

# Season's Greetings

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**Santa Stops In Kenansville**  
 Santa Claus stopped last Saturday evening at the Kenansville Municipal Park to be part of the town's Twelve Days of Christmas. Each year the Twelve Days of Christmas begins with the lighting of the community Christmas tree and caroling around a bonfire at Grove Presbyterian Church. Santa arrived to

help begin the Twelve Days of Christmas celebration and is pictured above talking with some of the youth present to help light the town's Christmas tree and sing carols.

### Heroic Rescue Saves Child, Grandmother

Passersby saved a three-year-old girl and her crippled 69-year-old grandmother from a fire that nearly trapped them in their mobile home Friday morning.

Glennie Pearsall, whose legs had been amputated, and her granddaughter, Dorrie Pearsall, were alone in their home on N.C. 11 six miles north of Kenansville when fire broke out around 8 a.m., said Hiram Brinson, the county's emergency services director.

Edward Graham, 37, was just getting off work from his job at the Guilford East textile plant and noticed the fire as he passed by. Graham and a neighbor, Ricky Sutton, raced to the fire and used a pickax to tear a hole through the side of the mobile home, Brinson said.

Graham crawled through the hole and into the burning structure. He found the three-year-old girl and handed her through the hole to Sutton. Graham said he then heard the moans of Mrs. Pearsall from the bedroom. The woman had rolled off the bed in an attempt to escape. Graham found her and carried her to safety seconds before fire engulfed the mobile home, Brinson said.

Mrs. Pearsall was taken to the N.C. Memorial Hospital burn center in Chapel Hill where she was listed in critical condition. Dorrie Pearsall was in intensive care at Duplin General Hospital in satisfactory condition. Graham was treated for smoke inhalation, Brinson said.

### Phipps Hired As Rose Hill Police Chief

Charles E. Phipps, 48, has been hired as Rose Hill police chief.

Phipps will fill the vacancy created when the former chief resigned to become police chief in Wallace. He will start at an annual salary of \$16,500 and will report for duty Dec. 24.

He was hired by the Town Board last week.

Phipps comes to Rose Hill from the Morehead City, police force. Before joining the Morehead City police, he had been police chief in Cape Carteret for 9½ years.

Three new board members, Gary Boney, George S. Murray and Gregory Miller, and Mayor Ben Harrell, who was reelected, took their oaths of office.

Commissioner Clarence Brown was elected mayor pro tem. Harrell appointed Brown as public works commissioner; Boney as community development commissioner, Murray as public safety commissioner, Marsha Whaley as public health commissioner, and Miller as parks and recreation commissioner.

In other business, the board left for study and a future meeting a question of grandfather clauses and local streets.

The question came up when Charlie Hawes wanted the town to bring 800 feet of Maple Street in northwestern Rose Hill up to town standards and pave it.

Hawes said that several years ago he had asked the town to take over and maintain the street. He has a mobile home park facing the street.

He was told at that time that current subdivision plans call for the developer to bring streets up to town standards and pave them before turning them over to the town.

Hawes said he now finds the town plans to build up and pave Third Street. He asked why that street will be paved and not his street.

Town attorney Richard Burrows said Third Street had been turned over to the town at the turn of the century and thus came under a grandfather clause that allows the town to make street improvements.

Hawes said Maple Street should fall under a grandfather clause, too, because it is shown on a March 1960 town map.

Burrows replied that the map merely showed where streets should be. He said some streets on the map might not have been build and turned over to the town.

Harrell suggested that the town take over the short street and use Powell Bill money to pave it.

Brown asked: "If we do this will we be opening a keg for other folks on down the road?"

Burrows replied: "It's merely a question of whether it comes under the grandfather clause. If it doesn't you simply can't do it."

## Lifeline Connected In Three Duplin County Homes

Lifeline systems have been installed in three Duplin homes during the past few weeks, said Duplin Emergency Services Director Hiram Brinson.

The Lifeline system is operated by Duplin General Hospital and the project is a joint effort of Duplin General Hospital, Duplin County Home Health Care, Duplin Emergency Services, the Duplin Health Department, Services to the Aged, Duplin Medical Society Auxiliary and the Duplin General Hospital Foundation.

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

Lifeline uses the subscriber's telephone line to make a call of the emergency to the hospital. The subscriber has a portable help button which he is instructed to keep with him at all times. The system has a range of 200 feet from the subscriber's 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 would place the call for help through the automatic timing device.

