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HOT WATER HEATING SYSTEM - C.M. Outlaw is in the process of building an old-fashioned, new-fangled heating system for his home, store and greenhouse. Using a 550-gallon cast iron fuel tank, C.M. first built a firebox in the front. The capacity of the "boiler" is now about 450 to 500 gallons of water. With pipes and pumps, the water, which is continually heated by wood, is piped into the greenhouse and the residence. The water in the residence at the present time is only being used for bathing and dishwashing. In the future, however, Outlaw plans to have

the hot water go through radiator-type units with fans circulating the air. The system is under no pressure. The water is circulated by pumps. In the greenhouse, Outlaw has rigged up a what-you-may-call-it where hot water is circulating through an old abandoned air condition coil. Behind that is an old window fan which blows air through the water-heated coils. Thus, a "hot house." Once completed, Outlaw thinks he will have between \$1,000 and \$1,500 in the system.

Commissioners Have Declared That Emergency Exists

Duplin Seeks Truck For Garbage Rescue

Facing a possible garbage pile-up, Duplin County is looking for a heavy-duty truck chassis suitable for installation of a garbage pickup container and hydraulic system.

The board of commissioners, in a special meeting last week, directed Finance Officer Russell Tucker to locate such a truck chassis as soon as possible. The commissioners have declared an emergency exists in the county garbage pick-up program because one of its trucks broke down.

The county operates a countywide garbage pick-up service, using four container trucks that operate 5 1/2 days a week to empty 600 large trash containers.

Tucker was directed to find the least expensive truck in stock that can do the job.

Cost of a truck in stock is

estimated at \$45,000 to \$65,000. The money will come from unbudgeted reserves. The garbage container and hydraulics from the broken-down truck will be installed on the new chassis.

Special Funds Available For No-Till Systems

Duplin County is one of the three counties in the state selected in 1983 to receive special ACP funding to demonstrate the no-till system of farming.

"The no-till system is a cost-effective practice to protect the soil, reduce pollution and conserve energy,"

the cost of repairing the 1973 model truck would be about \$6,000 and it would likely break down again in a short time, board members indicated.

Sonny Sykes, county sanitation inspector, told the

board if it tries to operate with three-fourths of its regular truck capacity for any length of time, garbage will pile up, creating an unsanitary and potentially dangerous situation.

Any farmer interested in this practice should not disk or plant his land, as this will disqualify him for this practice.

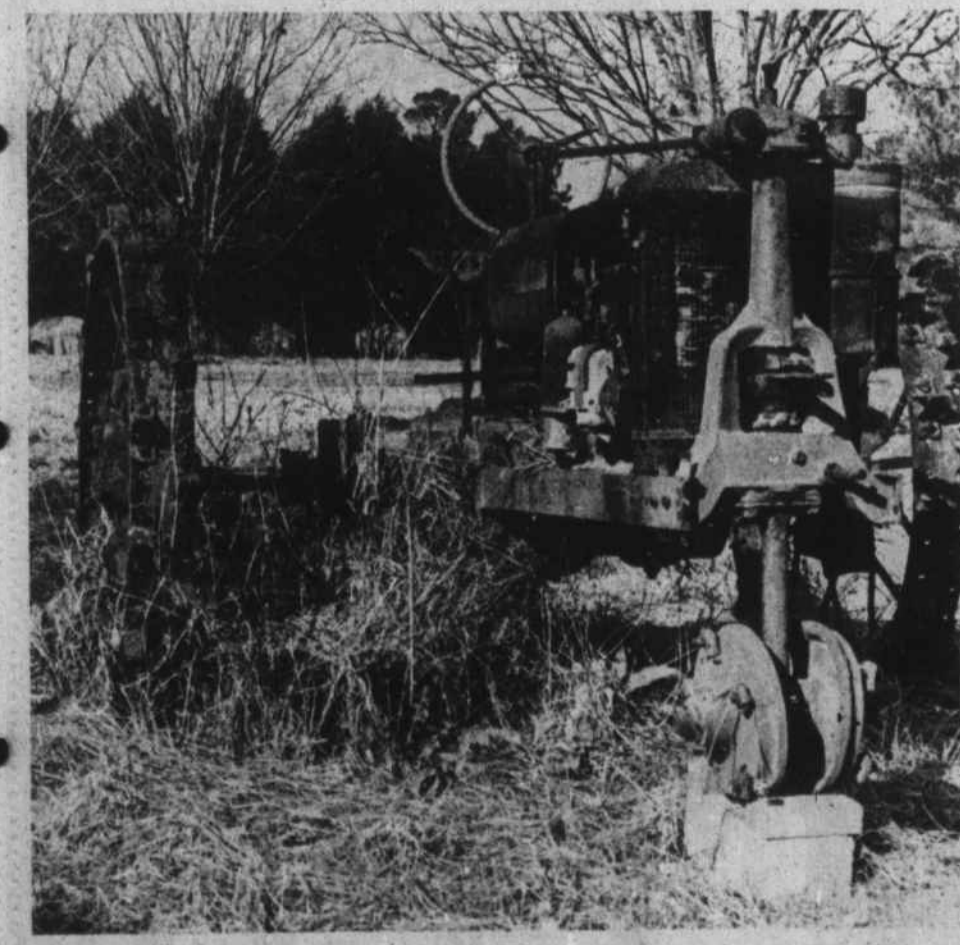
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authorized where the farmer has already adopted a satisfactory conservation tillage system of farming.

