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School Board Chairman Resigns Dr. Boyette Named Chairman

James F. Strickland of Warsaw resigned as chairman of the Board of Education Tuesday night.

The Board elected Dr. E. L. Boyette of Chinquapin as its new chairman, and Graham Phillips of Wallace as vice chairman.

Strickland resigned to accept a new term as chairman of the James Sprunt Institute Board of Trustees.

Strickland had agreed at the time he was elected chairman of the Board of Education that he would not see another term as JSI Board chairman. The JSI term expired in July.

However, he said in a letter to the Board of Education, the JSI Board was emphatic in urging him to continue as institute chairman.

He said Tuesday night that although he does not believe there is a potential conflict of interest, he feels he should resign as chairman, but continue as a member of the Board.

Boyette and other Board members said they would have preferred that Strickland resign the JSI post. Board of Education member Pat Broadrick of Warsaw said she believes one person should not serve as chairman of both boards at the same time, as there is a conflict of interest when it comes to seeking money for the two educational systems.

A motion by Mrs. Broadrick that no Board member could serve as chairman of two educational boards at the same time won approval by a split vote. Voting for the motion were Mrs. Broadrick, Phillips and Boyette. Voting against it was Frederick Rhodes of Albertson.

In other business, James Flowers, home-school coordinator, reported "We have witnessed some significant changes on the state level in programs concerning troubled youth." He said the county office of community-based alternatives has been active in providing technical assistance and funds to start up new programs for troubled youths.

"Working through our local task force and state community-based alternatives office, we have secured a grant for an in-school suspension center in Duplin County," he said.

The grant amounts to \$16,000, including a 10% in-kind match from the county, he added. The new program goes into effect in September. The center will be located at Warsaw Junior High and will deal only with troubled students of Warsaw Junior High at the start. Last year, 37 Warsaw Junior High students were referred to the home-school coordinator, the most from any school in the county.

The grant will provide the salary for one special teacher, equipment and supplies for the center.

Troubled students will be sent to the center instead of being expelled. Flowers said the main emphasis at the state level continues to be diverting these troubled youth from the juvenile justice system by use of local alternative measures. These include in-school suspension, specialized foster homes, and alternative schools such as extended day school to replace state institutions for the status offenders, he added.

Flowers told the Board he worked with 236 students and their parents during the past school year. Of these, 148 students had truancy problems and 88 others had problems involving indigence, neglect, abuse, emotional disturbances and illness.

State Firemen Honor Chief Sharpe



The Rev. Lauren Sharpe, minister of the Kenansville Baptist Church and chief of the Kenansville Fire Department, was chosen by the N.C. Firemen's Association as "Fireman of the Year for 1979." The award was given for "appreciation for outstanding service to all the fire service."

Chief Sharpe was also elected president of the N.C. Association of Fire Chiefs for 1979-80. Sharpe serves as the permanent chairman of the Council of Fire Service Organizations and is also chaplain for the N.C. Fire Service.



THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE OF EXCELLENCE is seated at the Magnolia Town Hall. The committee listens as Magnolia officials report on the improvements and changes made to meet requirements for the Governor's Community of Excellence Award.

Three Duplin County Towns Up For Governor's Award

Duplin County had a 1976 total labor force of 18,130 persons with employment of 16,560 and unemployment of 1,570, the townspeople reported.

John Radford, who is in charge of the Governor's Committee of Excellence awards, commented, "The awards program was set-up to assist communities in meeting requirements necessary to get new industry, but it does not insure that new industry will locate in these areas."

According to Radford, only communities with a population of 15,000 or less are eligible to enter the award program. This year only 107 of the 430 eligible in the state entered. Duplin County had six towns entering.

Radford said no towns are winners until Gov. Hunt has studied the individual reports, and on November 15 he will invite all the winners to Raleigh where he will personally present the awards.

But, all three towns visited by Commerce Officials last week have been recommended to Gov. Hunt for the Excellence Award, Woody Brinson, Magnolia and Kenansville Town Administrator, said. Brinson was contacted Monday after the towns had been recommended to the Governor.

"I don't know what the outcome of today's findings will be, but if Duplin County keeps doing what they've been doing for this award, it will certainly get what it set out for," Radford said.

Radford urged the county to keep up the good work and he complimented the towns and citizens on their team efforts when he spoke at the pig picking in Kenansville.

"The citizens have a terrific story to tell — the Duplin story," Radford said during the Beulaville meeting. At the end of that meeting, he urged Duplin citizens to send a delegation to meet with prospective industrial clients in Raleigh.

"We will give you time to tell the clients your story," Radford said, "and time to show the clients the advantages of coming to a small community and getting out of the larger towns."

Other Duplin towns participating in the program are Warsaw, Wallace and Rose Hill. Warsaw was inspected in June. Wallace and Rose Hill will be inspected in September.

Child Abuse Suspect Gets More Charges

A Wallace man who is in jail on charges that he scalded two children with hot water was charged last week with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Ira Rickey Wheeler, 19, was baby-sitting for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edward Williams near Warsaw on July 28 when Sheriff's Department deputies were called.

The children, age 18 months and 30 months, were found bruised and scalded. They were in New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington until their release this past week, officials said.

Wheeler was originally charged with child abuse, a misdemeanor, but on Wednesday the Sheriff's Department raised the charge to assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill, causing serious bodily injury.

The assault charge stems from the alleged scalding. Wheeler is being held under \$5,000 bond.

A preliminary hearing on the new charge is scheduled in district court.

Whitley To Visit County

Third District Congressman Charles O. Whitley announced that he will be visiting Duplin County on Thursday, August 23rd.

