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Approve Purchase Of New Trash Truck

Matters before the Duplin County Board of Commissioners last week ranged from a garbage truck to drama.

The board agreed to purchase a Mack truck tractor for \$51,397 from Tom Bailey Motors of Rocky Mount.

The garbage compactor and container on the county's present garbage truck will be placed on the new truck at a cost of \$15,000. That work will be done by the Simpson Co. of Wilson. The old truck will be stripped for spare parts at the county garage.

The board appropriated \$10,000 to THE LIBERTY CART historical drama. The money was requested by Jimmy Johnson, manager of the historical outdoor drama.

THE LIBERTY CART has been presented in the amphitheater annually since 1976. The county's most recent appropriation for the project was \$8,000 in 1976.

The board also approved reroofing of the former Kenansville Elementary School. The flat roof will also be

replaced with a slanted roof. The work will be done by county crews.

Stacy Quinn, county maintenance supervisor, estimated it would cost \$25,000 to buy materials and hire a crane to hoist the building supplies.

For years, Duplin County has had problems with flat roofs' leaking. County workers are putting a similar slanted roof on the county health services building.

Brice Sanderson, building inspector, said the former school building is structurally sound.

"You can't build a new one for what you can renovate this one and you still have a better building with this one," he said. If the building is to be used for offices, a sprinkler system and new wiring will have to be installed, he said. He said utility costs could be cut by lower ceilings in the building.

In other business, the board agreed to rent the former Western Auto Co. building for \$300 a month to provide additional office space for the Department of Social Services.

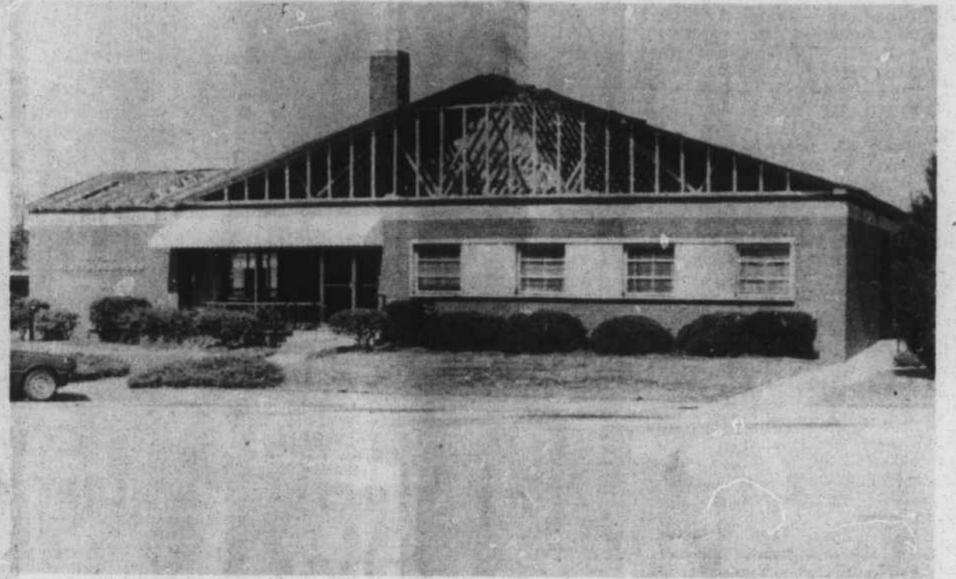
The building is owned by Ruth Quinn.

Millie Brown, social services director, told the board the state will pay about 60 percent of the rent and about 60 percent of the cost of renovating the structure for offices. The building has 5,500 square feet of floor space.

Mrs. Brown said she must immediately move 14 social workers from the second floor of the social services building and four from the former jail building to new offices.

Richard Harrell, Duplin General Hospital administrator, was authorized to send a questionnaire to every 42nd name on the county tax list. About 500 people will receive questionnaires about the hospital's response to health care needs.

Vickie Hood of Warsaw was appointed to the nursing home board to succeed Arlene Kennedy of Bowdens who resigned. Decatur Blanchard of Wallace and John Moore of Albertson were named to the health board.



New Top For Health Department

An A-frame roof replaces the old leaky flat top roof on the county health department. Director Joe Costin stated many dollars worth of supplies had been lost due

to the leaky roof. County workmen are putting up the new roof.

Board Of Education Prepares Expulsion Of Charity Student

An order for expulsion of a student from Charity Middle School near Rose Hill was being drawn up last week by school attorney H.E. Phillips.

The Duplin County Board of Education has expelled a "minor boy of Rose Hill" from the school, Superintendent L.S. Guy said Wednesday.

