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Dems To Study Selecting School Board By Districts

The Duplin County Democratic Executive Committee will appoint a committee to study the issue of selecting school board members by districts. The issue was discussed at their meeting Thursday night.

Chairman of the executive committee, Janice Williams of Beulaville, said the school board had sent questionnaires to all 88 members of the county school advisory boards. The questionnaire concerned the length of terms and method of district selection.

Some county residents have expressed dissatisfaction over the present at-large method of electing board members, which could allow two or three members to come from the same community.

Warsaw will have two members on the board when the new members take office in April.

Several versions of selection by district have been discussed.

During the meeting, W.E. Foster of Warsaw claimed blacks have attempted to get membership on the board but, under the present system, cannot do so. He suggested that a seven-member board be formed, with the James Kenan, Wallace-Rose Hill and East Duplin school areas having two members each, and North Duplin having one member.

The committee, when appointed, is to bring its recommendation back to the executive committee in time for presentation to the short session of the General Assembly in 1980. The legislature must approve any change in method of selection or in length of term of school board members.

In other action, the committee agreed to recommend Mrs. Winifred Wells, Wallace attorney, to President Carter for nomination as U.S. District Court judge to succeed retiring Judge John Larkins of Trenton. Mrs. Wells served a portion of a term as North Carolina Superior Court judge, but declined to run for election to a full term.

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN - Milford Quinn of Warsaw was awarded the Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Duplin County 4-H organization during its annual dinner meeting Friday night. He was nominated from four [illegible] and participated in many community affairs. He was a state 4-H officer in Kansas, for judging horses and later going to work in the county. He is president and founder of Quinn Company of Warsaw, past chairman of the Duplin County Development Commission, and a trustee of Campbell College. The award was presented by State Senator Harold Hardison, (right) Democrat, of the Fifth District.

(Photos by Joe Lanier)

Hospital Board Honors Retirees

New Members Named

By Joe Lanier

The retiring members of the Duplin County Hospital Board were honored at a dinner in Rose Hill Tuesday night.

Four directors retired from the board and were presented certificates of recognition for their service.

Ten new members were added to the board along with replacements for the retirees Thursday.

One of the retirees is a charter member of the board, having served since November 8, 1951. Emmett E. Kelly, representing Glisson Township, was named to the first building committee to oversee the initial hospital. The hospital was completed in 1958. He served on numerous other committees, including the executive committee.

Another retiree is David John Kilpatrick of Kenansville Township, present chairman of the board, a former vice chairman, treasurer and executive committee member. Kilpatrick was appointed to the board in September 1966.

Richard B. Boyce of Wallace, current vice chairman, is also retiring. He was named to the board in 1962 as a representative of Rockfish Township.

Also retiring is Cecil A. Miller of Limestone Township, who came on the board in November 1957. He has served on the executive and finance committees, and has been treasurer and secretary of the board. He is on the building committee which is now overseeing an extensive addition to the hospital.

Replacing the retirees are W.H. Forlaw of Rockfish Township, Cecil Kornegay of Glisson Township, John Hall of Kenansville Township, and Sarah Bolin of Limestone Township.

Ten new members will represent towns of the county. The hospital by-laws were changed in October to increase the board from 10 to 25 members to include the town representatives.

Hospital Administrator Richard Harrell said the objective is to improve communications between the hospital and the townspeople.

The reconstituted board will meet April 17 to elect officers. The full board meets four times a year, and the executive commitee meets monthly.

Named to represent towns are: Jeanette Hamilton of Calypso, Doris Bostic of Beulaville, Helen Britt of Faison, Alex Brown of Greenevers, Earl Hatcher of Kenansville, Ruth Quinn of Magnolia, Ray Sanderson of Rose Hill, Mrs. Willard Fussell of Teachey, Irvin Graham of Wallace, and Roy Barwick of Warsaw.

Reappointed to the board were Elbert Davis of Wolfscrape and J.P. Smith of Magnolia.

Other members of the board are Thomas Hall of Warsaw, William J. Igoe of Faison Township, Willie M. Biggs of Island Creek Township, William Fennell and Juanita Kretsch of Kenansville Township, Theodore K. Grady of Albertson Township, [illegible] of Rose Hill, Grover Rhodes of Smith Township, and Billy W. Elston of Cypress Creek Township.

FOUR-H HONORS LOCAL CITIZENS - The Duplin County 4-H organization honored Milford Quinn (third from left) as their Outstanding Citizen. Other nominees recognized Friday night at the annual 4-H Leaders Banquet were, left to right, Francine Johnson of Wallace, Quincy Jackson Sutton, Sr. of Warsaw, Quinn, and Alisa [illegible] of Beulaville. The Duplin County Farm Bureau sponsors the program, which was held at The Country Squire. The Governor's special volunteer certificates were awarded to leaders of the Youth In Action 4-H Club of Kenansville. Accepting the awards were Alice Worthington, Barbara Blackburn, Josephine Outlaw and Peggy Hoffman.

DEPOT DEADLINE - The Magnolia Town Board will have to decide soon if it will take over the brick depot of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad. The depot is reported to be the only brick depot building on the line north of Wilmington. It was erected in the mid-1870s when Magnolia was the trading center of most of western Duplin and eastern Sampson counties. The railroad is offering the town the building for $136 per year plus taxes. It wants the town, if it takes over the building, to erect a fence between the building and the railroad track to prevent anyone from wandering onto the track.

Road Allocations Approved

Rural road allocations for Duplin County for the 1980 fiscal year has been approved by the Duplin County Board of Commissioners.

