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County Board Agrees On Watershed Maintenance

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners signed a project and maintenance agreement with the Soil Conservation Service to maintain the first phase of each of two small watershed projects in the county after construction has been completed.

Kenneth Futreal, district soil conservationist, said he has been informed two of 25 watershed projects to be started this fiscal year in the nation will be in North Carolina and both of these will be in Duplin County.

"We're just waiting for them (the President) to sign the budget in Washington and we'll let invitations to bid," he said. The projects are on Limestone Creek and Muddy Creek in southeastern Duplin County. The Limestone Creek project involves 41,000 acres and Muddy Creek involves 31,000 acres of land that frequently becomes flooded or water-logged due to drainage problems.

Phase I includes channel snagging and clearing on about four miles of each stream. Both streams flow into the Northeast Cape Fear River in the Hallsville-Beulaville area. The cost of the Limestone portion of the project is estimated at \$68,700. The Muddy Creek portion is estimated to cost \$66,100. Duplin County must provide 19 percent of each project, or a total of \$25,612

of this phase's cost. Futreal estimated the Phase I work will require about four months for completion from the time contracts can be let. He said that under the agreement, Duplin agrees to inspect and maintain the project, clean the channels after storms, repair wash-outs, etc. Commissioners said they didn't believe the cost would reach \$40,000 a year as the county could use its own equipment for such work.



MAGNOLIA OFFICERS - Pictured above on the Magnolia board are Ruth Quinn, Hubert Tucker, Billy Usher and Melvin Pope.

Duplin Farmer Tests Sprayer For Chickens

A "chicken sprayer" to remove lice and mites from poultry and poultry houses was tested in Rank Kornegay's chicken houses in Scotts Store area of Duplin this past week.

The demonstration was part of an integrated pest management program (IPM) for poultry and livestock, according to Snodie Wilson, county agricultural agent.

Duplin is one of two counties in the pilot program. The other is Chatham, Wilson said. A pest management specialist, Greg Burg, was hired for the poultry and livestock program in Duplin about two years ago. Mites, lice, flies and rodents, especially rats, reduce production efficiency, thus costing poultry people money.

In the program, Wilson pointed out, the agent monitors the degree of infestation of the various pests in a flock or house. He also attempts to show farmers and integrators how to make their own checks. "The objective is to develop a threshold program for spraying or not spraying," Wilson added. "Some of our operators still believe they should spray if they see one mite," he observed, noting that threshold level means a point at which treatment to eliminate a pest would cost more or otherwise do more harm than good.

"There've been a lot of chemicals wasted," he added. Wilson noted few farmers have equipment that can effectively treat their birds for the various pests. The program is being operated with the cooperation of some of the integrators (virtually all broiler, hatching egg or turkey flocks are owned by the integrators who pay farmers so much a bird, a pound or dozen eggs for their labor and capital investment in buildings), Wilson noted.

Magnolia Seeks End To Dispute Over Plant

While awaiting arbitration on a disputed electric power line extension, the Magnolia Town Board has instructed the town attorney to work out an agreement with its contractor, So-Par Utilities Inc. of Jacksonville, to complete work on the town sewage treatment plant and sewer line project.

The dispute centers on who should pay for a three-phase electrical power service to the new treatment plant. Cost of the three-phase line extension will be \$9,757. Carolina Power & Light Co. has told the town a one-phase service could serve the treatment plant adequately. The contract specifications called for three-phase equipment.

The town wants to draw the cost of the three-phase service from the funds obligated to the contractor, pending results of the arbitration. So-Par has stopped construction work because of the dispute. The company contends it should not have to pay for the line extension. The town says installation of the line was included in the contract.

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Quinn Named To Board Of Trustees



Milford Quinn of Warsaw has been named to the Campbell University of Trustees. Quinn is president of the Quinn Wholesale Co. Inc. in Warsaw. A former member of the board of trustees, he is an alumnus of Campbell.

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Cable TV Firm Gets Two-Week Extension

Univision Cable Television Co. won a two-week extension last week of its deadline for submitting a performance bond to Duplin County before receiving a franchise to establish cable television service to the unincorporated areas of the county.