The board met in secret session for more than three hours Tuesday night to determine its action. Phillips was directed to draw up the order for the signature of Board Chairman R.E. Wilkins. A copy of the order will be delivered to Charles Ingram, lawyer for the student's family.

The reason for the action was not revealed Wednesday.

Several students, parents, Phillips, Ingram, Carolyn Ingram and county juvenile officer Mark Vinson were called into the secret session Tuesday night. Mrs. Ingram also is a member of the law firm Ingram and Ingram of Kenansville.

In other business, the board appointed Eugene R. New, 47, as senior instructor for the fledgling Junior ROTC program at East Duplin High School in Beulaville. The classes will begin with the next school term in August.

New lives in Livingston, N.J. He will take over the position May 1. New served 21 years in the Army,

where he attained the rank of major. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Appalachian State University.

The school board has appropriated \$20,000 for the first year of the Junior ROTC program.

In other action, the board declared the former teacher's residence and a six-room cottage on the Chinquapin No. 1 school site surplus property. The buildings are to be sold and moved or demolished.

Set a countywide schools advisory council meeting for 7 p.m. April 19 at Kenansville Elementary School.

Father Charged In House Fire That Killed Four Children

The father of four children who died in a house fire Feb. 29 was charged Friday with four counts of involuntary manslaughter and exposing children to fire.

Anthony Eugene Frink, 28, of Route 2, Box 355B, Wallace, was arrested late Friday by Duplin County sheriff's officers. Bond was set at \$10,000.

The children of Florene and Anthony Frink died in the fire that destroyed their home in the Deep Bottom area between Wallace and Pin Hook.

The exposure charge is a misdemeanor. The statute allows punishment to be set at the discretion of the court.

The charge applies, according to state law, if any person confines a child of 7 or younger without leaving

a person of the age of discretion in charge, in a building where the child might be exposed to danger by fire.

A person found guilty of involuntary manslaughter may receive a prison sentence of up to 10 years and a fine at the discretion of the court. Court decisions have defined involuntary manslaughter as death resulting unintentionally on the part of the defendant, but as a result of a misdemeanor or negligence.

The dead children are Anthony Marcellus Frink, 6, Kieona Lamore Frink, 4, Kawanna Yashekia Frink, 3, and Kattrell Twanette Frink, 1.

The bodies were discovered in a bedroom. Death was caused by the inhalation of carbon monoxide produced by the fire, according to an autopsy report.

Their mother was attending a

church service in Goldsboro that night.

Their father told sheriff's officers he left the house to go to Colon Padgett's store, about four-tenths of a mile distance, to get cigarettes. Finding the store closed, he started walking to another store, but changed his mind and turned around to walk home. He saw the fire and ran to the house but flames prevented his entering to save the children.

Duplin Deputy Alfred Basden said Loretta Wilkins, who lives in a mobile home near the Frink house, saw the smoke, went to the house and tried to enter, but was driven back by fire and smoke. She told Basden she got a garden hose and soaked the wall and roof of a nearby house to prevent its catching fire.



Employ The Older Worker Week Proclaimed

March 11 to 17 was designated Employ the Older Worker Week in North Carolina by Governor Jim Hunt and Kenansville Mayor Don Suttles joined the observance by signing a resolution including the town in the event. According to Dennis Kirby of the Kenansville office of the N.C. Employment Security Commission, 2.1 million state residents are aged 45 and older. However, over 43,000 North Carolinians over 45 are unemployed. Pictured above, Dennis Kirby of the Kenansville office of the N.C. Employment Security Commission and Kenansville Mayor Don Suttles signing Employ the Older Worker Week proclamation.

Bus Collides With Car Near Calypso

A school bus collided with a compact car while traveling north on S.R. 1318 in northwestern Duplin County Tuesday afternoon of last week, the State Highway Patrol reported.

The car, a 1982 Toyota driven by Terry Darnell Wynn, 33, of Mount Olive, was headed west on S.R. 1306 around 3:30 p.m. when it collided with the bus about three miles north of Calypso, according to a report by

Trooper J.N. Kay.

The bus driver, James Lee Carr Jr., 17, of Mount Olive, was charged with a yield violation. Neither Carr nor any of the 13 students aboard the bus were injured.

Wynn and a 40-year-old female passenger were slightly injured, the Highway Patrol reported. Damage was estimated at \$2,000 to the car and \$400 to the bus.

Fish Dealer In Kenansville Must Get License Each Week

A man who wants to sell fish one day a week in Kenansville will have to buy a new solicitor's license each week, the Town Board decided last week.

Town Clerk Mary Ann Jenkins asked for the clarification because a fish dealer plans to sell fish from the back of his truck one day a week.

