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County Offices Return To Regular Schedule Monday

Commissioners Meet
The Duplin County Board of Commissioners voted Monday to return to the regular eight-hour five-day work schedule beginning Monday, February 28, 1977.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of going to a ten-hour four-day work schedule due to the energy crisis. Commissioners Kelly and Peadar voted for the change and Albertson and Costin voted against. Chairman Hoffer voted to break the tie.

The Board received a resolution regarding toll-free county-wide telephone system from the Board of Education, requesting the Commissioners again to initiate a vote of the citizens for the system.

W. H. Reynolds, Agricultural Extension Office, met with the Board on Monday on the activities of his office. He presented a copy of the Long Range Agricultural Extension program for Duplin County. The program "4-Step" is designed to meet the educational needs of the people of Duplin County in Agriculture, Home Economics, 4-H and Community Resource Development. Reynolds also presented the following information: 220 people served on committees to help develop an Extension program to meet the needs of the people of Duplin County. Reynolds also presented the Commissioners with a data worksheet of cash farm income for the Southeastern District

covering the year 1976. Total sales for the year amounted to \$164,353,446, with tobacco leading the sales.

The Commissioners received a request from Chris Johnson to use the Court Room on March 23rd for a YDC night meeting. Johnson was referred to James Sprunt Institute since the Board has ruled that no night meetings will be scheduled in county buildings.

The Board discussed ap-

pointments to Neuse River Council of Government Committees. James Risher, Industrial Developer, was appointed to serve on the Manpower Committee, replacing Commissioner Arlis Albertson; Ms. Cynthia Kennedy and Mrs. Millie Brown were appointed to serve on the Family Planning Committee, since Health Department representatives cannot serve due to contract restrictions.

To serve on the HUD Committee, the following people were recommended: Charles Farrior, Wallace, Elected Official; Alfred Herring, Warsaw, County Administration; Lee Odis Roby, Beulaville, Minority.

Hiram Brinson, Director of Emergency Services, met with the Board and presented a bound copy of the War Plan for Duplin County. He also presented a list of surplus property items that should be taken off the books because of federal and state restrictions are off and the items are beyond economical repair.

Dr. E. J. Raman, Mental Health Director, met with the Board to discuss the need for additional office space. He requested approval of the Commissioners to lease four additional rooms in the hospital, amounting to \$6,400 per year. This would reduce the in-patient beds from 15 to 11. Dr. Raman said he has already gotten approval of the hospital and there would be no increase of funds required from the county. The Board also discussed a need to build a warehouse in which to store materials for the Adult Work Activities program in Rose Hill. At the present there are 35 people working under the program with plans to increase to 50. Motion was made by Fussell, seconded by Kelly, carried unanimously, to transfer funds in the Mental Health

Budget to build a warehouse at Rose Hill for the Adult Work Activities program; also, to lease four additional rooms in the hospital as office space for \$6,400 per year. Request for bids on the warehouse will be advertised.

The Board discussed pending legislation on elderly exemptions for tax purposes. The Commissioners agreed to write a letter to Senator Harold Har-dison and Representative Tommy Baker requesting the law to remain as is.

J. T. Pegram, Architect, met with the Board to discuss plans for the proposed new jail. Pegram informed the Commissioners the schematic plans have been made and wanted to know what action to take at this time. After some discussion, no action was taken.

Woody Brinson, Town of Kenansville, met with the Board to discuss the "201" Facility Plan for Kenansville. They approved a resolution that the Town of Kenansville will serve as the designated Lead Agency in the preparation of the Facilities Planning Report for the 201 Area known as the Kenansville Planning Area, and will provide all local funds required for the preparation of the report. Further, Brinson requested the Board to approve a resolution on the application for grant funds

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CONGRESSMAN WHITLEY IN KENANSVILLE (L to R) Rev. David Gordon, Congressman Third District Congressman Charlie Whitley Whitley and Administrative Assistant Lewis Renn.

