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Duplin Board Takes Action On Back Taxes

Duplin Board of Commissioners instructed Leland Grady, tax collector, to send stern letters to all citizens who have not paid their 1978 county taxes. With over \$750,000 owed to the county in back taxes, Board Chairman William Costin said he was concerned.

Grady was instructed to take legal action against residents who do not respond to the strongly worded letters.

A referendum on a fire district tax, scheduled for February 13, was cancelled by the Board Monday. The vote was requested in a petition from the Pricetown Community Fire Department. The commissioners said the petition was filed incorrectly and would have to be resubmitted.

In other action, the Board combined the Duplin offices for the aging and for nutrition for the aging into one agency under the direction of Walter Brown. Brown was formerly director of the office of nutrition for the aging.

Windsor Johnson, former director of the office for the aging resigned in December, effective January 15th.

The Board also agreed to support the state's land drainage mosquito control program with letters to the N.C. Department of Human Resources, Governor Jim Hunt, Senator Harold Hardison, and Representative Douglas Clark. Keith Oates of the state land drainage program, and David Underhill, of the county landfill, requested the letters saying the program is in danger of being replaced with a less effective method of mosquito control.

The proposed intersection of I-40 and N.C. 24 was approved as the site of a rest area for travelers. Final ap-

proval must be made by the state Department of Transportation.

Accountant Russell Tucker was authorized to advertise bids on furniture for the new county jail. He said the furniture was not ordered earlier through an oversight.

Lois Britt, chairman of the Agricultural Extension, reported that Wendell Evans, Jr. has been selected to take the modern farmer short course at NCSU, and Greg Swain has been chosen to represent the state at a two week 4-H camp in Michigan. She also announced Gerald Quinn of The Quinn Company of Warsaw will speak at the 4-H recognition banquet on January 29th.

In other action, the com-

missioners set June 4th as tax lien sale date; re-appointed W.E. Craft as county tax attorney; approved an appropriation of \$5,000 from the jail building fund for improvements on the old Bowden Store parking lot; and heard a report from the Duplin County Arts Council and accepted the resignation of Regina Whaley, Arts Director, effective June 30, 1979.

Hiram Brinson, Director of Emergency Services, met with the Board to discuss fire districts and rescue squads. No action was taken. He also reported ambulance calls for the year totaled 889, with the amount billed from July through December being \$28,915.12, and the amount collected, \$12,049.22.

MISS DUPLIN COUNTY CROWNED - Tina Brewer (center) was crowned Miss Duplin County for 1979 Saturday night at Kenan Memorial Auditorium. Tina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brewer of Faison. She is a former Miss North Carolina Poultry Queen. Tina is a graduate of Hobpton High School and a senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After

graduation, Tina plans to teach kindergarten. In the photo, left to right, are Cindy Moritz of Rose Hill, 2nd runner-up, Mary Sanderson, the former Miss Duplin County, Tina, Debby Shook, Miss North Carolina 1978, and Chris Blanton of Kenansville, 1st runner-up. The Calypso and Warsaw Jaycees sponsored the pageant. The pageant was directed by Sam Garner of Wilmington.

Duplin To Receive Highway Bond Funds

For the second straight year, Duplin County can look forward to benefits from 1977 highway bond funds that will be used to improve secondary roads.

At the monthly meeting January 12th, the N.C. Board of Transportation allocated \$15 million from funds authorized by the State Highway Bond Act of 1977 for improvements to the state's 59,378-mile second-

ary road system. Duplin County's share of the \$15 million allocation is \$187,927, based on a formula prescribed by the state legislature. According to the formula, each county receives a

percentage of the total funds available, determined by the unpaved miles of secondary roads in the county in relationship to the total mileage of unpaved secondary roads in the state.

Duplin County has 251 miles of unpaved roads, while the total mileage of unpaved state maintained secondary roads in North Carolina is 20,058.

Kenansville Jaycees DSA Banquet Monday

The Kenansville Jaycees will conclude Jaycee Week Monday, January 29th, with their annual DSA Banquet. This event will be held at Brown's Restaurant at 7 p.m. and is a Dutch affair. The public is invited, and the cost is \$4 per person. Contact Doc Brinson or Everett Page if you plan to attend.

graduate of the University of Wisconsin and UNC Law School. He has served as assistant vice president of Savings Banks Life Insurance Fund in New York, and worked in the office of the district attorney in Nassau County, N.Y., before coming to North Carolina in 1972 to work for Robert Morgan.

The DSA Banquet is also a time when the Jaycees honor outstanding citizens in the

community. Awards to be presented are Distinguished Service Award (outstanding young man), Outstanding Educator, Outstanding Fireman, Outstanding Law Enforcement or Correctional Officer, Outstanding Farmer, and Outstanding Senior Citizen.

