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Rose Hill Water Bond Notice To Be Republished

The Rose Hill notice-of-intent to issue \$650,000 in water bonds and \$435,000 in sewer bonds will have to be republished, officials learned last week.

Town Attorney Richard Burrows explained that because the original notices did not include a 250,000-gallon

elevated water storage tank which is part of the proposed project, the notices will have to be republished.

Omission of the tank from the notices was inadvertent, according to Woody Brinson, town planner.

The total project cost is

estimated at \$3,650,000, Brinson said. Of the total, 73.7 percent will be in the form of a grant and 26.3 percent in the form of a loan.

Rose Hill cannot expand due to sewer limitations. The capacity of the present treatment plant is 200,000 gallons per day. The town is now

running 230,000 to 240,000 gallons a day through it.

The project will provide for construction of a 325,000-gallon sewage treatment plant, 29,650 feet of gravity sewer lines and 4,500 feet of forced sewer mains through lift stations.

The project also will provide for the elevated water storage tank, renovation of existing wells and installation of 43,600 feet of water mains to replace old mains and to extend the existing system.

The present water system consists of three 8-inch diameter wells, a 75,000-gallon elevated storage tank and water lines serving 586 users.

The sewer system consists of 49,500 feet of 8-, 10- and 12-inch collection lines with a 200,000-gallon treatment plant.

The minimum water bill is now \$5 and the minimum sewer bill is \$3 per month. There is also a garbage pick-up charge of \$3, making the total minimum utilities bill \$11 per month.

Upon completion of the new project, the minimum water bill will increase to \$6, and the sewer bill will increase to \$8.85. The garbage fee will remain the same. The total minimum utilities bill will be \$17.85 per month.

Farmers To Vote On Referendum Dec. 18

"Flue-cured tobacco growers in Duplin County will literally hold their future in their hands on Tuesday, Dec. 18," said Jack Alphin, chairman of the county flue-cured tobacco referendum committee.

Alphin said this is the date when growers have the opportunity to vote for a continuation of their quota a price support program.

A two-thirds majority of those voting is necessary to keep the program in force for the next three marketing years, beginning in 1980. Without favorable quota vote, there will be no price supports on the 1980 crop, Alphin emphasized. He said the tobacco program has encouraged the production of a reliable supply of quality leaf. It has resulted in profitable prices for farmers and assured foreign buyers of the best tobacco money can buy.

Alphin pointed out that more than just a favorable vote is needed. "We need to tell the Congress, the Administration, and the public very loud and clear that we back our program one-hundred percent. At a time when the tobacco industry is under attack from all directions, this referendum offers growers the chance to counter-attack in a positive fashion," he

said. Alphin also urges growers to show their strong support of the farmers' export promotion organization, Tobacco Associates, Inc., which will also be voted on in conjunction with the quota referendum on Dec. 18. He said this is more important than ever in view of the fact that so much of the crop is sold abroad.

Dentist For Faison

Dr. Robert Carmen has agreed to establish a dental practice at the Goshen Medical Center at Faison, director George Wallace announced.

A graduate of the University of Florida School of Dentistry, he now is completing his dental studies in

Gainesville, Fla., under a National Health Service Corps scholarship. He will begin his practice when the new medical facility opens in the summer of 1980.

Dr. Carmen decided to come to Faison after a two-day visit to Faison and a one-day visit to two other towns in the state.

KENANSVILLE CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST

The Kenansville Beautification Committee will have their annual home Christmas decorations contest at 6 p.m. Dec. 17. There will be prizes for first, second and third places.

Kenansville Elementary School Opening Delayed

The Kenansville elementary school opening date has been pushed back from the planned-December opening and is presently scheduled to open in March, said H. P. Honeycutt, Duplin County assistant school superintendent.

Honeycutt is in charge of Duplin school buildings and operations. He said that construction began in December of 1978 and was scheduled to be complete the following December, but due to poor weather conditions during the spring, construction had to be halted. In June, work on the new school had fallen behind schedule over 45

days, and weather conditions have never allowed contractors to make up the time, Honeycutt said.

"We hope to open in March, but one big snow would put the opening into April," Honeycutt said. "However, all the contractors are working toward the March completion date."

According to Honeycutt, the school is of a traditional design which is different from any of the other county schools. The school is large enough to house 450-500 students, and is planned for kindergarten through the sixth grade, with plans for expansion to include the seventh and eighth grades as

soon as funds are available for the project.

