

Agencies May Move Into Old School

The former Kenansville Elementary School building may house Duplin County offices in the future.

The county Board of Education last week voted to give the building, which is no longer used for classes, to the county government.

County Manager Ralph Cottle, however, said Wednesday neither he nor the county commissioners had been officially informed of the action. "It would be premature for me to make any statement concerning just what the county will do with the building," Cottle said.

Cottle said several county departments were crowded in their quarters. The social services department is particularly short of space, he said.

County officials will have to determine the condition of the building before they can begin planning for its use.

The building has not been used as an elementary school since the new school opened on the east side of Kenansville about four years ago.

The county Board of Commissioners had wanted the building since that time but school officials were hesitant to release the structure, thinking the school system might have further use for it.

The school board went into secret session during its meeting Tuesday night to discuss the property. It later voted to give the building and a portion of the school site between the building and Duplin General Hospital to the county. It also voted to give the county the unused Branch School building near Albertson.

The school system plans to retain some of the property between the old Kenansville Elementary School building and Kenan Memorial Auditorium and the amphitheater behind it.

In other action, the board

refused to delay start-up of a junior Reserve Officers Training (ROTC) program in East Duplin High School at Beulaville.

Superintendent L.S. Guy advised the board that \$10,000 would have to be taken from the contingency fund this past week to pay for starting the program early next year.

Guy recommended the board delay the program until it was sure it would have the \$30,000 to finance its share of the program's cost for a full year. However, Guy warned the board, "It could be a long cold spell before you'll be able to get it (the ROTC program) again."

Board member Bill Richards of Wallace made a motion to delay starting the program. The motion died for lack of a second.

Board member Carl Pate of Beulaville said it would disappoint many people if the program didn't start, "but if money is critical I would hate to see another program, such as band, dropped because of the ROTC. However, I can't second the motion."

Board member Jimmy Strickland said, "I feel strongly about it, but if we can't do it right now, maybe we should wait."

Chairman Joe Swinson was absent. Vice Chairman Riddick Wilkins presided.

The board directed attorneys to work out arrangements so Beulaville can turn over to the school system \$10,000 obtained through public fund-raising efforts for improving the Beulaville Elementary School sports fields for public use when the field is not being used by the school.

In other action, the board sold a tobacco production quota of 647 pounds to Grover Rhodes for \$1,900. The allotment belonged to the B.F. Grady School.

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NAMED STUDENT OF THE MONTH - Comfort Elementary school children entered the Thanksgiving holidays on a happy note. Recently the student body enjoyed a festive assembly program highlighted by the Walt Disney movie, "The World's Greatest Athlete." Thanks go to the Comfort Elementary P.T.O. for providing the rental fee on the film which was enjoyed by all. During the assembly, Scott Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Greene of Route 2, Trenton, was named Student of the Month. Scott is a second grader in Mrs. Joy West's class. He is described by his teacher as being "a conscientious worker." Mrs. West also commented, "Scott always strives to complete his assigned tasks and has shown that he is capable of doing very good work. He gets along well with his peers and teachers." Scott is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Heath of Route 1, Pink Hill. Young Greene was presented a trophy by his principal, Linda A. Teal, in recognition of his outstanding efforts in being a good example for his schoolmates. Mrs. Teal adds, "Scott was selected for this honor due to his fine traits that he displays every day among his fellow students. He is very well-mannered and ready to extend a helping hand in time of need. We are very fortunate to have such a fine young man as part of our school group."

Petition Opposes Rezoning

A petition of more than 50 names opposed the rezoning of the property on South Railroad Street to commercial and was presented to Faison Town Commissioners during a public hearing Dec. 7.

The owners of Community Funeral Home in Warsaw and Rose Hill requested the rezoning in order to open a business extension in the recently purchased James Jordan home in Faison. The rezoning of the property was unanimously approved and recommended to the Faison Commissioners by the town planning board, said Mayor Francis McColman. Faison Commissioners voted four to one. Board member Jane Hollingsworth opposing, to rezone the property from residential to commercial.

The petition was presented by John C. Rouse and raised questions of commercial spot

zoning, inadequate parking for the proposed business, and future location of undesirable businesses within the residential neighborhood affected by the zone change.

"I have lived on that street all my life and I really don't want a funeral home there," Faison resident Bessie Gregory said.

Town Commissioner Melvin Rogers stated the growth of Faison would mandate the eventual rezoning of property along Highways 403 and 117 such as S. Railroad Street. Rogers pointed out the area requested for rezoning is located in an area surrounded by property presently zoned for commercial use.

