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Limestone-Muddy Creek Watershed Meeting Held Public Endorses Alternate 2

A group of about ninety Duplin citizens endorsed Alternate No. 2 as a solution to the problems of the Limestone-Muddy Creek Watershed on Monday night, July 24th at the Beulaville National Guard Armory.

According to Kenneth Futreal, Soil Conservationist, a detailed explanation of each of the alternates was given, after which a question and answer session was held.

Alternate No. 2 provides the best benefit-cost ratio. Benefits of \$177 would accrue for each \$1 of cost, according to the report. No. 2 is the alternative favored by the district supervisors, Futreal indicated.

The favored alternate includes an accelerated land

treatment program consisting of 350 acres of wildlife habitat development, 800,000 feet of surface and sub-surface drainage, erosion protection of 1,000 acres of crop and pastureland, treatment measures on 20,000 acres of crop and pasturelands, and control work on 95 acres of critically eroding land.

Also included in the plans are 17.2 miles of channel excavation on Limestone Creek and 46.5 miles on Muddy Creek. A pilot channel would be developed through clearing and snagging work on 4.1 miles of channel. The pilot channel would have a six-foot bottom width, 1.5 feet deeper than the present grade. A fish hole, 50 feet long, would be established every 800 feet. These would be 2.5 feet deeper

than the channel and with a 10-foot bottom width. The alternate provides 290 holes. Existing holes would be used where possible. Access points with parking areas would be established at nine locations.

A 75-acre lake with 75 acres of recreational area would be provided.

The alternate would allow an estimated 7,000 acres of woodland to be returned to crop production. Forest lands would increase timber production through improved drainage.

The survey indicates the project could generate average annual financial benefits of \$452,000 with a net benefit of \$196,550 annually.

"We had a good meeting, and a good turnout considering the

bad weather. Everyone seemed to be interested in the best possible solution to the problem of the Limestone-Muddy Creek Watershed," stated Futreal.

"Alternate No. 2 will now go to all agencies that have been involved with the Watershed for review and revision. In about

20-30 days, a final plan will be submitted for public approval. If the final plan is approved by the public, then in October of 1979, or January, 1980, the Limestone-Muddy Creek Watershed project will go to Congress for funding," asserted Futreal.

Son Of A Gun By Joe Lanier

On the old radio show, Lum and Abner, once in awhile they would sing a song called "They Cut Down the Old Pine Tree." As I was photographing the tearing down of the Magnolia school, which is almost completed, this song came to mind. This is, or was, the last standing school building in which I attended school in Duplin County. My first days of school were at Warsaw Elementary. That building partially burned, and was torn down. A baptist church now stands on the site. The other school I attended was Warsaw High, which was dismantled brick-by-brick and carried away. So pretty soon there will be no buildings standing in Duplin County in which I went to school. In fact, Magnolia was the last. But what about those who attended Magnolia School when it first opened some fifty years ago. Graham Chestnut, who will be retiring from the Sheriff's Department later this year, said he attended the school when the only way there was to walk. There was no school bus. Graham lives in the house in which he was born, and it is about three miles northeast of Magnolia. As the crow flies. And that's the way Graham, his brothers, and neighbors walked to school. That is, unless it was extra wet weather. Then they went by way of the road, which did not go as it does today. In fact, 117 was non-existent. Where the road curves near Davis and Norwood Chestnuts, it went straight in those days. When the Magnolia School was built - the first part - it was built in three parts. Graham and his neighbors were attending the old Strickland School - an old frame building that was located near where Wendell Evans now lives. The Model T school bus did come, and my dad was one of the drivers. He lived near Dobson Chapel Church and carried a bus load. 16 or so to Kenansville. With the large families in those days, a couple of stops and you had a busload. There was no glass in the windows. There was a cloth or curtain that rolled up and down, but according to many, it was debatable which was the coldest. With the curtain up or down. The old Model T's stood a mile off the ground, and they could ford a stream, but the roads at that time just were not passable. Then they would get stuck. None of the students

would volunteer to push it out. I think the driver asked the question like so. "You all don't want to get out in the mud and push this bus out, do you?" Of course, this got a lead "No," so they waited until someone came and got them out of the hole, missing much of the school day. To crank the old Model T, you would jack up the rear wheel to make cranking with a hand crank easier. And if a blowing rain came, the exposed wires or copper strips would short out. Of course, all drivers carried along a monkey wrench and a screw driver to work on the magneto coil, or what-have-you. The pay for a driver was great, too. \$9 a month. When I started to school, the buses had improved a great deal. They had glass in the windows. The seats were along the side, and one down the middle. Seated, everyone faced one another. Today they are like auto seats with everyone facing forward. The roads had improved also, but not as much as they are today. For we still had mostly dirt roads, and if it rained, school was turned out early in hopes the buses could get through without getting stuck. By the way, did you know that figuring the number of days a year school is open, and the number of hours a day school is attended, a 50-year old school is used only 12 years, or less. *****

Hot Dog has himself a car. Now that is what I call a high-falutin dog. A dog with his own car. It is a blue Volkswagen. I guess Hot Dog saw that dog on Hee-Haw driving and figured he needed a car, too. I don't know if Hot Dog drug it up to the house, or if Vance bought it for him. Hot Dog, among his many peculiarities, is afraid of thunder and lightning. During a thunderstorm, he likes to hide in a car. Now he has his own. And after the storm is over, Hot Dog usually has a headache and goes looking for Vance to ask for an aspirin. Son-of-a-gun. *****

Reward Offered

According to Kenansville Police Chief Tyson Bostic, a \$100 reward has been offered for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for breaking into the Duplin County Surgical Association office.