Honeycutt said the students would not be moved into the new structure until basic landscaping could be completed and they would have a playground. Presently the playground is planned to be constructed under the pecan trees beside the school. Honeycutt said the trees would provide an ideal place for the children to play.

Contractors are working on completing the outside and inside of the building at the present time, and the next step will be to furnish the building and landscape the grounds. According to Honeycutt, baseball, football

and soccer fields will be planned into the landscaping of the grounds, but will not be built until the seventh and eighth grade structure is added to the elementary school.

According to Honeycutt, the kindergarten through six grade classrooms are suite-type, which will contain more than one class of students at the same time. The open classroom method of teaching will be used the first time in Kenansville schools at the new facility, but other elementary schools in the county have been using open classrooms for the past several years.



PHYSICIANS VISIT DUPLIN COUNTY - Three physicians visited Duplin County this past weekend. Each doctor is interested in starting a general practice in a small town or rural area. The physicians were entertained Saturday night with a pig-picking at James Sprunt Technical College

hosted by the Duplin County Physician Recruitment Committee. The visiting physicians are pictured, left to right, Dr. Stephen Griffith, Dr. Clark Henner, and Dr. Tom Townsend with the Executive Director of the Recruitment Committee, Richard Harrell.

Physicians Consider Practicing In Duplin

By Emily Killete

Three doctors visited Duplin County communities this past weekend, and each is considering a practice in the county, said Ebern Watson, president of the Duplin County Physician Recruitment Committee.

The visiting physicians were Dr. Clark B. Henner, Dr. R. Stephen Griffith and Dr. Tom Townsend. They arrived in Duplin County Saturday at Duplin General Hospital, where they were given a tour of the facilities.

After lunch in Kenansville, the physicians visited Faison and Beulaville before they returned to Kenansville for a pig-picking at James Sprunt Technical College. On Sunday they visited Warsaw, Greenevers and Wallace before they left to return to their homes. Individual town physician recruitment committees welcomed the doctors and gave a short presentation of the different aspects of life in each town.

They were also given the opportunity to talk with town representatives and ask questions. Stops in each town were brief, lasting three hours.

Dr. Clark B. Henner is presently doing his residency at Fayetteville and will be certified in July of 1980. His specialty is family practice and he received his medical education from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. He completed his internship at LaCrosse, Wis. Henner and his wife, Debbie, have one child.

Dr. Stephen Griffith is also working on his residency and will be certified in 1980. His specialty is family practice and he hopes to work in a small town with another doctor. Griffith received his medical education from the University of Missouri in Columbia, and is working on his residency at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Griffith is married, and he and his wife, Nora, have one child and are expecting their second.

Dr. Tom Townsend is certified in family medicine and will also be available in July 1980. Townsend received his medical education from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, where he completed his internship. He is presently working in Independence, Va. with the N.H.S.C. He and his wife, Laurie, have no children. Townsend hopes to find a salary position in North Carolina, and Laurie hopes to work as a dietitian.

According to Richard Harrell, executive director of the recruitment committee, two other doctors were also scheduled to visit the county this past weekend but were unable to come. Dr. Catherine Clark and Dr. Russell Williams, a husband-wife team, are expected to come in the near future. Harrell said. Both will be available in July of 1980, and are presently working on their residency at Blackstone, Va.

Harrell said the physicians who visited this past weekend and are interested in

Duplin County will be making another visit to the county during the following week.

The Duplin County Physician Recruitment Committee is made up of the chairman of the county commissioners, William Costin, a member of the hospital board of trustees, H.M. Price, a member of the medical staff, Dr. Edward Boyette, hospital administrator Harrell, and a member from various townships in Duplin, and a member from the five Duplin districts, which include Cecil A. Miller of Beulaville, Lillian Langley of Calypso, Norma Cates of Faison, Irec Jarman of Greenevers, John Hall of Kenansville, Ebern Watson, Jr. of Rose Hill, Mike Pistner of Teachey, Charles Farrior, Jr. of Wallace, Patricia Broadrick of Warsaw, Virginia Veach of district I, Eula Mae Westbrook of district II, George Landen of district III, Coy D. Carter of district IV, and Rudolph Becton of district V.

Mayor Godwin and Gilmer Parrish

Cases To Be Tried Separately

(Editor's note - The following information was supplied by The Daily Record, Dunn.)

U. S. District Court Judge Franklin P. Dupree ruled to separate the fraud case against Warsaw Mayor Sam Godwin and Dunn businessman Gilmer Parrish Monday in U.S. District Court at Raleigh. Parrish pleaded guilty later that day while Godwin's trial date was unannounced. Parrish is scheduled to be sentenced Monday, Dec. 10.