A solicitor's license, which covers itinerant salesmen, costs \$5 and is good for seven days.

The board decided the fish dealer will have to buy a new license each week.

In other business:

It was announced that bids for a small tractor will be opened by the board when it meets April 2.

The tractor is expected to cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000. It would be used in conjunction with the town's bushhog. The board hopes to buy it from one of three

dealers in the county.

An aeration unit costing \$5,000 will be required for the town sewage treatment plant after the state prison unit on U.S. 117 is connected to the system, the board was told. The state will pay for the unit. It is also paying for extending the sewer lines from the town to the unit.

The board received two checks from Univision Cablevision Co., which has the local cable television

franchise. The company paid \$500 rent for space on the town water tank for a receiving antenna dish.

The firm also paid \$354.42 in franchise fees for the portion of 1983 in which the company provided service. The amount represented 3 percent of its \$11,814 gross income from connections in the town.

Steve Drew was hired by the board as maintenance supervisor at \$14,000 a year.

Board Leaves Beulaville Police Schedule Unchanged

The police schedule for Beulaville will remain the same after town Commissioner Joe Edwards recommended no change to stagger shifts at the March 5 meeting of the Board.

"It seems that the times we most need a policeman, we have the best possible schedule," Commissioner Joe Edwards reported to the Beulaville Town Board. "I feel it is best to continue the schedule just like we have it unless the Board plans to hire

another officer.

After requests for 24-hour police protection from local merchants during the February meeting of the town board, Commissioner Edwards was appointed to work with the Beulaville police officers on the possibility of staggered shifts and have a recommendation for the board at the March meeting.

In a motion by Commissioner Rabon Maready, the Board moved to

no longer service customers with overdue water bills beyond May 1. Currently the town adds a 10 percent penalty to unpaid water bills on the 15th of each month and with the new ruling the board requires disconnection of overdue customers at the deadline. A service charge of \$10 will be required to have the water service reconnected.

The town of Beulaville's ordinance book is in the process of being updated and Commissioner S.A.

bizzard made a motion to investigate possible help from the League of Municipalities. Mayor Wilbur Hussey was asked to check the cost or working with the League to update the ordinance book.

A check of \$416 was received by the town of Beulaville from Univision Cable Television of Richlands. The check was payment for the franchise rights in the town of Beulaville for the first year of operation.

Wallace To Decide On Medical Center

The Wallace Town Board will hold a public hearing on rezoning land for a permanent medical treatment center at 7:30 p.m. March 29.

To comply with local ordinances, the property must be rezoned for commercial use. Wallace Medical Village, which wants to build the center, has established a temporary center on the site.

The portion facing U.S. 117 is zoned highway business, but the

oak portion of the property is zoned for residential use with a minimum lot size of 8,000 square feet.

Also at the March 29 meeting, Faye Peterson, a clerk in the town office, will be sworn in as town tax collector.

She was appointed to this position by the board Thursday night at a salary of \$13,317.17 a year. Her present annual salary is \$11,097.64.

Elizabeth Knowles, the present tax collector, will retire March 28.

The town office staff will be reduced from four to three people.

Town department heads will meet with the board in a special meeting at 7 p.m. March 25 (today) to set 1984-85 budget priorities.

The annual tax lien sale will be held Mary 14. Delinquent taxes will be advertised March 29.

Sealed bids on four vehicles declared surplus by the Town Board Thursday night will be opened at 2 p.m. March 30 by Town Adminis-

trator Robert Hyatt in his office. The vehicles are a 1977 GMC truck, a 1982 Ford LTD police car and two Chevrolet trucks, one a 1966 and one a 1968 model.

Also at its Thursday meeting, the board discussed a forthcoming contest for a town seal but took no action on the matter.

On Tuesday the board planned to inspect the progress of the sewage treatment plant improvement project.

Woman Held For Wallace Murder

The case of a 33-year-old woman charged in the suffocation death of a 2-year-old has been bound over to Superior Court.

Pearl West, 33, of Calton Bay Road near Wallace, remained in Duplin

County jail Friday on a murder charge following a probable cause hearing Thursday in Duplin County District Court.

District Judge Nelo Martin of Clinton set bond at \$200,000.

Mrs. West was charged in con-

nection with the death of Jason Lamar Fillyow, 2, on Feb. 9 in her home. She surrendered to the Duplin County Sheriff's Department Feb. 10. The boy's body was discovered about 1 a.m. Feb. 10.

Sheriff's deputies said the boy's

mother, Ingenue Fillyow, was in the house where the body was found, but that she and her son lived elsewhere. An autopsy, performed in Jacksonville, found the boy died of suffocation.