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## Commissioners Meet

# Approve New Jail

The Duplin County Commissioners approved the proposed half million dollar new jail to be built in Kenansville at their regular meeting Monday.

The site for the new one-story Duplin County Jail will face Duplin Road on the northern end of the Courthouse next to Dr. Redwine's office.

Final plans for the jail are to be submitted to the Department of Human Resources for review by June 20, 1977. Signing of contracts with contractors is planned for August 1, 1977, assuming funds are available.

The Commissioners received a letter from Sarah T. Morrow, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary of N.C. Department of Human Resources, on the inspection report of January 10, 1977, reflecting serious deficiencies within the Duplin County jail.

Secretary Morrow stated the continued use of the jail would jeopardize the safe custody, safety, health and welfare of persons confined within the facility. "Although I do not wish to impose an undue hardship upon any unit of local government, G.S. 150-223 requires that I issue an order to close the Duplin County Jail," Morrow said.

In view of the obvious problems associated with housing Duplin County prisoners during

the planning and construction period for a new facility, and in view of the good faith shown by Duplin County officials in that an architect has been employed to plan a new jail, Morrow said she was prepared to negotiate an agreement between the Department of Human Resources and Duplin County to hopefully minimize the problems associated with the jail closure, provided certain specific action is undertaken by the local governing body.

Morrow suspended the closure order during the planning and construction period and will allow temporary use of the existing jail in accordance with the following conditions:

That the upper bunks be removed from the two existing four-man cells in order to conform more closely with space allotment requirements for inmates confined in this area. Removal of the upper bunks will leave a capacity to house 16 inmates whereas 24 was the previous capacity.

That electronic smoke detectors be installed in critical locations in the confinement area to afford effective monitoring capability.

That the number of inmates housed in all sleeping rooms not exceed the number of bunks

available.

That continuous supervision be provided in accordance with applicable statutes and the N.C. Minimum Standards for the Operation of Local Confinement Facilities wherever inmates are housed.

That female inmates either be confined in the lower level of the Duplin County Jail with matron service provided as required, or be confined in another jail approved for the housing of females.

The Duplin County Board also awarded certificates to Warsaw Eagle Scouts Gilbert Johnson, Murray Jones, I. J. Quinn, Jr., Tyler Jones, Darron Ezzell, Darret Ezzell, Hicks Pigford, Wiley Killebrew, and Todd Price.

They declared the stumps at the county landfill surplus property for the purpose of selling them for \$5 per ton.

They set May 2, 3, 4 and 5 to review the budget.

They met with Frank Rhodes, assistant district highway engineer, to hear the complaint of Joseph Moore of Rose Hill about getting some roadside ditches cleaned out.

They agreed to allow night use of the county buildings again, now that the fuel crises have eased.

They advised Mrs. Christine Williams, husband of the late, to draw up specifications on a reader-printer for the micro-film record system.

They instructed the election board to put the cost of voting machines in next fiscal year's budget.

They agreed to send Russell Tucker, county accountant, to a jail assistance school May 22-25 in Kansas City, Mo.

## Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

Several items were taken up by the County Commissioners at Monday's meeting. However, I have narrowed those items down to two important ones, but can't decide which is more important — the "proposed letter" referring to closing Duplin's jail, or the declaring of stumps at the County Land Fill as surplus property. The stumps were valued at \$5 a ton, and wouldn't it be marvelous if there were enough stumps sold to build a new jail. I am afraid though the financial responsibility for building the new proposed half-million dollar jail will rest on the shoulders of the tax payers, though other means are being looked into.

This "proposed letter" from Human Resources Secretary, Dr. Sarah T. Morrow, stated in so many words the Duplin County jail would be closed, based on inspection reports of the jail. However — the closing order would be delayed if Duplin County was in the process of building a new jail. And if five conditions were met at the present jail. The Board of Commissioners filled in the blanks stating the dates certain things would be done, so everything would seem to be o.k. Not so. The last blank asks when contracts would be let, and the Commissioners added a hit to this blank. They inserted "August 1st, assuming funds are available". You know this "proposed letter" failed to mention where the Commissioners would obtain the funds to build the new proposed jail to delay the proposed closing of the present jail — just simply proposed it be done.

Meanwhile the Commissioners are out looking under rocks, leaves, digging up stumps, and so on, looking for half a million dollars. It won't be easy to find either. But what chance do they have? The Commissioners have filled in the blanks and can proceed up until it is time to have the money. At this point they will have to say either they have found the half million dollars. Under law, they cannot promise to build unless they have the money to build. But they can't promise the law will close. The Commissioners are in a bind.

