

New Voting Procedures

Joint CPCA And FLBA Annual Stockholders Meeting Held

A new voting procedure was implemented during the joint stockholders' meeting of Coastal Production Credit Association and Federal Land Bank Association of Clinton on March 8, 1978, at Kenans Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville.

"Slim" Short, emcee, explained the new voting for the Board of Directors to the 1,750 persons attending as follows: ten days following the annual joint meeting, a ballot will be mailed to each qualified stockholder. Fifteen days after ballots are mailed, the polls will close and the following day the votes will be tallied. Each association will then be responsible for notifying each stockholder of the vote.

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for the first position, Marney and T. Haywood Bachelor for the second position, and Herwig and Eugene Outlaw for the third position. Voting will also be as mentioned above.

Emcee Short introduced Rev. Willie Wilson, pastor of the Ready Beach Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville as the speaker. After loaning up the audience with some funny stories and jokes, Wilson ended with what he called "A layman's view of what FLBA and CPCA means to me." Using each letter as a symbol, Wilson said, "F is for future and a promise for farmers; L is for your livelihood; B is for borrowers, who become co-owners; A is for accomplishment; and P is for progress."

Separate business sessions were held by CPCA and FLBA.

During the CPCA business, Roy Houston, president, presented the annual report of income and expenses. Houston stated that CPCA net worth for 1977 was \$8,092,900 as compared to \$6,812,543 in 1976. Houston also pointed out that the executive committee met 47 times and approved 1,465 loans amounting to \$36,304,815. "We have some good reports this year. We had a very good business year," stated Houston. "CPCA wants to supply you with all the loans you need, but I want it to be good for you and PCA. I believe a good manager will inherit the farm," concluded Houston.

John Smith, president of FLBA of Clinton, told the stockholders about the insurance program available and how it could help them. He also pointed out that during the past fiscal year, 377 applications were taken and considered and resulted in 286 loans being closed for \$13,660,823. "This is your association," stated Smith. "We are here to serve your purposes. Besides lending, we are looking for ways to better serve you."

A drawing for \$1,400 to lucky FLBA and CPCA stockholders in attendance plus 20 country hams as door prizes highlighted the evening. Winners included Jimmy Stroud, Richard Johnson, Horace Deaver, Ellis Brisson, Mary Quinn, Buddy Brinkley, Aaron Smith, Kevin Sumner and Mrs. Iler Carlton.



DRAWING FOR PRIZES - (L to R) John Smith, President, Federal Land Bank of Clinton; Selena Raynor; and Roy Houston, President of Coastal Production Credit Association, are shown as they gave away cash prizes and country hams to the lucky ticket holders during the annual joint stockholders' meeting held in Kenansville last Thursday night.

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Dear On Highways

Wildlife Officer C.E. Brinkley cautions night motorists to be alert for deer along the roadways during this time of high water. Excessive water flooding the lower woodlands has forced many deer out of their normal habitat onto the roadways where higher land is available and new grazing grass is abundant. A collision with a deer can be dangerous. Vehicle damage is certain and passengers could be hurt.

Brinkley recommends that drivers slow their vehicles when eyes are sighted on the shoulder and expect the deer to move erratically. At night with headlights in their eyes, deer are very unpredictable. They often seem to run toward the light. Even though a deer is well off the roadway when sighted, within seconds the deer can be in front of the vehicle.

The N.C. game law provides that a deer accidentally killed by a motorist may be retained for personal use by the motorist by way of a special possession permit.

Brinkley says Duplin County has deer throughout the county, and drivers should be careful when driving on N.C. Highways 11, 24 and 50 as well as secondary roads. Deer are particularly likely to be seen where wood flank the highway and where the road crosses creeks and streams because such "barriers" are usually favorite deer crossings.

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County To Hire Manager

The County Board of Commissioners voted last week to go to a county manager form of government for Duplin. The Board voted 4-1, with Commissioner D.J. Fussell opposing the motion. Commissioners W.J. Costin, Alan Nethercutt, Franklin Williams and Calvin Turner voted for the county manager. The commissioners said they will advertise for a manager until April 13 and hope to hire someone by July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year. The salary for the new position will range from \$18,000 to \$25,000.

The county will apply for a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development that could help fund a manager's salary up to \$12,000 a year for three years. Under the HUD program, the county would pay a minimum of 25% of the total salary during the first year, a minimum of 50% during the second year, and a minimum of 75% during the third year.

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Concert In Wallace Sunday

The Kokosingers, a four part acapella singing group will perform a public concert at the Wallace Women's Club Building at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 18, and school concert at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 19 for students of Wallace-Rose Hi High School. The group being sponsored by Kramer's Department Store the Wallace Music Club at the Duplin County Arc Council. Both performances will be admission-free.

The Kokosingers is comprised of 12 men from Kenyon College in Gambler, Ohio. They perform a wide variety of music, ranging from traditional folk songs and barbershop standards to their own arrangements of contemporary songs. The group was founded in 1971 by several students, and has recorded five albums to date. The most recent album was recorded in the summer of 1977.

Each January, the Kokosingers go on a tour of high schools and colleges to give concerts and discuss college life and Kenyon. Traditionally the tour has been through New England. Recent years they have performed in and around Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Hartford, Boston, Buffalo and Cleveland.

Of special local interest are the members of the group: Mark Offerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Offerman, Wallace.

It will be a delightful way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Don't miss it!

Dean's List

Two students from Duplin County have qualified for the fall semester dean's list at Wake Forest University at Winston-Salem.

They are Myra Allene Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Carr of Route 2, Mount Olive, and Sally Ernie Bilsward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.E. Bilsward, Sr. of Route 1, Kenansville.

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Duplin School Board Sends Budget To Commissioners

By Joe Lanier

A school budget of \$2,812,652, 7% less than the current budget, will be proposed to the Board of Commissioners at their next meeting.

The board had set April 1 as the deadline for submitting the budget request from the school system. The Board of Education approved the proposed budget unanimously at its regular meeting last week. However, the proposed budget calls for the same amount from county taxes as the present budget of \$3,023,451. That figure is \$1,914,033.

The reduction comes in the amount of revenue sharing funds proposed. The new

budget calls for \$616,434 from the federal program. The school system was allocated \$847,000 from revenue sharing money for the current year. The new budget calls for a carry-over of \$100,000 in unexpended funds compared with a carry-over of \$84,499 a year earlier.

In the budget, the school board calls for one additional guidance counselor and for guidance counselors to be paid for 11 months instead of 10 months. The Board also wants to transfer nine CETA employees to the regular payroll.

The school board is calling for a capital outlay of

\$938,415 during the next fiscal year. Of that total, county tax funds would provide \$311,981. The capital outlay budget for the current fiscal year is \$1,316,692 with county tax funds providing \$25,193. The remainder of the capital outlay in both years is scheduled to come from revenue sharing funds.

The capital outlay budget calls for \$650,000 for completion of the Kenansville K-6 grade school; \$86,990 for five new school buses; \$22,500 for two small tractors, two trucks and two mowers; \$27,333 for contingencies; \$40,000 for replacing pipes in Charity Junior High; \$15,000 for repairing

and cleaning the film showing machine; \$17,800 for furniture and equipment \$7,000 for final payment on a computer; \$4,792 for a van \$4,000 for B.F. Grady school lockers; \$20,000 for a Beula ville school site; \$7,500 for canopy for Chingquapin No. 2 and \$3,000 for site improvements.

The total 1979-80 school budget, including state federal and local money, is expected to be slightly more than \$12 million, according to Superintendent C.H. Yelverton.

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