



TAKES OATH - Faison Commissioners were sworn into office December 7 at the regular meeting of the town board. Ronald Oates and Jane Hollingsworth were sworn

in as members of the town board by Mayor Francis McColman. Also sworn in for a second term as mayor was Francis McColman.

Faison To Reimburse \$3,045

The decision to withdraw \$3,045 from the recreation budget or the town's funds to make a repayment to the Employment Security Commission for unemployment benefits paid former recreation director Charles King was tabled Dec. 7 by Faison Commissioners at the regular Board meeting.

The reimbursement of the \$3,045 would be taken from the \$10,600 recreation budget if mandated by Faison Commissioners. The board approved the payment due December 8, but tabled designating the budget item from which the funds would be taken. Faison town administrator Neil Mallory stated the obligation to repay the funds due to a Faison Town Board decision to participate in the unemployment compensation program through the total reimbursement of monies paid former town employees. Mallory pointed out the option not taken by the town was participation in the program through payment of a percentage of the annual payroll as done by private business.

Faison Recreation Commission Chairman Dr. A.J. Bullard appeared before the

board requesting financial assistance with reimbursing the \$3,045. Bullard pointed out the costs to the recreation department beyond programming, such as repairs and utilities. According to Bullard the location of the nutrition program in the basement of the recreation department gymnasium adds approximately \$170 to the utilities costs each month. Each year, he estimated approximately \$2,000 of the recreation budget is needed to pay utilities.

The Faison Town Board approved the appointments of Leslie Morrissey and Johnny Oliver to the Recreation Commission.

New member Jane Hollingsworth and incumbent Ronald Oates were sworn into office as Faison Commissioners at the December 7 meeting. Also, incumbent Francis McColman was sworn into the office of Faison Mayor for his second consecutive term. Mayor McColman appointed Commissioner Bill Igoe as finance officer, Commissioner Helen Britt to police, Commissioner Melvin Rogers to sanitation, Commissioner Jane Hollingsworth to streets and

sidewalks, and Commissioner Ronald Oates to water and sewer committees. Commissioner Melvin Rogers was requested to investigate complaints about trash collection by town citizens.

In other action, the Board voted to add \$6,600 to the contract awarded to Utility Services for additional repairs and renovation of the town water tank. The total contract for renovation and painting of the old water tank is \$17,560. The original contract was awarded for

\$10,960 at the November meeting of the Faison Commissioners. The old tank was last renovated in 1971; upon completion of the project the structure will be painted the same color as the new water tank.

The Board appointed Walter Thomas to the Faison Board of Adjustment replacing Jane Hollingsworth who resigned after winning election as a Faison town Commissioner. Thomas served as an alternate to the Board of Adjustment.

Watershed Permit Suspended

The Army Corps of Engineers has suspended the construction permit for the Muddy Creek Watershed project because of an apparent excessive amount of spoil material from earlier work on the creek and on the companion Limestone Creek.

Both projects are intended

to clear clogged stream channels to reduce flooding. work began a year ago on the Limestone Creek project.

Although bids have been opened on the major portion of the Muddy Creek project, contracts have not been awarded. A smaller portion of the project is under construction.

The permit was suspended until the spoil problem can be resolved, said Charles Hollis, chief of the environmental branch of the Army Corps of Engineers district office in Wilmington. Spoil is material dredged from stream channels or canals and deposited on banks or in areas set aside for the purpose.

A meeting of Soil Conservation Service and corps officials to work out the problem is tentatively scheduled, according to Hollis and Kenneth Futreal, Duplin County soil conservationist. Both men said they believe the problem can be resolved.

Under the federal Clean Water Act, permits from the corps are required before spoil can be deposited on wetlands, Hollis said.

Along the Way

By Emily Killette

Hot dogs, meals, magazines, fountain cokes and penny candy were specialties found in Warsaw at the 1940 drug stores, cafes, or the dime store.

Many types of business make up a town. Through a series of articles in the 1940 DUPLIN TIMES, many of Warsaw's businesses were featured and this week Along the Way reviews companies from the April 25, 1940 edition. Included were the drug store-type businesses, cafes and the dime store.

The Opera Shoppe was located in the theatre building under the management of Mickey Cannon. The store announced plans to install a modern soda fountain in the future. Buck's Cut Rate was Warsaw's newest drug store. As well as service as a drug store, Buck's Cut Rate housed the bus terminal. The leading drug store in Warsaw was operated by B.C. Sheffield. Warsaw Drug Store was the largest in the town and held a reputation as being one of the state's largest drug stores.

The only one of its kind in Warsaw was Mack's 5-10-25 Cents Store. The dime store located in Warsaw as part of a chain of Mack's stores throughout North Carolina. The town had three cafes. E.W.'s Cafe was located on the block with Branch Bank. Steed's Cafe was located next to Warsaw Motor Company, and Oliver Jones'

Hot Dog Stand was on the block with Branch Bank and E.W.'s Cafe. Along with hot dogs, Jones carried a variety of magazines.

The merchants and the Warsaw Chamber of Commerce efforts had shown great success within the community. During the years just prior to 1940, the Duplin-Sampson Hog Marketing Association had established within Warsaw and the road to Wallace had been paved. The store fronts had been remodeled and two apartment buildings had been constructed to ease the housing shortage. The Warsaw High School had recently opened a new gymnasium and the elementary building had undergone remodeling. Thompson gymnasium was the newest gym; at the time it was the largest in Duplin and best equipped.

The series of articles began with the February 22nd issue and concluded April 25, 1940. The articles described the businesses located in Warsaw and gave a brief sketch of the services offered and the history of the ownership when known.

The first of the series reviewed communication and transportation centers and department stores. The second of the series featured grocers, furniture, appliance and hardware stores. The series continued the third week with agricultural oriented businesses and followed with service

facilities such as barbers and dry cleaning and shoe shops. The fifth in the 1940 series and featured last week in Along the Way was the automotive companies, fuel distributors, garage and service stations.

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Receives Grant

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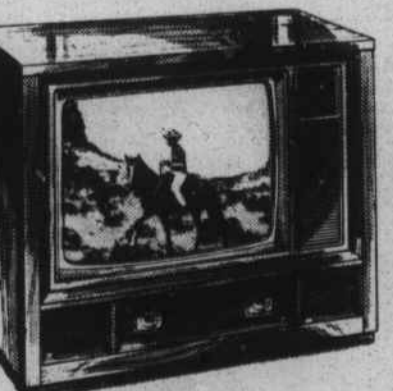


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