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Duplin Board Rescinds County Car Use Ban

By Joe Lanier

Duplin County Board of Commissioners Tuesday rescinded their action of two weeks ago that prevented three landfill employees from using

county vehicles to travel to and from work and lunch. These employees include the county mechanics and they are on 24-hour duty call. Emmett Kelly had made the motion to ban such use of the

vehicles, which included a repair truck, and the motion was seconded by Chairman D.J. Fussell.

Tuesday Kelly moved to rescind this action saying, "Perhaps I acted too swiftly. It was unfair to the people included." He said a committee should be appointed to review this situation across all county departments and make a recommendation to the Board. Commissioner William E. Costin seconded the motion to rescind, saying he felt it was wrong to single out one department in the county.

Fussell and J. W. Hoffer voted against the motion, and Costin, Kelly and Arlis Albertson voted for it.

Fussell said, "I voted against it because by doing so I felt I could save the county \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year in taxpayers' money." He added, "Anytime you're going to be intimidated into rescinding a motion, I think you are making a grave mistake." Albertson commented, "They're the wrong word. I have not been intimidated." Costin added, "I have not been

intimidated." Asked what he meant by "intimidation," Fussell stated, "I have no other comments."

Fussell also resigned as commissioner in charge of the county garage, landfill and mosquito control at Tuesday's meeting. He was named to the post two weeks ago. He said he had not received the cooperation of the other commissioners.

In other action, the Board voted to freeze county jobs.

Costin made the motion, saying "No vacancies are to be filled until the department head justifies existence of the position." Fussell seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Albertson observed that "in view of the heavy tax burden on our citizens, I feel it is our duty to curb spending wherever possible. Unfilled positions need to be examined and justified."

The request of Clerk of Court John A. Johnson to rent a portion of the new Warsaw Town Hall for Duplin County Civil Superior Court for \$50 a day was approved. The payment would come from court facility fees.



DUPLIN COUNTY-DOROTHY WIGHTMAN FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - presents the Duplin Library with a new record player. Mark Vinson, President of the Friends, presents the new piece of equipment to John D. Archibald, Director. The record player will be used for programs in the main library. Other Friends of the Library officers include: Mrs. George Cates, Vice President (not in photograph); Mrs. Ethel Kelly, Secretary; Mrs. Arthenia Hall, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. Mary E. Browder, Treasurer; and Mrs. N.B. Boney, Historian. The organization

comes all Duplinites to become members of the Friends of the Library so they express the needs of the people and with memberships and other donations be able to materially help in contributing needed equipment and/or books to the county library with its branches and county-wide programs. Pictured, (l. to r.) Mrs. Z. Williams, Mrs. H. Robbins, Mrs. N.B. Boney, Mrs. Ethel S. Kelly, Snodie R. Wilson, Mark Vinson, Dan Newkirk, John D. Archibald, Conrad Jenkins, Mrs. Emily Browder, and Mrs. Arthenia Hall.

Son Of A Gun

By Joe Lanier

"Don't fill it until you prove it is needed. Vacancy is no excuse." This is, in essence, what the County Commissioners said earlier this week when they froze the jobs in Duplin County that are paid with County tax monies. This, in my opinion, is one of the greatest actions taken thus far this year by the Board. Many times I have heard there are more goof-offs on the county payroll than there are actual workers. At budget time, the Commissioners stated they were against any new positions, and now they have said that once a job is vacant, before anyone is hired to fill it, the job has to be examined and the need for it justified. The Commissioners stated they would also ask the School Board to adopt the same resolution or a similar one. So often we, the taxpayers, are asked to bite the bullet and do without this or that for some project or so some expert can be hired. Well, there is a rumbling sound in the not-so-far-off distance that is making itself heard, clearer daily, and it is seeming to say to the elected officials and others hired. You bite the bullet. You cut down. You do without to help the County. The taxpayer is fed up. If you are so sure a new job is needed, then fund it with some of your salary, not mine. Don't sell us. Sell yourself. Sacrifices should be made, and it is time you made some.

tasty treat. Their goodness could be doubled by adding a little red-eye gravy. I believe I have gained two pounds just talking about this.

My lovely wife went to Warsaw's new Town Hall to the Police Department. I told her the door to the waiting room, for some foolish reason, was locked and she would have to go to the door used to bring in the prisoners. But as usual, she went to the wrong door, the door I told her was locked. From inside, the dispatcher yelled for her to go to the other door. When she got to the other door, she pulled on it and it wouldn't open. She pounded on it, so Policeman Steve Knowles opened the door for her and told her she would have to push on the button to open the door. She said, "That dumb Joe didn't tell me I had to push the button." Son-of-a-Gun.