Greg Swain Tapped Into 4-H Honor Club

Warsaw, was "tapped" into the State 4-H Honor Club in a colorful candlelight ceremony marking one of the highlights of the North Carolina 4-H Congress in Raleigh.

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 has been a 4-H member for eight years. He was a state winner in the Swine Project in 1976. Greg was a member of the state's winning livestock judging team in 1976 also. Swain has served as vice president of the Duplin County Council of 4-H Clubs and is presently serving as vice president of the District 4-H Clubs.

During State 4-H Congress, Greg will be competing for state honors in the Pork Cookery contest. He has completed numerous projects on the local and county level and has been active in numerous phases of 4-H work.

Swain is a member of the Warsaw-Shamrock 4-H Club. Volunteer leaders of the club are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Costin, Sr., Bill Costin, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hall.

Wallace Young Man Drowns

Freddie Smith, 21, of Route 2, Wallace, drowned Sunday in the Northeast River near the "Bear Head sein hole" off the River Road (#1941).

James T. Pearsall of Route 1, Teachey, turned in the alarm at 2:25 p.m. He said Smith went down in the water, came up one time, sank, and wasn't seen again.

He reported a party of four persons was at the edge of the river. He said Smith started to wade in the river, but instead of stepping in shallow water, stepped into the hole where the water is 12-14 feet deep. Pearsall said Smith could not swim.

The Rose Hill and Chinguapin rescue squads, both of which have emergency boats, were called to assist the Wallace Rescue Squad in the search for the body. It was recovered at 3:57 p.m. and taken to Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville.



One of the highest honors in 4-H work was bestowed Monday night on a Duplin County youth, Greg Swain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Swain of Route

Liberty Cart To Present Award

Rich Boyd, General Manager of THE LIBERTY CART, has announced that a member of the local cast will be presented with the first Charles Moore, Sr. Award at the cast party after the final performance on July 30.

In making the announcement, Boyd said the Duplin Outdoor Drama Society wanted to recognize the spirit of the local volunteers who work unselfishly on the production each year. "The show could not be done without these individuals and we wanted to establish an award that will be presented annually to recognize their involvement."

Sharon Swain, Leah Usher, Felicia Washington, Cece Williams, Al Worthington, Linwood Worthington, and Paul Yelverton.

Leading the delegation are Lois G. Britt, County Extension Chairman, and volunteer leaders Susan Craft, Deon Robinson, Rose Swain, and Alice Worthington.

Invitation To Submit Application

Congressman Charlie Whitley announced Thursday that Warsaw and Greeneviers have received invitations to submit their final applications for a community development block grant of \$500,000 and \$259,332, respectively, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The invitation to submit final application, according to Whitley, usually is an indication that the applicant will be funded.

Communities in the Third District have received invitations totaling \$3,319,332.

THE LIBERTY CART - As the sun quietly withdraws through the majestic pines of Eastern North Carolina, the summer night comes alive with music, dance and spectacle, and history is ours for the taking in Randolph Umberger's production of THE LIBERTY CART. Thunderous battles from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars,

colorful dances of jigs and reels and minuets, authentic music and elaborate costumes and love stories that are tragic as well as tender contribute to make this spectacle of history and theatre an evening to be enjoyed by all ages. THE LIBERTY CART is produced annually by the Duplin County Outdoor Drama Society, Inc.

Duplin Delegates Spending Week At N.C. 4-H Congress

A delegation of 39 4-H members and adult leaders are representing Duplin County at the North Carolina 4-H Congress in Raleigh this week (July 24-28).

The Duplin County delegates are among some 1,000 4-H members, leaders and extension agents participating in the annual event. The congress began Monday with registration on the North Carolina State University campus where delegates are residing. Activities are scheduled for the State Fairgrounds and the Jane S. McKimmon Continuing Education Center.

The program consists of learning, recreation, discussions, competition, election of state officers, and a lot of fellowship.

During the week, state winners are determined in some 35 demonstration programs and various judging activities.

Among the events in which Duplin County 4-H'ers are participating are: Sharon Boyette, Horse Public Speaking; Glenn Brinson, Electric; Angela and Wanda Costin, American Business Systems; Joe Jones, Livestock Production; James E. Riche-

gay, Senior Peanut Foods; Karen Moore, Junior Dairy Foods; Ronald Moore, Small Engines; Greg Swain, Pork Cookery; and Lauri Swain, Junior Egg Cookery.

Other members of the Duplin County delegation attending are Truett Booth, Craig Craft, Lita Fennell, Elizabeth Frazzelle, Crystal Graham, Wayne Hall, Deirdre Miller, J.C. Moore, Susan Oasley, Ava Jo Raynor, Melissa Raynor, Leon Robinson, Cindy Sanderson, Elizabeth Spicer, Julia Spicer, Mardecia Stallings, Monique Stallings,

\$1,000 Reward Offered

A \$1,000 reward is being offered for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the breaking, entering, and larceny at Clark's Drug Store on July 17, 1978. Anyone with information should contact the Warsaw Police Department, Chief R.P. Wood or Deputy Glen Jernigan at the Duplin County Sheriff's Department.