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Mental Health Chief Makes Request For Saw Mill

Dr. E.J. Raman, director of the Duplin-Sampson Area Mental Health Program, has been advised to direct his request for a small sawmill for Omega Enterprises to the mental health board of directors, which met in Warsaw Thursday night.

Raman appeared before the Duplin County Commissioners last Tuesday with his request.

Omega Enterprises is a workshop operated by the service in its curing rehabilitation programs for alcoholics and for mentally retarded people. It is located a short distance west of Rose Hill.

Commissioner Calvin Turner, also a member of the health service board, said he opposed the idea, feeling tax dollars would be put in competition with private enterprise. Turner is also owner of a small saw mill.

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Raman said Omega Enterprises uses hardwood in making boxes for bulk handling of potatoes and pickle cucumbers, book shelves, pallets and cabinets. He said farmers frequently burn hardwood or let it rot in the fields because of poor market conditions.

Rehabilitation as well as curing.

"We need activities to keep people occupied. Employment opportunity for our people is extremely limited," he said. "We also face federal fund cutbacks."

He pointed out the \$24,000 cost of the mill would come out of profits of Omega, not out of tax funds.

"We think it will provide additional revenue in the long run," he said.

Raman said a consultant projected that Omega could sell 10,000 containers a year.

Purchasing cut lumber would cost \$230,000. If Omega sawed its own logs, the lumber cost would be reduced to \$150,000, a saving of \$80,000 a year, Raman said.

Turner countered with, "It probably wouldn't save more than \$30,000 a year."

About 70 percent of present sales now goes for lumber, Raman said.

In other business, Ted Funderburk, Wilmington district engineer of the N.C. Department of Transportation said the \$376,284 in

state funds for Duplin County secondary roads has been allocated as follows:

- Base and pave SR 1703 for 1.2 miles north of Beaulville, \$42,000.
- Base and pave SR 1975 for 0.9 of a mile in the Pin Hook area, \$32,000.
- Grade, drain and stabilize SR 1119 for 1.1 miles near Rose Hill and Concord Church, \$50,000.
- Grade, drain and stabilize SR 1557 for one mile north of Pink Hill, \$45,000.
- Grade, drain and stabilize SR 1371 for 0.9 of a mile near Calypso, \$38,000.
- Grade, drain and stabilize SR 1385 for 2.5 miles near Warsaw, \$52,000.
- Pave SR 1903 for 0.9 of a mile south of Bowdens, \$36,000.
- Hold back \$36,284 for fire and rescue squad drive-ways and overruns.

The board also approved Duplin County-Dorothy Wightman Library hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.



IVEY HONORED - Rouse Ivey of Route 2, Mount Olive, was awarded a certificate of commendation from the Duplin County commissioners during special ceremonies last week in the commissioners meeting room in Kenansville. Ivey was recognized for having been selected as one of seven North Carolina "Outstanding Young Tobacco

Farmers" by the Phillip Morris Tobacco Company. Ivey and his wife are pictured above as he receives the certificate from Commissioner Allen Nethercutt, chairman. Rouse Ivey will also receive a \$400 cash award from Phillip Morris. He is the first Duplin County grower to receive the award.

Rose Hill Board Approves Bid For Utilities, Paving

The Rose Hill town board approved a negotiated bid of \$503,000 for sewer, water and paving work in the Yellowcutter area of northern Rose Hill last week at their Tuesday night meeting.

The low bid was \$586,315 submitted by Toney E. Hawley of Kinley.

The town board decided to eliminate curb and gutter work on Fifth and Sixth streets to reduce the total contract cost, and \$170,000 was eliminated after negotiation with the bidder.

Added to the remaining bid amount were contingency funds of \$40,985; engineering, \$48,000; and seeding and service changes, \$3,752 to bring the total cost to \$503,000.

Before work can begin, the town must get the negotia-

tion approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which is providing the rehabilitation grant of \$503,000.

All bids for the project were rejected in August as being too high. In issuing a new bid call, the town changed sewer line specifications in an effort to reduce costs. However, the new low bid was \$31,000 higher than the low bid in August.

Five companies entered bids in the second round. Nine entered bids in August.

If HUD accepts the proposal, work can begin in early November.

The Town of Rose Hill has purchased a mosquito fogger for \$1,950. Commissioner Clarence Brown said mosquitoes were thicker than he had ever seen. "It's not only her, it's everywhere," he

added. Spraying began last week. Two gallons malathion will be needed to cover the entire town, which includes an area of one square mile.

In other business, the board voted 4-1 to declare the former school gymnasium surplus property and sell it. Commissioner Jerry Cottle opposed, saying it was the only place had for winter recreation. "I think we should fix it up," he added.

Voting for the step were Commissioners Keith Hinson, Brown, Clayton Herring Jr. and Jimmy Robinson.

Hinson, who made the motion, said the town should get rid of the building because of the liability. "You have a gym, you need a full-time director. There could be some dangerous happenings otherwise."

