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Schools Taking Steps To Conserve Energy

The Duplin County school system plans several steps to conserve energy during the coming school year, which starts August 31 with orientation for students.

Some of the steps were begun in previous years as costs mounted and supplies became short, officials said.

J.L. Rhodes, maintenance supervisor, said special thermostats have been installed so heat or air conditioning can be shut off in unused areas. Thermostats have been set at 40 degrees during the winter at night to reduce fuel use, but still protect plumbing from freezing.

Schools with electric heat have timer-thermostats to prevent air conditioners from all going on at one time and building high peak loads. By staggering the moment air conditioners come on, costs of electricity can be reduced, the official said, as the reduction of peak load lowers cost. He said the Warsaw Elementary School saved \$4,000 last year with this system. He also noted the system has reduced its heating fuel usage during the past three years, though last year was warmer than the preceding years.

Among other maintenance conservation steps will be reduction of deliveries from central warehouses to two days a week and working out

of delivery routes for most efficient use of travel mileage.

During the coming school year, Allen Wood, supervisor of the garage and bus fleet, said bus routes will be reviewed with Cato DeVane, state schoolbus supervisor in an effort to plan mileage cuts. Results of the study are expected in time to put them into effect with the 1980-81 school year. Some routes will be combined for the coming year to reduce the number of stops. Wood said the system expects 12 new buses about the end of December to replace some 1965-66 models.

The system has 137 buses, including four used for special education students. It has 12 spare buses and 10 service trucks as well as 12 activity buses and three vans.

The buses used 256,509 gallons of gasoline and traveled 1,192,005 miles in the last school year. They averaged 5,739 miles per gallon and 48 miles per day.

Kermit Holland, assistant maintenance supervisor, said the 13 schools using oil for heating last year used 197,000 gallons. The system has storage capacity for 204,000 gallons, but this is distributed among the schools and some of them lack capacity for storing a

full-winter's fuel supply, he added.

An enrollment of 8,900 students is expected this year, according to L. S. Guy, associate superintendent. This would be about 100 more than last year.

Kindergarten enrollment is expected to be 524 students compared with 667 last year. Last year's kindergarten total topped the preceding year by 110. Guy said, "I don't know where they all came from. The birth rate did not indicate that increase."

He said the system will have three more teachers than a year ago due to a new state apportionment formula. It will have 307 classroom teachers, 17 principals, 34 support staffers, 60 exceptional children's teachers, 43 educational occupation teachers, and 36 remedial teachers under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

The system is considering a retention policy, Guy said. He noted that year-before-last, 500 students were retained for a year, mostly in the 9th and 10th grades.

In new developments, the most important, he indicated, will be an evaluation of kindergarten students as school begins to determine any special needs for individuals.



REDUCE NINE PESTS [R-9-P] - The Goldbold Brothers of Warsaw are participating in the R-9-P program of the Agricultural Extension Service. The Goldbolds are pictured cutting tobacco stalks immediately after the final harvest. The Extension Service is encouraging all tobacco farmers to participate in the R-9-P program by following this procedure. According to

research and demonstration tests, this R-9-P program may increase the next year's crop value as much as \$212 per acre in fields where disease, insects, or weed population is moderate to high. The nine pests include: root-knot, mosaic, brown spot, veil-banding, hornworms, budworms, flea beetles, weeds, and grasses.

Ex-Deputy William's Motion Denied

A motion to dismiss all charges against George Williams, former deputy sheriff, who was found guilty of two counts of larceny in District Court was denied by Superior Court Judge Richard B. Allsbrook Monday.

Defense Attorney Bruce Robinson based his motion for dismissal on the claim the charges against Williams were racially motivated.

Williams had appealed the lower court conviction to Superior Court. The case is scheduled for August 14.

Williams was fined \$200 on each count by the District Court.

He was convicted of charges of taking a radio power booster and its brackets from Whaley's Appliance and Furniture Store near Wallace. Williams claimed he was working under cover at the time in an attempt to catch a suspect.

Meals Program Unchanged For Elderly

Bids for supplying the meals-to-the-elderly program were rejected Monday by the Board of Commissioners.

The Board will continue to rely on WAGES of Wayne County to prepare food for the program.