Applications for cost-sharing must be approved before the practice is started.

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EARLY MODE TRACTOR - Many farmers can remember some of the first tractors which were built with steel wheels. The tractor replaced the mule and work horses

doing the work of several animals. As technology advanced, so did the quality of farm machinery until tractors like the one pictured above were put to rest.

Rains Overload Warsaw Plant Drainage System Blamed

The City of Warsaw just accepted a new \$2 million sewage treatment plant

The town of Warsaw faces a potentially costly sewer line inflow problem because its storm drainage system apparently is connected to the sanitary sewer lines.

The city officially accepted its new \$2 million sewage treatment plant Friday.

Thurman Gaster, sanitation and maintenance supervisor, said an estimated 6 to 8 inches of rain from Friday through Sunday virtually

drowned the plant with daily flows of 1.2 million, 1 million and 500,000 gallons. Sewage backed up as a result.

The normal sewage flow to the treatment plant is about 300,000 gallons a day, Gaster said.

Charles Joyner, project engineer with McDavid Associates, the sewage treatment plant engineering firm, told the town board last week that smoke tests made before construction began to determine the amount of sewer line leakage in the town indicated most of the storm

drains emptied into the sanitary system. He said as much as 80 percent of the town's storm drainage went directly into the sewage treatment plant.

The storm drainage includes silt and sand, which shortens the life of the pumps. The overload also shortens pump life, as well as increasing operating costs. Gaster said such overloads could ruin the plant within a year.

Any sewer line work will have to be financed by the town. The board directed the

engineering firm to study the problem and estimate the cost of correcting the problem.

The board ordered a public hearing on 7:30 p.m. March 14 at the town hall on rezoning an area on Pinecrest Drive and Best Street to permit mobile homes.

It directed Town Clerk Alfred Herring to look into the complaint of Frances Jones that repairs on her house, financed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, were improperly made.

Faison Depot May Open In Summer

By Emily Killete

Approximately \$6,000 is needed to complete the restoration of the Faison depot into a library and museum, explained restoration committee member Nan Fesperman. And, the restoration committee hopes to release the structure to open this summer.

The railroad depot was donated to the town of Faison in 1980 by businessman Harold Precythe. The town board of commissioners allocated funds to move the building to the Faison parks and recreation grounds and appointed the original restoration committee. Fesperman named the original members and explained most of the work to restore the depot has been done with funds raised by the first committee. The original

committee was made up of Norma Cates, now deceased; Duplin County Superintendent of Schools L.S. Guy, Bill Igoo, George Wallace and Nan Fesperman. The restoration committee received a \$5,000 Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation grant and numerous private donations which have funded all work done on the depot at this point, Fesperman said. The current restoration committee is in the process of planning two or more fundraising projects to raise the monies needed to complete the project.

"Our depot is a landmark," Fesperman said. "We fought to keep it because many times passersby would not remember anything about our town but the people sitting around the depot under the 'no-loitering' signs!" Local carpenters Faison Bowden and J.C.

Thompson have been restoring the depot. According to Fesperman the building will be restored as original as possible and the outside is complete except for landscaping.

Inside the carpenters have sanded old paint from the walls and heart-of-pine wood floors. The floor will be finished in the next week followed by the walls. The depot walls will be divided by a chair-railing. The lower section of the wall is to be natural wood. The upper section is to be covered with off-white paint. The cost of finishing the floors and walls of the three-room depot will leave the restoration project at a standstill until more funds are donated or raised by the committee, Fesperman said.

"Our next step in restoring the depot will be to add library shelves," Fes-

perman said. "But, we will have to raise more funds before that will begin. We will also need library and museum furniture and lighting fixtures. Track lighting will be needed in the museum and that will be the most expensive item needed."

Presently the town of Faison has no library and is seeking donations of historical items to be placed in the museum. The museum is to display historical items relative to the town of Faison. "The town depot is a tradition, a piece of history and maybe the only thing left to remind us of the local passenger trains. The people of Faison were quite concerned and worked hard to keep the depot from being torn down. And, I think we have something to be proud of in the restoration of the depot," said Fesperman.

PIK Program Ends March 11

"The final date for farm operators to file contracts to participate in the PIK (Payment-In-Kind) program is March 11," according to David English, Duplin County executive director of ASCS.

The PIK program is designed to encourage farmers to further reduce 1983 crop acreages of wheat, corn and sorghum from previously announced acreage reduction and land diversion programs. They can divert an additional

10-30 percent of the crop acreage base for PIK. Compensation under the PIK program is a quantity of bushels of the commodity for which the additional acreage reduction is made. For the 10-30 percent of base PIK, compensation will be the farm's program yield times 95 percent for wheat and 80 percent for corn and grain sorghum.