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Repeating to Turner's criticism, Raman said the question is why should mental health get in this business and answered that it will have the duty of

Magnolia Receives Governor's Award

The town of Magnolia has earned the Governor's Community of Excellence Award for 1981-82.

On August 26th, the Governor's review team of Ed Stanfield, Gary Shoppe and Clem Wright visited Magnolia with John Gurganus, Duplin County community development representative.

This project was sponsored by the Magnolia Woman's Civic Club. The members wish to thank Gurganus for his contribution to their success. They also thank C.J. Thomas, the chairman of each committee, and the citizens who cooperated.

"While no industry has settled in our community, more interest has been shown in the care of individual property," reported Marjorie Pickett.

Receiving the Yard of the Month designations recently were L.E. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Andy DeVane, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker, and Joseph Fennell.

Wallace Panel Asks Firm For Well Contract

The Wallace town board agreed last week to have Henry von Oesen and Associates of Wilmington prepare a contract and specifications for drilling a 400-600 gallons-per-minute well.

Under one proposal, the engineering firm would prepare specifications and provide full-time construction supervision at cost and expenses, plus a 10 percent profit not to exceed \$5,600.

Under another proposal, the firm would prepare specifications and provide construction supervision on a part-time basis for cost and expenses, plus a 10 percent profit estimated not to exceed \$2,000.

the reservoir at the J.P. Stevens plant near the south end of Wallace. The switch switched pumps from power line power source to an emergency generator in a power failure.

He said cost of removing and re-installing the switch would be \$1,400. Repair of the switch would cost \$3,882. Murray said a new switch would cost \$4,608. The board directed Murray to seek a lower priced switch instead

of repairing the damaged one.

The board also directed Murray to purchase five new dumpsters for a total cost of \$2,693.60.

The board expects to call a special meeting Oct. 7 if it receives several bids on the town insurance contract. Its current policies expire Oct. 11. It will decide on a policy at its regular meeting Oct. 8.

Installation of a street light on Prosperity Drive near Currie Street was authorized.

Farm City Week

Plans for the Duplin County observance of Farm-City Week are underway, according to Lloyd Stevens, chairman of the committee in charge of the three-day event. Farm-City Week, which extends from Nov. 20 through Nov. 26 (Thanksgiving Day), is an international observance aimed at promoting better understanding between farm and city residents. The local observance is under the sponsorship of the Agri-Business Council of Duplin County.

In Kenansville, Farm-City Week will begin on Monday, Nov. 23rd, with the production of "On Golden Pond" by the Duplin Community Theatre in the old Kenansville Elementary school building, where industrial and farm equipment and products, plus many other exhibits, will be on display for public viewing.

The activities for Tuesday night, Nov. 24, will be highlighted by the appearance of Ray Wilkinson, director of farm relations for WRAL-TV and the Tobacco Radio Network in Raleigh. Tuesday afternoon will feature a tractor-driving contest for FFA members.

On Wednesday night, plans are being made for several games and contests for which prizes will be awarded. Drawings for door prizes will be made, and the very popular WNCT-TV personality, Slim Short, will be master of ceremonies.

Cable TV Construction Underway In Warsaw

Clear-Tel Cable TV Co. of Hope Mills began construction in Warsaw Thursday, September 10. Company President Michael Hanno and Warsaw Mayor Sam Godwin turned the first spadeful of dirt to officially begin the burying of the cable through the town.

Construction of the "earth station" is expected to begin about Thanksgiving, according to Hanno. The earth station will consist of a receiving dish and antenna which are presently planned to be installed on town property at the North Gum Street water tank facility.

Home installation is expected to begin in December.

"We will put about 30 homes on the system at that time," said Hanno.

Clear-Tel will invest \$350,000 in the Warsaw system by the time it is completed, according to Mike Hanno. The base rate will be \$9.50, which will include access to two super stations, Atlanta and Chicago; Nickelodeon, a youth-oriented station; ESPN, a sports network; and CBN, a Christian broadcasting network, as well as the

stations now being received on outside antennas such as channels 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12 and WUNJ, the educational channel. Movie channels will be available at additional

costs, with Home Box Office \$8, Showtime, \$8, Cinamax, \$10.95, and New Cinema, \$10.95. Discounts will be offered when more than one channel is installed.

Grape Festival

Duplin County will be the site of the fourth annual North Carolina Grape Festival on Saturday, Sept. 26. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., Duplin Wine Cellars in Rose Hill will host grape events ranging from a 10,000 meter run to the exciting celebrity Grape Stomp, which caps off the day's activities.

"The Grape Festival has become a highlight of the year for this part of eastern North Carolina," said David Fussell, president of Duplin Wine Cellars and the prime mover in the festival. "We started with just a grape stomp four years ago and the event has grown as rapidly as the area's wine industry."



TV CABLE GROUDBREAKING - Warsaw Mayor Sam Godwin and Clear-Tel Cable TV President Michael Hanno turn the turf as Warsaw's TV cable system begins its underground journey to Warsaw homes.



CABLE TV WORKMEN begin plowing in the TV cable on Dogwood Drive in Warsaw. Home installations are expected to begin in December.