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## Benson To Wilmington Public Highway Hearing

The Division of Highways of the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will conduct another public hearing on a segment of the proposed interstate-type facility from Benson to Wilmington. Emphasis will be placed on changes made in alignment of 3.8 miles of the proposed highway. The segment extends from Secondary Road 1113 to Rich Road (Secondary Road 1908) and crosses US-117 between Warsaw and Magnolia.

The hearing will be held Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of James Kenan High School located 3 miles east of Warsaw.

State Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw commented, "Five public hearings were held in August to explain the proposed plans for the highway from Benson to Wilmington and to receive suggestions from local officials and citizens. Based on the local comments received, we have made some changes and plan to align a portion of the highway in Duplin County. We will explain those changes at the hearing in Warsaw. We encourage interested citizens to attend and, once again, ask questions or make suggestions."

Bradshaw added, "When planning a highway, we solicit comments and recom-

mendations from the public. That's the purpose of our public hearing process. It enables us to respond appropriately and address local concerns and needs. The additional hearing exemplifies our responsiveness to the citizens through our public hearing process."

NCDOT staff will be present at the hearing to explain right-of-way procedures, housing relocation assistance and the involvement of the Federal Highway Administration in federal-aid projects.

A map indicating changes to be made is available for public review and copying at the Warsaw Town Hall.



A SUNDAY MORNING accident injured three persons and killed another

as a result of drunken driving, which landed the auto in the front yard of Tyrone Carr of Kenansville.

## Rose Hill Approves Housing Units For Elderly

A proposal to construct 30 housing units in Rose Hill for elderly residents was approved by the town board following a public hearing last week.

The Eastern Carolina Housing Authority, which operates in 10 southeastern North Carolina counties, provide the sale of bonds. HUD is ultimate backer of the project.

The authority is also planning similar units for Magnolia, Beulaville and Wallace. The Wallace town board

James Dudley of the authority estimated construction costs would be about \$750,000. He said the units would be equipped with basic items such as stoves, refrigerators and water heaters. Rent would be set at 25% of the individual renter's income. Any difference would be subsidized by HUD. The property would not be subject to property taxes. However, the authority will deduct utility costs from the rents it receives and pay the town 10

percent of the balance in lieu of the taxes. Dudley said the units should be ready for occupancy by late 1980.

Tinny Bradshaw, who is in the rental business, asked how it would affect him as he has four renters who would be eligible for the new housing. Dudley said persons living in adequate housing probably would not want to move.

Minnie Rhodes said she favored the project because some persons could continue living at home instead of going to nursing homes.

George Dickson opposed it, "merely because it's a government-run thing. Ten years from now it will be turned back to us and we'll have to support it."

## Armed Robbery

A rural man was charged Thursday with the Sept. 22 armed robbery of the Scotsman convenience store in Wallace. Sheriff's officers charged Cedrick Tyrone

Mosley in the robbery in which two persons entered the store and took \$110 from the cash register and a woman's pocketbook containing \$15.

## Labor Commissioner Brooks To Speak At JSI Forum

A forum series presented by James Sprunt Institute will feature John Brooks, N.C. Commissioner of Labor, and Dr. Melton McLaurin of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, on October 25 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 citizens will com-

ment on the guest speakers' presentations, and the audience will be invited to participate in the discussions.

The forum is in its fourth week and will continue through Nov. 1. This week's topic is "Change and the Quality of Life: Weighing the Gains and Losses."

Members of the panel will be John Gurganus, Duplin Development Director; Doug Clark, Duplin County State Representative; Graham Phillips, Wallace attorney;

and Douglas Judge, mayor of Kenansville and a JSI faculty member. The moderator will be Bill Warren, JSI faculty member.

There will be a reception for Brooks and McLaurin immediately after the forum presentations to be held in the board room of the McGowan Building. It is sponsored by the Duplin County Young Democrats.

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

## High-Speeding Auto Hits Tree

# Crash Leaves One Dead

One man was killed and three persons — including a 3-year-old boy — were injured Sunday morning when a driver lost control of his car and rained into a pine tree at high speed. Authorities attributed the fatal accident to drunken driving.

William James Bryant, 21, of Route 1, Kenansville, was pronounced dead at Duplin General Hospital. Bryant was a passenger in a car driven by Linwood Earl Davis, 33, of Route 1, Kenansville.

Davis was listed in critical condition at New Hanover Memorial Hospital Sunday night. He was charged with

death by a vehicle, driving under the influence, and careless and reckless operation.

The Highway patrol reports said Davis was traveling south on SR 1959 about two miles east of Kenansville when he ran off

the road about 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

Trooper B.E. Floyd said Davis was driving over 100 mph when he apparently lost control while going into a curve. Floyd said the vehicle skidded 897 feet, spun around, and went down the

road backward before it crashed into a pine tree in the yard of Tyrone Carr. Floyd said the impact pushed the car's rear bumper up to the front seat, trapping Davis and Bryant. The Kenansville and Warsaw rescue squads worked more than 30

minutes to free the men from the wreckage. Two other passengers in the car, Zackery Thomas Bryant, 3, nephew of the dead man, and Ivey Farrior, 19, of Route 1, Kenansville, were treated at Duplin General Hospital and released.

