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Kenansville Board Sells Tobacco Production Quota

The Kenansville Town Board has gone out of the tobacco farming business by selling its production quota of 1,473 pounds.

The board agreed last week to sell the quota for \$5,170.23, or \$3.51 per pound.

The town acquired the quota when it bought a tract west of the town limits for a potential industrial site. Until this year, tobacco production quotas were sold with the land. Towns, counties, public utilities and industries acquired tobacco production rights when they purchased land to which growing rights applied.

Legislation passed by Congress in 1982 requires that such quotas be sold or turned over to the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service by the end of the year. Tobacco farmers have voted for production control in return for price support protection for more than 40 years.

The high bidder on Kenansville's tobacco patch was Godbold Farms of Warsaw. Other bidders were Ray Franklin Smith of Smith's Township, \$3.15 per pound, and Henry Kilpatrick of Kenansville, \$2.03 per pound.

In other business, the

board purchased a pickup truck for \$7,407.54 from Warsaw Motor Co. even though the firm was not the low bidder. The range between high and low bids was about \$77. The Warsaw firm was chosen because the board believes its proximity for service and repairs will save money in the long run.

Warsaw is about eight miles from Kenansville.

The low bidder was H.J. Chevrolet of Pink Hill at \$7,330.84. Pink Hill is 16 miles from Kenansville. Brewer Motors of Wallace submitted a bid of \$7,378.18. Wallace also is 16 miles from Kenansville.

The commissioners agreed unanimously to order a halt to construction that may violate town ordinances.

Commissioner Jimmy Johnson moved to order Ronald Summerlin, who lives on N.C. 50 (Limestone Road) near the junction of N.C. 11 and 24, to halt construction of a second "main" building on his lot or face legal action. The board found Summerlin had begun construction even though Police Chief Tyson Bostic, also the town's building permit officer, refused to sign the permit because two "main" structures on one lot violate town ordinances.

DUPLIN FARMER ATTENDS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM - Steve Grady of Route 2, Mount Olive, is participating in the Philip Morris Leadership Development program at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. Grady is one of 25 young farmers from five southern states selected for a pilot, two-year leadership development program. NCSU's Agricultural Extension Service is conducting the program. The Kenansville offices of the Federal Land Bank

Association and the Coastal Production Credit Association presented Grady with checks for \$150 each in support of his participation in the leadership program. Pictured above, Grey Morgan, vice president of the Federal Land Bank Association in Kenansville, farmer Steve Grady, vice president of the Coastal Production Credit Association in Kenansville Ronnie James, and Duplin Agricultural Extension Agent J. Michael Moore.

Rose Hill's Huge Frying Pan May Sizzle Again

If efforts to revive the North Carolina Poultry Festival at Rose Hill succeed, the festival will be held in the community recreation area adjacent to U.S. 117.

The town board last week granted permission for this

use to Gary Boney and Lee Houston, who are trying to form a poultry festival committee. The festival was held in Rose Hill for many years.

Last year the huge frying pan that had been the festival centerpiece was moved to Kenansville for the county

agricultural exposition. The pan has been returned to Rose Hill and now is permanently located on the community recreation area grounds.

In other business, a hearing was set for 7:30 p.m. March 28 to hear residents'

ideas about what they would like in a community block grant application. Another hearing will be held at the board's regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. April 12. Block grant applications are due by May.

Duplin Board Plans To Hear Budget Pleas

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners will hear departmental budget requests from 1 to 5 p.m. April 11, 12, 19 and 20 in its office in the county courthouse.

The Board of Education will present its proposed budget at 3 p.m. April 11.

In other action last week, the board:

— Directed Nathan Whaley, landfill and mosquito control supervisor, to

delay repairing a backhoe until the next fiscal year because of a lack of funds. The department's maintenance fund is down to \$2,600 which must last until June 30. The county has three backhoes that are used in drainage work.

— Reappointed Commissioner Allen Nethercutt to the Duplin County Hospital board.

— Rejected the request of Hiram Brinson, emer-

gency services coordinator, for a county computer terminal in his office in the law enforcement center to use in billing rescue squad users. Brinson, whose staff must go to the courthouse to use the computer, said his office processes an average of 150 calls a month. The cost of installing a terminal in his office would be \$4,000.

