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More Staff Approved For New Duplin Jail

By Joe Lanier

Sheriff Edward Reville's request for three additional staff members to man the new county jail was approved Tuesday by the Board of Commissioners at their meeting.

The sheriff plans to combine the posts of dispatcher and jail matron. Television monitors for the women's section of the jail are located only in the dispatcher's room. The television monitors of the jail are located in the jailer's office.

Reville said only one part-time matron served the old jail. The jailer and his wife lived in the old jail and his wife served as matron when

need arose. He said he had gotten by so far by working his staff many overtime hours. Reville said the staff now must include four jailers and four dispatchers. Previous to the move into the new jail, the staff included one jailer and four dispatchers. The cook assisted separation of the units prevents the combination of jailer's and cook's duties.

The new persons will be paid \$7,848 per year. The positions will be advertised for two weeks.

No decision was reached on the question of whether to call for title searches on easements required for the Lime-

stone-Muddy Creek Watershed project. The Board was hesitant to call for a title search as such action could cost as much as \$40-\$50,000, according to members.

County Attorney E.J. Lanier, Jr. said there were 800 easements involved.

George Cowan of Cedar Fork, a Soil District Commissioner, said, "If we do any title search, we're talking about county money and I have talked to responsible people in the area and they would rather see the money spent in the ditch."

Commissioner Calvin Turner said he hesitates to see any action taken that would further delay the start of construction on the pro-

ject. County Extension Chairman Lois Britt received permission to transfer \$9,900 from the Extension salary budget to building repair and maintenance. Extensive painting and renovation work is required in the Agricultural Building.

The county received tentative approval from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for a \$500,000 block grant for a county water system to serve possibly 172 customers. The proposed water system would connect with Kenansville's system. Lines would run along N.C. 50 to Dobson's Chapel, then to Register's Crossroads and connect with the Greenways water system which is now being constructed. The line would continue westward past the county landfill to within two miles of Rose Hill.

Brack Honored By School Board



Members of the Duplin County Board of Education recently honored Russell Brock at the Southern Restaurant in Mount Olive.

Brock served for 18 years as a member and chairman of the Board. He was presented with luggage and a plaque which read: Duplin County Board of Education sincerely salutes Mr. Russell Brock, Member/Chairman of the Board of Education, 1961-1979. His dedication inspired us, his support strengthened us, his friendship warmed us. April 7, 1979.

Present were: J.F. Strickland, Graham A. Phillips, Dr. E.L. Boyette, Frederick Rhodes and Charles H. Yelverton.

County Wide Herring Professorship Fund Drive Initiated

A local county-wide Dallas Herring Professorship Endowment Fund Drive was initiated with a dinner at The County Center in Warsaw.

day, April 19th hosted by the North Carolina State University Education Foundation, to honor Dr. Herring, who served as chairman of the

State Board of Education from 1957-1977. The statewide campaign was begun May 21st with a dinner in Raleigh.

invited guests to the local dinner included the Duplin County Board of Commissioners, the Duplin County

Board of Education, the James Sprunt Institute Board of Trustees, and the mayors of Duplin municipalities.

Mrs. Henry L. Stevens, Jr. and J. Willard Hoffer are the local co-chairmen. Mrs. Stevens served as chairman of the evening ceremonies.

James Sprunt Institute President Dr. Carl Price introduced Rudolph Pate, Vice Chancellor of North Carolina State University, who made a few remarks about Herring and the Professorship. Pate said that the Dallas Herring Professorship in Community College Education at NCSU will be an endowed chair, with the income used to supplement the salary of a distinguished faculty member in the field of community college education. A statewide fund base of \$100,000 (minimum) is required.

Other local introductions were as follows: County Commissioner Bill Costin; Mayor Charles Frazier; Board Chair Dr. E.L. Boyette; and Board of Education Chairman Charles H. Yelverton.

speaker expressed the willingness of their group to work locally for the Herring Professorship.

Mrs. Ebers Watson of Rose Hill, a new-comer to Duplin County, was introduced for a few remarks about Dr. Herring and the Professorship. She said, "We, as a family, have felt what Dr. Herring has done in this county. JSI and Wallace-Rose Hill Elementary School are examples of intangible education that Dr. Herring has influenced. As a new-comer, I challenge all of us to honor Dr. Herring with this project."

"I have never seen anyone more tenacious in getting a job done than Dr. Herring," stated Superintendent Charles Yelverton. "Our role is accomplishing this project. I feel our Board will support this, and I'll give it my energy."

Bill Warren presented a fund-raising drive plan which he said could make Duplin's Endowment Fund one of the largest in the state. The plan calls for the creation of a fund in Duplin County, the County

Commissioners as advisors, and the Mayors as coordinators of other fund recruiters. The plan calls for 165 people working toward a goal of \$30,000. The fund drive officially opened April 20th and will continue through May 31st.

Closing remarks were made by co-chairmen Stevens and Hoffer.

JSI Survey To Be Taken In County

James Sprunt Institute will conduct educational needs assessment surveys throughout the county beginning April 30 and ending May 30. Information from the surveys will be used by James Sprunt in designing educational programs for Duplin area citizens and manpower training needs of industries.