Baker Gives Results Of Questionnaire

Listed below are the results of the recent newspaper questionnaire by Representative Tommy Baker:

1. Do you favor capital punishment? Yes, 77%, No, 12%, and Undecided, 11%.
2. Do you favor the Equal Rights Amendment? Yes, 15%, No, 80% and Undecided, 5%.
3. Do you favor legislation which would strip Congress the right to bargain collectively and go strike? Yes, 16%, No, 79% and Undecided, 5%.
4. Do you favor changing the N.C. Constitution to allow the Governor to succeed himself and serve two terms instead of one as now provided by our N.C.

Constitution? Yes, 50%, No, 45%, and Undecided 5%.

5. Do you favor changing the N.C. Constitution to allow the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to be appointed rather than elected? Yes, 12%, No 84%, Undecided, 4%.

6. Do you favor liquor by the drink in your county or any other county in N.C.? Yes, 12%, No 84%, Undecided 4%.

7. Currently N.C. judges are elected by the voters. Do you favor judges being appointed rather than elected by the voters? Yes 14%, No 79%, and Undecided 7%.

8. Do you favor granting the Governor veto power? Yes 47%, No 33%, and Undecided 20%.

Turkey Man Charged In Swine Larceny

Duplin County deputies charged a hog theft suspect after a two-year-old case of swine larceny.

Kenneth Herman Vann, Jr., 27, of Route 1, Turkey, was arrested recently by Washington, D.C. police, in checking on Vann, the Washington police found a warrant was outstanding on Vann in Duplin County. After informing Duplin Sheriff Elwood Revelle, several deputies were sent to Washington to bring Vann back to Duplin.

Vann is out of jail on a \$2,500 bond.

The case began in October, 1975, when Duplin deputies were advised three men were selling hogs that belonged to Carroll's of Warsaw at Hargetts Crossroads, just inside the Jones County line.

Officers arrested two of the suspects. One suspect jumped in a pickup truck and fled with officers in pursuit. They chased him to near Beulaville, where he turned off on a dirt road to the east. The suspect jumped from the truck while it was moving and fled into the woods. The truck crashed into a ditch and the suspect escaped.

The officers recovered 18 hogs. At that time hogs were at record price levels, and the animals were valued at \$2,112.19.

The two persons captured were tried and convicted of larceny. Luther Lowe, Jr., 29, of

Warsaw, received a term of six to eight years and James F. Smith of Warsaw, 27, received two to four years.

Jury List

Jurors for Superior Court Civil March 14, 1977, as listed by County Jury Commission with Register of Deeds, as follows:

- Carrie Brewington, Faison; Dustin Octave Gross, Route 2, Pink Hill; Bertha B. Evans, Route 1, Magnolia; Mary Frances Dobson, Route 1, Magnolia; Maryland Kenan Smith, Route 2, Pink Hill; Charlie Henry Boney, Route 2, Wallace; Mrs. Chester Rouse, Rose Hill; Chester Rouse, Route 2, Rose Hill; C. Aubine English, Route 3, Wallace; Gwen Jessie Bell, Route 5, Mount Olive; Lorena W. Herring, Route 1, Rose Hill; Maggie W. Kenan, Wallace; William L. Johnson, Route 1, Warsaw; George Mack Pridgen, Route 2, Warsaw; Susie Carter, Wallace; Peary Davis, Albertson; Morris Thigpen, Route 1, Albertson; Stedman Hall, Beulaville; Wright Gore, Route 1, Warsaw; Doris M. Taylor, Warsaw; William Henry Quinn, Kenansville; Queenie Graham, Rose Hill; Mrs. Frank Merritt, Rose Hill; William B. Vann, Route 1, Magnolia; William Stephen Brinkley, Chinquapin; Flera Elizabeth Williams, Warsaw; Ben King, Mount Olive; Dallas C. Weaver, Route 2, Warsaw; Phillip Gurganus, Richlands; Lloyd Kenneth Parsons, Jr., Eden; Sharon Yvonne Coltren, Route 2, Mount Olive; Miss Margaret Colwell, Miss Rebecca Colwell, Wallace; Charlie T. Brinson, Warsaw; Gloria Lynn Deaver, Route 2, Deep Run; Delwood Horace Mardy, Route 1, Chinquapin; Canardie Batts, Beulaville; Lucian Michael Serence, Wallace; Tommie Parker, Route 1, Beulaville; Franco Frederick, Magnolia; Sally Frances Godbold, Route 1, Warsaw.

