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Duplin School Facility Changes Being Evaluated

What is Change? Change is probably the most difficult experience the average citizen encounters—especially when it involves his child, his home, his school, or his community! Over the past twenty years a number of changes have taken place in the educational structure in Duplin County schools.

In the 1950's and early 1960's the consolidation of the high schools probably stirred the emotions of more people than any other change until the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which resulted in actions taken by the Federal Courts to integrate schools. When a change takes place

which affects a large number of people, particularly children, interest is very high and that is as it should be. Also, when a change is proposed, the proper study and evaluation of existing circumstances must be made by the responsible agency as well as involved citizens. Results of this

study and evaluation will determine the proper course to be followed.

The Board of Education is making a study of school facilities in Duplin County in order to determine first which direction will achieve the goals of sound education and second which plan will be most favorably accepted by the largest number of people.

The need for such a study is based on a number of factors. First, the age and condition of most school houses in the county are such that maintenance is almost prohibitive, due to this, up-to-date teaching techniques are limited. Second, reorganization for the past four years, due to integration, forced elementary and secondary schools into a variety of age groupings.

Duplin County has been blessed with the personnel in her schools who could provide a "Quality Education" program. And they have produced this program under some difficult environmental conditions.

We must bring the organization back to some consistency. We must provide a learning environment compatible with current educational practices. In order to do this, new facilities are needed in some areas of the county and renovations in others.

As each district is involved, citizens will be asked to participate in the planning. This will help the Board determine the acceptance by the communities of the proposed changes. Input of interested citizens will

guide the Board of Education in making its decisions.

The plan recently published by most news media in the county projected an educational plan which is being evaluated by the Board. Occasionally people jump at the wrong conclusions—a working model and a finished plan is not the same. After the Advisory committees and various other interested groups have studied a working model and when most of them agree to the educational soundness of the plan, then the Board of Education will be in a position to make a final decision. Then an approved model or plan will come into being.

This decision will set the pattern for the future of Public Education in Duplin County.

To develop a plan that is educationally sound and which has a high degree of acceptance among Duplin citizens, a working plan is necessary. Then alternate plans can be accepted and evaluated with a true sense of importance.

Facilities and curriculum are being constructed that will affect our young people for at least the next twenty years. Therefore, we all must look closely at what we do and plan. We must examine our goals and our desires. The highest and purest motives must prevail. We must ask ourselves, "Am I thinking in the sincere interest of my children's grandchild, or myself?"

DUPLIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION



REEVES HONOR EMPLOYEES—a barbecue dinner was served employees of Reeves Bros.

last week in honor of 2,000,000 man hours since a lost-time injury.

Reeves Honor Employees With Dinner

Around three hundred Kenansville employees of Reeves Bros., Inc., were honored Thursday with a barbecue pork and chicken dinner for working two million man-hours since a lost-time on the job accident.

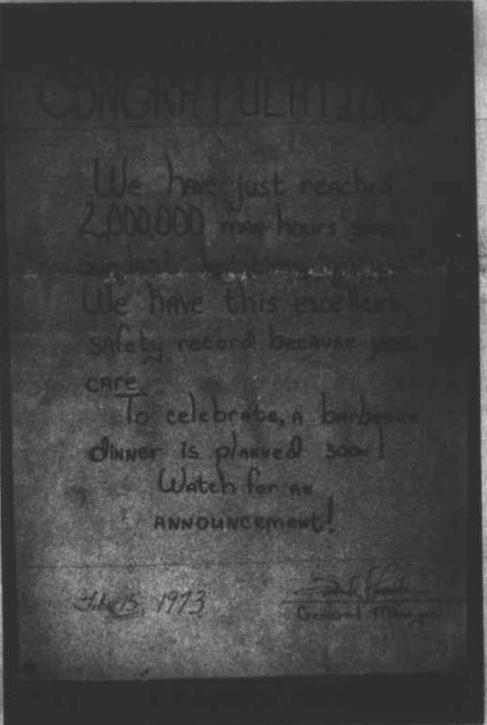
According to spokesman for Reeves Bros., Inc., "It has taken from April, 1970 to reach this goal."

Reeves Bros., Inc., is a southern based company with approximately thirty manufacturing plants, mostly in the Southern part of the U. S. The company employs nearly six thousand people.

The Kenansville County Division of Reeves has earned the best safety record of any other Reeves Plants. It has just won three major company awards and one from the N.C. Department of Labor.

Ralph Cottle, Personnel Manager stated, "We feel that our employees are due a lot of praise for their conscientious efforts in earning these awards."

Visitors were Mr. Dixon Hall, Mayor of Kenansville; Mr. P.B. Raiford, Executive Director of Duplin Development Commission; Mr. J.E. Reeves, Sr. Chairman of the Board of Reeves; Mr. Joe D. Moore, President; Mr. J.E. Reeves, Jr., Divisional President, and his wife Kay; and Mr. James Collier, Corporate Personnel Director.



BULLETIN BOARD NOTICE—Fred Shank, General Manager of the Kenansville plant of Reeves Bros., Inc., pinned the above notice on the bulletin board at Reeves to announce the safety record.



NEW OFFICERS OF WARSAW C OF C—left to right: Paul Brown, Treasurer, Mary Taylor, secretary, Cleo Hobbs, Vice President and W.C. Martin, President. The new officers were chosen at the annual business meeting last week. Also discussed at the C of C meeting were: New parking

lots in Warsaw for employees; letters of welcome to newcomers; brochure on the Chamber of Commerce members; and a promotional committee. It was reported that 20 new families had moved to Warsaw since Jan. 1, 1973.



