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## Water Vote Planned In Duplin County

A water system bond referendum is being planned for January in the Albertson water district of northeastern Duplin County.

The Duplin County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed water system and bond issue during its Nov. 21 meeting in the courthouse in Kenansville.

Only residents of the water district would be eligible to vote on the bond proposal. Plans call for a \$425,000 bond authorization. A rural water system is being planned for the area with the help of state and federal grants and loans.

The board last week appropriated \$8,084 from the

contingency fund to complete financial arrangements for a front-end loader. Finance Officer Russell Tucker reported the low bid for the equipment was \$108,084 from the Gregory Poole Co., \$31,000 lower than the company's bid on the same Caterpillar equipment a year ago. The county will trade in an old piece of equipment for \$25,000 and had \$75,000 set aside for the purchase. The equipment will be used at the county landfill.

The board voted to do away with the county sedimentation ordinance. Board members said the ordinance was not being enforced. Building inspector Brice

Sanderson said he wouldn't know what to do if asked to enforce the ordinance.

The ordinance was approved to regulate run-off from property being developed.

Tax collector Norman Sandlin reported 607 garnishments seeking \$116,000 have been filed since April against county residents failing to pay county taxes.

At Sandlin's request the board changed its delinquent tax property sale advertising from June to March, starting next year.

Tax supervisor Frank Moore will ask three companies for bids on revaluating Duplin County property and providing software to

enable the county to place the information on its computer system. The revaluation, which is done every eight years, must be completed by 1986. It had a bid of \$10 per parcel but the bid did not include software. The county has 22,296 parcels of property to be revalued.

The board adopted a resolution in support of the tax-free \$1 million pollution control bond issue being planned by J.P. Stevens Co., which as textile plans in Wallace.

The board re-appointed Edith Kornegay of Albertson and Annie Catherine Bland of Rose Hill to the Duplin-Sampson Mental Health Board.

## Duplin Medical Centers Request Third Doctor

By Emily Killete

Rural Health Incentive, federal funding agency for the clinics in Faison and Greenevers, expressed positive reactions to information supporting the need of a third doctor in the shared services agreement between Goshen Medical Center and Plain View Medical Centers. Dr. Kenneth Lee said at the November meeting of the Goshen Medical Center Board of Directors.

Lee is the newest doctor associated with Goshen and Plain View Medical Centers. He joined Dr. Jeff Margolis serving both medical centers in September. Currently the team of two physicians work a schedule seeing patients at Plain View and Goshen Medical Centers and are practicing staff members at Sampson Memorial Hospital.

Lee accompanied Goshen and Plain View Administra-

tor Jane Silver to Atlanta for a meeting to discuss the addition of a third doctor for the two clinics. The request stemmed from a plan devised by the Goshen Medical Center Board of Directors to provide additional assistance to the team of doctors. According to Silver the plans were set by the Board and doctors with the future goal that medical center doctors would rejoin the full-time staff at Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville.

"We went to Atlanta armed to the teeth," Goshen and Plain View Medical Centers Dr. Kenneth Lee said. "The officials were very impressed with our data and we think they will do all they can to alleviate some of the overwork problems here." Goshen Medical Center currently operates with a physician on staff full-time each day. Plain View is staffed with a doctor on duty daily working half-days. The need for a third

physician stemmed from Plain View Medical Center.

"During the half-days at Plain View the doctors are seeing more than the daily required quota set by the Rural Health Incentive program," Goshen and Plain View Medical Center Administrator Jane Silver said. "We are running full at Goshen and exceeding the requirements at Plain View." The required number of patient encounters set by the Rural Health Incentive service is set along the recommendation of the American Medical Association, Silver said. The annual requirement by Rural Health Incentive per doctor is 4,200 office patient encounters. According to Silver, the first step of the Board's plan is to acquire a third doctor for the medical centers and then the question of returning to Duplin General Hospital will be the second phase.

In other business, the

Goshen Medical Center Board unanimously approved the addition of a new member. Jack Williams of Faison was approved as the new director. Williams is a farmer and president of the Duplin County Farm Bureau.