At 8 a.m. Whitley will be at Norris's Restaurant in Wallace for a dutch breakfast and at 1 p.m. he is scheduled to meet with the Warsaw-Kenansville Rotary Club at Brown's Restaurant in Kenansville.

During the remainder of the day, Whitley will visit area tobacco warehouses and other points of interest throughout the county.

Chinquapin Youth Drowns

Alvin Williams, 17, of Chinquapin, drowned Wednesday afternoon in the Northeast Cape Fear River.

Hiram Brinson, county emergency services coordinator, reported Williams and several other youths went to the river near Chinquapin about 5 p.m. after cropping tobacco all day.

Williams' companions told him that Williams, who could not swim, stepped into a deep hole in the river and disappeared. They told Brinson they were unable to get Williams out of the river.

Chinquapin Rescue Squad members dragged the river from the squad boat and recovered the body about 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Price Appointed To State Accreditation Screening Committee

The purpose of the committee is to review applications for accreditation by the state board from institutions within the community college system. The process includes the applying institution performing a self-evaluation, having an outside visitation committee come in to identify strengths and weaknesses and the writing of a report on recommended and suggested actions to be taken to improve the institution. The committee submits this report to the state office. The screening committee reviews the institution's self-study; the report of the visiting committee, the institution's response to that report; and interviews, in most cases, the president of the institution.

Dr. Carl Price, president of James Sprunt Institute, has been appointed by the N.C. State Board of Education to a 3-year term on the N.C. Accreditation Screening Committee.

Dr. Price will be serving as a member of the 12-member committee that reviews these materials and makes recommendations to the state board of education for the granting of accreditation. Presently, fifty-seven institutions are accredited by the state board of education. They are on a cycle whereby reaffirmation of accreditation must be sought periodically.

Dr. Price received notification of his appointment August 2 from G. Herman Porter, secretary, accreditation screening committee, and Dr. Larry Blake, president of the N.C. Community College System.



Faison Approves Water Project

The Faison Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, August 7 at the Town Hall and approved a water project for improvement of the present system.

Faison will be using \$385,000 to improve their present water system. Plans are to construct an elevated water tank, add six-inch water mains and appurtenances, drill a new well, upgrade the present well, add four-inch raw waterlines, and to make water treatment plant improvements.

As the meeting continued, a \$1,750 grant for sewage system improvements was passed by council members. Also, the Board discussed the possibility of sending someone to school to train in public works. The discussion ended and Board members Helen Britt and Elwood Allen were appointed to gather more information and names of possible candidates to be presented at the next meeting.

Charles Lee King was recommended by the recreation committee as the new recreation director. King's appointment was approved, and he will begin work August 20.

The Board approved the Boy Scouts' recommendation that August 10-12 be Senior Citizen's Weekend. During this period, the Scouts plan to cut grass and clean yards for the disabled senior citizens.

The police report was given with the recommendation that the Faison Pool Room be closed at midnight and on Sundays. Both were passed. The ordinance was amended concerning the pool room hours and went into effect August 8th.

Safety Meeting

Operation Life Saver is a statewide effort to promote safety at railroad crossings. Retired Col. Speed of the N.C. Highway Patrol will speak on August 23, though the time and place of the meeting has not been established.

For more information, contact the Kenansville Youth In Action 4-H Club, Agricultural Extension Service, or the Duplin County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

Breaking, Entery, And Larcenies Investigated

The Duplin County Sheriff's Department investigated four breaking, entering, and larcenies reported last week.

The Agricultural Extension office in Kenansville reported the theft of two cash boxes, all the keys to the extension building and vending machines, an 8-mm camera, three calculators, an AM/FM Zenith radio, half a roll of stamps, and a Waccamaw money bag. The total value of the missing items was estimated at \$487.50. The incident occurred during the night of August 8, according to investigating officers E.G. Baker and Rodney Thigpen.

The Employment Security Commission reported the theft of a blue tacklebox containing \$25, a payroll check, an oatmeal cookie, and the coin changer from a drink machine. The value of the missing items was estimated at \$145.20. The damage to the window, which the suspect is thought to have entered, is \$50. A suspect, Craig Boone of Kenansville, has been charged with breaking, entering and larceny. He has a prior record of larceny, and his fingerprints matched those at the scene of the crime. He is under \$5,000 bond in the county jail. The incident occurred during the night of August 9, according to investigating officer Rodney Thigpen.

Raymond Kenan of Route 3, Wallace, reported a breaking, entering, and larceny of a window air-conditioning unit from his home. It was valued at \$400. Officer Earl Whitaker investigated.

Ella McCauley of Route 1, Magnolia, reported a breaking, entering and larceny of \$12.62 from her home. Twenty-five dollars in damages was done to a window where the person entered the McCauley home. Burnis Hargrove and Burnell Sasser were the investigating officers.

Two breaking and enterings were reported last week to the Sheriff's Department. The Mill Swamp Community Center was the scene of a breaking and entering on August 7. According to reports, the gate was broken open and the intruders then went swimming in the pool. Damage to the gate was estimated at \$20. Officer V.J. Basden investigated.

Two larcenies and two vandalisms were also reported. Roland H. Jones, Jr. of Wallace reported the larceny of the battery from his 1967 Chrysler. The battery was valued at \$40 by Officer E.G. Baker who investigated.

Christopher J. Scarborough of Route 2, Wallace, reported the larceny of two speakers, valued at \$69, from his car. Burnell Sasser was the investigating officer.

HARRELLS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Orientation for all students of Harrells Christian Academy will take place Friday, August 24, from 9-11 a.m. Students will go immediately to the auditorium upon arrival. Busses will run.

Monday, August 27, is a regular class day, from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.