Eight projects were included in the $491,105 allocation.

Projects include: base work and paving of .3 mile of SR 1916 southeast of Chinquapin at an estimated $20,000; base work and paving of 1.6 miles between Chinquapin and Angola Bay at an estimated $80,000; and base work and paving SR 1300 for 1.1 miles north of Warsaw at $30,000.

Also included is grading, drainage and stabilization of .3 of a mile of SR 1959 southeast of Kenansville for $80,000 and the same kind of work for SR 1930 north of Wallace for $30,000.

Also in the program is base work and paving of 2.2 miles of SR 1719 for 2.2 miles northeast of Beulaville for $70,000 and base work and paving of 1.2 miles of SR 1387 west of Warsaw for $38,000.

The largest single project in the program is widening and strengthening SR 1003 from the Sampson County line to Concord Church west of Magnolia for a distance of 3.7 miles at an estimated $130,000.

The remaining $37,105 will be held back for possible paving requests from fire departments and rescue squads and possible overruns, the board was informed by District Highway Commissioner Garland Garrett of Wilmington and District Engineer T. W. Funderburk.

Three other projects will be financed from unused money from the 1979 fiscal year allocation plus about $10,000 from the contingency fund. These are grading and stabilizing SR 1124 from SR 1101 to SR 1122 near Concord Church at an estimated $50,000, base work and paving of SR 1813 off N.C. 41 for .6 of a mile between Beulaville and Chinquapin at an estimated $25,000 and base work and paving of SR 1811 for 1.3 miles in the same area.

Playoff Bound

Coach Bobby Davis' South Lenoir basketball team will meet Burns of Shelby at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday night in the first round playoff in Durham. The team compiled an 18-4 regular season record and was 11-1 in the conference. Coach Davis was named Conference Coach of the Year. All Conference players included Larry Canady, Clifton Whitfield and Ricky Brown.

After winning the conference tournament at Kenansville, the Rebels advanced to the District playoffs at Havelock. They won there by defeating White Oak 82-52; West Carteret 80-58; and Havelock 74-65. The game will be broadcast by WFTC radio.

Fire Destroys Tank And Barn

By Joe Lanier

Fire destroyed a farm gasoline tank and a barn containing $2,700 worth of hay last Tuesday.

The blaze occurred on the Russell Sanderson farm just before 4 p.m. while Hubert L. Kennedy, an employee of the Jenkins Gas Co. of Warsaw was filling the farm gasoline tank.

Kennedy said he had put 270 gallons of gasoline in the tank. He said he glanced away from the tank for a moment and when he looked back, the tank was afire. The burning tank set fire to the winter-dry grass around it, and the fire spread to the barn where the hay was stored.

The Sarecta and Beulaville volunteer fire departments answered the call and stood by late Tuesday to guard against additional outbreaks.

The gasoline tank belonged to Jenkins Gas Co. A companion tank beside it was undamaged. Kennedy was able to drive the truck out of danger.

Dalton Thomas, a company supervisor, said he believed static electricity caused the fire. "It happens once in a million times," he said. He could give no estimate of the loss to the company Tuesday.

Magnolia To Hold Community Of Excellence Program Meeting

There will be a meeting held on Thursday night, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Magnolia Fire Station to discuss Magnolia's participation in the new Governor's Community of Excellence Program. Ed Stanfield, Regional Development Representative of the Wilmington Field Office of the North Carolina Department of Commerce, will be the featured participant in explaining this program to the citizens of the Magnolia community. Also [illegible] Development Commission, Magnolia Mayor Melvin Pope, and Woody Brinson, Duplin County Tri-Town Community Development Director.

The purpose of the program is to assist North Carolina communities to become more attractive for the location of industry and related economic development. The program has been designed to help those communities that need assistance most — the smaller towns.

The business of attracting jobs and businesses is extremely competitive. It is important that each community improve its competitive position. The designation as a Community of Excellence is evidence that a community has improved its competitive position. However, the designation is based upon achievement in certain categories, not competition with other communities.

The Governor's Community of Excellence Program has two objectives: to help small town communities become better prepared for industrial and economic development; and to assist the N.C. Economic Development Divisions a better inventory of communities to bring to the attention of industrial firms seeking new plant locations.

The requirements to enter the program are: (1) must be a town of less than 15,000; (2) must submit an entry form no later than April 15, 1979; (3) keep a scrapbook detailing the efforts taken to achieve the award, and (4) complete the requirements for the award no later than September 15, 1979. The program requires an event that has just a community-wide citizen dedication.

Named Trustee

Milford Quinn was installed as a new trustee for a four-year term Thursday at Campbell College.

Campbell College had its first formal installation of its policy-making body, as the thirty-six member board of trustees convened for its annual late winter meeting.

Find The Gift In Every Child

GIRL SCOUT WEEK THEME

With the advent of the International Year of the Child, 1979, the United Nations asked that each government mobilize active grassroots programs on behalf of children. It is, therefore, particularly significant that a youth organization such as Girl Scouts - celebrating its 67th anniversary this week, March 11-17, selected "Find The Gift In Every Child" as the theme for nationwide projects and celebrations.

Every child has the gift of hope, of joy and love to give, and it's easy to find if only one looks. Encouraging the potential, after the talents and abilities inherent in each child is what Girl Scouting is all about.

The more than three million Girl Scouts throughout the nation and abroad are actively engaged in International Year of the Child.

Duplin Girl Scouts are served by the Girls Scout Council of Coastal Carolina, Inc., a United Way Agency.