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Warsaw Citizens Express Concern At PTA Meeting

Yelverton Explains Proposed Building Plan For Duplin County Schools

Around 150 interested Warsaw citizens attended the Warsaw P.T.A. meeting on Tuesday night in order to discuss with Superintendent Charles Yelverton the future educational and building plans for their schools.

Mrs. Linda Kitchen, vice president of the Warsaw-Douglas P.T.A. presided and introduced Mrs. Dorothy Wallace who gave the devotion.

Charles Yelverton, Superintendent of Duplin County Schools was then introduced. He then introduced Dr. J. L. Pierce from the State Department of Instruction; Durrell Spencer, and Board of Education members, James F. Strickland, Dr. Pierce and Spencer were instrumental in developing the building plans proposed by Superintendent Yelverton.

Yelverton made the following introductory comments before explaining the proposed school building plans.

"Many people have different views about public education today in North Carolina and particularly in Duplin County. Many think that the system is not performing at its greatest potential and most individuals have their reasons for their opinions and few have solutions. You have shown interest in education as laymen and as professional people by coming here tonight to help us project the future educational program for Duplin County. I might add that this is the first of many such meetings which will take place in all parts of the County.

"In order to accomplish today's educational goal in Duplin County we must consider the following four points: (1) Age of the facilities in Duplin County; (2) The population trend

of the county; (3) Finances and (4) Plan centered around the educational needs of the children of Duplin County."

"Therefore, a plan must be developed which will be a guide for future undertakings. The following plan was presented to the Board of Education for study and will be presented to various local groups throughout the county for their consideration." Yelverton then explained the proposed plan.

Dr. Spencer then discussed the population trends during the last decade for Duplin County and projected trends for the next several years. Charts showing the total patterns in the county can be seen on page four.

Yelverton, by use of visual aids, showed the above proposed building plans for Duplin County.

John Weatherly, local pharmacist, asked Yelverton, "How much study had he and the Board of Education given to the report submitted by the Building Advisory Committee of the JK School District?"

The Building Advisory Committee report was prepared by a group of citizens for the purpose of studying the educational needs of the 5 schools in the District.

Yelverton said, "The report does not reflect the complete educational needs of Duplin County as far as 'input' is concerned but expressed thanks to the committee for their work."

Weatherly said, "If it is true that the schools that operate the most gets more than those who do not operate?"

Yelverton replied, "Spendy schools makes no difference, my proposals are made in the best educational interests of the children of Duplin County."

I do not listen to the wheels squeak. Mr. Strickland is the man to make the wheels squeak."

The question of where a new senior high school would be located was asked. Yelverton said that no site had been discussed but generalized it to be in the central northwest section of Duplin County near the Unity Church area.

James Taylor, Warsaw merchant, asked "why the property already owned by the schools was not being used? Why buy more land to build when we already own land suitable for building a new school?"

Yelverton answered, "That a middle school at James Kenan would bring in more students in order to provide a better educational program for the 7-8 grades."

Mrs. Paul Brewer, a former teacher, stated that K-6 are the most important years in a child's education. "Why not accept the Advisory Committee Report and not the long range plan you have suggested?"

Yelverton stated, "I agree 100 per cent with K-6 as the most important years, but as far as priority is concerned, several other schools are needed before a new Warsaw Elementary School. The Warsaw-Douglas facility is second best to the New Rose Hill - Magnolia School."

Yelverton then introduced Graham Phillips member of the Board of Education from Wallace. Phillips acknowledged the needs of the Warsaw community and other priorities in Duplin County.

Paul Brewer, local banker, asked if the proposed plans had been approved by the Board of Education?

Yelverton replied, "No."

Mrs. Mary Coleman asked,

"How long would it take to get a new Jr. High in Warsaw? What is the realistic time table for the Jr. High? Yelverton replied, "Two years, we take the most serious needs in the county and solve that need first."

