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## Faison Board Request Bids For Town Employees Insurance

Faison commissioners requested separate bids be taken for workman's compensation insurance policies covering town employees and the volunteer fire department during the June 1 meeting of the Board at the town hall.

After three claims were filed on the Faison town employees workman's compensation policy by Faison firemen, the town was classified as a high risk by Hewitt Coleman Association Inc. of Raleigh, the insuring company. The firemen were hurt during a softball benefit game. Ray King, town

workman's compensation officer, said.

The Faison Commissioners approved the appointment of J.E. Andrews to the Duplin County Airport Commission. Andrews will replace Gene Sasser as Faison's representative on the Commission.

A business license to operate a pool and game room was granted to James E. Goodman by the town board upon the completion of a routine police investigation.

Commissioner Melvin Rogers reported the sale of

the used police car to Junior Basden of Beulaville for \$465. And, he informed the board of the sale of 93 gallons of water to area farmers.

Faison town administrator Neil Mallory informed the Board of a new public improvement project grant funds made available under the recently passed jobs bill. The grants are 50 percent matching funds for high intensity labor projects which can be started within the next three months and completed in one year.

Budget Commissioner Bill Igoe submitted the 1983-84

budget to the Board. The Board set June 22 as the date of the public hearing on the 1983-84 budget. A hearing will begin at 7 p.m. at the town hall. No increase in the local tax or water rates and a five percent salary increase were proposed in the 1983-84 budget. The 1983-84 general budget is set at \$195,000; water and sewer, \$99,835; Powell Aid Fund, \$16,500; and General Revenue Sharing, \$7,000. Budgeted in 1982-83 for general expenditures, \$188,826; water and sewer, \$89,295; Powell aid fund, \$15,000; and general revenue sharing, \$17,150.



**DUPLIN COURT HONORS GRAHAM CHESTNUT** - Superior Court Judge Henry Stevens III of Warsaw presents Earl Chestnut with a plaque honoring his brother, Graham Chestnut for his devotion and dedication while bailiff of the Duplin courts. Graham Chestnut died

this past year on a lunch break from the court. Chestnut, before joining the Duplin Sheriff's Department, was a country store operator near Magnolia. He was affectionately known as "Smoky." Superior Court in Kenansville was recessed for the presentation and recognition of the Chestnut family.

## Warsaw Recreation Department Sponsors

# A Day In The Park

By Emily Killete

The Warsaw Recreation Department invites local citizens to join the celebration of parks and recreation month, said Warsaw Recreation Director Neale Turlington. The celebration of food, fun, games and crafts begins June 11 at the Warsaw Recreation Park at 9:30 a.m.

Starting the day in the park will be the judging of the decorated bike contest at 9:30 a.m. Bikes are to be decorated at home before entering the contest. Turlington pointed out, field events for ages 5 to 12 years will begin at 9:30 a.m. The field events will be team sports for groups of two to

four children including the baton relay, wheelbarrow race, three-legged race, and 50-yard dash. Prizes for field events and bike decoration contest will be ribbons. Along with the field events, all-day games such as horse shoes, frisby golf, volleyball, face painting and creative activities will be open to all ages on the park grounds.

Inside the Thompson Gymnasium at the Warsaw Recreation Park will be craft booths. The craft booths open at 11 a.m. and outside at 11:30 a.m. the Sanford Senior Citizens Junk Band, a group of about 25, will perform. The Sanford Senior Citizen Junk Band is funded

in part by the Duplin County Arts Council through the grass roots arts program of the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency. The Warsaw Jayettes are sponsoring a sandcastle building contest from noon until 2 p.m. The Duplin Aviators will present an airplane exposition from noon until 1:30 p.m. The Warsaw Jayees will sponsor a treasure hunt for junior and senior high school students. The hunt for each age group will follow different clues and participants will walk or ride bikes. Two prizes in each age group will be given, one to a male and one to a female. The treasure hunt prizes are

\$50 savings bonds.

A karate demonstration will be presented by Sammy Wilson of Beutancus beginning at 3 p.m. Wilson is scheduled to begin karate classes at Thompson Gymnasium June 28. Wilson has a black belt in karate. The Hesiitations of Warsaw are scheduled to appear at 5 p.m. in the park. Softball games are scheduled from 2 until 6 p.m. featuring the Warsaw Co-Rec Church League teams.

Reservations for the tennis courts are currently being taken for the day in the park. Call the Warsaw Recreation Department to reserve playing time.

## Auditor Says Duplin General Hospital Needs More Patients

Duplin General Hospital has no problems that an additional 10 patients a day wouldn't cure, a representative of the auditing firm hired by the county told the Board of Commissioners Monday.