Immediate renovation of the James Jordan home is planned by owners of Community Funeral Home and a Spring 1984 opening scheduled.

CARD OF THANKS

My sincere thanks to everyone who remembered me with their kindness and thoughtfulness during my stay in Chapel Hill hospital. Your expressions of caring will always be remembered and appreciated.

Sincerely,
Eva Hughes

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to an error in the new telephone directory, the Pink Hill Fire and Rescue numbers are misprinted. If you need the Rescue unit dispatched to your home, you should dial 522-7474 or for Fire, 523-3131.

Filing To Begin For 1984 County Elective Offices

The filing period for county offices opens January 2 at 12 noon and expires noon Feb. 6. Voters from District Five will be electing their first member to the Duplin County Board of Education while incumbent members Riddick Wilkins and James F. Strickland will oppose each other for the District One seat in the May 8th election.

Two seats of the Duplin Board of Education are among six terms expiring in the county during 1984. The office of Register of Deeds will be up for re-election and incumbent Christine Williams states plans to file for her ninth term. Duplin's Representative to the State House, Wendell Murphy, also plans to run for a second term as Tenth District House Representative.

The Duplin Board of Education has two seats expiring in 1984. Incumbents James F. Strickland and Riddick Wilkins of District One state plans to run for re-election. While the second seat vacant on the Duplin Board of

Education will be filled by a candidate from District Five, Wilkins will be seeking his first elected term with the Duplin County Board of Education; he is currently serving the conclusion of the term vacated by Patricia Broadrick. James F. Strickland will be seeking a fifth term with the Board of Edu-

cation; he has served 24 years.

Two seats on the Duplin County Board of Commissioners expire. District One and District Five seats will be up for re-election. The District One seat is currently held by Commissioner William J. Costin and District Five, D.J. Fussell, District One Commissioner. William Costin has stated plans to run for re-election. He will be seeking his third term as a Duplin County Commis-

sioner. And Fifth District Commissioner D. J. Fussell has said he would not seek re-election.

Candidates for 1984 elective offices in Duplin County will be required to file a Notice of Candidacy at the Duplin County Board of Elections office in Kenansville. Each office carries a filing fee of one percent of the annual salary.

The registration deadline for voting in the May 8th primary election is April 9.

Briefs

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The First Baptist Church of Pink Hill will be conducting its Christmas Day worship service on Sunday, Dec. 25 at 10:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday school or evening activities. The morning message will be given by Rev. Tommy Tripp.

Everyone is invited to come and worship the Lord in His house on His birthday. Join as the church celebrates the birth of Jesus through songs, scripture, the morn-

ing message, and the observance of the Lord's Supper. Everyone is encouraged to put aside the toys, gifts and meal for just one hour. Let's all do our part to keep Christ in Christmas this year.

CANTATA

A cantata, "A Reason to Rejoice," will be presented at the Christian Chapel Church Christmas morning beginning at 10:30. The musical will be under the direction of Marla Ard Ham.

Everyone is invited to come worship in story and song.

PINK HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Pink Hill United Methodist Church will observe its regular Sunday schedule Christmas Day with Church School at 9:45 and morning worship at 11 a.m.

Those whose churches are not having a morning worship service are invited to worship with the United Methodists.

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Private Firm May Manage Kenansville Water Works

A private company's offer to manage the Kenansville sewage treatment plant and water works for \$500 a month will be studied by the town board of commissioners.

The board will take up the matter at its Jan. 9 meeting.

John Melville of Environmental Management Services Co. of Greenville told the board at its meeting last week that his firm has personnel qualified and licensed to operate city utilities. He said the company has contracts to provide such services for several towns.

While the company would not have a person at the plants at all times, qualified people would check regularly to see that town utilities employees were carrying out their jobs. The company personnel would make the necessary tests of water and sewage.

He also said the company could save "half of its fee" by making some changes in the utilities facilities in Kenansville.

The town has no licensed sewage plant operator and is seeking one. Several people hired and paid by the town while they were obtaining town-financed training to obtain operators' licenses have left for jobs paying higher salaries.

Three board members were sworn in for new terms at the opening of the meeting. Mary Vinson and Jimmy Newkirk replace William Fennell, a 14-year veteran of the board, and Jimmy Johnson, an eight-year member. Fennell and Johnson did not seek re-election. Also sworn in was Betty Long, who was re-elected.

In other action the board: Agreed to ask the state Environmental Management Commission for permission to treat an additional 10,000 gallons of sewage a day in

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