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RURAL SOUTH IN TRANSITION - The James Sprunt Institute forum series The Rural South in Transition presented guest speakers, Howard N. Lee, N.C. Secretary of Human Resources, and Dr. John S. Reed of the

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Oct. 3. Pictured, left to right, are Howard N. Lee; Drew Rowe, moderator and a member of the JSI faculty; Dr. John Reed; and John Beck, series director from the JSI faculty.

JSI Forum Series Dr. Herring To Speak

By Emily Killelte

A forum series presented by James Sprunt Institute will feature Dr. Darnell Hawkins of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Dr. W. Dallas Herring of Rose Hill, former chairman of the N.C. Board of Education, on Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hoffer Building. Admission is free.

The forum is an examination of The Rural South in Transition and participants will discuss the changes that

have taken place in the last 30 years. Each week a panel of Duplin County citizens will comment on the guest speakers' presentations, and the audience will be invited to participate in the discussions. The forum is in its third week and will continue through Nov. 1. This week's topic is Preparing People For A Changing Society: How Well Does Our Educational System Do This?

Members of the panel will be Mary Wood and Gene Ballard, JSI administrators,

and Clifton C. Smith of Warsaw, and Alice Scott, assistant superintendent of Duplin County Schools. The moderator will be Chan Wilson, a teacher at North Duplin Elementary.

There will be a reception for Dr. Hawkins and Dr. Herring in the board room of the McGowan Building from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. sponsored by the N.C. Association of Educators Oct. 17.

Also, on display during the forum series is an art exhibit which is related to the theme

of the lectures, furnished by the Duplin County A. Guild.

"Changes in practices and Teaching Methods in Public Schools" will be the topic discussed by Dr. Hawkins. Dr. Herring will discuss "How Well Does Our Higher Education System Prepare People for a Changing Society?"

Last week, Dr. Donald Matthews of UNC-CH and Dr. Carol Stack of Duke University were the guest speakers.

Duplin County Area Ducks Unlimited Banquet Nov. 15

The Duplin County Area Committee of Ducks Unlimited has announced that its first annual banquet will be held at The Country Squire on Nov. 15 at 6 p.m.

Committee co-chairmen Stan Draughon and Pat Matthis feel the fund-raising function should be marked on the calendar by anyone who is interested in the future of North America's waterfowl.

"The Ducks Unlimited success story," said Matthis, "is really starting to spread around. Banquets much like ours held throughout the country last year contributed towards Ducks Unlimited's national fund-raising effort which raised \$16 million during 1978 alone."

"But what's even more important to realize," said Draughon, "is that this national fund-raising total must increase this year if the North American waterfowl habitat race is to be won."

Futch Named MOC Dinner Chairman

Representatives from the Free Will Baptist churches in Duplin County gathered to plan their annual dinner in support of Mount Olive College.

Meeting at Cabin Free Will Baptist Church near Beulaville, the group elected the Rev. William E. Futch of Chingapin as chairman for the 1979 county dinner.

DU's sportsmen-conservationists founders discovered through surveys conducted 40 years ago, that 70% of North America's waterfowl production occurs in Canada. They figured out back in 1937 what holds true today. Since Federal duck stamp dollars cannot be spent beyond U.S. borders, sportsmen funds earmarked for waterfowl conservation are not getting to the places where the great percentage of production takes place. But through Ducks Unlimited's efforts,

over \$88 million has been raised in the U.S. since 1937. And 80 cents out of every one of those dollars has been sent to DU (Canada) to reserve some 2.7 million acres of prime habitat encompassing over 1,500 wetland projects.

The only problem in all this is that biologists estimate millions of additional acres of habitat must be reserved in order to stabilize North America's waterfowl population. When you consider that habitat today is

diminishing due to agricultural and developmental pressures, and that DU is the only nonprofit conservation organization involved in the Canadian waterfowl habitat race, you can begin to see the significance attached to the organization's fund-raising events.

Tickets, which are \$30 each, include a dinner cocktail hour, a one-year DU membership, and a subscription to the organization's magazine. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Telephone Employees Leave Their Jobs

Several hundred employees of Carolina Telephone walked off their jobs last week. The contracts between the company and Communication Workers of America expired Sept. 30.

The walkout followed union leadership rejection of a proposed three-year contract between the company and the union. Although bargaining has continued for several weeks, no agreement has been reached on terms of a contract.

Carolina Telephone offered a contract worth over \$15,000,000 in increased pay and benefits to affected em-

ployees over the three-year term of the contract. Some of the items in the company offer were wage increases of 10% the first year, 9% the second year and 9% the third year, increase company contribution toward hospitalization insurance premium costs from 70-90% over the three years, give employees one additional holiday, pay 60% of the premium cost of a dental insurance plan to be introduced during the second year of the contract, pay double time rates for hours worked in excess of 60, improve personal travel expense allowance, and pay a larger portion of employee

life insurance and health insurance premiums. The company refused to agree to a cost of living wage adjustment which the union proposed to the offered fixed wage increases.

The proposal was rejected by the union bargaining committee without submitting it to the general membership for a vote.

W.S. Richardson, commercial and marketing manager, said that supervisory employees and non-union employees have been assigned to various jobs vacated by absent employees.

Faison Town Board Meets Water Project Approved

By Emily Killelte

The Faison town board of commissioners met in their regular monthly meeting Oct. 2 and approved preliminary plans for the water distribution project.