Lovell C. Jones of Price-Waterhouse of Raleigh and Atlanta, said the hospital's overriding financial problems stem from lack of use by county residents.

The firm was hired in April to study the hospital's financial situation and report to the board.

Jones said if everything suggested in the lengthy report is carried out as recommended, the hospital, which has been losing money, should be on an "even keel" in its 1985-86 fiscal year. He said a 2 1/2 to 5 percent increase in its patient load would make that possible.

For the 1982-83 fiscal year, the hospital's average daily patient load has been 66 percent of capacity, up 6 percent from last year and 7 percent from the preceding year. The hospital has 90 beds. Jones said the increase came about because of the increase in physicians in the county — from 13 on Jan. 1, 1980, to an anticipated 23 on Jan. 1, 1984.

His report reaffirmed earlier statements by doctors and the hospital administration that only about 35 percent of Duplin County residents receiving hospital care go to the local hospital. Most of the others go to hospitals in Wilmington, Clinton, Jacksonville, Kinston and Goldsboro.

Jones told the board that in some counties, 80 percent of the residents needing hospital care patronize local hospitals. He said about 75

percent of New Hanover County's residents who need hospital care go to New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington. He said in most counties similar in size and composition to Duplin, 49 to 74 percent of residents needing hospitalization use local hospitals.

For Sampson Memorial in Clinton, he said, the figure is 62.6 percent, and Pender Memorial in Burgaw sees 43.4 percent of Pender residents who need hospital care.

While most hospitals maintain cash on hand averaging 20.75 days of operating costs, Duplin General has just over half a day's operating costs on hand. That hinders long-range planning by the administration.

Those problems should have been addressed seven years ago, Jones' report said.

The hospital needs to im-

prove its collection effort to add \$280,000 to its 1983 income and \$80,000 a year thereafter, the report said.

It should refuse or delay care for non-emergency indigent patients, according to the report.

The hospital needs to modernize its billing equipment to speed billing and improve collections and it needs to coordinate service needs with the mental health department, according to the report.

Jones also said the hospital is overstaffed. Earlier this year, the hospital board asked the county commissioners for \$1 million for immediate operating and capital needs.

The county has been appropriating tax money each year for the hospital. The hospital's operating costs have exceeded revenues for several years.

## June Cheese Giveaway

The schedule for cheese and butter distribution for the month of June is as follows:

June 9 - Rose Hill; June 10 - Albertson, Pink Hill, Beulaville, Chinquapin; June 13 - Kenansville, Magnolia; June 15 - Mt. Olive, Calypso, Bowden, Faison, Teachey and persons with other out-of-county post offices.

Cheese and butter are being distributed bi-monthly so the persons served in May

Wallace; June 20 - Rose Hill; June 22 - Albertson, Pink Hill, Beulaville, Chinquapin; June 23 - Kenansville, Magnolia; and June 24 - Mt. Olive, Calypso, Bowden, Faison, Teachey and persons with other out-of-county post offices.

Cheese and butter are being distributed bi-monthly so the persons served in May

will not be eligible to pick up again in June.

Effective July 1, there will be major changes in the program. Participants in the age 60 and over category will have to meet a needs test of 150% of the poverty level. Those receiving food stamps, AFDC, Medicaid, Disability Social Security or SSI (Supplemental Security Income) will continue to qualify. Per-

sons receiving unemployment compensation will also qualify.

The turn out for cheese and butter in Duplin County has been tremendous in May and could not have been accomplished without the help of more than 609 volunteers who worked diligently to serve the 3,354 households who were certified.

# Vegetable Field Day

There will be a vegetable field day June 15 at the Horticultural Crops Research Station at Clinton, located three miles northeast of Clinton on NC 403. According to Phil Denlinger, assistant agricultural extension agent, the Field

Day will begin at 1 p.m. and all vegetable growers are invited.

There are 16 project leaders (specialists) with 90 acres of vegetable research at the station. Some of the projects are tests with new breeding lines for varieties of

sweet potato, cucumber and pepper. They are testing new irrigation techniques along with plastic culture. Another innovation being tested is multicropping techniques with 2-3 crops per year on the same piece of land. Other areas of interest are herbi-

cide evaluations and new crops such as asparagus and dry beans.

This should be a very educational day observing the different crops and cropping systems. For more information contact Denlinger at the AES office at 296-1996.

## Duplin County Arts Council Awards Grassroots Grants

The Duplin County Arts Council has granted \$1,295 in sub-grants or "seed money" for area projects submitted by non-profit organizations. The project was advertised in January and applications received in February. A special committee made up of member of the council met in March to review requests and then notification of winners took place in April.

This year's winners and their respective projects are described below.

