



Duplin's new building inspection program, it appears, is about to get underway. Duplin County tax money is being used to open up and supply the program with motor vehicles and salaries — No grants — all taxes. The state-paid planner says the fees charged will eventually fully fund the program. She has sold the county manager a bill of goods on this thing. He apparently looks at it as a new program that perhaps he can have some input into. He has failed miserably at fine tuning efficiency into any already-existing programs, even his own office. . . But then, who wants to cut out his own well-paid job. The state has mandated the counties be on a complete inspection program by 1982 and the towns by 1985. If these mandated programs are not in operation at the required time, the state says they will inspect and bill the county. This I doubt. Fact is, if this is handled as most state-required new programs, there will be a delay of a few years and a time allowed to conform. However, I believe an effective, efficient, strictly-enforced building inspection program is good to have. I was part of a committee several years ago looking into building in Duplin County, and that committee which had many builders on it, recommended a building program unanimously. Some builders, electricians, plumbers, insulation installers, and so on down the line do their jobs carelessly and unprofessionally and in many instances, unsafely. Once it is done, the homeowner is left with mistakes to clear up at his expense. This inspection program is supposed to eliminate this. Before we get much further, let me point out it will be the homeowner who will end up paying these inspection fees. The contractors will pay the inspector, but it will be passed on, I am sure. The electrical inspections, which are already required, are passed on. The electrical inspections have for some time been a requirement. The county manager indicated towns not wanting to come aboard for whatever reason, even though they are not required by state statutes to do so for several years — that if they do not join the program, a 90-day time be set, and following that time limit, no electrical inspections would be done by the county crew in the non-conforming town. The county is always complaining about the state mandating that they do certain things. . . Here they are doing the same things. . . following the same pattern. . . saying, We are the big bosses and you will do our way or else. Fact is, as this inspection program starts up and for a few years (probably forever) is and will be using county tax money, even money paid from the so-called non-conforming towns. The statutes do not require the town to have full inspections — only electrical inspections. Seems to me the towns should be allowed to do as they wish, even though I personally may disagree with their waiting. I don't think the county should come down with an iron fist and require things that even the state does not require. . . Nor do I think the towns should be penalized. Little does the county do now for taxes paid by the towns in the county. . . Fact is, the towns supplement the county services. If the tax money collected from people in the county's towns was eliminated from the county funds, county services now being performed in the county and not in the towns, would have to be eliminated. That is a fact. Another fact — If all the towns in the county back out of this inspection program, it will fall flat on its face. Let's hope all will reconsider. . . After all, it is supposedly for the benefit of all, not just so some can iron-fistedly rule. . . There is one other possibility. . . There is an open end on the amount that can be set as requiring inspections. The state recommends \$1,000 be the minimum not requiring inspections. The county changed the minimum to \$2,500 in Duplin County. As the minimum can be determined by the folks involved, the minimum could be set at one million dollars, which would eliminate the program altogether. . . But, needed it is, I think.

Bo Herring sold his bulldog. What he didn't tell the buyer was that a wild woods rabbit beat him up. What Bo didn't know was why the rabbit beat up the dog. Bo grows grapes and, as most folks who have grown grapes, a little juice is left to ferment in the barn. Usually a wooden keg is used to hold the fermented, drinkable solution. Well, what happened was that the bung hole peg came loose. . . This peg is sort of a stopper in the keg. Well, this stopper came a little loose and some of the fermented solution dripped out. The rabbit had discovered this pleasurable drink and daily made his way to Bo's for a drink or two. One day the dog got in the way. It is the dog's nature to chase rabbit. This one time it was the reverse. What is not known is if the rabbit had too much to drink or if he was suffering from a hangover. . . But, the dog is afraid of rabbits now. This could be the rabbit that attacked President Jimmy Carter — if there is such a thing as peanut wine. . . Son-of-a-Gun.

Wayne County Fair Sept. 21-26

The 33rd annual Wayne County Agricultural Fair is scheduled for Sept. 21-26 at the intersection of U.S. 117 and U.S. 13, five miles south of Goldsboro.

More than \$18,000 in premiums will be offered in 44 departments and competition again this year is open to residents outside of Wayne County with the exception of extension homemakers educational exhibits, horses and ponies. These three divisions are limited to Wayne County residents due to a lack of space.

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Air Walkout To Shut Down Kinston Tower For 90 Days

[Editor's Note - The following is taken from the Raleigh News & Observer.]

KINSTON (AP) - The air traffic control tower at Eastern Regional Jetport in Kinston will close for 90 days beginning Oct. 1, airport manager Van Higdon said.

He said the Federal Aviation Administration notified him of the temporary closing Friday.

Higdon said the three air traffic controllers working at the airport would be transferred temporarily to other towers where they were needed because of the controllers' strike. Normally, there are seven controllers working at the Kinston tower, but Higdon said there were vacant positions.

"They (the FAA) have had urgent requests for them at other facilities," Higdon said. He added that he was optimistic the Kinston tower would reopen at the end of the 90-day period.

The FAA may review the situation and decide to keep the airport closed at the end of the period.

Higdon said military air traffic controllers at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base would continue to help pilots with flight plans, so there should be "no minimizing of safety factors" at the Kinston airport. He said there probably would be no reduction in traffic at the Kinston airport when the controllers leave.

The airport is a regional base for the U.S. Forest Service's firefighting air-

Program On Family Abuse

The Duplin County chapter of the American Association of University Women will hold the first meeting of the 1981-82 year on Thursday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Agricultural Extension Building in Kenansville.

Ms. Patricia Parrish of Raleigh will speak on family abuse. Ms. Parrish is program head, domestic violence division of the N.C. Council on the Status of Women.

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Open Letter

Members of the Duplin County Executive Committee:

D. Bryon Teachey declared his candidacy for the Duplin County Board of Education at a meeting with friends and concerned Duplin citizens, September 2, in Rose Hill.

Mr. Teachey, a former Duplin educator, stated that he felt with his experience he could make a contribution to education as a member of the Duplin County board. His

keen interest in the school system and awareness of the student's needs are well known through Duplin County.

Many comments of support for Mr. Teachey were made. An example of admiration and respect expressed was:

"I was an elementary teacher in the Duplin County Schools for 31 years. I taught with Mr. Teachey in Wallace for three years. I worked under his supervision as Asst. Superintendent for 13 years and I am happy to recommend him for a County Board of Education member for the following reasons:

"He is well qualified because of his work as teacher, principal and Asst. County Superintendent. He is a dedicated Christian and educator. He has faith in his fellowman and is loved by people in all walks of life. Parents, teachers, and children respect his views on progressive education and are at ease to discuss these issues with him. Being tactful and willing to listen to act are among his outstanding characteristics."

-Elizabeth F. Lanier

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