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Commissioners Meet

Grand Jury Reports On Schools

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners met Monday, February 7th. All Commissioners were present.

An inspection report on the schools and the jail was received from the Grand Jury as follows: **Wallace-Rose Hill School** - Rest rooms clean, Gym in good shape. Shop in good shape. Need another shop. Exhaust fan needed. Shop crowded. Need rest room for girls in shop, no security for shop tools. Lunch room clean but small. Pleased.

Bethlehem Elementary School - Found rooms to be clean. Lunch room clean but small to feed 700 students in 1 1/2 hours (is rushed). Principal desired to have old Agriculture building torn down and removed. Also in using four mobile homes for class rooms.

Warsaw-Douglass School - Found rest rooms clean except men. Gym in good shape but no hot water. Most place to hang coats for employees in lunchroom. Need covered the walk way to lunch room. Need bleachers for Gym. Have vacant classrooms being used for storage. Committee well pleased and impressed.

James Kenan High School - General condition of school and grounds clean and well kept. Rest rooms clean. New Science building impressive. Court (attractive). Agriculture shop is roomy and well organized. **Kenansville Elementary** -

Lunch room clean and well kept. Hallways need paint. Classrooms looked good. Grounds in good condition. Has new tennis courts. New paved parking area. Gym in good condition. Rest rooms cold as they are accessible from outside only.

North Duplin Elementary - Excellent condition. Need maintenance on thermostats. Unable to control heat properly. Cafe in excellent condition. Meals for 1,030 students are all fed from this one lunchroom. Feed senior citizens groups as well. Food transported 4 miles to N.E. Jr. High students. System satisfactory.

North Duplin High School - North side school too cold (14F). Termites severely damaged bath rooms, doors, facings, especially boys' rest rooms. Front door facing very poor condition. Needs immediate attention. Class rooms were not visited. Front drive needs widening. They use 17 or 18 mobile class rooms. One with inadequate heating system and unable to use.

North Duplin Jr. High School - School is generally cold today (14F). Heating system needs maintenance and repair. Gym needs repair of conditions are poor. Boys' showers in Gym need repair. Restrooms need to be monitored and reorganized. **Chinquapin Elementary #1** - Needs paint work done. In gym

rooms have been disconnected in approximately half of rooms (need repair). Blackboards badly pitted. Need replacement. Career exploration room and work shop is small. No storage room for materials. Back doors locked because of termite damage and is definite fire hazard and should be corrected. Termites are bad throughout the school. Some doors cannot be used. Need venetian blinds in windows. No locks in some of windows. Teacher and staff parking lot needs muni (condition is very wet). Today the lunch room heat was produced by cooking range. Committee disappointed in physical condition.

East Duplin High School - Main building in good condition. Gym in poor condition (was very dirty). Locker room very poor condition. Janitor does not clean up. Students clean up. (Gym equipment in poor condition). Gymnastic room (rest rooms in fair shape, Concession room in poor condition. Very unsanitary. Walkway next to lunch room in very poor condition (about to fall), in desperate need of repair or condemned. Lunch room very cold, does not have adequate electrical outlets. Have to wait too long in lunch line. Students are missing class. **Chinquapin Elementary #2** - Needs paint work done. In gym

can see through the wall, needs repair. Lunch room is small but clean. Rest rooms are cold in lunch room. All rest rooms in good shape. Need storage room for Gym. **Jail** - Accommodates 36 inmates. It has now only 19. Average time in jail is short. Dining area and kitchen is clean and sanitary. Menu is adequate and sufficiently varied. Conditions are somewhat crowded but adequate. Jail clean enough. Treatment seems okay. **Inadequate Juvenile space (possibly).**

Woody Brinson, Luther Powell, Johnny Powell, Douglas Judge, Charles Farris and Elwood Allen, along with Representative Baker, appeared to discuss the ABC Store profit distribution. Brinson, Spokesman for the group, informed the Board that Faison, Warsaw, Wallace and Kenansville have adopted a resolution requesting the State Representative to introduce legislation to change the distribution of profits from 55 percent to the Town and 45 percent to the County, to 75 percent to the Town and 25 percent to the County. This would give the towns a 20 percent increase, amounting to \$41,600 based on the past year's profits. Each representative would be responsible for their share to accomplish this. They also expressed the need for a county-wide recreational

program. The Commissioners informed the representatives they are in sympathy with the need, but the County is also in need of ABC profits for other programs such as Emergency Rescue Squad equipment, land fill operation and others. The County's 45 percent share is now set up where 10 percent is budgeted for drainage control and 35 percent to General Fund.

