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Bids Opened For Duplin Jail

Bids were opened Tuesday for the contracts on the new Duplin County jail. Total of all low bids, including two alternates, was \$647,826, about twelve percent higher than the anticipated \$500,000 to \$600,000.

for general contract on the new jail at \$333,000.

Bids were opened by County Commissioner Chairman J. W. Hoffer and Commissioner William Costin.

The bids will be presented at the Board's regular meeting Monday. The bids could be let

at that time.

The County is under state order to proceed immediately with erection of a new jail or face closing of its present jail. The latter action could create considerable extra cost for prisoner upkeep by forcing the County to lodge prisoners in

jails in other counties.

In addition to the actual building costs will be the architect's fee of 4.5 percent.

Low bid for the plumbing contract came from Clinton Hardware Co. of Clinton at \$59,139.

H. S. Home Equipment Co. of

Raleigh submitted the low heating bid of \$35,000.

Darden Electrical Co. of Goldsboro submitted the low electrical bid of \$64,845.

The low kitchen equipment bid of \$14,509 came from Food Service Supplies, Inc., of Columbia, S.C.

The low jail equipment bid of \$118,225 came from Willow Products Co. of Decatur, Ala.

Dixie General entered a \$10,150 alternate for paving and gutter work. Darden entered an \$8,000 alternate bid for television monitoring equipment.

Six firms bid on the plumbing, 10 on the heating, eight on the electrical, five on the jail equipment, and four on the kitchen equipment contracts.

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MOBILE HOME FIRE - An elderly Magnolia man burned in the fire that was believed to have started from a kerosene lamp.

(Photo by Joe Lanier)

Seven More Liquor Cases Tried

District Court Judge Kenneth Turner of Rose Hill found seven more persons guilty on 34 liquor law violations, with a total of \$2,600 fines in the cases presented Tuesday.

The cases of 12 other persons charged with liquor law violations as a result of a series of raids carried out by state, county and local law enforcement officers in the county last month, were continued.

The judge issued an arrest order and set bond at \$500 on each of four counts of liquor law violations against Chester

Newton of Kenansville, who failed to appear when called by the court.

Judge Turner also issued an order requiring Goldie Carr James and Roosevelt James of Route 1, Magnolia, to immediately start serving two-year jail sentences if either or both are found in Duplin County after August 1st.

Those found guilty, the fines, and the number of charges against them were:

Jesse Batts, Wilmington, \$600 and six counts; Lillian Lee

Farrior, Route 2, Rose Hill, \$200 and four counts; Darnell Green, Wilmington, \$500 and five counts; George Henry Lee, Route 1, Magnolia, \$200 and five counts; Patricia Ann Maxwell, Wilmington, \$500 and six counts; J. D. Williams, Warsaw, \$400 and seven counts.

Having cases continued and the number of counts were:

Dorothy Murray Chasten, Route 1, Chinquapin, five counts; Irvin Lee Chasten, Route 1, Chinquapin, nine; Edna Ruth Hall and Billy J.

Hall, Route 2, Rose Hill, one and six, respectively; Leroy Jackson, Turkey, nine; Eloise McMillian, Route 3, Wallace, 13 counts; Therman Ruth Morrissey, Route 1, Warsaw, one; Robert Charles Peterson, Route 1, Teachey, four; Harry David Sloan, Route 1, Rose Hill, one; Wilbur Sloan, Rose Hill, eight; Frank Williams, Kenansville, two; George Whittied Williams, Warsaw, two; Luther Juhor Williams, Warsaw, one; and William Henry Woodard, Beulaville, four counts.

Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

Electrical storms frighten most of us in one way or another. When that lightning flashes and is followed by a sharp clap of thunder, it is definitely time to pay attention to what is going on. I hear all kinds of stories about people being scared, but a couple of weeks ago I found a clock that is frightened of lightning also. I was at Fulford's Garage at West's Siding, and though I had been there quite a while, when I looked up at the clock, it didn't indicate I had. . . So some more conversation, . . . another glance at the clock, . . . and it was earlier than when I'd looked at it before. I decided I had looked at it wrong, or didn't read it correctly, and glanced at my watch. . . Son-of-a-gun. I was late again. Fulford's clock was wrong, and I advised Jimmy it was wrong. He said, "Oh, pay no attention to that clock. . . We had a lightning storm the other day and every time it lightnings that old clock runs backwards."

me. I'd better tell him again. . . Not wanting to embarrass him or myself, I thought I would remind him of my speedometer being broke, so I said, "That speedometer broke while I was riding along. . . It didn't give any warning. . . Made no noise like the other ones I've had to break. . . He kept right on working away at getting the hubcap off. . . So I said, "Jimmy, do these speedometers break often?" . . . By this time he had the hubcap off and was prying off the grease seal. He said, "No, not usually. Right here is your trouble (pointing to a rod-looking thing sticking out of the axle). . . but I can fix it in a second. . . You mean the speedometer is in the front wheel?" I asked, "Yes," he says, in a matter-of-fact way. . . like everyone should know that. . . But Joe sure didn't. . . It reminded me of the TV program "Bewitched" when Dr. Bombay takes Samantha's pulse in the right foot. . . Across the street from Fulford's Garage, Jimmy West repairs pianos in his dad's old store, and has lately had an unusual visitor. . . Seems an owl has found an entrance into the building, and neither Jimmy or his dad were aware he had made himself a nest in a box above the toolbox. . . However, the owl made his presence known one day while Jimmy's dad was searching for some wrenches in the toolbox. . . Mr. West was throwing wrenches around in the box, looking for the right one, knowing he was in the building all alone. . . Suddenly the owl lets go with a loud "Whoooooo." . . Well, no doubt about it. . . Mr. West dropped what wrenches he had in his hand. . . He said, "Like to scared me to death. . . I even forgot what wrench I wanted."

son-of-a-gun. . . I guess he was waiting for quitting time to show on the clock after a thunder storm. . . A couple of months ago, I bought a Volkswagen. . . one my daughter and son-in-law had worn out. I had the motor rebuilt, the fenders and front compartment lid straightened out, and have been driving it around. . . I am confused about the energy crisis. . . program. . . or what have you. . . But I feel I am fully covered now no matter what. . . I have a Cadillac. . . a GMC Sprint (a car-truck similar to the Chevrolet ElCamino). . . and a Volkswagen. . . I am ready. . . Now this VW is a new experience for me. . . I drove it for a month before I found out how to open the front compartment. . . In fact, there are still a couple of knobs I haven't tried yet. . . But the biggest shock came when the speedometer stopped working. . . I stopped at Fulford's and told him of my problem. . . He said, "Well, let's take a look. . . And he went to the VW, climbed up a thin pole, and began taking the left front hubcap off. . . I think to

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LAST WEEKEND TO SEE THE LIBERTY CART

A scene from THE LIBERTY CART, to remind everyone that this is the last weekend to see the drama. Show-time is 8:30, Thursday through

Sunday nights. The drama tells of Duplin's role in early American history, highlighting many people and places that were locally important.

(Photo by Joe Lanier)

Mt. Olive Man Drowns In Duplin County Pond

A Mount Olive man drowns in the Russell Brock farm pond, located in the northern area of Duplin County, Monday afternoon.

Ranson Powell, 24, of 304 Ginn Street, Mount Olive, drowns while swimming in the

pond, according to Duplin authorities. It was reported that Powell left to go fishing with friends around 2 p.m. Monday. They said Powell told them he was going swimming and they asked him not to because he did not know how to swim.

Mount Olive Rescue was called at 4 p.m. and told of the drowning. The body was found in the pond three hours later.

Powell was married and the father of three children.

Tapped Into State 4-H Honor Club

One of the highest honors in 4-H work was bestowed Monday night on two Duplin County youths.

