

Return To DSS Said 'Harder' Than Going To New Department

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county. "I have consistently based my votes not upon personality but upon the facts presented to me and the advice of counsel."

Fund Begun

At Monday's meeting, she presented Orrock with two checks for a new foster children's Christmas Fund, one for \$101 from Karen Stone, a friend enrolled at Liberty Baptist College, and \$121 from Anna Lee Crumpton, violinist at the Velvet Cloak Inn in Raleigh, mother of four foster children and a personal friend. When she entertained recently at the Varnam's restaurant, Mrs. Crumpton volunteered to donate her tips to the fund.

Needs Numbers

For Orrock, the hardest adjustment since his return is attempting to deal with the department's budget, he said, "not being able to get a handle on the numbers."

"I enjoy working with the numbers; I like knowing how much is budgeted and how much we've spent, where we stand."

During Monday's meeting, he cautiously pleaded ignorance of items with which he wasn't familiar, especially those relating to money.

"I don't feel comfortable about addressing many items on the agenda," he said. "I don't really know what's going on yet."

Studying the budget and revising it to reflect legislative changes enacted since its adoption in June will be a top priority. He also wants to study departmental reorganization that might help alleviate some of the problems identified in an 1982-83 audit and other state reviews.

He proposes to reassign various bookkeeping and accounting duties to a single person, whom he would prefer be within the department, not in the county finance office, he said. Both the county's finance officer and a regional social services official have said they would rotate months examining the department's requests for reimbursement from the

state for errors so that an accurate system can be developed for handling the requisitions.

Reinstatement

Orrock was dismissed by the social services board on Nov. 30, 1983, after a former employee accused him of sexual harassment on the job. Orrock was not allowed a hearing before the board. The social services board rejected a recommendation from the N.C. Personnel Commission that he be rehired. Orrock was reinstated as department head on Aug. 19 after county commissioners and social service board members agreed to settle out-of-court a suit he had filed seeking reinstatement. The county also agreed to pay him up to \$68,000 in

back wages.

Other Business

In other business:
•The board agreed to a proposal from its attorney, Mary Easley, to have Michael Cox of Shallotte serve as back-up attorney for certain juvenile hearings in her absence.
•Orrock announced that the department would receive its fall quota of cheese and other federal commodities, with arrival on Sept. 26 and distribution Sept. 27 and 28.

•Sandy Jackson announced that another \$10,810 of the \$21,000 in food stamps double-issued last month had been collected, with \$5,900 still outstanding.

•The board asked Orrock, Clerical Supervisor Linda Green and member Marvin Grissett to study a switchboard proposal and other options for improving telephone service.

•Evelyn Johnson announced that after an experiment paid for by the workers themselves, the department had obtained a beeper service for use by on-call social workers that gives county-wide coverage.

•The board agreed to reconsider a

request to increase the foster care board rate to the state reimbursement limit, from \$165 to \$215, once it has a better idea of how the increase would affect its budget. It appears now the board would have to seek additional funds from the county in order to increase the rate, and possibly to meet even its present budget.

•Agreed to reconsider a proposal for a social worker to investigate claims of abuse, neglect and the like. State funding of \$10,000 is available for two years only, so the county would be expected to pick up the program as well as make up the salary difference in the first two years.

A similar position was rejected by commissioners in this year's budget and Chairman Frankie Rabon said he might have problems supporting the move. "I feel really strongly about staying within the budget," he said.

•Left to the director's discretion a request for educational leave to work on a master's degree in social work submitted by Mildred Bellamy, the foster care social worker.

County School Bells Ring Tuesday

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At Waccamaw Elementary, where principal Jean Parker will once again welcome back students, eighth-graders will choose from bookbinding, stagecraft, public speaking, broadcasting and journalism. Seventh-graders will choose from typing, media center, academic bowl, famous people and discover America.

Principal Mark Owens will also welcome students at Snaiioite Middle

School Tuesday where seventh-grade exploratory courses include drama, photography, video production, animal anatomy and history bowl. Eighth-graders will choose from such offerings as mythology, plant care, computerics, debate and holiday crafts and candlemaking.

