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Board Releases Money For Intensive Care Unit At Hospital

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners released the cash balance of \$150,000 from the operation, equipment and maintenance of the Hospital Fund to help construct the Intensive Care-Corony Unit at Duplin General Hospital.

Richard Harrell, Administrator of the Duplin General Hospital, met with the Board to discuss the proposed addition to the Intensive Care-Corony Unit at the hospital. Harrell stated that approval was granted in October 1976 to construct the unit, but to date no funds have been available to begin the work.

John Archibald, Library Director, met with the Board to discuss fee charge on equipment loans from the Library. The Commissioners recommended that Archibald meet with the Library Board of Trustees and present a proposal that a \$5 a day late fee charge be made on all equipment not returned within a three-day period.

Mrs. Winifred Wells, County Attorney, and James Risher, Industrial Developer, discussed with the Commissioners the establishment of an Industrial Bond Commission. The Commissioners adopted a resolution of intent to create the Duplin County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority.

The Board received a resolution from the Board of Health requesting the Duplin County Board of Commissioners locate the jail on another site, since the present site would impair the ability of the Health Department to expand its facilities and cause a parking problem for clients. The Commissioners agreed that plans have already been submitted and approved by the State Department of Human Resources to build the jail on the selected site; therefore, the site cannot be changed.

Son Of A Gun

I was at Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville the other day, and there were two young females who had apparently just graduated from high school this past school year seeking employment, or so their conversation would indicate. Apparently they were both at the same job, but showed up at the hospital toward some other place.

They were just blabbing away, and though I didn't ask, I think they were there to apply for some type of secretarial job. I was there to see one of the doctors in reference to a story I am thinking about doing and just happened to overhear the two young ladies. They did not know I was eavesdropping on their conversation. In fact, the conversation got so good I sat down to hear more and pretended to read a book. As the two were talking away, one of them said, "Do you suppose we will have to take blood pressures and temperatures and such?"

I was at Bennett Sporting Goods in Warsaw a couple of weeks ago when the hot spell really began to take over the weather situation. Those few days the temperature went up to and over 100. The time the chickens and turkeys were dropping like flies. George asked one fellow in the store what time it was. The fellow looked at his watch and it had stopped at 12:15. And the date indicator had the previous day's date.

Suit Filed In Gas Explosion

A civil suit was filed in Superior Court in Kenansville Wednesday by Attorney Vance Gavin on behalf of Marilyn J. Benson against Worsley Oil Company of Wallace.

On May 13th, an early morning explosion followed by fire destroyed the Marilyn Benson home on Highway NC 11, one mile north of Kenansville. The explosion blasted the four outside walls and fire destroyed the family's belongings.

James Sprunt Institute, filling the position formerly held by Dr. Carl D. Price, President. Ballard attended Burgaw High School, graduated from Wilmington Junior College, and received a B.A. degree from ECU in 1967. He is currently finishing work on an Ed.D. from NCSU.



DUPLIN'S FIRST FLAG - (L to R) Karen Kornegay, the designer, helps Russell Tucker, County Accountant, hold Duplin County's First Official Flag, which was adopted Monday by the Duplin County Board of Commissioners.

Board Adopts Flag Karen Kornegay Dubbed 'Betsy Ross'

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners officially adopted the County's first flag Monday, and informally dubbed the designer, Karen Kornegay, as Duplin County's answer to Betsy Ross.

The chicken is symbolic of Duplin's leadership in the nation's poultry production. (Thanks to Rose Hill!) The factory illustrates the growth of industry in the area, particularly in textiles. The 4-H emblem presents an example of one of the many organizations active in the county. The 4-H program in Duplin is one of the strongest programs in the state.

Liquor Violation Cases Tried

Twelve persons facing liquor law violation charges stemming from raids carried out throughout the county by law enforcement officials last month, pleaded guilty in district court last week.

Roosevelt James and George Henry Lee, Route 1, Magnolia; Eloise McMillan, Route 3, Wallace; Therman Ruth Morrissey, Gene Whittier Williams, John David Williams, Johnny Clifton Williams and Luther Junior Williams, Warsaw; Chester Newton and Frank Williams, Kenansville; Robert Charles Peterson, Route 1, Teachey; Harry David Sloan and Wilbur Sloan, Rose Hill; James Junior Smith, Route 2 Faison; and Willie Williams, Route 1, Faison.

To Concerned Citizens In The Kenansville Area

The Duplin County Board of Education is anticipating the purchase of a tract of land of approximately 15-20 acres in the Kenansville area for the purpose of constructing a new K-8 elementary school. The tract of land is located on Highway 50 just east of the Bell Motor Company, and is known as the "Williamson Tract."