Sharon Swain of the Kenansville 4-H Club and Deon Robinson of the Wallace 4-H Club were "tapped" into the State 4-H Honor Club in a colorful candlelight ceremony marking one of the highlights of the N.C. 4-H Congress in Raleigh, according to Lois G. Britt, Extension Agent, 4-H. Miss Swain is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swain of Warsaw, and Robinson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Robinson of Wallace.

Membership in the some 1,000-member organization is a reward for outstanding service to 4-H work. The 4-H'ers are judged on their leadership abilities, moral standards, 4-H activities and project achievement. Selection is made after careful study by the Honor Club members. The tapping is a distinction that is reserved for less than one-half of one percent of the State's 4-H members.

Swain and Robinson have

been 4-H members for 10 years. During this time, each has completed numerous projects. Robinson has served as the Southeastern District Vice President. Miss Swain is currently serving as presiding officer of the Duplin County 4-H Council. She will also compete for National Honors in the 4-H Foods Program in November.

Special Nights At The Liberty Cart

Senior Citizens Night will be observed at THE LIBERTY CART Friday night, July 29. Senior Citizens will be admitted for \$2.

James Kanan School District night will be held Saturday, July 30th, and East Duplin School District night will be observed Sunday night, July 31st. Students in these school districts will be admitted for \$1 each.

Beef Vote Passes In North Carolina

"By an overwhelming 85.7%, North Carolina cattle producers returned a favorable vote on the Beef Referendum," reports Charles E. Messer, president of the N.C. Cattlemen's Association. "Due to the concerted efforts of the N.C. Beef Development Taskforce and the county extension livestock agents, plus countless others, well over the required fifty percent of the registered voters returned to cast ballots on the Referendum."

Duplin County results were 24 registered, 20 voted in favor, and 4 against.

Mobile Home Fire Claims Life Of Magnolia Man

A mobile home fire claimed the life of a 65 year old Magnolia man Monday night.

According to Melvin Pope, father of Magnolia, Richard Bass, Sr. died as a result of the fire.

Elizabeth Bass, 67, wife of the victim, stated Bass was having an epileptic seizure, one after the other. She left the mobile and went to the Lott Sloan residence to call the Rescue Squad. Mrs. Batts stated when she returned the home was

afire, and she went back to the Sloan's to call the Fire Department.

The Bass home was located on a dirt path road. Neighbors tried to rescue Bass from the fire before the Fire Department got there, but were unable to do so.

An unofficial report from

Pope, stated he believed the probable cause of the fire to be kerosene lamps in the trailer which were used for lighting. The trailer did not have electric service. Two kerosene lamps were being used at the time of the fire. Pope stated he believed the fire started in the rear of the mobile home.

District Judge Boney Retires



It was learned at presstime Wednesday that Judge Harvey

Boney, 4th Judicial District Judge, will retire effective Monday, August 1st. The announcement was made by Chief District Judge Kenneth Turner of Rose Hill.

Judge Boney of Jacksonville, has served as a judge for 35 years. He was Onslow County Judge from 1942 to 1968. From 1968 to 1977, Judge Boney has served as a District Court Judge.

Boney is originally from Rose Hill.

Governor Jim Hunt is expected to announce appointments of new judges to the 4th District Monday, it is rumored. Two Superior Court Judges and one District Court Judge are to be appointed.

Superior Court Judge Russell J. Lanier announced his retirement several weeks ago, leaving a vacancy, and a new Superior Court Judge opening was also announced for the 4th District.



RIVER BELOW NORMAL - a view from the Hallsville bridge down the N.E. Cape Fear River, shows the water level below normal. In many areas, you can see the bottom of the river and can

walk across. Also, as shown in the photo above, some areas are just right for bathers getting away from the heat.

(Photo by Joe Lanier)

MOONLIGHT SALE

The merchants of Mount Olive are having a Moonlight Sale on Friday night, July 28th. Many items will be on sale from 7 to 10 p.m.