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KENANSVILLE FIRE AND RESCUE DAY - Officials of the Kenansville Fire and Rescue departments say the organization raised approximately \$2,000 Saturday. The fire and rescue members barbecued 12 pigs and

about 160 chickens for the annual fund-raising dinner at the Kenansville park. Pictured above, members of the fire and rescue departments chop barbecued pork early Saturday morning.

Filing Slow For Duplin Municipalities Offices

By Emily Killete

During the first week to file for town offices only eight candidates have registered with the Duplin County Board of Elections.

"I really do not know why filing has been so slow," Board of Elections Supervisor Carolyn Murphy said. "Many people prefer to wait until the last minute when they are filing. And, candidates for town offices are usually slower than other elected positions to file in Duplin." According to Murphy town offices with no candidates filing at the end of the deadline will be reopened for five additional days of filing for office.

A total of 35 seats are available in the county municipalities and will be on the November 8 ballot. The

office of mayor will be up for election in the town of Greenevers. Magnolia, Teachey, Calypso, Faison and Wallace. Candidates filing for the positions as mayor are incumbent Ruby Ramsey of Teachey and incumbent Melvin Cording of Wallace. No candidates had filed for seats as mayor of Greenevers, Magnolia, Calypso and Faison.

A total of 29 seats as town commissioners will expire in Duplin municipalities and candidates have filed for six of those positions. The town of Calypso will be electing five commissioners; Faison, two; Warsaw, three; Kenansville, three; Beulaville, three; Magnolia, two; Rose Hill, two; Teachey, three; and Wallace, three. Filed as candidates for town board seats in Calypso are S.D. Davis and Eugene S. Emmer.

Three candidates have filed for Beulaville town board seats and they are H.J. Brown, Horace Lee Rhodes and Joseph H. (Joe) Edwards. Shelby (Zack) Zachary has filed as a candidate for one of the three seats as Warsaw town commissioner. No candidates had filed for town commissioner seats in the towns of Faison, Greenevers, Kenansville, Magnolia, Rose Hill, Teachey and Wallace during the first week of filing.

According to Board of Elections Supervisor Carolyn Murphy, the November 8 election will determine all winners by simple plurality and no run-offs will be held. And, she added, in order to be eligible to vote in the November 8 elections, non-registered persons must be registered by October 10.

230 Graduated From JSTC

James Sprunt Technical College graduated 230 students in commencement ceremonies Sunday in William Rand Kenan Jr. Memorial Amphitheatre in Kenansville.

The graduates included 130 two-year curriculum students and 100 high school diploma equivalency (GED) students.

Registration for the new fall quarter began Sept. 28 and continues for a week. Fall term classes will also begin Sept. 28.

Bob Scott, president of the state community college system and a former state governor, delivered the graduation address.

Alfred Wells, dean of students, told the college's Board of Trustees at its meeting last week that 350 people have preregistered for the fall term. He said 275 other students are taking programs that continue through the fall quarter.

Wells said 853 students

enrolled in the fall quarter last year and a similar total is expected for the coming quarter. Wells said 450 students enrolled for the summer quarter compared with 398 last summer.

Dr. Carl Price, school president, said March 12, 1984, will be the 20th anniversary of James Sprunt and special activities will be planned for the week. The board named Trustees Charlie Albertson of Beulaville, Helen Boyette of Chinquapin and Dallas Herring of Rose Hill to a committee to plan for the anniversary.

Gail Weeks, head of the nurse education program, said 15 of this year's 20 nursing program graduates taking the state examination passed and five failed. She said the school has graduated 184 registered nurses, most of whom are practicing within a five-county area around Duplin County.

The board accepted the state budget of \$2,305,705

for 1983-84 as presented by business manager Herman Knight.

The budget provides \$834,497 for 40 teaching positions; \$374,265 for 18 administrative positions, five of which will include some class teaching duties; \$222,654 for 18 1/4 clerical positions; \$137,480 for supplies, travel, postage, advertising, printing and repairs; \$155,751 for extension and adult basic education, including one full-time and several part-time teaching positions; \$304,936 for employee benefits; \$42,900 for the president; \$22,673 for the visiting artist program; \$56,843 for human resources development; \$137,034 for equipment and \$16,672 for library books.

Duplin County has appropriated \$333,414 for this fiscal year. It will receive \$238,888 in federal funds and \$118,439 in fees and other funds for the current fiscal year.

Duplin Health Department To Open Maternity Clinic

The Duplin County Health Department will open a maternity clinic in Kenansville Oct. 5 to serve an estimated 100 to 150 expectant mothers. The clinic will be held at the Health Department each Wednesday with Dr. M.I. Ammar in charge.

The Division of Health Services of the N.C. Department of Human Resources will provide \$35,987 to fund the clinic, said Joe Costin, director of the county Health Department.

In seeking the county commissioners' approval of the clinic last week, Costin said a 1980 study by the Health Department showed the greatest unmet health need in the county was prenatal care.

Pregnant teenagers receive little or no prenatal care and 37 percent of all pregnant women in Duplin County who receive prenatal care do so late in their pregnancies, Costin said.

In other matters:

— The board decided to

put up notices and advertise that it will begin fining people \$50 for putting trash on the ground beside the county dumpsters instead of in the containers. People also will be fined for placing large items such as refrigerators, trees and brush at the dumpster sites. These items are supposed to be hauled to the county landfill east of Rose Hill.

