

Straight from the Shoulder — Right from the Heart of Duplin

PROGRESS SENTINEL

VOL. XXXVI, NO. 30

JULY 24, 1969 KENANSVILLE, N.C.

14 PAGES THIS WEEK

PRICE 10¢ PLUS TAX

Citizens For Better Schools Propose Boycott Of Schools

Parents from every school district in Duplin County were represented in the Court Room Tuesday night at the Duplin County Citizens For Better Schools.

James Orwig of Rose Hill, president of the group, opened the meeting with a prayer that love might prevail through divine guidance for the group who sought to improve, not make conditions worse.

Letters were read from a former Teachey, N.C. lady, now wife of an army career man who expressed concern that "Freedom of Choice" is no longer legal in this free land.

A lengthy letter was read from an absent board member, who cited the evils of the past generation and reminded the group that God is a just God.

The group expressed concern over the fact that five school buildings in Duplin County would be phased out this year, where as the plan presented earlier only called for two schools to be discontinued. Concern was also expressed over fear that this was a method being used to force already tax burdened citizens in further taxation of a school bond referendum in the amount of six million dollars.

The idea of bringing a counter suit against the school board was considered.

School Board member Graham Phillips, Jr., explained to the group that the board has tried to work out a plan which they felt would be most beneficial to the whole school system. He pointed out that decisions made by judges in authority were according to their interpretation of the constitution, and that ratification of the constitution has been considered. However, the prevailing laws are the governing body under which the Board of Education is operating.

A motion was made and carried that "should any plan other than freedom of choice as we know it today be put into effect, it is the opinion of the Duplin County citizens for better schools, that a boycott of the schools by every parents child who is forced to attend a school that is not of his or her choosing can be only appraised as taking the same stand for freedom that thousands of Americans have taken before them and are taking now in Vietnam." Orwig further stated that such a move is not desirable, but becomes necessary in an effort to show State and National representatives, teachers, parents and children that freedom for all Americans, no matter what race, creed or color must forever STAND.

Near Fatal Shooting

Bond has been set for \$1,000 each by Magistrate W.J. Surrera for appearance of Joe Nathan Smith, 22, negro male of Warsaw, and for Brenda Nobles, at the August 4th term of the Criminal District Court. The two were involved in separate shooting incidents in Duplin County over the weekend.

Deputy Sheriff Elton E. Proctor said that Brenda Nobles, 19, negro female of Rt. 1, Seven Springs, has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill Ed Cleon Sutton.

Sutton was shot below the heart with a .22 caliber pistol. The assault was intended to kill but resulted only in serious

bodily injury. He was hospitalized at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro where Proctor said his condition was described as serious.

The shooting took place at 11:30 a.m., July 19.

William F. Williams was transported to North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill with a .22 caliber pistol wound under his heart allegedly inflicted July 20th by Joe Nathan Smith. Smith has been charged in a warrant with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, resulting in serious bodily injury.

Proctor was assisted in both investigations by Deputy Ellis G. Baker.

Faison Sale To Benefit Rescue

A most interesting auction sale will be conducted by the Faison Fire Department at 8:00 p.m., July 31 at the Faison Fire House. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Rescue Building in Faison.

A civic minded person has given the remains of an estate to the Fire Department to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Many items are rare antiques, and are items that collectors will not want to miss. Seldom are such items offered

Continued on page 8

Rose Hill Centenarian Dies

Sidney E. Johnson

ROSE HILL — Sidney E. Johnson, 101, died Tuesday in Duplin General Hospital.

Funeral services will be held in Corinth Baptist Church Thursday at 2 p.m. by the Rev. Luther J. Matthews. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Survivors include five sons, Dr. B. Mack Johnson of Wallace, Robert Johnson, S.A. Johnson, and Clifford Johnson, all of Rose Hill, and the late Mrs. Margaret Williams of Wallace and Betty Johnson, wife of Dr. J. B. Johnson.