DUPLIN COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING WINNERS—these winners are (left to right) Willie Moore, Senior Boy Division, Stamford 4-H Club; Lloyd Hall, Junior Boy Division, Warsaw-Shamrock 4-H Club; Gloria Moore, Senior Girl Division, FYC 4-H Club; and

Wanda Costin, Junior Girl Division, Warsaw-Shamrock 4-H Club. In addition, Willie and Wanda were declared overall county winners and will represent Duplin County in District competition.

Highway Patrolman Assaulted

Patrolman Tommy Joyner was beaten in the face and hand Saturday a.m. when he stopped a line truck on highway 24 near Baltic.

Special investigator, Glenn Jernigan said "Joyner stopped the truck because he was wondering why it would be out at that time (1 a.m.)" Jernigan said "when Joyner stopped the truck, the driver started running away. After a chase by Joyner the man gave himself up. As Joyner reached the driver he began hitting Joyner in the face and hand with a pair of pliers."

It was learned later that the truck was stolen from Weeks Construction Co. in Jacksonville and the driver of the

truck, Charles Albert Morgan was an escapee from State Prison in Arcadia, Fla. Morgan escaped in January from the prison where he had served 15 months of a 6 months to 10 years sentence.

Morgan was charged with driving under-the-influence, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and possession of a stolen vehicle.

Ambulance Report

Duplin County Ambulance service reported 36 emergency calls between Sunday, Feb. 11 and Saturday, Feb. 17. Of the 36 calls, four were dead on arrival and six were non-emergency calls.

Duplin 4-H Public Speaking Winners

During the Duplin County 4-H Public Speaking Contest held in Kenansville, Wanda Costin and Willie Moore were named overall winners to represent Duplin County in Southeastern District competition.

Wanda is the 9-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Costin and is a member of the Warsaw-Shamrock 4-H Club. Willie is a member of the Stamford 4-H Club and is the son of Mrs. Carrie Moore.

Division winners were: Gloria Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Moore, Jr., and is a member of the FYC 4-H Club, Senior Girl Division winner; Wanda Costin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Costin, a member of the Warsaw-Shamrock 4-H Club, Junior Girl Division winner; Willie Moore, son of Mrs. Carrie Moore, a member of the Stamford 4-H Club, Senior Boy Division winner; and Lloyd Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hall, a member of the Warsaw-Shamrock 4-H Club, Junior Boy Division

winner. Each of these Division winners were presented an engraved trophy provided by Coastal Production Credit Association, Kenansville.

Ribbon winners were: BLUE RIBBONS—Dannette Moore, Stamford 4-H Club; Marie Donna Usher, Rose Hill Jr. Leadership 4-H Club; Wanda Costin, Warsaw-Shamrock 4-H Club; Bobby McClide - Rose Hill Jr. Leadership 4-H Club; Ronald Moore - Stamford 4-H Club; Lloyd Hall - Warsaw Shamrock 4-H Club; Avis Plarce - Rose Hill Jr. Leadership 4-H Club; Gloria Moore - FYC 4-H Club; Jerry Parrior - Teachey 4-H Club; Ronnie McClide - Rose Hill Jr. Leadership 4-H Club; and Willie Moore - Stamford 4-H Club. RED RIBBONS - Carol Powell - Rose Hill Jr. Leadership 4-H Club; Della Nelson - Rose Hill Jr. Leadership 4-H Club; Gracie Wells - Teachey 4-H Club; Angeline Walcott - Teachey 4-H Club; James Rodney Hill - Stamford 4-H Club.

Nathlyn Bryant - Teachey 4-H Club; Lewis Franklin Ramseur - Teachey 4-H Club.

Two Break-ins Reported

Keith Harris and Johnny Harris have been charged with breaking - entering and larceny of Leroy Albertson's Store, south of Seaville.

Deputy Alfred Baden and Special Investigator Glenn Jernigan said cigarettes and candy valued at \$60 was stolen from the store.

Both men remain in Duplin County jail under \$500 bonds and have been charged with Breaking, Entering and Larceny.

A break-in at Jerry Teachey's store, Rt. 3, Rose Hill was investigated by Jernigan and Deputy Rodney Thigpen last week. Jernigan said "800 lb clothes and groceries were stolen." Investigation is being continued.

N.C. School of The Arts Orchestra To Perform In Kenansville

The N.C. School of The Arts Orchestra will present a concert in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville on Sunday, March 4, at 3:30 p.m.

The appearance of this outstanding concert is being made possible by the Liberty Hall Restoration Commission and the Mary Deke Bliddle Foundation. There will be no admission charge and the general public

is invited. The concert will be dedicated to the memory of Mr. O.P. Johnson, who served for many years as superintendent of Duplin County Schools and who was a prime leader in the work of the Liberty Hall Restoration Commission.

The Orchestra, conducted by Nicholas Harsanyi, will present a program that will include

the Festive Ode for Orchestra, by Robert Ward, Chancellor of the Winston-Salem based Arts School; Bartok's Piano Concerto No. 3; Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 6; and the Hary Janos Suite by Kodaly.

The N.C. School of The Arts established in Winston-Salem in Sept., 1965, is the only state-assisted school of its kind in the nation. An experiment

in public education, the school offers professional training in music, dance, drama, and design and production and visual arts for talented students, ranging from junior high through college. A full academic program is offered leading to a high school diploma or a bachelors degree. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the School

of The Arts is a constituent institution of the UNC.

Students are chosen by audition and come from 48 states and six countries. In keeping with the original intention of the state legislature to provide professional artistic education for the region, about half of the students are from N.C. and another quarter from the Southeast.