— The board directed Nathan Whaley, landfill supervisor, and Russell Tucker, county finance officer, to prepare specifications for a front-end loader for the landfill. The specifications should call for a five-year maintenance agreement and a guaranteed trade-in amount.

— Whaley said estimates on damage to the county's industrial garbage collection up truck are being studied. The truck, which had been driven less than 20,000 miles, was in an accident recently. Damage is believed to exceed \$20,000.

— Tax Supervisor Frank

Moore said specifications are being sent to prospective tax revaluation firms. Duplin County must have its next revaluation in effect Jan. 1, 1986. Revaluation work should be completed by Sept. 1, 1985.

— Moore told the board he will discuss a problem with railroad property taxes in Raleigh with state tax officials. He said if it can be proven that the county billed everyone for personal property taxes based on 100 percent of the current property valuation, it could collect an extra \$1,353 per year from the railroad for 1981-82 and 1982-83.

About half the Seaboard Systems property in the county is personal property, Moore said. Railroad real property is valued on a basis of 71 percent of assessed value because it is revalued every year instead of every eight years as other real property is handled.

— Board members expressed interest but took no action on Agricultural

Extension Chairman Lois Britt's request for space where homemaker clubs can carry out their demonstration programs. She asked to have used of the present county museum area in the agri-

cultural building after the museum moves, possibly next year.

— The board set a public hearing at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 17 on a county mobile home parks ordinance.

Murphy Hints He'll Run For Re-election

State Rep. Wendell Murphy gave a strong hint to the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce meeting in Warsaw last week that he plans to seek re-election to the 10th district seat next year.

Murphy also re-emphasized his strong support for the Interstate 40 extension

from Wilmington to Interstate 95 near Benson and for other Southeastern North Carolina highway improvements.

Murphy, a Rose Hill agricultural businessman and a first-term legislator, said that as a freshman in the recent legislative session he could do little but build a background for leadership in future sessions. "You can be sure I was laying groundwork . . . for positive legislative leadership," he said, indicating his intent to run for re-election next year.

"It seems fair to say that . . . our area here in Southeastern North Carolina in particular has long been denied its fair share of highway funds. For much too long we have watched as major highways were built in the Piedmont section of North Carolina.

"Hopefully this will be partially corrected with completion of the I-40 connector from Wilmington to Benson which passes through our immediate area. Words will not describe the importance of this road to this part of the state," Murphy said.

"Each and everyone here should make every effort to elicit strong assurances of support for the highway from every candidate for governor before the next term is completed in 1988," he said.

The chamber presented Neale Turlington the outstanding community achievement award for the past quarter. Ms. Turlington was the town's first full-time recreation director. She held the position six years before resigning earlier this summer.

Hearing Scheduled On Wallace Zoning Rules

A public hearing will be held in Wallace at 7 p.m. October 13 in the town hall on zoning ordinances and the new town zoning map.

The hearing will be held just before the town board's regular October meeting.

The planning board has drawn up a new map with the zoning regulations inscribed on it.

Bids on insurance coverage of town property for the next year will be opened at 2 p.m. Sept. 28 in the town hall.

The board agreed at their last meeting to enforce the town automobile license tag requirement. Robert C. Hyatt, town administrator, said the town has about 400 of the 1,000 town license tags ordered last year still on hand. Many residents ignore the requirement to purchase a town tag, board members agreed.

Police Chief Roscoe Rich said he would enforce the ordinance requiring the town tags but added, "It's impractical to have a policeman walking through the yards, under the carpets, stirring up all those dogs when he needs to be in the downtown business area. But we will enforce it if you say so."

The tags sell for \$2 and cost the town 39 cents each.

Kenneth Farris, certified public accountant, reported on the annual audit of the town's books, indicating they were in good order.

He suggested the town should charge regular rates for the first 200,000 gallons of water sold to any one firm, instead of charging a flat rate, to be in compliance with town regulations. The report showed water sales decreased \$29,000 in the last fiscal year over the 1981-82 year.

This was due to reduction in water demand by the J.P. Stevens Co. plants. That demand is expected to begin

increasing during the current fiscal year. Water sales totaled \$190,896.87 during the last fiscal year.

The auditor reported the town had \$461,473 on hand June 30. About \$180,000 of that was obligated. Much of the remainder is a reserve to finance the town's share of sewer improvements.

The town's assessed valuation is \$50,236,584. The tax rate of 67 cents per \$100 assessed valuation should bring in \$336,585.01. With a collection rate of 89.18 percent, the property assessment brought \$300,171.69 last year. The town is sending tax bills totaling \$327,144 to residents this year.

City Finance Purchases Tart Credit In Warsaw

It was announced Sept. 16 by Ken Davis, vice-president of City Finance Co., Inc. of Goldsboro that City Finance had purchased Tart Credit Co. of Warsaw. It will now operate in the name of City Finance Company of Warsaw at its present location, 112

W. Hill Street. Mrs. Sylvia Bass of Goldsboro, who has several years' experience in consumer lending has been named manager and Roland Whaley of Warsaw Assistant manager.



HOSPITAL AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS - The Duplin General Hospital Auxiliary elected 1983-84 officers during their meeting September 21st at the Country Squire in Kenansville. The volunteer organization mans an information and visitation desk, delivers mail and has just

completed the addition of a Candy "tripe" program to the Auxiliary. Pictured above are the new 1983-84 officers of the Duplin General Hospital Auxiliary, left to right, Martha Swann, treasurer; Rachel Blanchard, vice-president; Carolyn Hall, president; and Ruth Jones, secretary.