"I am concerned about the operation of Goshen Medical Center," Jack Williams, new Goshen Medical Center Board member said. "I have a wife and four children and we all patronize the dental and medical services at Goshen." Williams is married to the former Betty Taylor, whose family donated the land for Goshen Medical Center.

The Board set December 4 as an open house at the Medical Center. The open house will feature new staff members in the dental department. Dr. Stephen Edgerton and Dr. David Fisher began practice at Goshen Medical Center late last month. Fisher and Edgerton also operate a practice in Wallace.

### Duplin Farmers Benefit

## Contracts Modernize Swine Production Business

Duplin County has become a center of modern pig production.

Many of the county's swine producers operate under a contract program with companies such as Carroll's Foods of Warsaw and Murphy Farms of Rose Hill.

Lester Houston of southeastern Duplin County is one of the new breed of swine producers who work under

such contracts.

Houston is "growing out" his first herd of pigs in two huge modern feeding houses. The houses now hold 1,200 pigs which were placed there in mid-October.

He has more than \$100,000 invested in the land, buildings and waste holding pond.

The waste from the large swine operations is drained into holding ponds where the

solid matter settles. In some situations, purified liquid is recirculated to flush out the houses.

Houston is growing the hogs for Carroll's Foods.

"I hope it's a good idea. It's new to me," he said recently.

The pigs weighed about 50 pounds each when delivered to the houses. Houston hopes they will be ready for market

in 3½ to four months.

The concept is far removed from traditional swine operations in which a farmer owns and markets his animals. It has both detractors and supporters.

Detractors contend it eliminates farmer independence, making a farmer a "hired hand." They also worry about farmers going into debt for equipment and

being left without any contracts for hogs or poultry. Failure of a program operator such as that occurred with Watson Seafood and Poultry Co. of Rose Hill, a broiler producer, can leave many farmers with neither source nor market for their livestock.

Willard Edwards of the Cedar Fork community was one of 100 broiler growers left with no contract supplier. His poultry houses, however, were adaptable to turkey production. He now grows turkeys for Carroll's Foods. Many other Watson growers have been unable to find new contractors, however, and have empty poultry houses.

Under the contract system, the risks and the profits, if any, are taken by the program operators. Farmers are insulated to some extent

from market gyrations. Their income, however, is limited during periods of high market prices. During periods of low prices, growers are sometimes left without pigs or poultry for extended periods. During such periods, payments continue being due for physical plants and upkeep.

Farmers who do poor jobs of producing usually are cut from the programs. These same farmers probably would lose money if they were producing their own pigs, program operators contend.

Despite the increase in contract operations, swine production remains primarily in individual hands. In poultry production, however, individual farmers have virtually no chance of selling their own birds directly to market.

### Drivers Escape Injury In Warsaw

Drivers escaped serious injury Thursday when a tractor-trailer rig collided with a car, sending it skidding into a pickup truck on North Pine Street in Warsaw around 4 p.m. Thursday, Warsaw police reported.

The empty produce truck driven by John Watson Holland, 35, of Warsaw collided with the southbound car driven by Audry Byrd Coley, 56, of Route 2, Faison, which was turning left, according to the report by Capt. George Dail of the Warsaw Police Department.

The impact knocked Ms. Coley's car into a pickup truck driven by Linwood Kennedy, 25, of Route 1, Kenansville, the report said.

Mrs. Coley and one other driver were treated at Duplin General Hospital and released after the accident, the report said. Ms. Coley was charged with a safe movement violation, the report said.

Damage to the Coley car was estimated at \$5,000. The wreck caused about \$500 damage to the trucks.



PROCLAIM AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK - Kenansville Mayor Don Suttles signed a proclamation observing American Education Week, Nov. 13-19. Suttles is pictured with Kenansville Elementary School principal Wilbur Carr and first and second grade teacher DeLois Washington as he signs the proclamation. American Education Week is a nationwide observance honoring teachers and the public

schools. Students at Kenansville Elementary School are celebrating the event with the creation of posters and stories about their teachers. Merchants of Kenansville will honor the teachers with a daily drawing for a free gift and the elementary school Parent Teacher Organization is providing donuts and coffee each morning of American Education Week.