Brinson said two systems have been installed in Kenansville and one in Warsaw. Additional systems are available through Duplin Home Health Care in Kenansville. The systems are installed by Duplin Emergency Services. The cost of installation is \$40 and subscribers pay a \$20 monthly rental fee.

**County Emergency Numbers**

In addition to the Lifeline system

operated by Duplin General Hospital, Brinson emphasized the use of the new emergency telephone numbers by all county citizens. The new emergency telephone numbers went into use November 4 at the Duplin Emergency Services and County Sheriff's Department.

From Kenansville, Wallace and Faison, emergency calls will be made to 911.

The emergency service number for Beulaville, Warsaw and Rose Hill is 296-1911.

Stickers with telephone emergency numbers for each town are available at the Duplin Emergency Services Department in Kenansville. According to Brinson, local volunteer and county emergency services personnel will be distributing the 911 stickers to each household in the near future.

### Wallace To Extend Water

Wallace will apply for \$57,000 from the state clean water fund for a project to extend water line, the Town Board decided last week.

The town would be required to match any state grant.

In addition, the board decided to ask the county for an additional \$88,350 for the water line extensions.

Superior Court Judge Henry Stevens III swore Mayor Earl Whitaker into his second term of office. New Commissioner J. Frank Bullard III and returning Commissioner David Jordan were also sworn into office.

The board re-elected Commissioner Arnold Duncan mayor pro tem.

N.H. Carter was named commissioner for treasury, library, buildings and grounds and airport; Jordan for public safety; Bullard, streets and recreations; and Charlie Blanchard, sanitation and utilities.

Luther Powell, outgoing commissioner, was honored for long service to the town. Whitaker said Powell was town clerk from 1956 until 1975.

When Powell was employed as clerk the town had \$86 in the bank and he faced a payroll of \$1,500. The police chief was directed to try to get pre-payment of taxes and to collect any water fees owed the town to meet the payroll. When Powell retired as clerk the town had \$650,000 in the bank.

## Duplin Issues Filing Notices Of Candidacy

According to the Duplin County Board of Elections, candidates for 1986 elective offices will be required to file a "notice of candidacy" at the DCBOE office in Kenansville and pay a filing fee. The fee is one percent of the annual salary for the office sought.

Office holders whose terms expire in 1986 are as follows: State Representative Wendell H. Murphy, Sheriff T. Elwood Revelle, Clerk of Superior Court John A. Anderson, County Commissioner (second district) Calvin C. Turner Sr., County Commissioner (third district) Allen D. Nethercutt, County Commissioner (fourth district) Dovie L. Penney, Board of Education (second district) Hilbert (Joe) Swinson, Board of Education (third district) Carl D. Pate Sr., Board of Education (fourth district) William W. (Bill) Richards. District office holders file with the State Board of Elections (e.g. judicial and solicitorial).

Filing period for county and district offices opens Monday, Jan 6 at 12 noon and closes at 12 noon on Monday, Feb. 3, 1986.

### Oaths Taken For Board In Magnolia

Three new Magnolia Town Board members took their oaths of office last week.

Among them was Sherwood Ezzell, who, in addition to being a new town commissioner, is chief of police. Also sworn in as commissioners were Millard Williams and Clarence Whaley.

The board elected Commissioner Melvin Pope mayor pro tem. Mayor Ruth Quinn appointed Pope streets and drainage commissioner.

Clarence Whaley, police, fire and rescue commissioner; Ezzell, water and sewer commissioner; Williams, recreation and old depot commissioner, and Rudolph Becton, grants, real estate and library commissioner.

The depot has been demolished but rubble remains on the site. No use has been determined for the site.

An opinion issued by the state attorney general's office says Ezzell may hold the commissioner's and chief's jobs simultaneously.

### Old Ushers In New Warsaw Mayor

Outgoing Mayor Sam Godwin administered the oath of office to incoming Mayor Ben Eason last week in Warsaw since the town board's first meeting in Warsaw since the November election.

Also sworn into new four-year terms were W.E. Foster and John Weatherly III, who were re-elected without opposition.

The board suggested that Duplin County use \$58,000 in clean water bond money to pay for sewer and water lines from the Warsaw town limits to James Kenan High School.