The Duplin Board of Commissioners granted the delay at its regular meeting last week. The new deadline will be Dec. 21. County Manager Ralph Cottle said he had been informed the company wanted the extension to give it time to arrange financing.

The board has accepted the Univision proposal of three percent of its gross proceeds from the unincorporated areas of the county in return for the franchise. The towns of Beulaville, Kenansville and Magnolia have agreed to award franchises to the firm. Wallace and Rose Hill have given tentative approval pending receipt of performance bonds. The firm will pay the towns three percent of its gross proceeds from their areas.

The firm will provide 21 channels for the base fee of \$8.95 per month per customer. It will provide movie channels for additional fees. In other business, the board approved resolutions from several towns concerning use of the county building inspection service. The county building inspection department will provide Warsaw and Kenansville with electrical and insulation inspections. It will provide Beulaville, Faison, Greenevers, Calypso, Teachey and Rose Hill the full inspection services. In all cases, fees will be charged for inspections.

The board elected Calvin Coolidge Turner chairman for 1982, and D.J. Fussell vice chairman. Alan Nethercutt was chairman and Turner vice chairman for 1981.



KENANSVILLE OFFICERS SWORN IN - are Zan Stepp, Carolyn Hall and Earl Hatcher. The Kenansville officers were sworn in by John Anderson Johnson, clerk of court. They

Wallace Mayor Warns Of Threats To Municipalities

Following swearing in ceremonies for new and re-elected town officials earlier, Wallace Mayor Melvin Cording declared towns must make themselves more attractive to potential residents or die.

Cording was re-elected mayor for a two-year term. Also sworn into office as town commissioners were David Jordan, the first black to be elected to the town board, and Luther Powell. Jordan is assistant principal of the Wallace-Rose Hill High School. Powell is a retired Wallace Town Clerk. The two replace Lloyd Boone, who did not seek re-election, and Willie Biggs, who was defeated in his bid to retain a board seat.

Cording said annexation would cost Wallace \$7 million to \$10 million for water and sewer lines, paving and waste water treatment facilities. Annexation could dilute minority voting strength and bring the town into conflict with the Voting Rights Act, Cording added.

At the meeting, the board also approved a second reading of a cable television franchise that could lead to granting of the franchise to Rockfish Cable Television Co. The board earlier in the fall had approved granting the franchise to Univision Cable Television Inc. of Richlands, pending receipt of a performance bond. Univision has until Dec. 22 to provide the bond. If it fails to provide the bond by that date, the franchise will be awarded to the Rockfish firm if it meets all requirements.

The purchase of two police cars from Bostic-Hawes Ford of Wallace also was approved.

Woman Mayor Sworn In

Carolyn Hall became Kenansville's first woman mayor last week. She succeeds Douglas Judge, who did not seek re-election to the post in November. Judge had been mayor for nine years.

Mrs. Hall and her husband, John, own and operate Whaley's Rest Home. They are part-owners of the Graham House Inn. Earl Hatcher, who did not file for re-election to the town board and then ran as a write-in candidate and became the top vote-getter in the November election, also was sworn in to a new term as commissioner. He is part-owner of Kenansville Drug Store.

Fennell and Stepp, Mrs. Long said she voted against the extension because of the cost and because only one customer had signed up along the projected line. Town employees will receive \$75 this month as a Christmas bonus. Department heads will receive \$100, according to Board action.

The low bid of Central Builders of Rocky Mount for \$19,300 to build two tennis courts in the municipal park was accepted. All bids for fencing for the tennis courts were rejected as being too high in the board's opinion. The board decided to ask for new bids for fencing and also for lighting for the courts.

The board agreed to delay the deadline for receipt of performance bids for the cable television franchise at the request of Gail Bailey of Univision Cable Television Co. of Richlands. The board appointed Emil Coggins to the town Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for a term expiring in November, 1983. It also appointed Bennie Prince as ABC board chairman for a term expiring in 1984.

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The board voted to extend the town water line about a mile along N.C. 11 north of Kenansville. The cost is estimated at \$18,000 with most of the expense to be caused by putting the line under Dove Creek. T.A. Loving Co. of Goldsboro is the contractor. Commissioner Betty Long voted against the extension. Voting for it were Hatcher, Jimmy Johnson, Robert

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