The water project is planned to install about 11,000 feet of six-inch water lines, 41 gate valves, 14 fire hydrants, to build an elevated water tank, upgrade the present well, and make improvements on the present water treatment plant. The total cost of the project is \$385,000 which is being funded through general obligation bonds, \$254,700; a Farmers' Home Administration Grant, \$39,800; and a state clean water bond grant, \$90,500.

The engineer in charge of planning the new water distribution system, Finley Boney of Raleigh, advised the board to have the Faison Department of Public Instruction complete as much of the work as possible in order to save money. Also, Commissioners Elwood Allen and Fred Wheelless, also Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Mayor Bill Carter agreed to meet with Boney and prepare a list of alternatives which would serve as a guideline for cutting costs if needed when construction begins on the water project.

Boney informed the board that he estimated approval of the water project plans would take about a month at the state level and with the FmHa. Nov. 1 was set as a tentative date to begin to advertise for bids on the project.

Neil Mallory, town administrator, advised the

town board that an application for a grant on the sewer improvements project had to be filed by Oct. 11. Mallory said the first step in the sewer project had been completed. It was an environmental study required by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Planning. The second step is to file for grant money to prepare plans for sewer improvements according to the EPA study. The grant is for \$77,000 and 86% will come from federal funds, 7 1/2% from the state, and the remaining 7 1/2% from the town. Mallory advised the board members that the 7 1/2% matching grant funds is included in the operating budget for Faison this year.

According to Mallory, after the completion of the second step, which would be about the time the new water distribution system would be completed, the town would have to file for a third grant to pay for the construction of the improvements in the sewage system. The motion to file for the grant to complete the second step was made by Commissioner Elwood Allen and seconded by Commissioner Helen Britt.

The board also approved the hiring of Donald Oates to a temporary position with the Department of Public Instruction. Oates was a CETA worker with the department until the CETA program in Faison was canceled at the end of September. There had been five workers on the program.

The board agreed to hold a public hearing on the dog

ordinance at the next regular meeting in November. Hank Davis and L.S. Guy, town citizens, told the board they felt only those people expressing themselves at the public hearing should be considered when passing a dog ordinance. Board members agreed that only those who opposed the leash ordinance had spoken at the first public hearing, and those who complained had done so in private. The board agreed to reconsider the ordinance after a second public hearing.

The board also discussed ways to participate in the state-wide clean-up campaign during the week of Oct. 15-20. Commissioners requested letters be sent to property owners within the town limits who have littered or unkempt lots or buildings. If the owners refuse to clean up their property, the town would do so at the owner's expense.

As a result of election day falling on the day of the next regular monthly meeting, the board agreed to meet Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

Telephone Wires Cut In Cable At Beulaville

Wires cut in a cable terminal caused temporary damage to several telephone subscribers in the Beulaville area Oct. 1. The #1801 area was temporarily without service as a result of the cut cable, according to W.S. Richardson, local manager for Carolina Telephone. Service was disrupted due to the damage. Repairs were started at once, and Richardson said that permanent service has been set up. Immediate repair was speeded through the help of temporary operating equipment and additional supervisory personnel from the Clinton district.

Richardson said it was not necessary for subscribers to call the business office about

damage or to report their own telephones out of order.

The company is offering up to \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of individuals responsible for damage to its facilities. The amount of the reward will be determined by the company related to the investment and service importance to the public.

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Fire Destroys One Of First Brick Homes In The County

By Emily Killelte

Fire destroyed a home owned by Christine Williams, Duplin County Register of Deeds, near Pink Hill last Wednesday morning.

The house was the home place of Mrs. Williams' late husband, and had been occupied by her son, Melvin, until the Saturday before the fire. Mrs. Williams lives next door to the old home.

Mrs. Williams said she was awakened by her neighbor, Pete Smith, who had discovered the fire about 3:30 a.m. and came to her house to have her call the fire department. The Pink Hill Fire Department arrived at the fire and called for assistance from both Deep Run and Albertson fire departments. Mrs. Williams said flames appeared to be coming from the bedroom window on the west side of the house when she called the fire department.

Fire Chief Graham Stroud of Pink Hill said there were about 35 men trying to get the fire under control, and it was put out about 10:30 that morning. But, the fire department was called again about 2 p.m. to put out rekindled flames at the Williams house.

Also, two firemen were taken to Lenoir Memorial Hospital as a result of the fire. Fireman Junior Byrd was overcome by smoke and exhaustion, and Fireman Herbert Thompson was struck by falling brick, said Stroud. Byrd was treated and released but Thompson was reported to have been held for treatment of a crushed vertebra.

The house was built by Zack Williams in 1928. It was a two-story brick and tile home with long-leaf pine floors. There were 10 rooms in the house. It was one of the first brick homes in

Duplin County, and was one of the first homes to have indoor plumbing and bathroom fixtures. Mrs. Williams said. Fire Chief Stroud said the house alone was worth over \$40,000.

Mrs. Williams said she and her late husband had

lived in the house for 25 years when they built another home where she presently lives. According to her, both her sons had lived in the house since. Glenn for three years, and Melvin for five years. Glenn Williams

now lives in Pantego, and Melvin is in the process of moving to Greenville.

The origin of the fire is being investigated by the State Bureau of Investigation and the Duplin County Sheriff's Department.



FIRE DESTROYS PINK HILL HOME - An unoccupied house owned by Christine Williams, Duplin County Register of Deeds, caught fire about 3 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3. The Pink Hill, Deep Run and Albertson Fire

Departments worked to bring the fire under control, but the house was a total loss. A member of the Pink Hill Fire Department is pictured putting out flames which broke out later that afternoon.