Mayor Matt Ausley stated that the S.A.T. Tests showed that Duplin student's scores were lower last year than they have been in the past. Ausley said he had the facts to back up this statement. Yelverton said, "I would like to see this information."

Ausley also said, "possibly the parents of children in Warsaw might be willing to settle for a temporary Jr. High arrangement if a new elementary school was built."

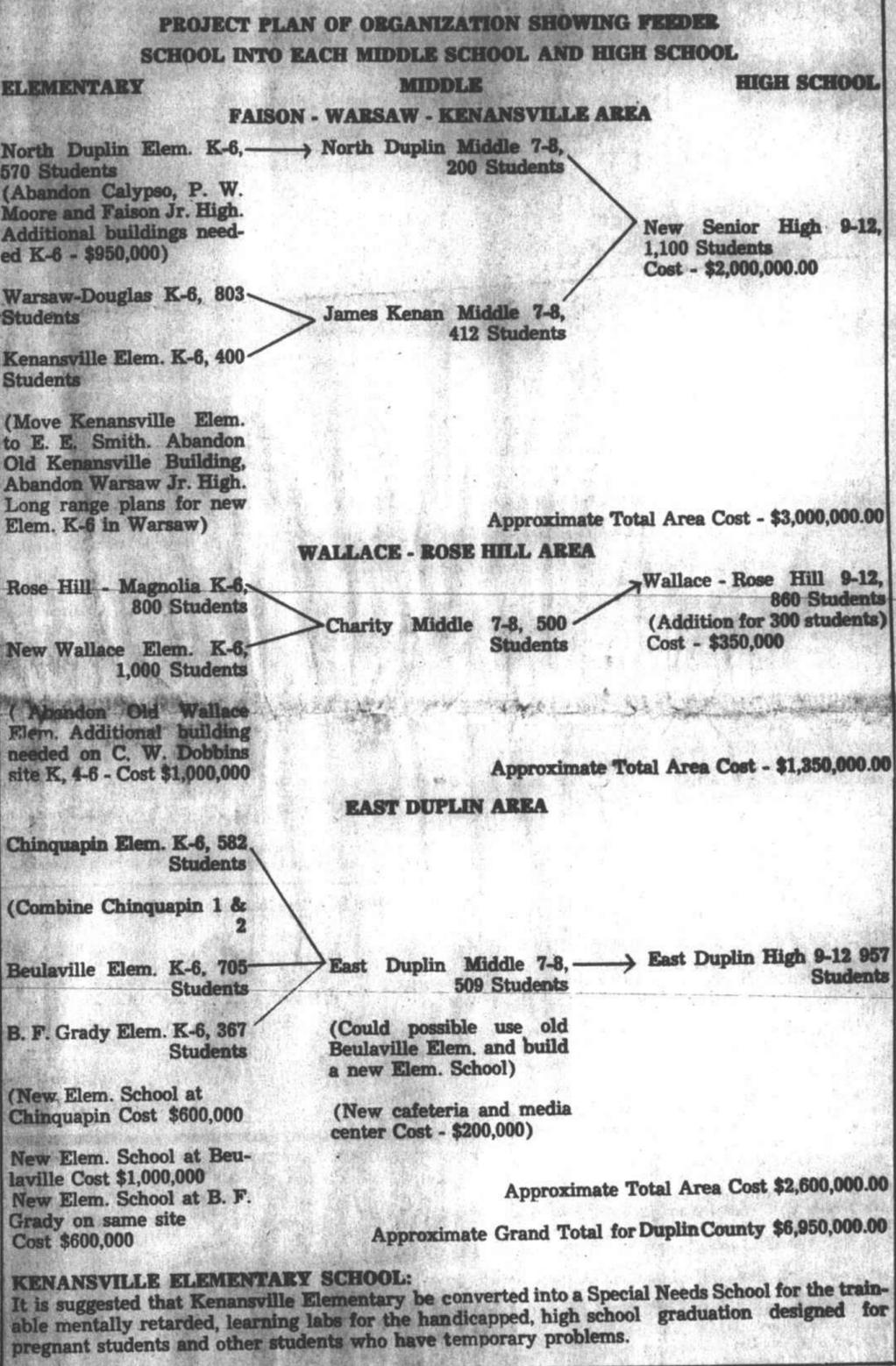
L. W. Kitchen asked, "If the new high school was built, wouldn't it increase the busing of children? Yelverton replied "No". "Busing is a secondary item."

