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## Be Sure To Vote Tuesday, November 2nd

### Duplin Expect Good Voter Turnout Tuesday

Despite the lack of county-wide candidates or issues, Duplin County voters will turn out in "good numbers" Nov. 2, Carolyn Murphy, secretary of the county election board, said this past week.

"I expect to see a good turnout on account of the congressional race," she added.

The third district congressional seat is being sought by the Democratic incumbent, Charles Whitley of Mount Olive, and Republican Eugene "Red" McDaniel of Buies Creek.

One county office is being contested. The District 3 county board of education seat is being sought by Carl D. Pate, the Democratic candidate, and Jackie London Creech, the Republican.

Both have Beulaville addresses. Neither is an incumbent.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME TO END

Daylight Savings Time will end October 31st. . . Remember to set your clock back one hour before you retire on Saturday night. . . as we return to Eastern Standard Time.

Spring Up, Fall Back.

### Kenansville Elementary School Leaky Roof Will Finally Be Fixed

A question of how best to correct leaks by fastening plywood sheets to the roof deck of the Kenansville Elementary School is to be decided in a meeting between Superintendent L.S. Guy and the architect, Herb McKim of Ballard, McKim and Sawyer Architects of Wilmington.

Board member E.L. Boyette said the company that manufactured the deck material suggested the tube lock nails. He added the shingle suppliers also had recommended the nails.

Gary Sanderson, assistant superintendent, reported 680 students took the state competency test for the first time this fall. He said the report for parents will be received Nov. 15 and a comparison report of the area and state by Nov. 25.

Boyetette also urged a policy be established to require yearly physical examinations for school bus drivers. At present a student must take a physical examination only when applying for a driving job.

The board has invited 81 former school administrators to a dinner meeting Monday in Kenansville Elementary school. Thirty-nine had responded. Board members pay for the event.

## Duplin To Fund Mosquito Control

The county board of education last week found a state engineer had recommended one type of fastening and the architect another. It directed Guy to meet with the architect to settle the question so the work can proceed.

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners last week approved spending \$44,000 for the mosquito control program to replace money the state eliminated.

Turner, mosquito control supervisor, told the board they had expected \$94,000 from the state for mosquito control. The state reduced its contribution to \$50,230.

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The 2-year-old school building has leaked since it was opened. Repeated repairs have failed to check the leaks. The work will cost the county nothing.

Both McKim and the state board of education engineer, Lewis Clark, have recommended removal of all roofing material down to the deck. Both have recommended installation of half-inch plywood over the deck followed by installation of roofing felt and shingles.

Commissioner D.J. Fussell voted against the move, saying, "We can't keep picking up (programs) the state drops. Duplin County taxpayers just can't afford this. What we're doing is hurting our taxpayers. We have said previously that we're not going to pick these things up (state and federal program cuts)."

The board obtained the \$44,000 by reappropriating \$18,600 previously allocated for purchase of a front-end loader and \$25,400 from the salary account of David Underhill, who resigned as county landfill and mosquito program supervisor this year.

Duplin County Economic Development Authority, a non-profit organization, to receive a community development block grant. If the grant comes through, it will be used to build a freezer plant near the Swift & Co. turkey processing plant at Wallace.

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The state engineer recommended fastening the plywood to the deck with toggle bolts, which would require drilling through the plywood and the deck. McKim had recommended use of tube lock nails (a nail enclosed in a tube which is driven partway into the material. The nail point extends beyond the tube and bends beneath the material to "lock" it in place) to attach the plywood.

Voting for the spending were Commissioners Allen Nethercutt, W.J. Costin, Franklin Williams and Chairman Calvin Turner.

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The board passed a resolution of intent to approve in principle the issuance of \$4 million in tax-exempt revenue-sharing bonds for the proposed freezer plant. The bond issue must be approved by the state Department of Commerce.

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Work on the first phase of the long-awaited Limestone Creek watershed project can begin by mid-November if the paper work can be completed without delay, Kenneth Futreal, Duplin County soil conservationist, said last Wednesday following opening of bids for the project.

A bid of \$74,000 was received Wednesday last week from Phelps and White Construction Co. of Windsor. Futreal described the bid as "in line with our estimates."

Two bids were received in the first round of bidding last month, but state law requires three bids on the first round. Only one bid was received Wednesday, but no minimum number of bids has been established for the second round.

First phase work calls for 21,000 feet of channel restoration and installation of three sediment basins. Sediment basins are deep basins dug in the channel to catch sediment running off fields or stirred by the channel work. When sediment in the basins reaches a specified depth it is removed to prevent channel clogging. Unchecked sedimentation of channels during years of logging and farming operations on land near the creek has blocked drainage channels and caused flooding.

E.T. Allen of Greenville, a partner in the bidding firm, said that while the contract allows 107 calendar days for the work, he hopes to get it done in less time. The bid specifies \$3.25 per linear foot for a total of \$68,250 for the channel work, \$3,500 for assembling equipment on the site and \$750 each for the sediment basins.

with a hydraulic lift, not with a dragline on the bank. The firm has experience in this type of work, he added. It is completing a similar project in Swift Creek in Pitt County, a \$1.5 million project, Allen said.

Futreal said he hopes bid invitations for the main portion of the project, Phase 2, can be sent out by the first of the year. Design work has been completed and invitations can be sent as soon as specifications can be printed, he added.

The second phase includes 17 miles of channel excavation and 21 miles of channel restoration. Its cost is estimated at \$600,000 to \$700,000.



Aerial Photo Of Kenansville By Joe Lanier

The board named the Rev. Jimmie Creech of Warsaw to the Region P Council of Governments aging commission to succeed the Rev. Julian McMillan of Wallace, who resigned.

The initial phase of the work will start about a mile west of Beulaville, near where N.C. 24 crosses the creek.

The total project includes 41,000 acres of which 14,800 are in crops and 22,800 in forest. Landowners are co-operating by taking steps to reduce or eliminate erosion into the creek.

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### Hunt To Present Community Of Excellence Awards

Governor James B. Hunt will present the 1983 Governor's Community of Excellence award to officials of Kenansville and Magnolia at the 1982 Governor's Conference on Economic Development at the Raleigh Civic Center Wednesday, Nov. 3.

Among other things, the standards require: a local development team trained to discuss available sites, facilities and other location factors; a financial organization enabling the community to buy, sell and option property for or to industrial clients, as well as finance the construction of industrial buildings; adequate school, health care and recreational opportunities; clear and well-organized information on the community, its utilities, transportation facilities, taxes and other important factors; and an economic development organization to support and coordinate economic development activities.

"This award means Kenansville and Magnolia have laid a strong foundation for bringing sound economic development and good new jobs to the area," Hunt said in announcing the award.

One hundred and thirty-two N.C. communities will receive the award this year. The designation means they have met stringent standards reflecting site selection cri-