Project engineer, Ray Cathy, left, with board members of the Chinquapin Water System left to right G.F. Landen and Billy Brinkley and FHA Supervisor J.M. Mills inspect the newly drilled well. The project is almost complete and will provide water for many families in the area. (Photo by Ruth Wells)

Chinquapin Water System Near Completion

Chinquapin residents are about to realize a dream come true when sometime around the first of August a community water system will be available to the members of this water project.

J.M. Mills, FHA Supervisor, said, "by early in August the project will be completed including well drilled, pump installed, electrically wired, pump house constructed, lot graded and enclosed in steel fence."

Consultant engineers for the project are Henningson, Durham and Richardson of Greensboro. Ray Cathy is project engineer.

Terry C. Parker is president of the project and Mrs. Kaye Sanderson Williamson is secretary. Other members are G.F. Landen, Billy Brinkley, L. Boyette, and A.E. Williams.

Johnson Endorses Watershed

"The Watershed Improvement program is vital to the future of Duplin County," said Representative Hugh S. Johnson of Rose Hill. "With the present underground water level dropping each year, water conservation is essential."

Many people agree with Mr. Johnson in recognizing the importance of this program for Duplin County in minimizing the present danger of flooding in our streams and rivers, and in the increased income to the area from the proposed recreational lake in the north-eastern area of the county.

In addition to recreational facilities, the proposed 5,500 acre lake, unofficially referred to as Komegay Lake would contain sufficient water storage to furnish up to ten million gallons of water per day for town, industrial, and agricultural usage.

Rose Hill Poultry Will Give Scholarship

Rose Hill Poultry Company of Rose Hill, North Carolina, has made available two \$150 scholarships for one negro and one white male high school graduate. It is the desire of this industry to aid someone to further his education beyond

Beulaville Adopts Budget

At the regular meeting on Tuesday night, July 15, 1969 the Beulaville Town Board adopted a budget of \$78,727.50. The budget is divided into two main parts: the General Fund getting \$43,311.00 and the Water Department \$35,416.50. The new budget calls for no change in the present tax rate of \$1.40 per \$100 valuation nor in the water and sewer rate.

The outstanding debt at the beginning of the fiscal year was \$297,300.00. \$8,000.00 in water and sewer bonds will be maturing during the fiscal year. The amount to be paid on the outstanding debt during the year is \$21,000.00.

Other items taken by the Board at their Tuesday night meeting included the regular meeting of the Board on the third Tuesday night in each month to the third Monday night. The new commissioners were assigned by Mayor Leon Lanier the following places, Mayor Pro Tem, Grady Mercer, Jr., Fire and Recreation Commissioner, Joe Edwards, Street Commissioner, Roland Edwards, Sanitation Commissioner, Mervin Whaley and Water Commissioner, Ricky Lynn Thomas. Zanite Mae Smith was appointed Clerk.

County Commissioner Notes

J.G. Morrison, a Presbyterian minister of Wallace was appointed by the Board of Commissioners to the Duplin County Air Port Commission. Morrison had been named chairman of the Wallace Air Port Authority and as such is automatically a member of the by laws. M.J. Lambert and Ralph Cottle were reappointed for three year terms. Joe Edwards of Beulaville was also named to the commission replacing Raleigh Lanier who asked to be relieved of the job. Russell Brock was named

to the Duplin County Advisory Commission to the Neuse River Economic Development Commission. Brock replaced D. B. Blanchard.

Mrs. Luther Taylor of Faison and Mrs. J.E. Stroud of Magnolia were named to the Dorothy Wightman-Duplin County Library Board. D.J. Fussell, Sr. of Rose Hill was named a director of the South Eastern Area Community Action Program, (SEACAP) SEACAP is conducting a Manpower Training Program in Southeastern North Carolina

under a \$2,000,000 contract with the U.S. Department of Labor. Twelve counties are served by SEACAP and By-Laws have recently been changed to allow each county representation.

A Mental Health Board to serve a one-year-term expiring August 1, 1970 were appointed as follows: D.J. Fussell, Sr., Rose Hill, Chairman; E.E. Kelly, Mount Olive; Mrs. Rebecca Judge, Beulaville; Dr. Corbett L. Quinn, Magnolia; and Mrs. J.J. Wells, Kenansville.

