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Warsaw Town Board Signs Loan Agreement With National Spinning

The agreement for the town of Warsaw to loan National Spinning funds it receives from a federal grant was signed at the town board meeting last week.

The firm is financing the project through a \$10 million industrial revenue bond issue approved by Duplin County and the state and a \$1 million federal grant to Warsaw, which the company will pay back to the city. The industrial revenue bonds' interest is tax free.

To become eligible for the grant, Warsaw annexed the plant site, almost three miles from the main city limits. When the renovation project has been completed, the

company will pay city taxes on the assessed valuation. Warsaw levies 70 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Employment at the textile plant is expected to increase sharply as the new equipment is brought into operation.

The board also agreed during its January meeting

to have Woody Brinson, project engineer for McDavid Associates of Kenansville, look into a complaint by Lillie Ezell Pickett about the workmanship of improvements made to her home under a Department of Housing and Urban Development home improvement project.

The board also approved

purchase of the condemned Joe Riley Smith house for \$2,000 for resale to anyone agreeing to demolish the building and remove the material from the lot.

Brvan Beasley of Beasley Cablevision of Goldsboro told the board his firm had connected 300 Warsaw homes to the cable system. He said the firm was having some trouble with reception of a movie channel, Showtime, but expected this to be corrected soon.

The board voted to put rescue squad members under the town workman's compensation program at a premium cost of \$348 to \$600 a year. The program will be handled by Cavanaugh Insurance Agency of Warsaw.

Carla Quinn was appointed to the renamed town recreation commission to succeed Dean Gaster, who moved out of town. The commission was formerly called the recreation committee.



GOVERNOR JAMES HUNT and Representative Wendell Murphy are shown just after landing at the Wallace Airport Tuesday of last week. The pair flew from Raleigh in the State helicopter. Hunt was the guest speaker at the Wallace Chamber of Commerce banquet. Pictured behind Murphy is Graham Phillips, who was part of the welcoming committee at the Wallace airport.

Disturbance At Wallace Night Spot May Lead To Zone Change

Complaints about nightly noise and disturbance around a Wallace nightspot may prod the town board of commissioners into updating the town's 30-year-old zoning ordinances.

People living near Korkey's Down the Hatch, located in a former furniture store beside U.S. 117 on the south side of town, have complained to board members about noise from live bands and people pounding on cars and drinking beer on the sidewalks. They also have complained about trash being thrown in their yards.

The town board Thursday night banned parking on two streets near the establishment.

Commissioner Charles Blanchard, referring to the nightspot's location near a residential area, told the board: "It's time we got our zoning ordinances up to date. We're just not doing our job. If there are things in ordinances we don't like, we should change. It's foolish for us to be sitting around here with a 1952 ordinance. We have two problem places in town and if our ordinances were up-to-date, they would

not be in such locations."

Blanchard said he wanted the board to study the zoning ordinances with the idea of bringing them up-to-date. He said he would bring the matter up at every board meeting until action was taken.

In other action: Tom Davidson, a board member, was appointed chairman of the planning board to succeed Kenneth Blanchard, who resigned the post due to health. The town board will name a regular member of the planning board during its

next meeting.

Fire Chief Thomas Townsend gave his annual report and said 1982 had the lowest local fire loss in a long time. He credited installation of 350 smoke alarms in the city and a fire prevention education effort.

Townsend reported the department answered 92 alarms in 1982, compared with 121 in 1981. Townsend estimated fire loss last year at \$207,485 compared with \$388,000 in the preceding year. He estimated the value of property saved in 1982 at \$626,915, just over half the \$1,140,000 saved in 1981.

Cable TV Firm Gets More Time For Work At Rose Hill

Univision Cable Television Co. of Richlands has received a seven-week extension to complete installation of its system in Rose Hill.

The Town Board approved a March 1 deadline last week.

