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DUPLIN RAISES \$1,291 FOR PALSY - Duplinites responded to the Cerebral Palsy Telethon over the weekend by giving \$1,291 to Cerebral Palsy research. The GA's and Acteens of Kenansville Baptist Church are shown above donating \$105.00 which they collected for the telethon. The group carried the money to the Bank of North Carolina in Kenansville where the local telephone center was manned. Their donation at 4 p.m. raised the Duplin total to \$954.00. Shown above,

left to right, kneeling, Donna Kennedy, Acteen, Laurie Swain, GA; Amy West, GA; and Teresa Smith, Acteen. Standing, Rose Swain, GA Leader; Doris English, Acteen Leader; Doc Brinson, Chairman, Duplin Cerebral Palsy Telethon; and Ray Johnson, Chairman Telephone Center. Brinson expressed this thanks to all who donated, and to the Jaycees for their help. The Telethon raised over \$300,000 in North Carolina between 10 p.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Magnolia Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held at the Magnolia Town Hall February 9 at 7 p.m. Members of the newly created Recreation Commission will explain the drive for a recreational program for Magnolia Township and suggestions will be accepted.

The recreation committee, appointed by the Town Board, recently planned two meetings to launch a park project on the site of the old Magnolia School. The abandoned school site was donated to the Town by the County at the same time several other abandoned school sites were turned over to other towns.

The committee wants to try to establish ball fields and tennis courts as well as to install playground equipment on the site.

Since Magnolia has no Little League organization, its youngsters play ball in Rose Hill and Warsaw. Opinion is divided on the future of the school buildings, which are in poor condition. Some interest has been shown in attempting to salvage the auditorium, which is separate from the main school building. The recreation committee indicated it wants to repair the gym for basketball and volleyball.

Members of the recreation

committee are: L.E. Brown, Jr., temporary chairman; Mrs. Mary Ann Howard, secretary; Norwood Chestnutt, the Rev. W.P. Shipp, the Rev. Everett Bryan, William Earl Mitchell and James Underwood.

Long range plans call for tearing down the main school building. Finding money for the project has been the stumbling block, committee members have reported. The Town has no money to allocate. The committee is hoping to obtain grant funds for at least the basic work.

Whitley Announces Press Conference

Congressman Charlie Whitley will hold a press conference Saturday, February 11, in order to make an announcement which will be of interest to all who are interested in recreation and the growth and development of Kenansville and Duplin County. Assisting him in this announcement will be several

state officials if their schedules permit.

The press conference will be at Bill Brown's Restaurant across from the Kenansville Municipal Park at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 11, 1978.

Make arrangements to attend and encourage others. Refreshments will be provided.

Turner Files For 2nd District Seat



Calvin Coolidge Turner filed Monday for the seat of County Commissioner in the Second District. Turner has lived in the Albemarle Township all of his life. He is a self-employed farmer, and has been a member of the

house employee. He is a member of Smith Presbyterian Church, is Master of the Pleasant Hill Lodge #304 of Deep Run, and a member of the Sudan Temple.

He is married to the former Vern Rogers, daughter of the late Raymond and Annie Rogers of Pink Hill. They have five children: Thomas and Jo Anne of Albemarle; Joy Mobley of Kenansville; Faye, a sophomore at Atlantic Christian College; and Calvin Coolidge, Jr., a freshman at East Duplin High School.

Calvin C. says, "My concern is the same as the concern of the people — lower taxes, better education, and the betterment of Duplin County."



Filing Ended Monday

Six More File For County Offices

The final day of filing for Democratic and Republican primaries ended Monday with six more candidates filing.

Ozro S. Thigpen, Sr. of Beaufort filed last week for County Board of Commissioners, District 3, which includes Limestone and Cypress Creek Townships. Previously filing from that district was incumbent Arliss Albertson.

Also filing in the Commissioner race for District 3 was Allen D. Nethercutt, who filed Monday.

In District 2, Calvin C. Turner, Sr. filed Monday for a seat on the County Board of Commissioners. Previously filing were incumbent Emmett Kelly, Dennis Smith, Lewis Miller and Randall Albertson. District 2 includes Calypso, Wolfscrape, Grissom, Albertson, Smith and Cabin Townships.

In the race for two seats on the Board of Education, Riddick E. Wilkins of Warsaw and Derl Walker filed last week.

Candidates who have previously filed are incumbents Russell Brock and Jimmy Strickland, as well as Clayton C. Williams, Patricia E. Broadrick and Gerald Bell. The Board of Education seats are voted on

county-wide, not by districts.

Filing for the District 4 Commission nomination are incumbent J. Willard Hoffer, and S. Franklin (Frank) Williams. District 4 includes Rockfish and Island Creek.

State Representative T.J. Baker of Wallace is opposed by Douglas A. Clark in his bid for Democratic renomination in the 10th District.

Herman Quinn, incumbent, filed for coroner Monday.

Judge Henry Stevens, III, will be unopposed in his bid for election to the post to which he was recently appointed. Judge James Strickland, also recently appointed, is being opposed by Joseph C. Olschner of Jacksonville.