## Recreation Funds Approved For Fencing At Beulaville Elementary

The Beulaville town board agreed at the Nov. 7 meeting to proceed with the Recreation Commission request to assist upgrading athletic facilities at Beulaville Elementary School.

According to Recreation Commission Chairman Alfred Basden the playground at Beulaville elementary school is jointly used by the Duplin Board of Education and the town of Beulaville. The facility is used by the elementary school students as a playground and the citizens of Beulaville as a softball and baseball field. The Board of Education is currently in the process of leveling and dividing the area into three ballfields and Basden said the

Recreation Commission has voted to contribute \$9,000 worth of fencing to separate the diamonds. The Beulaville Commissioners approved the Recreation Commission's plan to enter into a use agreement for the athletic field with the Duplin Board of Education before spending money to purchase the fencing. Future uses of the field could include the annual Dixie Youth baseball tournament, Basden said.

Bids for the position of treatment plant operator and street resurfacing were opened by the Board. The Board tabled awarding bids for the two projects. Bids for the position of treatment plant operator were submitted by H.J. Brown,

Stanley Miller and David Vance. Three bids were opened for street resurfacing. Bids were submitted by Dunn Construction, C.E. Turner Construction and Barrus Construction.

Orvis Thigpen appeared before the board questioning the use of town finances to install and maintain water and sewer facilities outside the city limits when a few town citizens are not served by the sewer system.

"The town board is spending borrowed money, the citizens will have to pay back, to run water and sewer lines to folks outside the city limits," Beulaville citizen Orvis Thigpen said. "And, all the time our water and sewer bills are going up to pay for the outside users. Folks on a fixed income just can't afford higher water and sewer bills." Commissioner S.A. Blizzard point out all Beulaville citizens are provided access to the water system and homes not serviced by the sewer system have septic tanks maintained

by the town. Beulaville Commissioners approved an amendment to the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development grant and approved a loan agreement with North Carolina Hydraulics, Co. The Department of Natural Resources and Community Development granted North Carolina Hydraulics of Beulaville an EDS loan at 5.5 percent interest for factory expansion. The block grant also included \$71,031 in funds to the town of Beulaville for street improvements. Interest repaid from the North Carolina Hydraulics, Co. EDS loan goes directly to the town of Beulaville.

Commissioner Rabon Maredy voted against the motion to amend the grant application and the loan agreement with North Carolina Hydraulics. Maredy stated the town would assume a subordinate position on the loan deed of trust with North Carolina Hydraulics.

## Kenansville Tennis Courts To Be Completed

The tennis courts at the Kenansville municipal park are expected to be completed within the next week following delays of more than two years, Doug Judge of the Kenansville tennis court committee said.

The installation of light fixtures was completed last week and are scheduled for service connection by Carolina Power & Light, Judge said. The lighting system is operated by a toll meter and costs one dollar per hour of light service. According to Judge, the fee for night lights is only a recovery of the electric service cost and will produce no profit.

In addition to the light system; needing electrical service connection, nets for the courts are to be installed and some minor patching to the asphalt foundation is yet to be completed. Patch work to the tennis court foundation is outside the playing area, Judge said.

Contracts for the \$30,000 project were awarded in the fall of 1981. The tennis court foundation was laid the following summer and

the fence installed in the fall. Extension for the \$30,000 in grant funds was given to Kenansville for the completion of the tennis court project. Extension on the grant funds ends Dec. 31 and Judge said the project should be completed before Thanksgiving.

According to Judge, the use of deadlines in specifications for the project would have resulted in higher bids and modifications were made to construct the courts with a minimum of maintenance from the town.

The fencing and net contract for the tennis courts was awarded to Central Builders in Rock Mount and subcontracted to Hanover Company in Wilmington. The total contract with Hanover Company was approximately \$24,000 for fencing, nets and foundation of the tennis courts. The remaining \$6,000 was awarded to Julius Jones to install the light fixtures. Following about a year's delay after laying the foundation, Hanover Company began work to complete the court in July.