Smith Candidate For State Jaycee Office

The Warsaw Jaycees have announced that Dwight Smith, an eleven-year member and past president of the local chapter, will be a candidate for the office of Vice-President of the North Carolina Jaycees. The state organization, which now has more than 15,000 members, is administered by a President, three Vice-Presidents, ten regional directors and fifty-five district directors. Smith will solicit votes and support from the more than 375 chapters across the state. The campaign will commence in early March and continue through the state convention to be held in Asheville in May.

As a thirty-two year old Warsaw native, Dwight Smith has been actively involved in his community for many years. He has served as a Little League coach and Assistant Scoutmaster. He has served as a member of the Warsaw Veterans' Week Committee, and the Warsaw Recreation Commission. At the present, in the Warsaw United Methodist Church, he is serving as Superintendent of the Church School, and as a member of several boards, including Administrative, Council on Ministries, Trustees, Evangelism and Pastor-Parish Relations.



Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hopton Smith of Warsaw. He is married to the former Judy Bostic of Kenansville and they are the parents of Julie, age 10, and Stuart, age 1. The family lives on Wards Bridge Road, Warsaw. He is owner and operator of Smith Dry Cleaners. In the local chapter of the Warsaw Jaycees, Dwight Smith has served as Treasurer, Vice-President, President, and on the Board of Directors. He was recognized in his year (1974-75) as local president by State President Gus Tullas, with an Award of Honor for Membership Recruitment, and the chapter was presented an Award of Honor for Membership Retention. The chapter had

one of its most successful years in conducting projects and serving the community. Special recognition was given to the chapter for a project in Special Olympics.

The following year (1975-76), Dwight Smith served as an Area (District) Director. In that capacity, he was serving as a state organization advisor to several chapters in surrounding communities. Here again, an outstanding record was accomplished. In the chapters he represented, membership increased tremendously, and new chapters were chartered in Faison, Pink Hill and Wallace. In May, 1976, State President Jim Morgan named him one of the top five Area Directors in the North Carolina. June, 1976, the United States Jaycees presented him with an award, "Get Involved With U.S.," for his fantastic record on membership recruitment. In this year of 1976-77, Dwight Smith is serving as the number one Regional Director of the N.C. Jaycees, and one of the top in the U.S. Jaycees. As a Regional Director, he is serving some forty chapters in southeastern North Carolina. He has

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ROSE HILL FIRE CHIEF HONORED - (L to R) Chief L. Clayton Herring, Sr. is shown receiving a leather cairns helmet from William H. Hall, III, E.M.F.D. member at a regular meeting held last Thursday, February 17, 1977, at the Firehouse in Rose Hill. The helmet, which features a

hand-painted gold leaf gilt on the front, was presented on behalf of the members of the Rose Hill Fire Department to Chief Herring in appreciation for his outstanding service and devotion. Herring, a 1939 charter member, has been Active Chief since 1960.



"SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES" - The Rose Hill Fire Department is actively campaigning to encourage area people to buy smoke alarms. The photo shows a group of men in suits gathered around a table, possibly related to the Chamber of Commerce mentioned in the caption.

purchase of smoke alarms. According to Rose Hill Fire Chief Clayton Herring, Sr., smoke alarms can and will save lives. "Although we do not believe in the smoke alarm, we wish you would buy one and we will be glad to help you choose the best one," Herring said.

Bloodmobile Schedule

According to a spokesman for the County Bloodmobile, one hundred fifty (150) pints of blood are needed each of the following days for Duplin to meet its quota March 8th - Palace Fire Station, 1 till 5 p.m.; March 9th - Kenansville Fire House, 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Kenansville Chamber Is To Become A Reality

At a meeting held February 14, 1977, a group of Kenansville businessmen decided to organize a Chamber of Commerce. Jim Risher, Executive Director of Duplin Development Commission was the guest speaker. See further details in Kenansville Intercom column this week.