Leland Grady, Tax Collector, presented his report for January, and the year to date. Collections for January amounted to \$487,007.15 and year to date \$2,799,590.15.

The Board discussed a memo from the Governor on a 4-day work week. A motion carried to close county offices on Monday with the work week to be Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. with 30 minutes for lunch, to be effective until changed. Four voted for and one abstained (Fussell). A motion was passed to keep temperature in all county offices at 65 during work hours, and 55 during non-working hours. Electric heaters may be used to attain and maintain a room temperature of 65, effective February 8th. No further night meeting will be scheduled, and those already scheduled should be rescheduled if possible. Employees driving county-owned

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JK'S GOLDEN STAR FINALISTS - James Kenan High School placed seven seniors among the seventy finalists in the 1977 Golden Star Awards program. They are (l to r) Ann Oakley, Teresa Williams, David Carlton, Sonya Powell, Leslie Best and Mary Elizabeth Killelte. Not pictured, Sharon Swain.



ED'S GOLDEN STAR FINALISTS - (L to R) Brenda Boyette, Lora Quinn and Anna Lemons were among the 70 Finalists in the 1977 Golden Star Awards program, who are to be interviewed on February 19, after which they will be ranked in their categories.

Scouts Receive Eagle Award

Dickie Fry and Todd Price received their Eagle Scout Award Sunday during the worship service at Warsaw Baptist Church.

Being interested in sports, Dickie played Little League baseball for five years. He was chosen as Most Valuable Player of his team, and also played in the All Star games for three years. Dickie continued playing baseball in the Pony League and in Junior High, he played football and basketball. He was a member of the Beta Club and Science Club, winning third place award in the Science Fair in the over all exhibits. Dickie is now a Junior at James Kenan High School.

League, Pony League and in Warsaw Junior High School. He was the Eastern District Prince of Music in 1974, 5 and 6. In the 1976 Warsaw Junior High School Arts and Crafts Show, Todd won first place in the craft section. While attending junior high he was a member of the Beta Club and is presently a member of the JK District Marching Band. Todd is a member of the Warsaw Baptist Church and currently serves on the Youth Week Planning Committee.

the Church of Latter Day Saints at Albemarle, holding the positions of assistant librarian

and vice president of his seminary class. He is also a teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood.

Washington's Birthday Sale
In Mount Olive
Fri-Sat-Mon. Feb. 18-19-21

Elderly Man Found Dead

An elderly man was found dead Friday when the fire he was tending went out of control. **James Cavanaugh, 70, of the Pin Hook area, died before the fire reached him.** Exact cause of death was unknown. **Chinquapin Rescue Squad members said Cavanaugh was apparently burning off a ditchbank at the time of his death.** The ditchbank is about 25 feet from the house on SR 1978 near Pin Hook. The Rescue Squad ambulance took the body to Duplin General Hospital at Kenansville.

Willie Sholar farm west of Chinquapin to extinguish a wildfire that burned 22 acres of woodland. The state forest service fire plow from Rose Hill was also called to the scene.

Last week 52 fires were reported in the county. Most were field and grass fires that got out of control.

DUPLIN ON TV

Channel 6 of Wilmington will be in Duplin County Tuesday, February 22nd. They will make film of Liberty Hall, interview Joe West at The Country Squire and also William Coulin on his farm near Warsaw.

Joyces Make Gift To Boys Home

Four local Joyce Chapters recently visited the Lake Waccamaw campus of Boys Home of North Carolina and presented sixteen desks to the boys in the Joyce Cottage.

Members of the Warsaw, Clinton, Mount Olive and Rose Hill Joyces and their wives made the trip to Lake Waccamaw. The desks were placed in each bedroom and replaced the older desks.

The Joyces of North Carolina built the cottage for sixteen boys

in 1962 and have continued to contribute to the support of the residents since then. The major support comes from the Boys Home All-Star football game held each year in Greenville.

Sen-Of-A-Gun By Joe Lanier Will Return Next Week

10 Duplin Seniors Are Golden Star Finalists

Ten seniors from James Kenan and East Duplin High Schools are among the seventy finalists from 21 Southeastern North Carolina schools in the 1977 Golden Star Awards program. **James Kenan (seven) finalists and their categories are:** Teresa Ann Williams, Journalism; Sonya Marie Powell, Mathematics; Margaret Ann Oakley, Business Education; David Hugh Carlton, II, English and Literature; Leslie Joan Best, Social Science; Mary Elizabeth Killelte, Music; and Sharon Kay Swain, Agricultural Science. **East Duplin (three) finalists**

