carol Miller pointed out.

Beulaville Commissioners awarded the bid for the purchase of a backhoe to N.C. Equipment Company of Wilmington. The company submitted the low bid of \$22,984 and was among six companies bidding.

A Christmas party and bonuses were awarded the town employees. Commissioners set Christmas bonuses at \$175 for town employees and allocated \$500 for a party to

include fire and rescue volunteers.

Commissioners renewed Stanley Miller's contract with the town to work with the town water and sewer plant equipment. The one-year contract totals \$9,013.

Appointed as tax lister for the town was Hollie Thigpen.

Commissioner Joe Edwards was voted as Beulaville Mayor Protem and Mayor Wilbur Hussey appointed Kenneth Smith as fire/rescue and recreation commissioner; Joe Edwards, police commissioner; Frank Boyette, water and sewer commissioner; S.A. Blizzard, street commissioner; and Elvis Sumner, sanitation commissioner.

**Summerlin Is Appointed Albertson Postmaster**

Bonnie C. Summerlin is appointed the new Postmaster at Albertson effective Saturday, Dec. 7. Sectional Center Manager/Postmaster Jeff Martin of Fayetteville, announced.

Summerlin, 36, a native of Seven Springs, has served as postmaster at the Maury post office in Greene County for the past 16 months.

Postmaster selections are made

**Extension Service Plans Meeting On Sheep**

Due to the recent bad crop years, the number of landowners interested in putting land into pasture is increasing, says Keith J. Hairr, Duplin assistant agricultural extension agent.

Beef animals have long been the animal of choice in this area for grazing, but recently there have been many questions regarding if sheep production would be a profitable enterprise, or if it should be combined with a beef herd.

To answer such questions, a meeting has been arranged on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Agricultural Extension Building in Kenansville.

"Dr. James Standaert will discuss the economics of sheep production, and I will cover some management practices," says Keith.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact the AES at 296-1996.

**Beef Tour Planned In Duplin**

A Duplin County beef tour will be held on Dec. 19 at 2 p.m. beginning at the Agricultural Extension Building in Kenansville.

The first stop will be at the David Byrd Sr. farm at the intersection of RR 1003 and 1100 between Magnolia and Delway.

The next stop will be at Joe Williams' farm on RR 1126.

Topics to be discussed are rye pastures, facilities, artificial insemination, haylage or trying to save rained-on hay, managing fescue pastures and control grazing, according to Keith J. Hairr, assistant agricultural extension agent.

A supper is also planned. For information and reservations, call the AES at 296-1996.

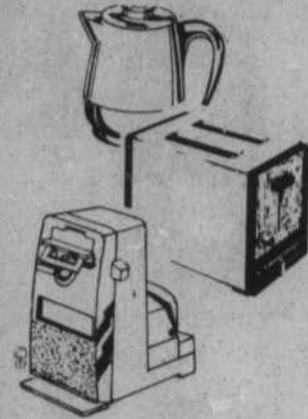
on the basis of merit from a list of qualified candidates submitted to the sectional center manager by a review committee. The committee, composed of a sectional center director and a postmaster from the same sectional center, and a sectional center director from a different sectional center, review the applicants for the position and recommend to the sectional center manager those candidates who best meet the position requirements. The sectional center manager then selects and recommends to the regional postmaster general the best qualified person for appointment to the vacancy.

Mrs. Summerlin began her postal career as a part-time flexible clerk in Seven Springs and served until her appointment as postmaster for Maury in 1984. She has attended Lenoir Community College and Johnston Technical College and has taken postal-related training courses. She is active in the Green County chapter of the American Business Women's Association and serves on the women's advisory council for the postal service.

She is married to Donald Summerlin, a native of Kenansville, and they have two children, Marie, 14, and Matt, 11, who attend Mount Calvary Christian Academy in Hookerton.

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