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Duplin Schools Ask For \$1 Million Increase In 1977-78 Budget

The 1977-78 budget for Duplin County Schools totaling \$13,409,537 was presented to the County Board of Education by Superintendent C. H. Yelverton last week.

The new budget is \$1,037,921 higher than the current budget of \$12,371,616.

The new budget calls for \$1,499,458 in county tax funds, an increase of \$352,458 from the current budget.

Sources of other funds called for are state of N.C., \$8,081,607 Federal Revenue Sharing, \$1,242,000. Federal funds other

than Revenue Sharing, \$2,083,416 and miscellaneous, \$503,056.

The new budget has been set up according to requirements of the State Department of Instruction in a new accounting system in order to be identical with budgets of other districts as far as State comparisons go, and to meet computer requirements. Dr. Edward L. Boyette, a board member of Beulaville, complained of the state requirement. "This doesn't tell me a darn thing. You've got 60

pages of explanation."

Graham Phillips of Wallace said he needed a benchmark — something with which to compare the new and the old.

Other board members said of the State Department of Instruction's requirements "easy for a computer, but difficult for people."

Some of the general breakdown of the proposed budget includes \$5,162,833 for regular instructional program, \$1,486,382 for special instructional program, and \$861,297 for employee benefits.

The sub-total of \$7,562,447 amounted to 56 percent of the total request.

Business support services, including plant operation, pupil transportation, food service, plant maintenance and other items totals \$2,877,355 or 22 percent.

Capital outlay requests included \$1,426,700 for a new Kenansville elementary school, \$34,700 for paving and tennis courts at several schools and \$73,185 in contingencies.

General administration and principals requests totaled \$819,120 or six percent of the total request.

The Board appointed Charlie Albertson of Beulaville to the James Sprunt Institute Board of Trustees to replace the late Leroy Simmons of Albertson.

They approved \$6,000 to build a costume house, including dressing rooms and storage for the Duplin Amphitheater behind Kenan Memorial Auditorium.

The Board agreed to dedicate the East Duplin High School fine arts building later this month to the memory of Emmett Rogers, a member of the Board from April, 1963, until his death in 1974. The building is nearing completion. The ED drama club hopes to stage its first production of the season in the structure.



EARLY TOBACCO TRANSPLANTING - Oliver Outlaw, seated on left, is shown with other helpers getting an early start by setting out his tobacco on Monday between Kenansville and Warsaw. Others include: (L to R) Mrs. Viola Branch, Irene Hardy and Wilbur Middleton.



SWORN IN - (L to R) Edward L. Boyette and County Board of Education meeting held last Monday night by Magistrate Robert Franklin Williamson.

Duplin School Calendar

The proposed Duplin County school calendar for the 1977-78 year lists 196.5 work days, 12.5 vacation days and 9 holidays and would schedule August 24 as the first day of school.

Teacher work days would begin August 12, with August 22 as a vacation day followed by orientation day for students as August 23. The first school holiday would be Labor Day, September 5. The first grading period would end October 28th.

Thanksgiving holidays would be November 24-25 and the Christmas-New Year's vacation would be December 19-31.

The second grading period would end January 28, the 3rd March 23, and the 4th June 2. The Easter recess would be March 24-28 with teacher workdays scheduled March 28 and 29. Final date on the proposed calendar is June 13, a vacation day.

JSI Board And Staff Meets With County Commissioners

Members of the James Sprunt Institute Board of Trustees, along with members of the staff of JSI met with the Commissioners Monday to discuss the new vocational building at JSI. Robert Lee explained to the Board that funds for the building will come from Local, 40.4 percent; State 13.3 percent; and Federal 46.3 percent. Also, in order to obtain State and Federal funding, a commitment must be made by the county for an additional \$180,000 this year. The Board voted unanimously, proposing to appropriate \$180,000 to construct the vocational building at JSI in the next fiscal year budget.

Bids for a multi-purpose classroom and shop building for James Sprunt Institute were opened Monday by the Board of Trustees.

The apparent low bids totaled \$752,530. The budgeted figure was \$889,421.

James Strickland of Warsaw, Board Chairman, said it would probably be mid-May before

contracts could be let as the bids must be reviewed and approved by the N.C. State Board of Education.

Apparent low bid for the general contract came from Coastal Construction Co. of Rose Hill at \$549,300.

C. H. Yelverton, School Superintendent, and Jimmy Strickland of the Board of Education, appeared before the Board and requested \$6,000 to be used from the 1976-77 School Budget Capital Outlay Cash Balance in order to build a workshop, storage and dressing room at the amphitheater site. The Board approved the request.

V. H. Reynolds and Snodie Wilson, Agricultural Extension, met with the Board to discuss activities of their office. Reynolds explained that Wilson was present to report on the pesticide training for all persons responsible for the use of the

restricted pesticides. Wilson informed the Board that to date 1,005 persons have attended the four-hour workshop consisting of eight lessons. The maximum penalty for not being certified is sixty days in prison and \$1,000 fine. Wilson stated there are approximately 500 people who have not received training.

Mrs. Winifred Wells, County Attorney, presented the Commissioners with the notice of intention to appeal the notice to close the Duplin County Jail on April 30 for signature.

The Commissioners discussed new appointments and/or re-appointments to the Hospital Board of Trustees. After much discussion, action was deferred to a later meeting.

Frank Moore discussed an increase in fee to the Dixie Data Processing to process county taxes. The Board was in agreement to have a contract with Dixie Data Processing to do the

county tax billing for the amount of \$7,700.

Dr. H. W. Stevens was re-appointed to the Health Systems Agency for another term of three years.

