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JSI Chairman Picked By Duplin School Board

By Joe Lanier

Jimmy Strickland of Warsaw was named chairman of the Board of Education Tuesday night after numerous motions and a long discussion concerning the fact he will be holding two chairmanships. He is also chairman of the Board of James Sprunt Institute of Kenansville.

Strickland was sworn into his fourth term on the Board. Patricia Broadrick of Warsaw was sworn into her first term and became a member be-

lieved, the first woman to serve on it.

Graham Phillips opposed having Strickland as chairman unless he resigned as chairman of the JSI Board. Strickland refused.

He was first nominated by Dr. E.L. Boyette. The nomination was seconded by Fred Rhodes. A tie vote ensued, and Strickland withdrew as a candidate.

Phillips then nominated Boyette for the chairmanship. Boyette declined because the chairman cannot vote. Phillips nominated

Rhodes, who declined. He then nominated Strickland if Strickland would resign the JSI chairmanship, which Strickland said he would not do.

Rhodes finally made a motion that Strickland be nominated to a one-year term as chairman, that the chairmanship be rotated annually, and that if Strickland is still chairman of the school board when his JSI chair term expires, he not take that post back. Boyette seconded the motion. He, Mrs. Broadrick and Rhodes voted for it, and

Phillips against.

The Board also renewed Superintendent C.H. Yelverton's contract for four years and on request of Yelverton, renewed the contracts of Asst. Superintendents L.S. Guy, Gary Sanderson and H.P. Honeycutt for four years. Asst. Superintendent L.B. Stevens is retiring at the end of this school year.

Jimmy Tillman was named head high school football coach at Wallace-Rose Hill succeeding Graham Kilpatrick. Tillman was formerly at E.T. Beddingfield High School in Wilson County.

Kindergarten Registration

April 25 Thru April 27

The Duplin County Public Schools urges all parents to register all children who will attend kindergarten for the school year 1979-1980.

The North Carolina law and the Duplin County Board of Education have established certain entry requirements. It is necessary to comply with the requirements listed below:

Immunization: Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough vaccine; Polio vaccine; and Measles - red, rubella (German measles), and mumps. Immunizations must be completed prior to enrollment in the Fall 1979. Early registration will give time to have all requirements completed. Bring immunization

record.

A birth certificate or other satisfactory evidence of date of birth is required. To meet age requirement, the child must be five years old on or before October 15, 1979. Bring birth certificate.

Forms for physical examination have been placed in

each elementary school and at the Board of Education. The physical must include the tuberculin test. The physical examination should be completed and taken to the schools on or before the opening day of school, 1979.

The kindergarten registra-

tion schedule for each school is from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. The dates are as follows: B.F. Grady and Kenansville, April 25; Beulaville, Chiquapin II and Wallace, April 26; and North Duplin Elementary, Rose Hill-Magnolia and Warsaw Elementary, April 27.

Duplin CETA Workers Assigned

By Joe Lanier

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners allocated ten additional Comprehensive Employment and Training Act workers the county received April 4 at its meeting last week.

The Board voted to assign two to the vocational rehabilitation program, one to the

Warsaw National Guard unit, one to the city of Faison, two to the County Library to work in branch units, two as chain saw operators in the mosquito control program, and two as sanitation truck driver helpers.

The Board also approved a resolution presented by Superintendent Charles Yelverton supporting a state school

bond proposal, a resolution on Library Week from John Archibald, Librarian, and a resolution received from the Cumberland County Board asking that franchise tax money received from establishments outside of incorporated towns be divided equally between the state and the counties. This money is divided between the state and the towns in which such businesses are located.

Fire Destroys Super- Market

By Joe Lanier

The Whaley Supermarket was destroyed by fire Saturday with the loss estimated in excess of \$200,000. Cause of the fire was unknown, according to officials.

Fire Chief John Simmons said flames engulfed the structure within a couple of minutes of the alarm. Heat blew windows out. He said that in addition to water from the city system, water was hauled by tanker trucks from other areas. He estimated more than 80,000 gallons of water were poured on the flames.

Assisting the Beulaville volunteer Fire Department were those from Chiquapin, Kenansville, Potters Hill and Sarecta.

The business was owned by Monk Whaley.

Tax Deadline Extended

Revenue officials of the N.C. Department of Revenue advise that all tax returns required to be filed with the department on April 15 will be accepted as timely filed returns if they are filed no later than Tuesday, April 17. This is because April 15 is on Sunday, and Easter Monday on April 16.

Personnel will be available on Tuesday of each week through April 17 and on the 16 of April to assist in filing state income and intangibles tax returns.

The Kenansville office is located on South Courthouse Square, and assistance is available between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Whitley Announces Recreation Grants

Third District Congressman Charlie Whitley announced last week that the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service of the U.S. Department of Interior has approved federal funds for the following projects:

For the Jimmy Jerome Memorial Field in Rose Hill, the federal share will be \$13,769.50 and the local

government will provide \$13,249.