About 180 prepared meals are hauled each day to Wallace, Kenansville, Warsaw and Faison.

The Wayne organization is a county-sponsored non-profit group. It agreed to help Duplin until the county can use the kitchen and cafeteria of the present Kenansville Elementary School.

The present school will be empty when the new elementary school building is completed in December or January.

Bidding on the lunch project were Dineteria of Dunn at \$1.69; B & K Grill of Kenansville at \$1.60 (the county would have to furnish containers and some other equipment at that bid); and Britts Seafood of Albemarle, \$1.84. Dineteria supplied the meals until canceling its contract last spring.

In other action, the Board rejected an offer from the N.C. Department of Corrections to pay the county \$10 per day to keep some misdemeanants in the county jail. Prisoners can be sentenced to county jails instead of state prisons if they are serving less than 90 days for misdemeanors. The Board protested that it would cost more than \$10 a day to keep the prisoners.

Landfill Supervisor David Underhill reported the landfill, which has been under the jurisdiction of the state Board of Health, will come under control of the Environmental Protection Agency January 1st. He said wells will have to be drilled around the landfill so water quality can be tested. This has not been required in the past.

The landfill handles 490 tons of garbage per day. The landfill will have space for garbage for another 25 years at the present rate of use, he added. It has been in operation for six years.

He also said the change from state to federal jurisdiction will mean a greatly increased amount of paper work.

Rich Family Receives Award Liberty Cart Ends Season

The final performance of THE LIBERTY CART for the 1979 season took place Sunday evening, August 5, and afterwards the annual cast party was held at The Country Squire.

Everyone was treated to an array of food and drink followed by slides about THE LIBERTY CART arranged by Kerry Maher.

Appreciation was expressed to the cast and crew by Jimmy Strickland, president of the Outdoor Drama Society, Tom Kenan, vice-president of the society, and Benjamin Keaton, composer-arranger of THE LIBERTY CART. General manager and director Rich Boyd voiced his appreciation to the staff, cast and crew, and gave out the awards.

THE LIBERTY CART 1979 Pusher awards were presented to the Kenansville Youth Center, Susan E. Goforth, Sheila Burhart, Carolyn and Wayne Quinn, and Lester Souza.

The Charles Moore, Sr. award is given to a local member of the cast who has made a significant contribution to the production, and is named to honor the late Charles Moore, Sr., a member of the 1977 volunteer cast. This year's recipients were Craig and Alice Rich.

THE LIBERTY CART Spirit award, given to the professional cast member who contributed the most to the betterment of the production, went to Kerry Maher.

Staff personnel Patsy Murray and Garry Harris received the Special Service awards. These are given to members of the staff, cast, or crew who give dedication "beyond the call of duty."

After the awards were presented, participants said their "goodbyes," signed souvenir programs, and danced until the early morning hours to disco music.

Boat People Sponsored By Rose Hill Family

By Emily Killete

The Duplin County town of Rose Hill is the home for a Vietnamese family who lived on a boat off the Malaysian coast until rescued and brought to the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Johnston have sponsored the first Duplin County boat people family and say there will be 10 more refugees coming in about two weeks. According to Mrs. Johnston, the refugees who will be coming are part of the Huynh family who are staying with the Johnstons now.

Huynh Tan Loi and his wife, Tang Ai, have three sons, Huynh Tuan Dat, 5, Tuynh Tuan Tu, 3, and Huynh Tuan Tai, 1. The family is from Cholon Island, and before coming to the United States, spent nine months in a refugee camp and one month on a boat. The family does not speak English.

After being rescued off the Malaysian coast, Loi and his family were sent to San Francisco where the U.S. Catholic Conference of Migration and Refugee Services found them a home in Rose Hill. Ambrose Johnston said Loi and his family were then placed on a plane in San Francisco and sent to Raleigh.

"The plane fare from California was \$900, and it is Loi's responsibility to pay it back," Johnston said. The loan for the \$900 came from ICM and Loi is to start paying the money back within 3 months of his relocation in Rose Hill. Payments will be \$42 each month for 23 months, Johnston said.

Mrs. Johnston said the Huynh family arrived on Wednesday, July 25, and Loi started work at Rose Hill Poultry the next day. He works the second shift, and his foreman is Tom Brinson.