Mrs. Dorothy Wallace said she felt that the Warsaw-Douglas Elementary school should stay where it is and a new high school built.

E. C. Thompson, III, local attorney, asked Yelverton, "If a majority of parents of students in this area of the county that would be affected by the change, would rather have a new elementary school prior to a new high school, would that change your recommendations to the Board of Education or influence your recommendation?"

Yelverton answered, "Show me a better way, Yes"

Many other interested Warsaw citizens expressed their concerns about the proposed educational building plans for Duplin County.



Mt. Olive Men Charged With Robbery

Three Mt. Olive men have been arrested and charged with the robbery of Grady Summerlin's grocery store near North Duplin High school.

Deputy Alfred Baden said, "Freestine Carlton, age 26, of

115 South Short Street, Billy Junior Artis, 26, 116 East Nelson Street and Alonza James Kornegay, 24, 1817 South-Center Street all of Mount Olive have been charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon.

According to Baden, the robbery occurred shortly before noon Monday. The robbers entered the store and pretended to buy drinks and cookies then announced "this is a hold-up

give me your money." They then grabbed a pocketbook out of money drawer and ran out the front door. Mr. Summerlin was hit on the head during the robbery. Mrs. Summerlin and a lady shopping in the store at the time of the robbery were not hurt.

Carlton was arrested shortly after the robbery between Grady Summerlin's Store and North Duplin school.

Artis and Kornegay were arrested before dark between North Duplin school and Myers store on highway 403.

Checks in the amount of \$75.46 and \$66 in cash were recovered.

All Duplin County deputies were called in on the hunt for the three robbers. The highway patrol from adjoining counties, Duplin County Highway Patrol, Hiram Brinson, Civil Defense Director and Blood Hounds from the Department of Correction in Burgaw assisted Duplin law officers in the arrest.

The three men are under \$10,000 bond each awaiting a preliminary hearing in District Court.

N.C. Poultry Queen Promotes Poultry Industry

Raleigh, NC - A lovely eighteen year-old young lady from Warsaw, North Carolina, will represent the North Carolina Poultry Industry as the state's 1973 Poultry Queen. Miss Jo Carol Jones, a 5'4", blond haired beauty, will represent N. Carolina's largest food industry - a \$350,000,000 on the

Among her high school activities are co-sports editor of the Kenan Krier (newspaper) and varsity cheerleader. She was voted the outstanding cheerleader for 1972. She is a member of the Pep Club, the Monogram Club, and the Animal staff.

The Poultry Queen will help in the promotion of poultry products in the state, partici-

part in parades, and attend poultry gatherings throughout North Carolina in 1973 for the state's largest food industry. The poultry industry in North Carolina is using as a theme this year "We Help Feed America," and Miss Jo Carol Jones, the state's poultry queen, will be among those telling the good news about the Tar Heel's fantastic poultry industry.

Sutton Elected To State Soybean Committee

Jo Carol Jones
Farm business. Miss Jones is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Murray Jones of Warsaw and is a student at James Mann High School.

The 1973 Poultry Queen enjoys playing, dancing, swimming, and reading and writing poetry. She is a member of the First Baptist Church in Warsaw where she is a member of the youth and plays piano for church groups and Bible school.

W. Brantley Sutton, of Rt. 1, Faison, was elected to the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association during the annual membership meeting of that organization in Raleigh on Jan. 19th. He already had served on the Board of Directors for one year of a three-year term prior to his recent selection.

