

Letter To The Editor

January 23, 1984

Letter to the Editor:

In your January 18th issue, there was an article about action the Board of Trustees at Duplin General Hospital had taken in regards to the Administrator's salary. I would like to provide some facts that might clarify the action of the Board. Fact 1.) Duplin General Hospital had \$82,325 more in income than expenses from operations in year ending September 30, 1983. Fact 2.) The Administrator had not had a salary increase since October 1, 1981. Fact 3.) Mileage is not a part of an employee's salary. Fact 4.) Duplin General Hospital is owned by Duplin County and this is why the county is asking for bids to repair the roof. Fact 5.) A bonus was awarded based on performance and such amount is not considered a part of regular salary.

The Board of Trustees approved a proposal from the Administrator the same night to reduce the hospital's overall labor cost by 8.25%. All department managers will be required to reduce their respective labor costs by this percentage. All hos-

pital employees including the hospital Administrator and department managers will be personally participating in this cost reduction program. During the period which this cost reduction program is in place, the hospital Administrator will be working no less hours but will actually receive less compensation than he has received since October, 1981.

The salary approved by the Board is comparable to what the average Administrator was being paid in March, 1983 in North and South Carolina hospitals of 60 to 80 beds. The Board of Trustees several years ago made a decision to provide an automobile allowance to the Administrator of the hospital versus the hospital owning a vehicle and incurring operating expense.

The Board of Trustees felt that a fair and honest decision was made in reviewing Mr. Harrell's work performance and in upgrading his salary. We hope after your readers have reviewed the facts, they will feel as we feel that a fair and just decision was made.

Sincerely,

Ray Sanderson, Chairman
Board of Trustees

Countywide Tobacco Farmers Meeting

A countywide tobacco information meeting sponsored by the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina, Inc., will be held Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. in the old Kenansville Elementary School auditorium in Kenansville.

Paul Phillips, chairman of

the county membership committee, urges everyone who has an interest in tobacco to attend.

Other members of the county membership committee are: William G. Sullivan, Steve Grady, Terry Whaley, Raymond Brown, Warren Sloan, William Costin and Rouse Ivey.

District Craft Workshop

The Southeastern District Craft Workshop will be held March 27-28 at the Agricultural Extension Complex in Kinston.

Workshops will be held in sculptured lamp shades, folk art painting, punch and pierced tin, chair caning, stenciling, basket weaving, lap quilting, pillow making,

colonial twilling, Seminole Indian patchwork, English smocking, wood carving, leisure activities, wide knotted fabric belts, net lace weaving, and folded star.

Class sizes are limited and pre-registration is required. Classes will be on a first-come basis and registration deadline is March 1.

For more information contact Mae Spicer at the Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service in Kenansville, phone 296-1996.

Newsletter Announced

The Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service announces an exciting new newsletter, "Home and the World of Work." This is for the working homemaker providing tips on such topics as selecting foods, saving time and money, coping with stress and improving your home.

This newsletter will be mailed quarterly for the next three years. However, there are a limited number of copies available on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you would like to receive these free newsletters, call 296-1996 or write to Judy H. Wallace, home economics agent, P.O. Box 458, Kenansville, NC 28349.

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