"We asked Loi if he would like to go fishing when he first arrived, but he said, no, work first," Mrs. Johnston said. Johnston said the entire staff had been very helpful and understanding at Rose Hill Poultry. According to him, plant manager Harvey Simpler, personnel director Nellie Dale, supervisor Joe Whaley and foreman Tom Brinson were not reluctant to help Loi start his new life in Rose Hill.

The Johnstons hope Loi will be able to help the next group of refugees understand some of the American customs and the English language.

"The American hand motion that means to come is just the opposite for the Vietnamese — it means to push away," Mrs. Johnston said. Neither of the Johnstons speak the Huynh's

native language. "You have to sort of rake toward yourself with your hands down to mean 'come' in their language," Mrs. Johnston indicated.

Also, Mrs. Johnston told that the Vietnamese do not discipline their children when they are young, but wait until they are older. Boys are taught they are superior to girls, and older boys are responsible for the care of younger children, Mrs. Johnston said.

However, the Huynh family are not the only ones who are learning new customs. The Johnstons are learning about Oriental cooking. Mrs. Johnston said their basic food is rice, but they add fresh vegetables and different kinds of meats and seafood, and stir-fry these in a Nuoc Mam-Hong Huong sauce. "We just enjoy Tang Ai's cooking so much," Mrs. Johnston commented.

The Johnstons said the next group of refugees who are scheduled to arrive in two weeks will live in a house which the First Baptist Church of Rose Hill is in the process of locating. The Huynh family is staying in a mobile home in the Johnstons' yard.

Johnston, who says he is semi-retired, looks after 25,000 broilers and a big garden. He also grinds his

own corn meal and grits from the hominy corn he grows in his garden. According to Mrs. Johnston, they have three freezers filled and are prepared to feed as many of the refugees as necessary until they can be responsible for themselves.

The Huynh family is not

the first refugee family the Johnstons have sponsored. They took in a laotian family in 1975. This family has since moved to Orange, California. The Johnston's became involved through the Transfiguration Catholic Church in Wallace which they attend regularly.

Ambrose and Mildred Johnston have four children of their own — Terry, 30, David, 28, Robert, 21, and Mary, 19. Mary is a student at James Sprunt Institute and lives with her parents in Rose Hill. The Johnston boys do not live at home.



THE HUYNH FAMILY - stand with their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Johnston of Rose Hill. The new home for the refugee family from Vietnam is the mobile home pictured in the background.

State Adjutant General Ingram Visits Beulaville Armory

North Carolina has a good climate for military activity, State Adjutant General William E. Ingram said during his visit with SGT Leroy Kennedy at the Beulaville National Guard Armory last week.

According to Ingram, ROTC organizations have been on the increase in the state. Not only have senior ROTC units had an increased enrollment, but seven new junior ROTC units have been nity action projects," Ingram said.

Community action projects include such things as the Boy Scout project at Whiteville and the athletic field in Kinston, Ingram said.

Ingram also stated his concern for getting local people to contribute money to their Armory in order to maintain the building and the Guard. Ingram said he was concerned about armory maintenance. He said he had started in high schools in the past year.

The increased number of young people enlisting in National Guard units across the state is due to the benefits offered, Ingram said. He also said that posi-

tive coverage of National Guard activities by the media was another reason for the increased interest.

"The media has been nice to the National Guard. It has helped promote our community to get more money allocated in the budget for maintenance but did not receive as much as he had hoped."

"I submitted the most ambitious budget ever, but it was cut way down," Ingram said. However, a budget of \$135,000 was approved.

Ingram said he would be visiting all 135 armories in

the state. The purpose of the visits is to discuss local problems and possible solutions at the individual armories, Ingram stated.

Ingram has served as Adjutant General of North Carolina for two years. He joined the Guard in 1947.

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The funds are being allocated to each county based upon their population.

Allocations for the 1979-80 fiscal year for Duplin County is \$21,000.

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N.C. ADJUTANT GENERAL WILLIAM E. INGRAM - Beulaville's SFC Leroy J. Kennedy, and CSM Jaylon P. Jones, officer traveling with Ingram, stand in front of the Beulaville National Guard Armory.