The Magnolia Playground will receive a federal grant in the amount of \$15,590 with the local share being \$15,000.

The Albertson Recreation Facility will receive \$11,952 in federal funds with local government providing \$11,500.

The Pender Memorial Park and the Lions Club Park in Burgaw will receive a federal grant in the amount of \$31,179, which will be supplemented with a local contribution of \$30,000.

"These grants," said Whitley, "will be used for the development of sports and playfields, campgrounds and passive parks in these communities."

FOUR CARS DERAIL AT MAGNOLIA - Four cars of a 76-unit Seaboard Coastline freight train derailed beside the old Magnolia depot about 3:15 Wednesday. No one was injured. The derailed cars were in the middle of the train. The engine and 22 cars of the southbound train were ahead of the wreck. Forty-two cars were on the north side of the wreck. The derailed cars, two of which tipped, were

empty. One car leaned against the depot. L. M. Sanderson of Magnolia, who saw the accident, said something started dragging under the leading derailed car. When it hit the paved railroad crossing, the car derailed. The tracks were cleared late Wednesday and traffic was moving on schedule Thursday. The freight train was bound for Wilmington when it derailed.

Surveying Begins On Benson To Wilmington Highway

Studies are underway to determine the most feasible route for the proposed 90-mile interstate-type highway from Benson to Wilmington and will require that surveyors work on private properties in the area of the project. Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw has announced.

In a letter to owners of property in the vicinity of the proposed highway, Secretary Bradshaw said, "We want to assure you that your property rights will be respected during these visits." He also wrote, "The building and maintenance of a first class highway system has traditionally been a cooperative undertaking in North Carolina. We enjoy the reputation as the 'Good Roads State' as a result of many generations working together to provide access for our people to jobs and opportunities. We feel this project holds great promise for your area. Thank you again for working with us."

The letter is being hand-delivered to property owners in the area as studies begin. Due to the volume and variety of information being collected for the study, different NCDOT crews may arrive on site from time to time. The letter, which the property owners will receive, will contain the names of the

surveyors on their property as an indication of the final location of the project. He also noted that NCDOT will utilize some consulting engineering firms on the project, and they will be acting as agents of the department.

The Board of Transportation approved a corridor for the interstate-type facility in its April 1978 meeting held in Tarboro. The corridor, a width of from one to one-and-a-half miles, represents the area within which right of way for the highway will be acquired.

Actual right of way necessary for the highway will utilize much less land area than the corridor itself represents. Normal width of an interstate-type facility, including right of way, ranges from 320-350 feet with interchange areas requiring 1,200-1,500 feet.

According to Secretary Bradshaw, NCDOT has already received \$70.25 million from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for right-of-way acquisition on the multi-line project. "We enjoy an active relationship with the FHWA and eagerly appreciate its assistance in developing this 90-mile highway, as well as the help and support of North Carolina's congressional delegation, especially the representatives Charles Bone and Bill Helms."

When the ongoing surveys have been completed and the information compiled, design public hearings will be scheduled this summer to give all interested citizens an opportunity to ask questions and express opinions relative to the project. Time and place of the public hearings will be announced in advance.

Questions or comments regarding surveys on the proposed project at this time should be directed to: Horace Jernigan, Head of Location, Division of Highways, Raleigh, N.C. 27611 - Phone: (919) 733-7241.

Questions or comments concerning the project in

general should be directed to: W.A. Wilson, Jr., Head of Roadway Design, Division of Highways, Raleigh, N.C. 27611 - Phone: (919) 733-7430.

"We are working together to see a highway from Benson to Wilmington become a reality," said Bradshaw. "It represents a major commitment of the Governor to link the ports, piedmont and mountains with a safe, modern system of highways. We expect this facility to make a major contribution in implementing Governor Hunt's balanced growth and economic development policy for the entire state," he added.

Kenansville Reunion Day Planned

Plans are being formulated for a Kenansville Reunion Day to be held July 7, 1979, according to Annes Beinson, spokeswoman for a steering committee which is being started. The idea began as a way to remember the Kenansville Elementary School which was started in 1922 and which will be replaced this coming year by the new school now being constructed.

Events for the day will center around the school, but will be expanded to include

the entire town. Special recreational activities are being planned for the children so that parents will be able to reminisce about the prior years of Kenansville. Special reunions for all the classes from 1922 to 1979 are also being planned.

Further plans as they are developed will be made available through local news media. Anyone desiring to assist in the plans or seeking further information should contact Annes Beinson at Kenansville Drug Store, telephone 296-0346.

BOARD OF EDUCATION INSTALLS NEW MEMBER - Mrs. Gary L. (Pat) Broadrick of Warsaw, was installed Tuesday night, April 3, as a member of the Board of Education. She won this place in the last election by an overwhelming majority, and is the first lady

in Duplin County to serve on this board. In the above picture, Mrs. Broadrick (center) and James F. Strickland (left), who also ran in the election to succeed himself, are being sworn in by John A. Johnson, Clerk of Superior Court.