Sometimes when you get in a hurry and have other things on your mind, you may not do things just like they should be done. An example of this. My dad was rushing around this past week, knowing he needed some air in his right front tire. Not having his mind on what he was doing, he stopped at a service station, jumped out of the car, rushed over to the air line and put air in his left rear tire and drove off. The car was in the new station at the right front tire, and getting some of the left rear tire air.

see where the present jail is so bad. . . But then, I am not a jail inspector. . . And my opinion of a jail is a place of moderate comfort for those accused of breaking the law to be confined. . . Not an elegant place for rest and relaxation, with the only hardship being "confined". . . But then my opinion is about as important as "you-know-what into a whirlwind". . .

Often as not, when a father or husband accompanies a daughter or wife to obtain a drivers license, the male will usually begin the conversation saying "My daughter (or wife) wants to get a drivers license (or take the test for one)" while the female stands back and smiles. According to a story told to me, this was happening. . . one right behind the other. . .

While back at a local drivers license office. One of the officers reportedly said to the officer, "The next man who comes in here talking for his wife (or daughter) . . . You tell him to let the female do the talking." . . . No sooner had he got the words out of his mouth, than a man and woman walked in. . . The man walked up to the desk and began by saying, "My wife wants a drivers license." . . .

"Very well," said the officer. "Let the lady come up here and do her own talking." The man stepped back and up stepped the lady and began rattling off German. . . And the officer, understanding none of the language, held up both hands and said, "Hold it just a minute." At this point he called over the officer who had suggested he talk to the female and said, "Get your paper and pencil and get ready. . . I am going to turn this woman on again and you take down every word she says." . . .

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## James Sprunt Institute Welcomes Visiting Artist

James Sprunt Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of Rosemary Allen Wilson as Visiting Artist through June, 1977. She is occupying a position formerly held by Erik Reeves, now general manager of the outdoor drama, "Wings of the Morning" in St. Marys, Maryland. A native of Washington, D.C., Rosemary specializes in dance and art. She attended Montgomery College in Rockville, Maryland for two years. Later, she received a B.A. degree in Art from Appalachian State University in Boone and studied dance at the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem. While studying with the Lee Harper Dance Theatre, she performed as an acolyte in Leonard Bernstein's "Mass" in the Fine Arts Center in Atlanta with Robert Shaw, Conductor. For the past several years, she has been traveling throughout the state and communities by conducting workshops in dance and art in Watauga County. Previously, she supervised a day-care center in Washington, D.C., then spearheaded the committee that founded day-care on the campus of Montgomery College in Maryland. In Duplin County, Rosemary plans to continue studying the relationship between the arts and communities. She will be giving workshops both in dance and art in Duplin County schools and communities. She will be available for workshops, programs and interviews upon appointment with the Duplin County Arts Council, located at James Sprunt Institute in Kenansville. Rosemary and her husband, Glenn, are new residents of Warsaw, having recently moved from Wilmington.

## Carolina Seniors To Play In Kenansville April 27

The Kenansville Jaycees in conjunction with the James Kenan Athletic Department will present the UNC Tarheel Seniors in Kenansville. The seniors will play the Kenansville Jaycees at Kenan Memorial Auditorium on April 27th at 7:30 p.m.

The Carolina seniors have led their team to the final four and will play in Atlanta this weekend

## Sheriff's Report

James David Sloan, 19, black male, of Rose Hill, was arrested and charged in the 1976 breaking, entering and larceny in a house belonging to Billy Blanchard of Rose Hill. Stolen in the break-in were cushions, a small table, chairs and a painting valued at \$150. He has been released on \$300 bond.

Jessie Brown of Route 2, Wallace reported a CB radio was stolen from his 1970 Plymouth white it was parked at his residence in the Deep Bottom section of Duplin on PR1974. Value of the stolen property was \$150, according to investigating officer Earl Whitaker.

Lawton Smith of Route 1, Kenansville, reported a canvas valued at \$35, was stolen from his water pump. Debra Jones is the investigating officer.

Nick Bowden, of Kenansville, reported \$300 worth of tools were stolen from under his carport.

**Public Hearing**

Arlis Albertson, Chairman of the Duplin County Department of Social Services, announced that there will be a public hearing on Monday, March 28th at 10:00 a.m. in the county auditorium in Kenansville. The hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the county auditorium in Kenansville. The hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the county auditorium in Kenansville.



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## Judge Refused Default

# Duplin Faces \$100,000 Suit

Judge Russell Lanier, Superior Court Judge, refused to allow a default in a \$100,000 damage suit brought against the County by Mrs. Kathleen Newberne of Sarecta. Judge Lanier ordered the case to be tried.

The plaintiff contends the County failed to respond within proper time to her suit, and thus should lose in default.

The Judge set a date for this

summer for trying the case.

Vance Gavin, representing the County, claimed that an illness of his secretary prevented filing of the response in a shorter time.