The surveys will be divided into two basic groups: Industrial Surveys and General Adult Surveys. The

Industrial Surveys will be conducted by visiting plants or businesses which employ 25 or more people and by a random sampling of those employing less than 25. Douglas Judge, Director of Evening Programs, will visit area industries. The General Adult Survey will be conducted by telephone using a random sample method.

Steve Tolson, Institute Development Officer, will conduct the entire survey project.



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UNDERWAY - The Duplin Outdoor Drama Society has announced a membership drive to support the operating expenses and growth of THE LIBERTY CART. Mrs. Winifred T. Wells of Wallace has been named 1979 Membership Chairman. A kick-off luncheon was held Wednesday at the Rose Hill

Restaurant. Attending were, left to right, Charles Yelverton, secretary of the society; Jimmy Strickland, President; Mrs. Wells, Membership Chairman; Rich Boyd, General Manager of THE LIBERTY CART; and Sue Clark, who presented Mrs. Wells with a check as the first family membership contributor.

The Liberty Cart Membership Drive Underway

The Duplin Outdoor Drama Society launched their membership drive last week by naming Mrs. Winifred Wells of Wallace as chairman of the 1979 campaign. The drama society was formed in 1976 to serve

as the producing organization for the outdoor drama, THE LIBERTY CART.

Jimmy Strickland, president of the society, said the membership drive was necessary because ticket sales alone cannot support

THE LIBERTY CART. Strickland said, "THE LIBERTY CART is a people sharing their history, their culture, and most of all, themselves."

The membership drive will continue until June 1. The

1979 season of THE LIBERTY CART will run from June 29 until August 5, Thursday through Sunday in the William R. Kenan, Jr. Memorial Amphitheatre in Kenansville.

Mrs. Wells has named the following area chairmen for the drive: Mrs. Peggy Olson and Mrs. Evelyn Buckley of Wallace; Mrs. Margaret Cooper of Rose Hill; Mrs. Virginia Brown, Mrs. Ruth Jones, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. Bob Grant, and Mrs. Gail Brinson of Kenansville; Mrs. Barbara Guy of Faison; Mrs. Dee Blankford and Mrs. Brenda James of Beaufort; Mrs. Betty Chestnut of Magnolia; Mrs. Helen Boyette of Chinquapin; Mrs. Geraldine Tucker of Pink Hill, and Mrs. Alta Kornegay of Warsaw.

Warsaw Utilities Bond Vote May 29

By Joe Lanier

Warsaw will hold a referendum May 29th on two proposed bond issues to finance its share of a \$4.3 million sewer and water improvement project.

To qualify for the federal and state grants involved, the town must put up \$598,000 for the water project and \$400,000 for the sewer project.

The sewer project, estimated to cost \$2.2 million is mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency, according to Alfred Herring, town manager. The cost of the planned water system is estimated at \$2,197,010.

Town Commissioner John Weatherly said he believes this will be the best opportunity the town will have to improve both systems. It has a \$500,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a \$416,000 grant from the state Clean Water Bond Fund and a \$683,000 grant from Farmers Home Administra-

tion for the water project. The federal and state governments will pay all but 12.5 percent of the mandated portion of the sewer project. However, the town plans to run sewer lines to two new areas and must pay for this portion of the project and recover the cost eventually in service fees.

Weatherly observed, "The town is now at a point where it will have to approve the bond issues so it can grow or it will fall backwards. Growth is impossible without the improvements."

Herring noted no new connections can be made to the sewer system without direct permission of the state at present. The town's sewage treatment plant has been ruled inadequate, he said. The sewer project will include rebuilding and upgrading of the new facility as well as laying new sewer pipe.

Herring said both sewer and water lines were improperly maintained for many years. He noted there

is presently a heavy infiltration of water into the sewers after heavy rains. Water lines often leak. There are now 39 dead ends in the water line system. The plan calls for looping the lines as well as installing numerous check valves.

Another problem, Herring pointed out, is that all but the northeast part of town has to be cut off anytime any service work must be done on the water system because there are no check valves in the lines. All water pipes laid prior to 1970-71 will be replaced in the project.

Mayor Sam Godwin estimated the minimum water bill to be \$6 based on an average monthly water usage of 3,000 gallons, and the minimum sewer bill to be \$4.50.

HOSPITAL TRUSTEES ELECT ELSTON CHAIRMAN

The Duplin General Hospital Board of Trustees elected Billy Elston of Cypress Creek Township as chairman last Tuesday night.

Super Dollar Grand Reopening Thursday

Super Dollar Stores, Inc., with headquarters in Raleigh, will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony as part of the Grand Re-opening of their Warsaw store on Thursday, April 26th at 9 a.m. The new store is adjacent to Wilson's Supermarket just off US 117.

Super Dollar operates more than 140 stores in the Carolinas, Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky specializing in a full merchandise assortment of home and family needs, all at discount prices. President of Super Dollar Stores, L. M. Melvin, states that Super Dollar stores are unique in the fact that they can serve the needs of small town customers in a limited amount of selling space by delivering new shipments of merchandise every week. Furthermore, large volume buying and shipping from one warehouse located in Raleigh makes it possible to obtain lowest prices and discounts from manufacturers and Super Dollar passes these savings on to their customers.