Rose Hill Adopts Budget

At a recent meeting of the Town Board of Rose Hill, a budget for the year of 1969-70 in the amount of \$99,975 was adopted. The tax rate of \$1.57 per \$100 valuation was set which was the same rate effective last year.

Capital improvements included in this budget are payment on new fire truck \$4,900; new water well \$8,000; purchase of garbage dump site of thirty two acres, \$3,000; extension to water and sewer lines \$9,429.44; and new fire fighting equipment \$1,500.

A report on the proposed sewer line on North Maple and West Ridge Streets were given by the town engineer. The Board unanimously voted to elect Sam Carr Mayor Pro Tem. Effective August 1; Water in town, \$75; out of town \$125; sewer in town \$125; out of town request must be presented to the board. Water for out of town customers will double effective August 1.

Tyndall Receives Promotion

Also effective August 1, out of town citizens who use the garbage dump facilities of the town will be charged a fee of \$12 per year for this privilege, which may be purchased at the Rose Hill Town Hall.

A new garbage dump site will be in use as of August 1, 1969, and is located at the western end of Main Street. The dump will be open each day from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

Proper Treatment Is Essential

Kenneth R. Futreal, District Conservationist, said that some of the things which could save the soil are good conservation cropping systems, or crop rotations along with some needed and essential structural measures such as terraces, grassed waterways, diversions, strip cropping, and others.

By establishing a good crop rotation, you help save the soil because you conserve the crop residue and cover crops which help to build up the fertility of the soil, as well as saving the topsoil. Sometimes, a good crop rotation is not enough, because the land is too steep, too sandy, or has too many draws or gullies for you to farm profitably. When you have problems such as these, then you need to consider other measures in addition to crop rotation to save the soil.

If the land is very sloping, you probably need a system make them useless. Some of the things which could save the soil are good conservation cropping systems, or crop rotations along with some needed and essential structural measures such as terraces, grassed waterways, diversions, strip cropping, and others.

By establishing a good crop rotation, you help save the soil because you conserve the crop residue and cover crops which help to build up the fertility of the soil, as well as saving the topsoil. Sometimes, a good crop rotation is not enough, because the land is too steep, too sandy, or has too many draws or gullies for you to farm profitably. When you have problems such as these, then you need to consider other measures in addition to crop rotation to save the soil.

If the land is very sloping, you probably need a system

Continued on page 8

Jaycees Endorse Watershed Program

President Bob Carr said the Rose Hill Jaycees voted unanimously last night to go on record to support the Watershed Referendum in Duplin County on August 2.

Water Treatment Is Essential

There are many benefits that can be expected from a watershed project: land treatment, reduced flooding, improved drainage, more recreation, and other things which would be hard to list.

Land treatment probably is the one most important item in a watershed project and the most important thing on any land whether there is a watershed project involved or not. If the land is not properly treated, that is protected, any money spent on flood prevention, drainage or recreation would be wasted. If valuable topsoil is allowed to wash away, you will not be able to make a good crop whether it be tobacco, corn, soybeans, trees, or grass. Also, this same topsoil that washes off of the higher land will fill up the rivers, creeks, and ponds, and



John F. Tyndall

ENKA, N.C., July 15 — John F. Tyndall has been appointed technical manager of the new nylon carpet yarn plant American Enka Corporation has under construction near Clemson, S.C.

A native of Duplin County, Tyndall is a graduate of B.F. Grady High School, and earned a B.S. degree in chemistry from Wake Forest University. He served aboard Navy cruisers in both World War II and the Korean conflict.

Tyndall is an elder of the Malvern Hills Presbyterian Church, Asheville, was Sunday School superintendent, and has also been active in affairs of the Asheville Presbytery. He is a member of the Society of Plastic Engineers and has been a leader in Cub and Boy Scout activities. He is married to the former Miss Evelyn Goodrich of Sanford, N.C. They have two sons, John, Jr. and Richard.