— Announced a public hearing will be held at 11:30 a.m. March 21 at the court-

house on a Department of Housing and Urban Development block grant.

— Appointed Casey Brown to replace James Lanier on the county Planning Board for a term expiring July 1, 1984. Lanier resigned the post.

— Heard a tax mapping presentation by Moore-Gardner Co. of Asheboro. The project would cost about \$500,000.

Wallace To Purchase Garbage Truck Equipment

Bids on a garbage container truck chassis will be opened by the Wallace Town Board at 2 p.m. April 6.

The board voted Thursday night to advertise for bids on the chassis to replace one that has broken down repeatedly and was described as beyond repair.

The equipment will cost about \$62,000. The garbage lift container and hydraulic system are in good shape and can be transferred to the new vehicle.

Maintenance supervisor Johnny Murray said that on its last run, the old truck used 36 quarts of oil in one day.

Waste Industries of Wil-

lington has been awarded a contract at \$5,600 a month to empty the county's 133 garbage containers at business and industrial sites until the town can replace its truck.

The board discussed the possibility of permanently contracting with a garbage firm to pick up waste, but decided such a system would cost the town more than collection by the town. The board favored the lower-cost alternative of buying replacement equipment and continuing to pick up the garbage with its own crews.

Murray said he will need the same maintenance crew with or without the garbage pick-up duty. The crew normally picks up the containers

two days a week and works on other town maintenance duties the rest of the work-week.

The board also authorized its engineering firm, Henry von Oesen & Associates of Wilmington, to call for bids to replace the sewage lift station on South Cumberland Street near the southern town limits. The cost was estimated at \$26,000. The old pumping equipment is worn out and a station with larger capacity is needed because of construction in the area.

Gail Williams of Beulaville was awarded a contract for \$3,150 to replace the flat roof on the town airport's main building.

John Fecteau of Univision Cable Television Co. of Richlands told the board the firm has leased space in the old rescue building on the Town Hall grounds for \$75 a month as an office to serve people desiring to hook onto the system. He said 90 houses in Wallace are now receiving cable service.

The hook-ups will be completed in about 30 days, weather permitting, he added. A \$15 hook-up and converter fee is charged for basic cable service.

A tax lien sale will be advertised May 16. The sale will be held June 13 at Town Hall.

A Mayfest will be staged May 12-14 at Clement Park.

Re-Elected To N.C. Academy Of Family Physicians

Dr. Edward L. Boyette, M.D. of Chinquapin, Dr. James S. Blair Jr., M.D. of Wallace, Dr. Corbett L. Quinn of Magnolia and Dr. Hervy B. Kornegay Sr. of Mount Olive have been re-elected to the N.C. Academy of Family Physicians.

In order to become eligible for the honor, these physicians were required to complete 150 hours of continuing medical education (CME) during the past three years. They joined more than 270 of the state's nearly 1,000 practicing family physicians in achieving this educational goal.

The primary thrust of the NCAFP, a constituent chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians, is continuing medical education. In addition to the 150 hours required for re-election to the NCAFP, members must accumulate 300 hours for ABFP Board re-certification. Family practice is the only medical specialty to require re-certification every six years.

Family practice became a medical specialty Feb. 8, 1969 with the inception of its residency training program. During the initial period of the specialty, (then) general

practitioners were allowed to take a certification examination and become family physicians. Now, however, all must complete a three-

year family practice residency training program.

Family practice is the nation's largest medical specialty, comprising over 54,000 family physicians.

Headstart Open House

There will be an open house at Warsaw Head Start Center, 106 Pershing Street, on Thursday night, March 17 at 7:30. Those in charge said there will be various entertainment including a cake walk, rummage sale with

games activities for the children. Each class will give a song or nursery rhyme presentation. The group will also be selling hot dogs, sodas, cup cakes and popcorn. Everyone is extended an invitation to attend.

Laundry Disputes 38,000 Gallon Water Bill In Magnolia

The Magnolia Washerette in Duplin County will have its water turned off soon unless the owner changes his mind.

When the town board last week refused to reduce the washerette's water bill of \$116, owner William E. Mitchell told the board. "If I don't tell you different, the next time you read the meter, turn the water off."

