

Seventh Grade Consolidation

State Plans Fire Up Chinquapin Residents

Local school advisory groups disagree with portions of a state school facility recommendation for Duplin County and are letting the board of education know what they think.

The recommended consolidation of the seventh and eighth grades of Chinquapin, Beulaville and B.F. Grady schools, either at Beulaville or at East Duplin High School north of Beulaville, was strongly opposed by Chinquapin residents.

Superintendent L.S. Guy told the board of education earlier this week that the school staff and the board

will study proposals of the local school committees and develop a long-range school facilities plan based on a combination of the state and local recommendations.

Margaret Williams, representing Chinquapin residents, told the board of education most people in the Chinquapin area appear to oppose the consolidation proposed in the state study.

She said, "Some of our seventh and eighth graders would have to be bused over 20 miles each way to school each day."

The riding time would prevent many of the children

from taking part in any school activities, she added.

"We do not feel that children ages 12 and 13 are mentally mature enough to mix with children ages 17 and 18," Mrs. Williams said in reference to building a junior high school at East Duplin.

The Chinquapin people propose demolishing the existing Chinquapin I school, which is one of the oldest in the county, and adding land and classrooms to the newer Chinquapin II school.

She concluded, "We feel that a big mistake was made

when the high schools were consolidated and to make another mistake now would jeopardize the security of our children."

The former Chinquapin high school (Chinquapin I) was consolidated with East Duplin when that school was opened in the early 1960s.

The Chinquapin I school now houses grades 4 through 8. Last year it had an enrollment of 319 students. The main building was built in 1926 and renovated in 1952. The lunchroom was built in 1947, the gymnasium in 1935 and the old agri-

culture shop, now used for storage, in 1944. The state study offers two plans, both of which call for the elimination of this building for school use.

Chinquapin II now houses kindergarten through third grades. Enrollment last year was 219 students.

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Fred Leggett Jr. will speak at the Duplin Chapter, Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International monthly meeting on Friday, Dec. 9 at the Rose Hill Restaurant in Rose Hill. Supper will be at 6:45 with the program starting at 7:30 p.m.

Fred was born in Danville, Va., graduated from George Washington High School and attended N.C. State.

He is executive vice-president of the Belk-Leggett Co. in Danville, Va.

Fred serves as elder in the First Presbyterian Church and is also active in civic, business and Christian service groups. Fred and his wife, Joan, have five children.

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ship, nursing; and Lynn Davis, JSTC academic scholarship, nursing. Not pictured are Lisa Wilkins, Foundation scholarship, nursing; Kimberly English, JSTC Academic scholarship, accounting; and Mike Outlaw, Academic scholarship, nursing. Both the JSTC and Foundation scholarships are for \$60 per quarter. The Lentz scholarship is \$250 per year awarded to a 2nd year student in a business curriculum.

Referendum In January
For Albertson Water System

A referendum to authorize a \$425,000 bond for the proposed Albertson water district water system will be held Jan. 10.

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners set the referendum date last week after approval of the proposal on second reading.

Bob Pittman of Rivers & Associates of Greenville, project engineers, estimated the project would cost \$1,325,000.

If the bond issue is authorized, he expects to call for bids by the end of February.

Financing would include a \$314,000 Farmers Home Administration loan, repayable from the bond issue, a FmHA grant of \$697,900 and a state grant of \$313,100.

The project would include laying of 39,000 feet of 8-inch pipe, 130,000 feet of 6-inch pipe and 64,000 feet of 4-inch pipe.

The system would have about 300 customers. Pittman said 275 potential customers have paid a \$10 deposit.

The estimated minimum fee is \$12 a month for up to 2,000 gallons of water. The average fee is expected to be \$16 per month for use of 5,000 gallons.

The water district has the same boundaries as the Albertson voting precinct, which has 620 registered voters. Registration for the referendum will end Dec. 12. The registration books will be purged of inactive voters after that date, said Carolyn Murphy of the county election board staff.

In other action, the commissioners approved a nurse's position for the health department at an annual salary of \$13,276, which would be paid by the state. The nurse will specialize in tuberculosis control.

The commissioners also approved purchase of a microfilm printer-reader for the register of deeds office at a cost of \$14,995.

Walter Brown, director of the county's Services for the Aging, announced the approval of the agency's application for a federal grant of \$93,450 to buy six vans to transport aged and ill people. The board appropriated the \$9,345 required in local money to match the grant. The contract for the grant was to be signed Nov. 30,

Brown said.

Fourteen similar vans, including 11 operated by the Duplin-Sampson Mental Health Department, are in use in the area. Two of the new vans will be used by the Services to the Aging Department, one by the De-

partment of Social Services and three by mental health workers. A transportation coordinator, whose salary will be paid from the federal money, is to be hired next year.

The board agreed to sponsor the proposed Maxwell Creek Watershed — a

48,000-acre project from Johnson's Chapel near Warsaw to the Northeast Cape Fear River east of Rose Hill.

Robert Ray Thomas was appointed to the jury commission to replace Annie Laura Puckett, who resigned.

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People concerned about the cost of long distance calls are asking their legislators where they stand on the bills, S.1660 and H.R. 4102. They are writing to their individual Senators and Congressmen at the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510, and the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515.



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