and their categories are: Brenda Boyette, Athletics; Lora Quinn, Mathematics; and Anna Lemons, Dramatics. **The 12th annual competition, sponsored by Star-News Newspapers, drew 228 entries from 27 categories of achievement.** Contestants outlined their accomplishments in areas of English, foreign language, arts, journalism, science, social science, citizenship, agriculture, athletics, business, scholarship, music, speech and drama, and mathematics. **Three judges in each category reviewed the written entries,**

which included recommendations from teachers or principals, and a point system was used in evaluating them. Tabulation of the judges' findings was done at the Star-News, and five top contestants in each category were named finalists. **These 70 students will be interviewed February 19 by the judging panels at the Wilmington Hilton, after which each panel will determine the ranking of the five students in its category.** These results will not be revealed until the awards ceremony in Kenan Auditorium in Wilmington March 24th.

Suspect Arrested In Soybean Theft

James Faison of Calypso was arrested and charged with the theft of seed soybeans worth \$3,150. The truck that had contained the beans was recovered Thursday by Duplin County Sheriff's officers.

The 450 bushels of beans were owned by Richard McKay Best and R. R. Best, who had loaded the truck Saturday and parked it at the Earl Davis farm west of Warsaw. On Sunday, each had noticed

the truck missing, but thought the other had driven it off. They didn't discover the theft until Wednesday. **Deputies Dalton Jones, Rodney Thigpen and Glenn Jernigan are working on the case.**

Fox Hunt

The annual Albemarle Fox Hunt will be held Saturday, February 19 at the Albemarle Community Building on Highway 111.

Breakfast will be served from 5 a.m. until 8 a.m. Bar-B-Q and fish stew will be served from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. by the Albemarle Fire Department. A dance will be held beginning at 8 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held at 6:30 a.m.

Proceeds from the day will go toward the fire truck. The Hunt is sponsored by the Albemarle Burien Club.

Ex-Senator Simmons Dies At 61

McRoy Gaston Simmons, 61, of Albemarle, a farmer and a former member of the N.C. Senate, died Monday.

Simmons was a state senator during the 1963 and 1967 sessions and was a past vice president of the N.C. Farm Bureau.

Simmons was born on his Duplin County farm near Albemarle, and graduated from B. F. Grady High School. He took courses in agriculture at N.C.

State University and made a career in agribusiness as president of Simmons Grains & Feeds, Inc.

He was a former chairman of the N.C. Farm Bureau's Pesticide Tobacco Advisory Committee and held various posts in the N.C. Farm Bureau.

The funeral was Wednesday in Tynall Funeral Home Chapel, with burial in Oakdale Bridge Cemetery.



Dickie Fry

Richard Edward Fry, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Fry of Warsaw, received the Bicentennial Certificate, badge and medal of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting, Sunday, February 13, 1977 at the Warsaw Baptist Church.

Dickie began his Scouting as a Cub Scout in September, 1969, under the leadership of Mr. Joyce Fry, his mother and Cub Scout Leader, achieving the rank of Bobcat and Wolf, earning gold and silver points in each rank.

He continued his Scouting adventure in 1971 under Bill Farris, Scoutmaster, and Ralph Varner, Assistant Scoutmaster, with George Evans taking over as Scoutmaster in 1976. It was through this excellent leadership that Dickie advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout. Dickie served as Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, attended Scout Camp at Camp Tuscarora, and participated in numerous camps.

Dickie has completed 30 merit badges, and is working toward the Bronze Eagle Patch, Honor Scout, and the Warsaw

Receives Eagle



Todd Price

Todd Price received the Eagle Award Sunday, February 13, 1977 in ceremonies at the Warsaw Baptist Church. Todd is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Carl D. Price of Warsaw. He is fifth and a sophomore at James Kenan High School.

At the age of 8, Todd enrolled as a Cub Scout in Den 2 of Troop 20. From the Cub Scout program he advanced to the Webelos, where he earned the highest award, the Webelos award. After advancing to Boy Scouts, he participated in a 50-mile swim trip. The his Eagle project, Todd began the swim and ran on a sign of all Eagle Scouts from 1971 to 1976. The project was completed in Troop 20 Boy Scout Unit located behind the Warsaw Baptist Church.

Todd is a very active member in

Receives Eagle



Jeffrey Price

Jeffrey E. Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Price of Route 1, Mount Olive, received the Eagle Scout Award in a Court of Honor at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at Albemarle.

He is a member of Troop 741. His Scoutmaster is Ivey G. Harp.

Jeffrey is now fifteen and has been working in Scouts for four years. He has also received the "Duty to God" Award from his church.

He has been voted from his troop to be in the "Order of the Arrow" which entails reading, swimming, camping and hiking.