Everyone is invited to help the Jaycees honor these outstanding citizens for their contributions to the community.

Kenneth Futreal Receives District Conservation Award

It has been announced by State Conservationist Jesse L. Hicks, head of the USDA-Soil Conservation Service in North Carolina, that District Conservationist Kenneth E. Futreal has been awarded an outstanding performance rating and quality salary increase. This award is the highest that can be given by SCS in North Carolina.

Futreal was recognized for his performance in Duplin County from December 1977 through December 1978.

His achievements included providing conservation assistance to landowners, management of the Kenansville Field Office, special achievement in applying erosion control practices on the land, and assistance to the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District and sponsors of Limestone-Muddy Creek Watershed.

Futreal has been district conservationist in Duplin County since 1966. During that time he has assisted the Duplin Soil and Water Conservation District in developing one of the best conservation programs in North Carolina.

Barbecue Supper

The Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department will be sponsoring a Barbecue Pork Supper on Saturday, February 3rd.

The department will be serving pork, barbecue chicken, slaw, string beans, potato salad, and hush-puppies from 5 p.m. until

4-H Council Elects Officers

Officers for 1979 were elected at the 4-H County Council meeting in Kenansville on Monday, January 15. They are: President, Greg Swain of the Warsaw-Shamrock 4-H Club in Warsaw; Vice President, Karen Koenig, member of the New Horizons 4-H Club in Warsaw; Secretary, Felicia Washington, member of the Stanford 4-H Club of Magnolia; Treasurer, Wanda Costin, member of the Warsaw-Shamrock 4-H Club; and Recreation Leader, Karen Moore, member of the New Horizons 4-H Club in Warsaw.

The new officers will serve on the Council for one year.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Rayford Perry, professional baseball pitcher and 1978 Cy Young Award winner, is serving as Honorary Chairman of the 1979 Girl Scout Cookie Sale. Duplin County Girl Scouts will be taking orders for the six varieties, including a cheddar cheese cracker, from January 19 - February 5th. Cookies will be delivered between March 7th and 19th.

Proceeds from the sale are the only source of income for the Coastal Carolina Girl Scout Council's Property Fund. Local troops receive a bonus for each box sold to use for their special projects and program.

Lynn Rivenbark is serving as Neighborhood Cookie Sale Chairman. She advises that if a Girl Scout doesn't call on you, cookies can be ordered by calling her at 293-3117 between January 19th and February 5. Other Girl Scout Leaders in the County are also available for Cookie orders.



REPRESENTATIVE DOUG CLARK and his wife, Sue, prior to the swearing-in ceremony January 10 as Clark uses the Parker family Bible upon which to swear the oath of office. Also pictured, Rep. Bobby Etheridge (D-Harnett) to Mrs. Clark's right, and to the left of Clark, Rep. Tom Robon (D-Pender).

JSI Caps 26 Student Nurses

On Sunday afternoon, January 14th, James Sprunt Institute senior nursing students capped 26 student nurses from the freshman class. Invited guests and relatives attended the annual capping ceremony, which symbolizes the student's passage from the non-clinical to the clinical phase of nursing education. The nurse's cap has long stood for scholarship and service, and wearing it implies an obligation of performing competently, conscientiously, willingly, and pleasantly.

Acting Director of Health Occupations, Gayle Weems, said, "The capping ceremony was very meaningful and inspiring to all the students and guests. I am pleased with the progress of the freshman nursing class, and have high expectations for their success."

Freshman nurses taking part were: Debbie Argemina, Miriam Bittner, Joy Carter, Cathy Collins, Peggy Jo Davis, Lillian Davis, Ethel Fields, Sandra Gaudin, Rhonda Jenkins,

Rosetta Jessup, Evan Jones, Kimberly Jones, Rita Knowles, Joan Ruth

Maready, Rosa Mathews, Cathy Morton, Mignonette Mozingo, Carolyn Nelson,

Jackie Ray, Penny Russell, Mike Spry, Sharon Summerlin, Annette Swinson, Kim-

berly Wells, Judy Weston, and Angela Whaley.



FRESHMAN NURSES CAPPED - Audience of invited guests and relatives of JSI Nursing class watch as

members perform annual ceremony honoring entry of nursing students into the clinical phase of their training.

Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday, January 26th at 7 p.m. in the assembly room of the Farm Bureau Building.

Guest speaker will be Larry Cobick, C.I.D. executive director of economic development division of the N.C. Department of Commerce. Cobick has had professional experience in research and economic development that dates back to

1959, serving in a variety of positions. He is now executive vice-president of the American Industrial Development Council which is an international association of some 1,000 from the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and other countries.

Officers for 1979 will be installed. The meeting will begin with a Dutch barbecue supper. All members are urged to attend this annual meeting.