## Warsaw Board Deny Construction Extension

The Warsaw town board met Oct. 8 at the town hall in a regular session. Commissioners heard a request from Bryant Utilities Construction Company for a 90-day extension of their contract on the HUD water project.

According to Tyndall Lewis, town engineer, an extension would be unwarranted, but he said the company is doing good work. A delay of the Dec. 5 deadline would make Warsaw ineligible for the next HUD grant in January, said Tyndall. Work on the present water project must be completed in time to file the January application for a sewer project grant. Tyndall indicated. A motion made by Commissioner Steed was passed by the board to deny the extension request to Bryant Utilities.

The board discussed the adoption of a Fair Housing Ordinance. The ordinance has been approved and recommended by HUD and will increase Warsaw's chances of receiving the January grant from HUD, Tyndall said. Garrett Ludlum, representing the E. C. Thompson, III law office, informed the commissioners that the ordinance would not hurt the town, but that federal law would impose the same requirements upon the town if the ordinance was not passed. The decision was tabled until the next meeting due to the absence of Commissioners Marvin Sutton and Terry Quinn.

Town engineers Charles Joyner and Lewis Tyndall of McDavid & Associates, reported on the water and sewer projects which are in the planning stages. In addition to the two well sites which are secured for the project, Joyner explained the need for a third well site west of town, indicating the water to be of better quality in that area. The engineers also informed the commissioners that sewer plans had been

finished. The board advised the engineers to continue work on locating and obtaining an option on a well site west of Warsaw.

Town Clerk Alfred Herring presented a list of prices from Cumberland Paving Co. concerning improvements which might have to be done while paving Highway 24 through Warsaw such as moving pipes and fire hydrants which are not in the Cumberland Paving Co. contract. Herring said that the town would be contacted before any work was done by Cumberland Paving Co. and if the town was unable to handle the job that needed to be done, then the company would do the work. The state would be billed for the work and the state would bill the town, but according to Thurman Gaster, superintendent of public works, he did not anticipate any problem that the town employees could not handle on Hwy. 24. The

commissioners accepted the price schedule contingent on the town authorizing any work that was necessary.

The commissioners were informed that condemnation proceedings had been started against owners of houses in Warsaw which were in need of repair or should be torn down. The commissioners approved a motion to amend the budget to pay \$1,594 for legal work done on condemnation proceedings against the Francis Thomas house which were dropped by the commissioners at their September meeting.

Kermit Anderson of Carolina Power and Light Co. presented a plan to change mercury vapor street lights to sodium vapor lights in the downtown section of Warsaw. Anderson said the lights would have a high yellow color and would show truer colors, plus there would be an increase of 7% more light. The light project is part

of a Chamber of Commerce revitalization effort in the downtown business section. Johnnie Hollingsworth of the Chamber of Commerce informed the board of a survey he had taken of the merchants on Front Street. The survey of 21 merchants indicated 16 in favor of the lights and 5 opposed to the color. The board was informed that Clinton has the sodium lights in its downtown section, and the commissioners tabled the decision until the next meeting when all members of the board had had a chance to see the lights.

The commissioners approved the location of this year's Veterans Day carnival which will be behind the old police department building and the lot in front of Hardees and the vacant lot of Sissy Thomas. All the lots are located in the area around the fire station and the Town Hall buildings.

## Wallace Rescue To Get Land For Squad Building

The Wallace town board assured the Rescue Squad it can use a lot on the west side of the town hall for a new squad building.

J.C. Bryant, rescue squad captain, requested use of the lot at last week's town board meeting. He said the proposed structure would be metal with a brick front to be compatible with the style of the town hall. Bryant said the building would cost between \$50,000 and \$80,000.

The squad has three ambulances, a crash truck, a generator truck and boat, and some of the equipment now has to be left outdoors. The present building cannot accommodate new ambulances and the squad is expecting to obtain a new ambulance soon.

Blood pressure cups and stethoscopes have been stolen from the ambulances parked outside overnight, Bryant said. He also said ambulances need to be kept in a heated building the winter to be ready for immediate use. He said the squad plans to hold a barbecue once a month to raise

money. The first was held at the Duplin Shrine Club in Wallace last week.

In other business, the board decided to advertise for two new police cars and agreed to purchase the town's insurance from Associated Insurance Co. of Wallace. The premium will be \$22,684 for a year.

## Three Arrested For Robbery

Three men were arrested early Thursday in connection with an attempted armed robbery in Wallace late last Wednesday.

Charged with attempted armed robbery and conspiracy to commit common law robbery are Franklin Earl Murray, 26, of Route 1, Teachley, and Charlie Junior

Johnson, 21, of Route 1, Wallace. Charged with attempted robbery and possession of a stolen automobile is Steve Odell Stukes, 29, of Wallace.

All three were being held in the County jail in Kenansville in lieu of bond of \$17,500 each.



Photo by Emily Killette

THE JAMES SPRUNT INSTITUTE FORUM - Speaking at the JSI forum, The Rural South in Transition, on Oct. 10 were Dr. Carol Stack of Duke University and Dr. Donald Matthews of UNC-CH. Pictured is Lester Moore of Rose

Hill, moderator, Dr. Carol Stack, Dr. Donald Matthews and Dr. Gene Ballard, dean of instruction at James Sprunt Institute.