## Page 15 **Contract For Property Re-Appraisal Duplin Commissioners Award**

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners awarded a contract for the re-appraisal of real property in Duplin County to Pearson's Apprai-sal service Inc. of Wilson last week on a bid of \$207,400.

Under state law, all county land must be appraised every eight years. The 1986 tax billings will be based on the new appraisal.

The bid included a price for computer softwear to permit inclusion of some appraisal figures in the county's computer system. The bid, however, excluded equipment for including commercial and industrial property values in the sys-

The board had intended that equipment to enter commercial and industrial property values in the computer system be included. Pearson representatives said the company would need an additional \$30,000 for that inclusion.

W.B. Farris of Charlotte, who bid \$231,960, said the company's bid included the softwear in question. Roland Appraisal Co. of Charlotte bid \$298,800 on the project. County officials want to

enter all appraisal information in the county computer system so county workers can do most of the work on future appraisals.

Commissioner D.J. Fussell made the motion to award the contract to Pearson. Commissioners Fussell. Allen Nethercutt, W.J. Costin and Calvin Coolidge Turner voted to award Pearson the contract. Commissioner Dovey Penney voted against it, saying she didn't think everyone was bidding

### Decorating

#### Contest

would be released. The town The Kenansville Beautification Committee will sponcommissioners hope to begin street paving as proposed in sor their annual home and/or the original grant application yard Christmas Decorating contest Thursday, Dec. 15th. Judges from out of town will view the town between

6-8 p.m. The first place winner will receive \$15, second place \$10 and third place \$5. The winners will be announced during the concert at Kenan Memorial Auditorium on Thursday night.

on the same thing. The county levies taxes on 22.296 parcels of property.

In other business, McDavid Associates of Kenansville was awarded the contract for professional services and engineering in connection with a community development block grant of \$750,000. The grant will finance extension of the Faison water system into an area on the west edge of Faison and a community center and recreation facility in the Rockfish community west of Wallace.

The board received the resignation of John Gurganus as economic development director, effective Dec. 15. Gurganus will take a job with the N.C. Department of Commerce in Washington. N.C

Harry Oswald of Wallace.

Wilbur Hussey of Beulaville re-appointed to the county economic development comand Harold Kornegay of northern Duplin County were mission.

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JUDGE PRESENTED JAYCEE SENATE AWARD Douglas Judge was presented the highest award achievable in Jaycees, Dec. 9 in Kenansville. The Senate award confers "life membership" in the Jaycees and is only presented to members who have shown outstanding leadership and service, Kenansville Jaycee president

Woody Brinson explained. Recipients must have three or more years' service as a Jaycee in order to be nominated for the award. Pictured above, left to right, Kenan-ville Jaycee Doug Judge is presented Senate Award by chapter president Woody Brinson.

# **Commissioners** Vote To Tear **Down Old Town Hall**

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**Beulaville** Commissioners voted to tear down the old town hall in the regular monthly meeting December

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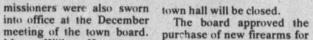
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The decision came after almost a year of controversy in which a committee of Beulaville citizens had re-D ported estimated renovation costs at \$12,500. Beulaville Commissioners S.A. Blizzard and Elvin Sumner reported a \$23,640 estimated cost for renovation of the old town hall and recommended the structure be torn down and a new building constructed if needed.

Taking the oath of office as a newly-elected member of the Beulaville town board D: was Joe Edwards. S.A. Blizzard and Franklin Boyette, incumbent members of the Board of Beulaville Com-





Mayor Wilbur Hussey apthe Beulaville police departpointed Commissioner Franklin Boyette to supervise ment at an estimated cost of \$646. Firearms presently sanitation; Joe Edwards, used by the Beulaville police were reported to be eight police; Rabon Maready, fire and rescue; and S.A. Blizyears old and in poor working zard, streets. condition. The Beulaville The board unanimously Commissioners also approved the purchase of a new

approved an increase in travel for town employees. Travel was increased from 15 cents to 22 cents per mile. According to Beulavillle town attorney Russell Lanier, state and county government organizations are paid 22 cents

per mile for travel. A Christmas bonus of \$175 per employee was approved by the Beulaville Commissioners and December 23 and 26 were named as holidays at which time the Beulaville

**Duplin Board** Declares

The Duplin County Board of Education on Dec. 6 declared one school site and a portion of another surplus property and voted to title both sites to the Duplin County Board of Commissioners ... be used for the people of Duplin County in whatever way they deem best.

police car. The car will be

purchased under state con-

tract and arrive in late Spring

Attorney Lanier stated re-

quirements for a plan of the

tion of a park proposed in the

street paving and construc-

of 1984.

All of the Branch school property at Albertson, and a portion of the old Kenans-

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**Surplus Property** 

ville School property was declared surplus, since it is no longer needed for educational purposes. Recent requests by the commissioners for some of

the property to house already crowded county offices prompted the Board of Education to reassess its longrange need for the facilities and come to its decision, according to L.S. Guy Jr., superintendent.

local-option part of the Com-

munity Resource Develop-

ment grant awarded North

Carolina Hydraulics Co., in

Beulaville. The town's allot-

ment of the local-option

funds was \$70,000. Accord-

ing to Lanier, a plan for the

rearrangement of projects

approved in the Community

**Resource Development grant** 

would have to be approved

by the Department of Natural

Resources before funds

as soon as plans can be re-

submitted and approved.

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