Mrs. Newberne filed the suit December 17, as administratrix of the estate of her son, Lawrence Newberne, Jr., who died as the result of an automobile accident January 21, 1976, near Sarecta.

She is asking damages of \$100,000 for the alleged wrongful death of her son, for \$1,710 for funeral expenses and for costs of the action.

In her suit, Mrs. Newberne charges the death resulted from negligence on the part of Elmarie McIver, driver of the car, and an employee of the Duplin Council on Human Resources. The Council is also named as a defendant in the action.

She contends the car was driven at excessive speed for conditions of the road, and the driver failed to keep the auto under proper control, and drove the auto carelessly and recklessly in disregard of the safety of others.

## Bids Let For Warsaw Municipal Complex

Bids were let Tuesday, at 3 p.m. at the Fire Station in Warsaw for the new Municipal Complex which is to house the administrative offices, police department and jail, town hall, drivers license office, rescue squad and Chamber of Commerce. The complex will contain 13,000 square feet and will handle all of the town departments excepting the fire department, maintenance department and the library.

Low bidders included:

General Contractor - M. E. Perry Construction Company of Goldsboro, with a bid of \$246,000 with \$10,000 alternate.

Heating, air conditioning and duct work - Kinston Heating and

Plumbing. Kinston - \$52,800.

Plumbing contractor - Lenoir Plumbing of Kinston, \$33,758 with an alternate bid of \$300.

Electrical contractor - Cape Fear Electric of Wilmington - \$51,937.

Parking lot paving contractor - Cumberland Paving of Fayetteville - \$19,516.80.

The bids total approximately \$413,000, which does not include architect fees, etc., which will run the total cost to approximately \$450,000, according to Alfred Herring, Town Clerk.

The complex has been funded through public works money at no cost to the town unless it goes above the amount of \$450,000.

## Local Student Competes For Scholarship

Miss Leslie Best of 202 Walnut Street, Warsaw, has been invited to participate in the March 25th competition for the Julia Hamlet Harris scholarships offered by Meredith College. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Best of Warsaw.

Selected for scholastic achievement, intellectual promise and leadership ability, Miss Best, a senior at James Kenan High School, will be having interviews with a faculty selection committee at the College.

## Duplin Leads In Turkey Producing

A record-breaking 17.7 million turkeys were produced in North Carolina in 1976 and the state remained the nation's third largest turkey producer, according to Ed Woodhouse, Executive Secretary of the N.C. Poultry Federation. With the state's population estimated at slightly over 5 million, this means North Carolina turkey industry produced well over 3 turkeys in 1976 for every person in the state. Only two states in the nation exceed North Carolina in production of turkeys -- those being Minnesota and California.

Less than 25% of the turkeys produced in North Carolina are actually consumed in the state. It is estimated that approximately 75% of the turkeys are exported to other parts of the country.

Duplin County remains not only the largest turkey producing county in the state, but it is the largest in the nation, and in fact, in the world.

Farm income from turkeys in 1976 was approximately 100 million dollars even though returns to turkey producers were unprofitable through most of the year.



S-T-R-E-T-C-H-I-N-G - Randy Taylor, first baseman for James Kenan Tigers, got a "stretching" workout Thursday at first by giving that extra effort and going out to meet the ball. Hobbs came out on top, beating the Tigers 5 to 3. The Tigers lost their opening game to last year's conference champs, Clinton, by a score of 9 to 2 and they were tied with Dunn, 10 to 10 when the game was called due to darkness. That game will be completed when the Tigers travel to Dunn.

## Brain West EMC Youth Tour Winner

Brian West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. West of Warsaw, has been selected as one of three high school students to represent Four County Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) on a tour of Washington, D.C., according to general manager L. P. Beveridge.

West, a junior at James Kenan High School in Warsaw, received the opportunity to participate in the week-long National Rural Electric Youth Tour by submitting an essay on the topic "Energy in the Year 1985".

West, a member of his school's band staff, West has also played on the basketball and tennis teams, served as a football captain, and was business manager of the student newspaper. He was also a Senate page his freshman year and recipient of the Citizenship Award.

This year's Youth Tour will be June 13-17 and will include visits to historical sites as well as a meeting with local congressional representatives and a play at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

West and the other two Four County EMC winners, Patsy Turner of Burgaw and Rose Adams of Bladenboro, will travel by bus with 12 other Youth Tourists from North Carolina to the nation's capital.

Royce C. Motley of Wallace and Frederick Williams, Jr., of Beaufort, were selected as first and second alternates, respectively.



HOME RUN - Nelson Carlton put one over the fence Thursday in the game against Hobbs. The ball can be seen in the picture as it leaves the bat, going, going, and it went, over the left field fence for a home run.