Mayor Melvin Pope, a furniture store owner, said a normal washing machine uses 30 gallons of water per

washing. He figured this amount of water costs between 9 and 10 cents and noted the washerette charged 75 cents per washing machine.

He recommended the utility rate remain at \$3 per 1,000 gallons in addition to a minimum fee of \$2 for the first 3,000 gallons.

The washerette was billed for 38,000 gallons of water.

In other town business? — The board will hold a public hearing on the fate of

the Magnolia depot at 7:30 p.m. March 31 at the Town Hall.

Numberous hearings and discussions have been held as the board and various town groups have tried to do something with or about the building. The depot must be moved from its present site on railroad property or be demolished.

The town owns the building, which it purchased several years ago from the Seaboard Systems Railroad.

A hearing on a community block grant application will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 26 at the Town Hall.

The board awarded McDavid Associates a development planning contract paid for by a community development grant of \$10,000.

The board appropriated \$150 to the Woman's Club to prepare files for a community of excellence award application.

Beulaville Town Board Lets Bids At Regular Meeting

A bid for laboratory equipment was let during the March 7 meeting of the Beulaville town board. The installation of lab equipment is one of the final steps in the town's water and sewer projects, said project administrator Woody Brinson.

The bid for office and laboratory equipment was let to Fisher Scientific Inc. for a total of \$4,187.13. The equipment will be delivered and installed by March 31. Brinson said.

Farmers Home Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency representatives are scheduled to inspect the Beulaville water and sewer projects for final closeout before March 31. Brinson said.

The board also approved a bid for water analysis. The bid was let to Environmental I. Inc. for \$892. Environmental I currently serves the town of Beulaville in water analysis.

A public hearing date was set for March 29 at the Beulaville Town Hall. The 7 p.m. meeting will discuss possible application for Housing and Urban Development community block funds.

A citizen committee was appointed to study the possi-

bility of renovating the old town hall for use as a library. Appointed to the committee were Carl Pate, Anna Guy and Sarah Bolin. A study by town commissioners S.A. Blizzard and Elvis Sumner had estimated the cost to renovate the old town hall at \$23,640. And, the commissioners reported the replacement of the old town hall with a 24'x30' structure would be less expensive than renovation costs. The town presently rents a library building for \$90 a month.

The board was informed of two possible sites to relocate trash dumpsters from the roadside of Highway 24 by Commissioner Blizzard. Both tentative dumpster sites are on state road 111. No decision was made on the location.

Recreation issues were unresolved by the Beulaville town board after two motions regarding funding and organization died for lack of a second.

Recreation Chairman Alfred Basden met with the town board and presented a report of yearly expenditures. The recreation department received \$4,500 from the town's 1982-83 general budget and collected a total of \$1,578 in activity fees, Basden said. Presently

no funds are left in the budget for this fiscal year; however, the recreation has more than \$7,000 in a savings account.

"The savings was raised independently by the recreation department," Basden said. "And, we don't know whether it should be considered town funds and be taken over by the town."

Commissioner Rabon Maready made a motion to begin proceedings to give the Beulaville Recreation Department non-profit status with town control. Under the non-profit status, the Recreation Department Board of Commissioners would be appointed by the Beulaville Town Board. Responsibility for collecting and disbursing funds would be within the Recreation Board, Rabon said. The motion died after no second.

Commissioner Blizzard made a motion that all funds from income to the recreation department be submitted to Town Clerk Carol Miller. Blizzard's motion also failed when no second was given.

Beulaville Mayor Wilbur Hussey requested Basden inform the recreation board of suggestions by Commissioners Blizzard and Maready. Basden was re-

quested to appear at the April 5 board meeting with a recommendation from the recreation department.

The next meeting of the Beulaville town board will be moved from Easter Monday to the following night, April 5.

Wildlife Commission Visits Warsaw

Woodrow Price, candidate for re-election to the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission from the 2nd Wildlife District, was at Bland's Grill in Warsaw last Thursday.

Price, a lifelong hunter and fisherman and author of "In The Open," talked with and answered questions from several area sportsmen in attendance. He also asked for support of his re-election bid as commissioner during the District convention at 7:30 p.m. on April 19th at Lenoir Community College in Kinston.

Also visiting with Price were well-known Wildlife enthusiasts Ellis Simon, Frank Phillips and Jim Creel.