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A most ridiculous thing happened last week, the county commissioners raised the tax rate. D.J. Fussell did vote against the increase. However the rest voted for the nickle hike, Bill Costin, Allen Nethercutt, Calvin Turner and Dovie Penney. The increase is simply not needed to keep things as they are or even increase some departments. The five cent increase will bring in about \$320,000. This will cause a surplus of \$500,000. Of course this surplus is called unbudgeted reserves. Call it what you want to fact is, it is half a million dollars not needed to fund the budget. Without the increase tax there would only be a surplus of about \$200,000. However if revenue sharing is renewed and all indicators indicate it will be, there will be a bit more money. Assuming the same amount is approved this would hike the surplus to \$600,000 with no tax increase. With the tax increase the surplus would amount to \$900,000. An increased effort in collecting past due taxes, under the newly installed "In Ream" method has brought in additional monies. So if we add the expected, using a low figure of \$300,000...now under the heading of a five cents tax increase we have a new surplus total of \$1,200,000 unbudgeted surplus. Now mind you this nickle increase is not coming from people in New York, or California...it is coming from the people of Duplin County. People who cannot afford it and it is going to people who don't need it.

The reasons were not to let Sampson County put more money into the program than Duplin did. It may be proper to mention here that when the two counties joined, Duplin County was putting twice as much in the program as was Sampson County. The other reason "My heart tells me to", that surely sounds like responsibility. There are no commissioners to be elected this year and a good thing too. I feel sure this group would be sent home after this ridiculous tax increase.

The commissioners knew it was tax not needed. They were even ashamed to mention the rate in the budget motion. For years and years it has been the custom to pass on the tax rate before adopting the budget. This time no one would move on the tax rate alone they just agreed on the budget which required a rate of 75 cents. Next year there are two commissioners to run for office. Perhaps this is the reason for such a surplus in this budget. This unbudgeted cash surplus can be spent most any way the commissioners so desire. As long as it is legal and I am sure they will stay within the law. The only commissioner to vote "To cut the fat and keep the keep the tax rate as it was" was D.J. Fussell and he says this is his last term in office. With this unneeded tax increase it may well be the last term in office for several...SOG

Legal Notice

NORTH CAROLINA DUPLIN COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE OF BUILDINGS UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of authority of an Order of the Board of Education of Duplin County, and under authority of Section 115-126 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned will offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder, at public auction on Saturday, June 25, 1983, at the times and places hereinafter set out, the following described buildings which are now owned by the Duplin County Board of Education:

THE FOLLOWING HOUSE WILL BE SOLD AT 10:00 A.M. ON THE PREMISES OF NORTH DUPLIN HIGH SCHOOL:

One house, wood frame-30' wide x 40' long-1320 square foot. Vertical siding, cedar. Double pane window, wood sash. Metal doors, insulated, sliding glass door in rear. All inside doors flush lauan. Four and twelve pitch on roof with brown fiber glass shingles. Two foot overhang on front and back, twelve inches on gable ends. Kitchen and living room is lit with great room concept in mind. Spacious utility room with wall cabinets, washer and dryer space. Bath and half with vanity and dressing area in master bedroom. Two other bedrooms with good closet space. All walls are sheet rock with paneling in living and hall area 31" high, with chair rail. Crown molding in living room, kitchen and hall. All plumbing is set and hooked up in the house, including hot water heater. All wiring is in and all fixtures are hung. All kitchen cabinets are in place with 30" drop in range. Rugs in kitchen, utility and bath. All outside walls are 6" thick on two foot centers. Insulation value R-23 plus. Attic has insulation. Pull down stairs in hall. Said building may be inspected between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may contact Johnny Williams, Principal, at 658-3051, in reference to seeing the above building.

THE FOLLOWING HOUSE WILL BE SOLD AT 2:00 P.M. ON THE PREMISES OF WALLACE-ROSE HILL HIGH SCHOOL:

One house, wood frame-28' x 40' long-1232 square foot. 16' centers, outside walls insulated with double backed foam and fiberglass blankets. Storm windows and doors. Horizontal hardboard siding. 4 to 12 roof pitch with black 20-year fiberglass shingles. Inside doors flush lauan. All interior woodwork stained and lacquered. 3 bedroom with bath and half. Plenty of closet space. Large living room, spacious kitchen with washer and dryer closet. All cabinets in place with electric work completed and plumbing, including water heater, set. Kitchen space for 30" drop in range, hood already installed. Double stainless steel sink. Inspected and passed by county inspector. Said building may be inspected between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may contact Harold Brewer, Principal, at 285-7501, in reference to seeing the above building. Purchasers will be required to remove said buildings on or before 45 days after purchase is confirmed. Purchasers will be responsible for all moving cost. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. A ten percent deposit will be required of the successful bidders as evidence of good faith. Advertised this 25th day of May, 1983. DUPLIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION BY: Hilbert A. Swinson, Chairman BY: L.S. Guy, Jr., Secretary 6-23-83-DCBOE-118

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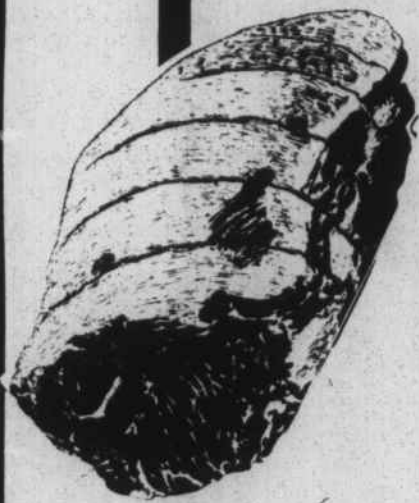
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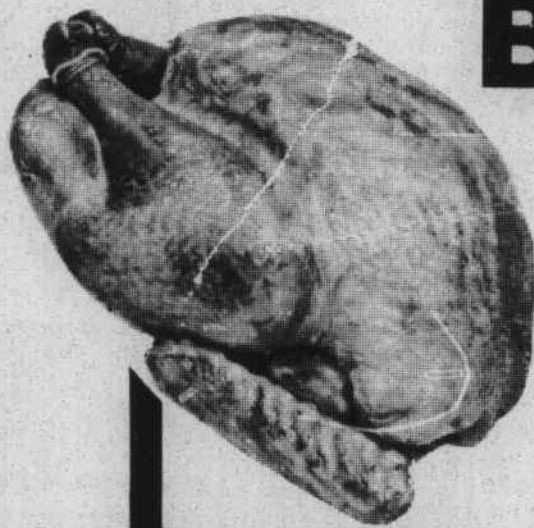
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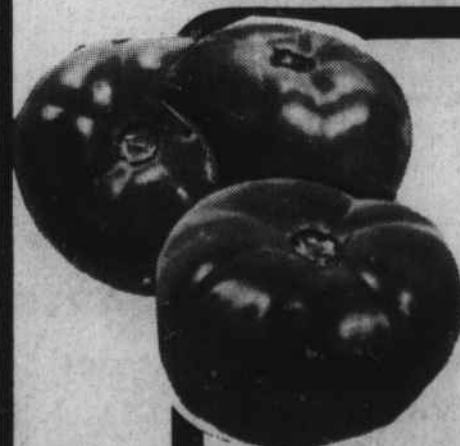
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Christopher Reeves, Richard Pryor. Rated PG
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PORKYS II THE NEXT DAY
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