Univision general manager John Cochran said Wednesday that complications in arranging with utilities to hang cable TV wires delayed his company's work. "It was the first time for both of us and that made for delays in working out details," Cochran said. "The utilities worked well with us, but it just took more time than expected."

Customers will begin receiving television programs through the cable system late this month in Wallace, he said. The company has franchises to serve several Duplin County towns and much of the county.

Red Cross Chapter Meeting

The midwinter meeting of the Duplin County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 27 at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Grove Presbyterian Church in Kenansville.

Fussell Scholarship Awarded At JSTC

In 1973, Mr. and Mrs. Morace Fussell of Rose Hill established the Elizabeth Gray Fussell Memorial Fund at James Sprunt Technical College in memory of their daughter, Elizabeth, who was a graduate of the JSTC commercial art program.

This year for the first time the scholarship was awarded and shared by two students currently enrolled in the commercial art program.

Pamela J. Pierce of Wallace was one of the recipients. She is a member of the Art Club at JSTC and hopes to open her own studio some

day. Darnell Whitfield of Warsaw is the other recipient. He is interested in all types of sports and plans to pursue a career in commercial art after graduation.

The scholarship will assist these two young people pay their tuition and fees. Anyone interested in making a contribution to the Elizabeth G. Fussell Scholarship Fund should contact Ms. Donna S. Thigpen, executive director of the James Sprunt Foundation at JSTC, P.O. Box 398, Kenansville, NC 28349 or phone 296-1341, ext. 265.



ELIZABETH G. FUSSELL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED - Pictured above are Darnell Whitfield, left and Pamela J. Pierce, right, recipients of the award. Both students are currently enrolled in the commercial art program at James Sprunt Technical College.

Tax Listing

Duplin County tax list-takers will be listing property for 1983 taxes in each township through Jan. 31. All

persons who own real or personal property are required to list.

Tobacco Growers Face A Double Bind

Farmers are finding tobacco leasing as difficult and costly as they had expected following sharp production quota cuts and an even sharper assessment fee increase.

Because production is limited by acreage allotments and poundage quotas, which owners may lease to growers, farmers looking for additional tobacco find they have to pay a double assessment fee, according to Morris Kornegay of the Faison area. Many other growers agree with his observation that they are having to pay the owners' seven cents a pound assessment fee at the time they arrange a lease.

Growers also will have to pay an assessment fee of seven cents a pound when they sell their tobacco. The fee was established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to defray the cost of the tobacco price-support and production-control program. It is paid to Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Inc., which buys tobacco failing to receive prices in excess of the support levels.

The assessment was increased from three cents a pound last year to a basic seven cents a pound this year. In addition, allotment and quota owners leasing tobacco off their farms are supposed to pay seven cents a pound at the time the lease is executed. Farmers leasing

the tobacco are, however, having to pay the extra seven cents "one way or the other," according to Kornegay.

Duplin County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Director David English said the ASCS office in Kenansville has been crowded most of the week with farmers wanting to lease tobacco quotas. The ASCS operates the production control side of the tobacco program. All tobacco production quota leases or sales must be executed in the respective county offices.

Kenansville Area Chamber Of Commerce Annual Membership Meeting

The 1983 Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce annual membership meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 28 at the Country Squire, and will feature State Representative Wendell Murphy as its speaker. Murphy was recently inducted for his first term as a legislator representing Duplin and Jones counties. In addition to his legislative duties, Murphy is an executive with Murphy Farms, Inc. located in Rose Hill.