My eating habits sure have changed over the years. When I was a kid, I remember we had rutabaga pot-liquor. Never have I eaten anything so bad thinking it was good. On a cold day, a cup of rutabaga pot-liquor and some cornbread was a wonderful treat. At least, Mom would tell me that. But it never really tasted like a treat. I did a lot of "sopping" when I was a youngster. These canned biscuits sure ain't for sopping. A bottle of syrup and a plate of biscuits. Now, that was hog heaven. Case syrup, laro syrup, or molasses. And there was a syrup in a can called King Syrup. In the cool weather, add a little butter and stir it in. Now that was some fine eating. Or perhaps some grease from some red-eye gravy added to the syrup. But that was not all I sopped. There was red eye gravy, bird gravy (flour gravy). I would ask where the bird was, and Dad would say the bird flew over the roof. Beans juice was another good supper. And coffee and sugar made into a syrupy mixture. It was not a sopper, but fried sweet potatoes was top choice on my menu. The potatoes were baked and then fried to a crisp delicious

Pancake Supper

The James Kenan Band Boosters and the Warsaw Kenansville Rotary Club are co-sponsoring a pancake and sausage supper prior to the James Kenan-Lake wood football game Friday night.

The supper, to be held in the cafeteria at JK, will begin at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 8 p.m. Proceeds will go to the purchase of new uniforms for the James Kenan District Band.

Chinquapin Annual Auction Held Saturday

By Dolan Brown

Last Saturday at 10 a.m., the Chinquapin Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad auctioned off their annual auction sale. Several hundred items had been collected from area merchants and people of the community. Everything from a pen and her biddies to a car were put on the auction block.

In addition to the auction, there was a flea market, which

is always a hit, and a large rack of second-hand clothes. One lady working at the sale even found one of her best dresses she had mistakenly given to the sale. She quickly paid the price marked before anyone else could get it. Barbecue sandwiches and plate dinners were sold beginning at 11 a.m. They sold as fast as they could be made.

R. T. Moore of the Northeast community won the first ham given away, and C. W. Williams of Chinquapin won the second

one. Auctioneer Col. Bobby Cavanaugh did a great job of keeping the bidding going strong as he reminded the crowd that all funds were going to support the Fire and Rescue Squad so they could support the community.

The sale ended at 3 p.m., and the monthly family-style supper was waiting for the hungry folks who have learned of the food that can be obtained in Chinquapin on the first Saturday night in every month. People

JSI Continuing Education Fall Classes

CAKE DECORATING - Treat your child to a different birthday cake - one you decorated yourself! It is not hard and you do not have to be artistic. The class, instructed by Mildred B. Whaley, will meet in room 222 of the Hoffer Building on Tuesday night from 7 - 10 p.m. beginning September 12. With sufficient interest, this class will

be followed by an advanced class in the Winter Quarter.

BEGINNING PHOTOGRAPHY - A basic course of study in black and white media. Come and learn the many techniques you can use in black and white photography. Topics covered will include types of cameras, how to take a good picture -

subject, composition, and lighting effects - negative development, use of darkroom equipment and printing of photographs. Each student must provide his own camera (any type will do) and his own film. All other supplies are furnished. The instructor will be Mark Patrus of the James Sprunt Commercial Art Department.

The class will meet in the Commercial Art Room of the Herring Building from 7 - 10 p.m. on Tuesday nights for 13 weeks beginning September 12. Come and bring a friend to explore photography's most versatile media.

SEWING I - Two classes of Beginning Sewing will be taught at JSI in the Sewing Trailer. The first class will be taught by Grace Sumner of Beulaville and will meet on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, September 5 for 14½ weeks. The second class will be taught by Sadie Bell of Warsaw and will meet on Monday from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. beginning Monday, September 11. New fashions and new fabrics are waiting for you to add that special touch to your fall and winter wardrobe. Come join us and find out how to beat the high cost of clothing your family.

OTHER CLASSES TO BE ARRANGED

The following classes are being planned for Fall Quarter. If you are interested in these or others not listed below, call us at the Continuing Education Department.

WINE APPRECIATION - The history and variety of wine in North Carolina with emphasis on wines of Duplin County.

TAXIDERMY - The art of mounting wildlife for long-lasting beautiful show pieces. Learn to save the results of successful hunts and display your trophies in a manner that shows pride in our outdoor heritage.

BEGINNING DRAWING - An introduction to drawing with pencil, charcoal and ink. The student will learn various techniques for producing desired results. Topics will include media, use of shadow, perspective, and much more.

HANDGUN SAFETY FOR WOMEN - Basic operation, safety and use of the handgun. Don't be a danger yourself or others.



CHINQUAPIN AUCTION - Levon Sandlin of the Chinquapin Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad is showing a bed to the crowd during the big

auction Saturday in Chinquapin. The bed was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lanier of the Lyman community.



COL. BOBBY CAVANAUGH - gets a bid from one of the many bidders during the Annual Auction sponsored by the Chinquapin Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad. Many good boys were

available to the bidders. A dishwasher with an oak cutting top sold for a low \$2. (Photos by Dolan Brown)