Commissioners Meet, County Allocated 50 Low Housing Units

James Dudley, Executive Director, and Mrs. Dorothy Tyndall, Assistant Executive Director of the Eastern Carolina Regional Housing Authority, appeared before the Duplin County Board of Commissioners Monday to discuss the 50 low-rent housing units allocated to Duplin County. These units would have to be built in an area where water and sewer are available. Dudley explained that no county funds would be involved. The Commissioners adopted a resolution on the need for low-rent housing in the county, and approved an application of the Local Authority to the Government for a preliminary loan in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for surveys and planning in connection with fifty dwelling units. Dudley will arrange a meeting with the towns within the county to decide on a location to build the units. He also stated he will meet with the Neuse River Council of Governments to see what area would be most suitable and where the needs are.

Claude Hepler, Chairman for the Board of Elections, appeared before the Board to discuss unpaid fees owed to the Board of Elections by the Town of Wallace. After discussion, Hepler agreed to again bill the Town of Wallace. Mrs. Winifred Wells, County Attorney, will

meet and discuss the matter with the Attorney for the Town of Wallace.

Bids were opened on a truck for the Sanitary Landfill. Only two bids were received. The Board accepted the low bid of \$54,945 from Simpson Equipment Corporation of Wilson with delivery date of approximately 45 days after receipt of a firm order.

Frank Moore, Tax Supervisor, met with the Board to discuss the Use Value Schedule adopted for Duplin County. The Commissioners voted to reclassify farm land or other land that qualifies for farm use value back to its original base classification for tax purposes and the land use value will be set in a separate column for future references in case of sale or termination based on use. The Board also agreed to appraise household personal property at ten percent of the value of the house.

Leland Grady, Tax Collector, appeared before the Board to report on taxes collected for the month of January and for year to date.

Gene Ballard, Interagency Advisory Council Chairman, met with the Commissioners to discuss the winterization and energy conservation program. He advised the Board that funds amounting to \$20,951, with 40

percent in-kind non-federal matching funds can be secured for Community Services Administration and can be used for salary, crisis intervention, and materials. Only \$250 can be spent on any one residence. Secondly, a grant application can be submitted for \$4,172, with no matching funds required, to the Department of Energy. Under this money, \$400 can be used per dwelling. After discussion pros and cons of these monies, the Board voted unanimously to enter into contract with the State of North Carolina on the Energy Conservation and Winterization Program, and to advertise the new position of Winterization and Energy Conservation Coordinator with a salary of \$846 per month.

The Board voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel. There were eight applicants interviewed for the position of Recreation Director for Duplin County.

A request of Sheriff Elwood Revelle for \$480 to match a federal grant of \$8,640 to purchase eight portable radios for the Sheriff's Department was approved. Revelle also discussed with the Commissioners a request from the Town of Calypso for assistance to be able to continue the police protection services for the Town. The

request was for the county to pay one-half the officer's salary and to pay for the gasoline for the automobile. After discussion, action was deferred until later in the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffer and seconded by Commissioner Kelly, and carried unanimously, to appropriate funds for the projects listed below: Salary for Town of Calypso Policeman at \$742 per month for five months; Hire an accountant to work with County Accountant doing paper work on federal grants at a salary of \$846 per month for five months; Hire a maintenance helper for Willard Quinn at \$711 per month for five months; and to allocate James Sprunt Institute \$18,000 for personnel. These funds will come from Anti-Recession monies to be used by June 30, 1978.

GED Test

The General Educational Development (GED) Test will be offered at James Sprunt Institute on February 8 and 9, 1978, from 5 to 10 p.m. The test consists of five individual tests on the subjects of English, social studies, natural sciences, literary materials and mathematics.

Crimewatch

Kenansville has officially become a Crime Watch Town. Crime Watch signs have been erected leading into Kenansville on all sides. Now it is the responsibility of the citizens to look together in detecting and recognizing would-be criminals, thieves, etc. Keep your eyes open and anytime you see strange or suspicious looking people or acts, you should call the Sheriff's Department at 285-1432.

This program is made available by the Kenansville Police Department and the Youth in Action 4-H Club, who got money to pay for road signs. Signs were given by Waccamaw Bank of Kenansville and Bank of Insurance of Kenansville.



THE TUCSON BOYS CHORUS - The most exciting Boys Chorus in the World will be in concert Thursday, February 16, 1978 at 7 p.m. in Kenan Memorial Auditorium. The concert is sponsored by the Tar Heel Fine Arts Society and James Sprunt Technical Institute. The concert is a sell-out. There will be no admittance at the door without tickets. Founded in 1939, the Tucson Boys Chorus has been called "Ambassadors in Levi's" from the land of cactus and canyons. The Chorus has given more than 2,000 concerts to tumultuous acclaim throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Australia; has recorded under the Capitol, United Artists and its own labels; and has captivated television viewers in a number of specials filmed by NET, CBS and BBC. At its own headquarters in Tucson, the Chorus — unique among the world's

great choral organizations in that it has no church or school affiliation — consists of over 100 boys between the ages of 7 and 14. The Touring Chorus numbers 24 to 30 and is chosen from the best voices in the Training and TowneSinger Chorus who have earned top grades in school as well. By special arrangement the boys who tour are permitted to make up their school work when they return. The young singers who appear onstage in many varied sets of costumes, travel in a chartered Greyhound bus, which also carries scenic effects to transform each concert stage into a bit of old Arizona. Clara Montgomery, the "Tour Mother," goes along to look after the boys, wardrobe, and to provide as homey an atmosphere as possible during long weeks on tour.