Sutton, well-known Sampson County businessman, farms 150 acres of soybeans in addition to extensive grain, tobacco, vegetable, and livestock operations. He is a graduate of Piney Grove High School, Campbell College, and Duke University.

He is Vice-Chairman of Sampson County Planning and Development Board, School Board member, a Director of the North and South Carolina Power Equip. Dealers Association, and a Director of the American Savings and Loan and Branch Bank of Warsaw, and President of Sutton Inc., incorporated.

Married his wife, Annie-

Dean's List
Seven students from Duplin won academic honors at Campbell College in the fall semester.

Among the students who qualified for President's List in Campbell's fall-term student body were Eddie Ray Williams of Faison.

The following won recognition on the Dean's List: Calypso-Cecile Irene Langley; Faison-Elsie Spencer Jordan; Denise Lindsay; Kenansville-David Thomas Phillips; Magnolia-Matthew Edwin Tucker; Rost Hill-Carolyn Ann Peterson.

The President's List names students who present on the school's 3.00 scale an accumulative grade-point average of 2.51 on all work attempted, beginning with the second semester at Campbell. The Dean's List recognizes students who in the semester just ended have an academic average of A or B for a minimum credit

Two Killed In Wreck At Bowden

Two men were killed and four others injured in a wreck seven tenths of a mile north of Bowden on U. S. 117 Sunday around 5:20 p. m.

Robert Lee Faison, 56 negro male of route 1, Dudley and Raymond H Wilson, 59 of Bowden were killed.

According to Patrolman W. N. Briggs, investigating officer, Faison the driver of a 1968 Chevrolet was traveling south on US 117 and Wilson, driver of a 1973 Ford pick-up and a 1970 Volkswagen, station wagon driven by Charlott Ann Eason 18, student at A.C.C. of Garden City, S. C. were traveling north on US 117. Faison lost control of his vehicle on a curve and skidded across the center line into the path of the Wilson auto. Patrolman Briggs said then the Faison auto struck the Wilson auto in the front right fender, knocking the Wilson vehicle backwards into a ditch on the right side of the road below the Faison vehicle came to a stop. The Eason ve-

hicle struck the Faison auto in the rear.

Faison was traveling alone at the time. Annie Ball Wilson a passenger in the Wilson auto received multiple injuries and is listed in serious condition at New Hanover Hospital.

Sharon Larson of Springfield, Va a passenger in the Eason auto was riding in the front and received a broken leg and other injuries. Ava Gayle Holden of Holden Beach was riding in the back seat of the Eason auto and received minor injuries. Both are students at Atlantic Christian College.

Patrolman Briggs said it was raining at the time of the accident. Briggs also stated if seat belts had been in use at the time, injuries would have been less serious. He also stated that in many cases, bad tires and wet highways have caused serious accidents.

No charges are being made. Warsaw, Faison and Kenansville Rescue personnel assisted in taking the injured to Duplin General Hospital. The Faison Fire Department also responded to the call.

Duplin County Municipal Association Meets

The Duplin County Municipal Association met in regular quarterly meeting at the Country Quire on Thursday night, Jan. 18th with fifty people present. Mayor Carl Pate, Beulaville, Association president, presiding.

Charles Edwards, State Water and Air Commissioner, was the principal speaker explaining the work of the commission and the potential of towns and counties through matching funds to secure financial assistance in expanding water and sewer facilities.

Mayor Charles Farris reported for his committee that in view of changed dates for election of town officials present officers continue in office until next January and the association change its by-laws to include Commissioners as president. Original by-laws had restricted this to Mayors. The motion was adopted.

Malvin Cording presented a petition for improving highway 117, which was unanimously adopted. Cording stated it had almost become a tradition to present such a petition each time the administration changed in Raleigh. While the petitions thus far had been ignored he hoped at some time the seed would fall on fertile soil. Several expressed the opinion the petition should be vigorously followed by contacting legislators and Chambers of Commerce along the route in addition to those named in the petition.