Chamber president Carey Wrenn states that this will be an excellent opportunity for businesses and citizens of our area to listen to an excellent speaker who can give some insight into what

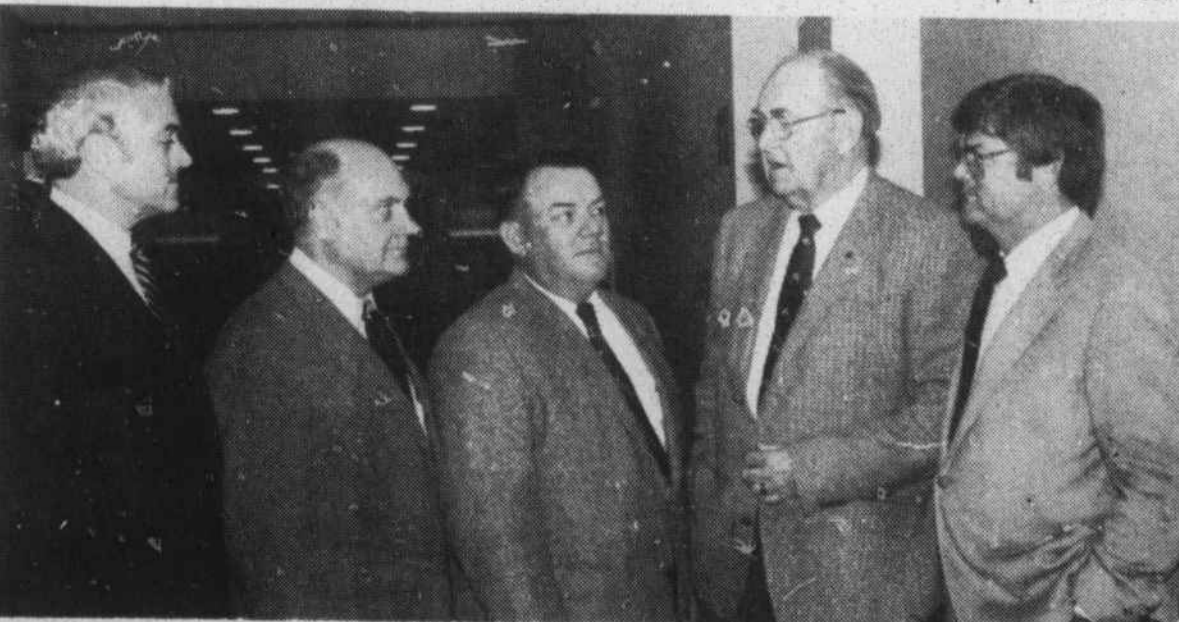
we can expect from our legislature this year. Wrenn also said that an opportunity will be given to ask questions and share concerns with Duplin's state representative.

In addition to hearing Murphy speak, those in attendance will enjoy a steak dinner and hear Duplin's visiting artist, Leigh Howard Stevens. Stevens, a vibraphonist, is visiting Duplin County from Jan. 23-30 and is being sponsored by the Duplin County Arts Council.

Wrenn stated that the newly-elected board members will also be inducted. They are Amos Brinson, Charles Hughes, Mattie Minshew and Charles

Shaape. They will serve as the Chamber's board of directors for 1983 along with four remaining directors, Doug Judge, Alice Rich, Tom Rouse and Kay Stroud. The outgoing directors, Hilda Booth, Bill McKay, Alice Worthington and Wrenn will also be recognized.

According to Wrenn, it will be a night of dining and entertainment, along with an informative session that he believes will benefit all citizens of the area. The meeting will be held in the Jester's Court at The Country Squire. It will start at 7 p.m. and the cost is \$7.50 per person. Reservations must be made by Jan. 25 by calling Carolyn Hall at 296-1827.



The 1983 officers of the Corn Growers Association of North Carolina are pictured recently with Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham (second right), at the Annual Directors' Dinner at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. They are (left to right) Fred Tate of Elizabethtown, treasurer; Leroy Jackson of Raleigh, secretary; Jack Williams of Faison, vice president; and Harold Cutler of Scotland Neck, president. The election of 1983 officers was held at the CGANC Annual State Meeting last month in Raleigh. The Corn Growers Association of North Carolina was established in 1978 to help fund corn research, promote corn export and to increase yields. The CGANC is funded by a one-half cent per bushel assessment on corn sold for commercial use.