At Leland Middle School, Principal Clara Carter will greet returning students along with a new assistant principal, Eugene Bowden, who was transferred from South Brunswick

High. Exploratory courses there for both seventh- and eighth-graders include rocketry, wildlife, nutritional science, calculator math and art.

At South Brunswick Middle School, Principal Bob Rhyne will help greet returning students with new assistant principal, Sybil Mitchell, a nine-year education veteran who has also taught at the school. Twelve-week exploratory courses there include astronomy, fashion technology, modern dance, introduction to German, aerobics, piano and elementary horticulture.

A new face will also be seen at West Brunswick High School where Dr. David Corley, a 24-year education veteran from Columbus, N.C., will begin his first year at the school. Mose Lewis at South Brunswick High and James McAdams at North Brunswick High will welcome students along with Freeman Gause at Union Primary, Carlton Sligh at Bolivia Elementary and Joseph Butler at Lincoln Primary.

The elementary and middle school French program which began last fall will also continue this year, Lemon said, for grades 4, 5, and 8. Seventh-graders who took French last year may take the language

again in the eighth-grade, Lemon said. Seventh-graders will not be introduced to the language this year.

Students will also note several changes in the school cafeterias this year, including an option to choose from bag lunches, a salad bar or the regular type A lunch.

Schools will begin serving bag lunches on Sept. 16 that feature hot ham and cheese sandwiches, roast beef, chicken fillet, fish burgers and hoagies along with all the extras to make a complete nutritional meal.

The "offer vs. serve program" will also operate in all school cafeterias this year that allows students to turn down one or two of the five food items in the lunch if they do not intend to eat them.

"When a student has declined a full portion of an item, schools may offer the student smaller portions," a school news release states. "This program is designed to help eliminate waste."

At least once a month, a food or combination of foods not previously served in the cafeterias will also be featured to introduce students to new foods. On Sept. 24, the feature food of the month is "jungle stew," a casserole dish.

Comfortable Weather Awaits Weekend Guests

Visitors to the South Brunswick Islands will have good weather in which to celebrate the last big beach weekend of the summer.

Temperatures should range from around 70 degrees at night into the upper 80s during the daytime, said Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady. He anticipates about three-fourths inch of rain.

"It's going to be hospitable," he added.

Average temperatures during the

period Aug. 20-26 were normal, but precipitation measured out at 1.45 inches of rain, well above the norm.

Canady recorded a maximum high reading of 91 degrees on the 21st and a minimum low of 64 degrees on the 24th.

An average daytime high of 87 degrees combined with an average nightly low of 70 degrees for an daily average temperature of 79 degrees, he said.

Convenience Station To Open Next Month

Work was scheduled to begin Tuesday on a landfill convenience station near Holden Beach, more than a year after construction was first scheduled.

Located at Oxpen Road off N.C. 130, the station will accommodate four 40-yard disposal boxes and should be open for dumping in about three weeks, said Landfill Director Major White. He and construction/garage head Darry Somerset are supervising the work. Fencing and landscaping will come later, they said.

At a daylong meeting Monday, Brunswick County commissioners agreed to a recommendation from the county solid waste committee to set aside plans for a concrete wall station and use pilings instead.

The county had encountered numerous problems in developing

the convenience station program—including delays in engineering design, revisions because of high cost estimates and a lack of bidders on the project.

At first, the station was to have been ready by summer 1984, then summer 1985. It was to have been the first of four such sites along the heavily populated coastal area, a way of meeting the demands of garbage accumulation in the county's most heavily populated areas. By consolidating green box sites on county-owned property and providing larger-capacity containers, the county hoped to accomplish several things, including: to speed garbage collection efforts, to reduce the number of deliberately set green box fires and also to eliminate problems with property owners in retaining sites from year to year.

By using pilings, commissioners were told Monday, the county can cut the estimated cost of the project from about \$50,000 to \$20,000.

CP&L To Test Warning Sirens

Carolina Power & Light will test the public warning system for its Brunswick nuclear plant on Sept. 3, 4 and 5.

Thirty-three sirens along a 10-mile radius of the plant will be sounded at full-volume for several minutes at a time at various times.

In the event of an actual emergency at the plant, the sirens would be turned on, signaling residents to tune their radio or television to an Emergency Broadcast station for information and possible instructions.

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