Farmers may elect to divert the whole crop acreage base for the farm on a bid

basis, provided such bid is accepted. The whole base bid means the producer offers to reduce the planted acreage of the crop to zero and devote an acreage equal to the crop acreage base to approved conservation uses. The producer bids by specifying the percent of the farm's program yield per acre that is acceptable as compensation for participation. The lowest bids are accepted first. If accepted, the bid applies on the total PIK acreage di-

verted. Bids will be opened at the ASCS office on March 18, English stated.

PIK Program

There are still many unanswered questions concerning the PIK program, but if you are still wondering if PIK is for you, the AES might help you decide.

"We have computer programs that will determine the amount of corn and money that the farmer could receive in the ARP and PIK programs," says Keith J. Hairr, assistant agricultural extension agent with the Duplin County AES.

The program will also compute the dollar amount you would need for a bushel of grain to break even with the PIK program.

"For instance, if a producer's variable cost is \$200 per acre and has expected yields averaging 90 bushels per acre on land to be set aside, then he would need approximately \$3.55 in order to do as well in the PIK program," said Keith.

If a producer will bring in his estimated production costs and yields on Feb. 25, March 1 and March 4, Hairr will be in the office to help determine his break-even point. Also, if the producer knows his corn base and farm yield, they can calculate the benefits he could receive in the program.

HINES SERVES AS PAGE

Hope Hines of Beulaville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie N. Hines, Route 1, served as a page in Governor Jim Hunt's offices in Raleigh during the week of Feb. 7-11. Hope is a junior at East Duplin High School.

4-H In Duplin Includes 15 Clubs

In Duplin County, 4-H involves a variety of people, not just club members and leaders, but people from all walks of life. There are 15 4-H clubs in the county with membership of approximately 350, Ray Rhinehart, Duplin 4-H agent with the Agricultural Extension Service said.

Members of 4-H range in age from 9 to 19 and Duplin has an even mixture of ages with about 50 percent in each the junior and senior groups, Rhinehart said. Recruitment of additional members and new clubs is a constant part of 4-H. Rhinehart and the Duplin 4-H expansion committee are making plans to establish clubs in the towns of Faison, Calypso and Chinquapin.

Programs and projects in 4-H include many different types of subjects. Each year the 4-H clubs in Duplin participate individually or as a club in several projects sponsored by local or state organizations. According to Rhinehart, members and clubs can receive district and state recognition in two of the projects emphasized in

Duplin. One of the projects involves safety and can be an individual or club effort. Rhinehart explained. The safety project is sponsored by the Duplin County Farm Bureau. The Duplin County Tuberculosis Association sponsors a health project for individual participation. Four awards are given by the Tuberculosis Association in the health project. Youth Looks at Aging projects are emphasized in Duplin. Rhinehart said, and is a statewide program. The American Association of Retired Persons sponsors the Youth Looks at Aging projects competition among the 4-H clubs.

Another club project sponsored statewide is the Community Service project. The North Carolina Honor 4-H Club sponsors the Community Service competition. "Our clubs and individuals are encouraged to participate in these four projects," Rhinehart, 4-H Agent, said.

"But, along with the recommended projects, the 4-H'er chooses other individual projects. As a rule, for the younger members who are just beginning, I try to

recommend two or three projects which are of real interest to them." With each project, 4-H members keep a project book and record sheet which are used for grading in the annual selection of achievement award winners in Duplin County.

"A long-time record book may be the ultimate 4-H project," Rhinehart said. "We (Rhinehart and 4-H leaders) put the most emphasis on this project because the member can learn so much from it and receive scholarships. Members learn how to keep records, organize their thoughts and write using the strict guidelines of compiling the long-time record book." The long-time record book is a concise diary of all projects in which the 4-H member has participated and awards received since joining the organization. Duplin 4-H clubs submit among the highest number of individual long-time record books in the 17-county Southeastern District, Rhinehart said.

Programs for Duplin 4-H are planned by both the individual clubs and the county extension service.

During the past three years, Duplin firemen have been involved in 4-H programs with fire safety. The firemen present a fire safety program to the 4-H clubs giving the members insight into emergency and routine procedures. Currently, Rhinehart and the Duplin 4-H Special Projects Community are working to organize a first aid program similar to fire safety involving members of the county rescue services.

"The county helps subsidize the clubs with programs," Rhinehart said.

Duplin 4-H clubs located in Warsaw are the New Horizons and the Warsaw Shamrocks; Kenansville, the Kenansville 4-H, Stanford 4-H and Farrior Youth Core (FYC); Magnolia, Cost 4-H; Rose Hill, Achievers in Motion (AIM); Wallace, DECA 4-H and Wallace 4-H; Teachey, Teachey 4-H and People 4-H; Oakwolfe Community, Oakridge 4-H; Albertson, Albertson 4-H; Beulaville, Golden Sunset; and Chinquapin, Mill Swamp