"Our committee had a hard job," reported Merle Creech, executive director of the DCAC, "but they carefully scrutinized every appli-

cation to see that the standards for our goals would be met. Also, they reported to the applying agencies the strengths and weaknesses of each project in order to build towards stronger applications next year. This is an excellent way of stimulating specialized projects for different areas. The ability of each applicant to design and tailor-make special arts projects is the real goal of the Grassroots program. We are happy to award these grants."

Recipients and projects include: Cultural Arts Committee, Wallace Elementary School PTA, Folk Dance Residency, \$250; James

Kenan District Bands and Choruses - Out-of-state band and choral competition in Williamsburg, Va. - \$250; Warsaw Recreation & Parks - Visiting Artist for Day in the Park, \$100; Wallace Elementary School, pottery project - Hands-on experience in creating art objects - \$100; Wallace-Rose Hill High

Whitley Office To Visit Duplin

Congre. man Charlie Whitley's third District mobile office will visit Duplin on June 7. Rodney Knowles, field representative, will be manning the office and be available to persons having matters that they wish

School Band - summer camp for drum majors, color guard (flags & rifles) and percussion - 12 individual \$10 scholarships - \$120 total; B.F. Grady - Play - The Saga of Dead Dog Gulch - \$350; and Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary - musical play - Davy Crockett - \$125.

brought to Whitley's attention. The office will be at Chinquapin from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the Post Office; Rose Hill - 11 - 12 noon at the Post Office, and at Warsaw from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. at the Post Office.

## Watson Bankruptcy Case Taken Under Advisement

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge A. Thomas Small took the Watson Seafood and Poultry Co. bankruptcy case under advisement in Raleigh Monday afternoon, following three days of testimony on the value of the Rose Hill company's physical assets.

The company's operations were taken over April 8 by Coastal Production Credit Association of Kenansville, its major creditor, under a voluntary liquidation plan agreed to by creditors. The company had filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code.

The liquidation stemmed from seizure of the company's income by Cape Fear Feed Products Co. of Greensboro. The company owed the feed firm nearly \$1 million.

Before the liquidation the company had been growing

out about 285,000 broiler chicks a week on contracts with about 120 farmers.

Since the liquidation process began, the company has been allowed to grow out the chicks it had on hand, but no eggs have been hatched for

continued operations. PCA President Roy Houston said. He estimated all the company's chicks will be grown out and sold by the end of June.

That will leave many of the contracting farmers with no

U.S. Departments of Agriculture for the ninth consecutive year, the office will be operated by Steve Skuba, a USDA fruit and vegetable market reporter from Pompano Beach, Fla.

"Prices and market information will be available 24 hours a day by recorder telephones at Faison and Elizabeth City," Graham said.

Telephone numbers for the recorded market information

are: Faison Auction Market, 919-267-9361; Faison Area Packing Sheds and Terminal Market, 919-267-5331 and Irish potatoes and cabbage, Elizabeth City, 919-338-8906.

A mailed market report will be offered twice a week. People interested in receiving the report may contact Charles Edwards, market news chief, Division of Marketing, N.C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

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## Region II Director Visits Alpha ETA

The May 7 breakfast meeting of the Alpha Eta chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International was held at the Country Store in Kenansville. President Sue Saunders called the meeting to order and Garland Carr offered the invocation. The president thanked the hostesses Alice Scott, Rachel Hatch, Nellie Davis, Thelma Dilday, Velma Murphy, JoAnn Rivenbark and Betty Hawes for the arrangements and for the favors.

The president welcomed Marjorie Moore, the Eta state Region II director, to the meeting. Mrs. Moore, a member of the Sigma chapter in Kinston, briefly spoke expressing her appreciation and reminding the members of the district meeting to be held in Kinston in October.

Each standing committee reported on current issues and plans. Grace Carlton, scholarship, presented the recruitment grant recipient for 1983 a check for \$500 to be used in pursuing a degree

in education. This year's recipient is Carmen Monet Newkirk of James Kenan High School who plans to enter NCSU in the fall majoring in math education. Monet was accompanied by her mother, Ms. Margie Newkirk, a teacher in the Charlotte - Mecklenburg school system.

A report of the state convention held in Asheville was given by the six members attending: President Sue Saunders; First Vice-president Janice Grady;

Second Vice-president, Ethel Rackley; Corresponding Secretary Grace Farrow; Communications Chairman Shirley Outlaw; and World Fellowship member Vicky Davis. The ladies reported a most enjoyable and informative convention.

Charlotte Dupree, research committee chairman, presented the program, "Exploring Our Heritage."

The next meeting of the society will be Sept. 10 at the Rose Hill Restaurant.