Tom Pegram, Architect, met with the Commissioners to review the plans for the proposed new jail. He advised the Board he is meeting with the State Prison officials to review the plans and then again meet with the Board to go over the final drawings. Pegram told the Commissioners the plans for the Health Center addition are ready whenever the Local Public Works funds are available.

Richard Woodcock and Mrs. Violet Phillips met with the Board to discuss the county-wide water system. They advised the Commissioners the Planning Board has proceeded as far as possible and now need to negotiate with an engineering firm to make a detailed study of the system.

4-H Scholarship Award Winners Announced

A Warsaw youth is one of four recipients of the Four County Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) 4-H Scholarship Award, according to L. P. Beverage, general manager.

Sharon Swain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Swain, was selected as the Duplin County winner for outstanding participation in the 4-H program.

A senior at James Kenan High School, Miss Swain has been active in the Kenansville 4-H Club for nine years. Her high school activities include

serving as president of the Pep Club, treasurer of the National Honor Society, member of the Monogram Club, tennis team and annual staff. Miss Swain was a winner of the Star-News Golden Star Agricultural Science Award and is a finalist for the William Randolph Hearst Scholarship. She plans to attend Meredith College in the fall to major in home economics.

Other county 4-H winners include Jennifer Williams, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Williams of Elizabethtown (Bladen); Eddie Levell Wright, son of Hartie Wright of Burgaw

(Pender), and F. Robertson Vann, son of Faye Vann of Clinton (Sampson) and the late Floyd Vann.

The 4-H Scholarships are presented annually to an outstanding 4-H member in each of the four counties served by the EMC. Selection is based primarily on application forms submitted to the respective county agricultural extension offices.

Upon receipt of an admissions letter from an institution offering training beyond the high school level, each of the winners will receive the scholarship award.

Helms Aide To Visit Duplin

U. S. Senator Jesse Helms announced that Bill Berryhill, Staff Assistant for North Carolina, will be in Kenansville Wednesday, April 27, to meet with local citizens.

Berryhill will be available to receive suggestions and make note of problems between the hours of 2-4 p.m. in the Duplin County Development Office in the Courthouse.

Berryhill's visit is part of a continuing program to give North Carolinians an opportunity to keep in close touch with their Senator. Helms said, "Berryhill will be available to answer questions, discuss problems and to receive any suggestions, all of which will be relayed to me here in Washington. I sincerely hope that many people in the Duplin County area will visit Berryhill in order that I might have the benefit of the thinking of the people of North Carolina."

Duplin Arts Council Plans Festival For Eastern Carolina

During three days in May, on the 6th, 7th and 8th, over 90 of the finest artists and craftsmen in eastern United States will gather in Wallace at the New Duplin Tobacco Warehouse on Railroad Street for a fantastic display and demonstration of Arts and Crafts. Combined with the Arts and Crafts will be music, dancing and other entertaining events. The show is completely free and sponsored by the Duplin County Arts Council for the people of eastern North Carolina.

Showing will be artists like Ann McCleod of Titusville, Florida, whose Seascapes almost let you taste the salt spray. . . Ray and Ruby Chapman from Orlando, Florida, who both work with art—Ray with Seascapes using shells and bits of driftwood in his paintings and Ruby doing fingerprint sketches (You place your fingerprint on drawing paper while Ruby does a fanciful drawing around it). . . Wildlife artist, J. Hilary Worthington, coordinator for the show, will display geese, mallards, wood duck, quail and

animal paintings. His paintings of shrimp boats and marshes are filled with love for coastal Carolina. . . Sculpture by Angelia Martinez of Jacksonville brings back the nostalgic beauty of the past, a mother standing in the wind holding her baby in her arms created in bronze toned acrylic resin, or Seagulls swirling around pilings. . . Wooden signs in Redwood will be carved by Leslie and Bobby Bradshaw from Hartsville, South Carolina, finished and delivered as you watch. . . Pottery will be featured in every conceivable style as well as creations in leather. . . You will be amazed by the hand-cut stones and beautiful gem material displayed by Betty and V. L. Hill from Florida. . . David and Mary Boggs will show lovely creations in silver. . . Jeanne Leonard will create and display dried flower and driftwood arrangements. . . Don and Nancy Rupard of Raleigh will have designed lovely mirrors made and framed in old barnwood to interest Festival spectators. . .

These are only a few of the marvelous people eastern Carolina can meet and enjoy in the show in Wallace next month. Come and spend an hour or a day. Have the time of your life, seeing and enjoying the beautiful items displayed. Enjoy them and perhaps acquire something of beauty for yourself, your home or someone you love.

For a great new experience, visit the Duplin County Arts Council's Festival '77 May 6th, 7th and 8th -- Open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Jaycee Banquet

On April 25, the Kenansville Jaycees and Jaycettes will have an Awards and Installation Banquet at the Farm Bureau Building in Kenansville at 7:30 p.m.

Former Kenansville Jaycee Burnette Coleman will be the guest speaker. Coleman, who now lives in Sanford, is a recipient of a JCI Senatorship.

MISS DOROTHY WRIGHTMAN - new librarian of Duplin County, is shown with her two sons, Mrs. N. B. Berry, chairman of Library Board, F. W. McGowan, county commissioner, and the Duplin County Board of Commissioners. Left to right are: Mrs. Berry, Miss Wrightman, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Berry and Mr. Coleman.

Wrightman, Mrs. Berry, late Mr. A. C. Hall, Sr., Mr. G. D. Bennett, Chairman, Mr. L. P. Wells, and late Mr. Tyson Lanier. This picture was made in 1948. (For history of the Library, see Berry on Page 8).