Godwin and Parrish were charged with six counts of fraud and conspiracy to defraud the Federal government following a year of investigation by the FBI, tax agents, and other special investigators. The case is said to involve hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The government reportedly attached a great importance to the trial, and District Attorney George Anderson assigned a top staffer, Jack Crowley, to head the government's prosecution. Crowley was a member of the team which successfully prosecuted

Dr. Jeffery MacDonald.

At the arraignment, Godwin and Parrish plead not guilty to the indictment against them, charging them with, "from at least as early as July 20, 1973 until at least December 20, 1978," the defendants "did knowingly and willfully combine, confederate and agree with each other and with others to defraud the United States and HEW (Department of Health, Education and Welfare) and to commit certain offenses against the United States including falsification of building costs reports submitted to Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the agency which distributes federal Medicare and Medicaid payments to North Carolina's nursing homes."

The defendants were charged with reporting total allowable building costs of \$887,211 for fiscal year 1975, \$889,846 for 1976, and \$887,211 for 1977 "with full knowledge" that the sums included purchases paid for

but not received by the nursing center owned by Parrish and constructed by Godwin, and also include expenses of the defendants which were not a part of the construction or building costs of the nursing center.

A slate of 50 witnesses had been subpoenaed to testify by the Government, but were dismissed last week when the Clerk of Court issued a letter to the witnesses stating, "It now has developed that the trial of the case will not be necessary, and you will not have to appear in U.S. District Court in Raleigh during the week of December 3 in response to the subpoena which has been served on you by the marshal."

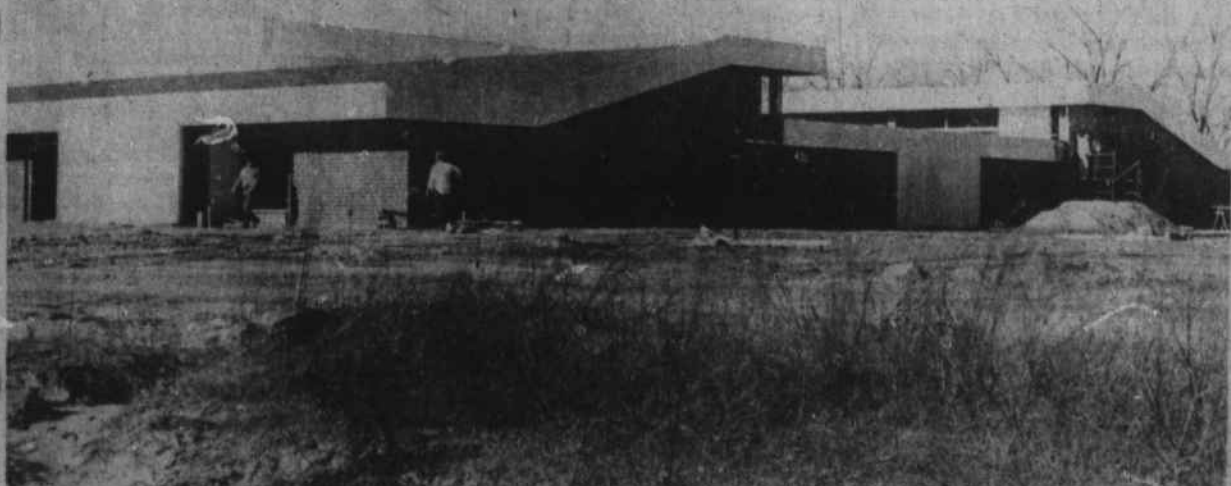
Government lawyers had anticipated the trial to last at least a week until the development which led to the releasing of the subpoenaed witnesses.

Parrish and Godwin face prison sentences totaling 30 years, or \$60,000 fine or both. Each count carries a penalty of five years imprisonment and/or \$10,000. Defending Godwin is Attorney Rivers Johnson, Jr. of Warsaw, and Parrish is being defended by former Superior Court Judge William A. (Bill) Johnson of Lillington.

Grant For Historical Research

A grant of \$2,500 from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem for historical research in Duplin County has been announced. The grant will be used for the

purchase of photographic equipment which researchers will use in abstracting and publishing genealogical data from county and other local records.



THE NEW KENANSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Work on the Kenansville Elementary School, located on Highway 50, has been halted by poor weather conditions

several times since the project was begun in December of 1978, and Assistant Superintendent H. P. Honeycutt says the school might be available for use in March.