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the ICU, and Dr. E. L. Boyette, medical director of the ICU, as they study a print-out tape of a patient's heart beat which has been produced from the electronic monitor connected to the patient.

the state. Pictured above are Gwen Thomas, head nurse of

Intensive Care Unit Opens

NTENSIVE CARE UNIT - Patients are moved into the

intensive Care Unit. Last Thursday, five patients were moved into the new nine-room ICU at Duplin General

Hospital, which is said to be the best facility in this area of

Duplin General Transfer Patients

By Emily Killette

The intensive care unit at Duplin General Hospital was completed, and patients were moved into five of the sine rooms in the facility thursday, Dec. 20.

Hospital Administrator Richard Harrell said the construction work on the new ICU unit had been completed at the time of the dedication in September, but work on electronic systems in the unit had not been completed.

Medical Care Association. able to meet the standards set by the association on 1978. electronic monitoring devices According to Harrell, equipment from the old six-bed intensive care unit was installed in the new nine-bed sive care unit, he said. unit, and only enough equipment to complete the new

After working with the State Harrell said, the planning and construction of the unit Harrell said the hospital was took about ten years, with construction beginning in

The old ICU will be conand other equipment in the verted back into private unit to receive certification. rooms. Harrell said. The old ICU had been private rooms which were renovated and equipped to form an inten-

Dr. E. L. Boyette, medical director of the ICU, comunit was purchased. The mented that the facility is the addition of the ICU cost the most modern in this area. county \$700,000, and Boyette said the citizens of

Duplin have invested their money wisely in the ICU. He pointed out that the unit has nine rooms with an electronic monitor for each patient inside the room and at the nurses' station. The monitors are used to watch the patient's heartbeat. The monitors are especially useful immediately after a person has had a heart attack, and the ICU is close to the emergency room, said

'The first hour after a person has a heart attack is the most critical time, because the patient's heart is beating irregularly, which can be fatal." Boyette said, "and with the use of electric monitoring, a heartbeat can be watched and the patient successfully treated.'

According to Gwen Thomas, head nurse for the ICU, there will be no less than three nurses working the unit at all times. They will watch the monitors and check the patient's blood pressure, pulse and temperature on a regular schedule, Mrs. Thomas said.

The next project Duplin General plans is to build a small doctors' office complex near the hospital, said Harrell, and continue the efforts of recruiting more young doctors into Duplin

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Kenansville Ok's Water Bond

By Emily Killette

Citizens in Kenansville voted 153 to 62 in favor of a \$170,000 city water bond on December 18. The referendum had failed by one vote on September 4.

Mayor Douglas Judge said there had been about a 50% turnout for the water bond referendum, with 215 voting out of the 424 registered voters in Kenansville. However, on September 4, only 123 persons turned out to vote, and the water bond referendum was defeated 62

The water bond referen dum will provide a \$356,500 grant from FmHA, and \$170,000 in general obligation bonds from FmHA, and a \$169,500 grant from North Carolina Clean Water, and'a \$73,000 grant from Coastal Plains Regional Commission. The total cost of the project is \$769,000, with an interest rate of five percent on the \$170,000 worth of general obligation bonds, which will be paid back over a period of forty years.

Kenansville Town Administrator Woody Brinson said construction on the project would begin in mid-1980 and be completed in about a year.

'The new water system will help the growth and the progress of Kenansville. Without the system, there would not be any growth,' Brinson said.

Brinson added that he was pleased with the turnout to vote on the referendum, but he wished more people had voted. Mayor Judge also commented that he, too. would like to have seen a larger voter-turnout.

The water system is a need we have in Kenansville, and by passing the referendum now, the town can pay for it with help from federal grants instead of paying for it later out of our own pockets, without help from federal grants," Judge commented.

Judge added that the passing of the referendum could not be attributed to any certain person or the Town Board - that the combined efforts of the Board and concerned citizens who had attended the meetings on the water bond were responsible for the water bond passing. Judge also commented that he looked forward to getting

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the project underway, and he would be working to hold down the cost of the project as much as possible.

The proposed water project will consist of ap-proximately 34,000 line feet of six- and eight-inch water mains, one 250-300 gallonper-minute well, and a 250,000-gallon elevated storage tank. Upon completion of the project, the town

will have surplus water which could be sold to supply the county waterline which will be constructed between Kenansville and Greenevers. said Brinson. A meeting with the county Planning Board and the Kenansville Town Board is set for Jan. 7 at the Kenansville Town Hall to discuss the possibility of Kenansville supplying the county line with water, Brinson said. Members of the

Kenansville Board have voiced support in favor of selling water to the county upon completion of the new water project. Brinson said the Town Board would agree to sell the county water only if the Kenansville citizens were taken care of first, and the townspeople will be the priority in any contract between the town and



THE KENANSVILLE WATER BOND . Eddie Hobbs was just one of 215 citizens in Kenansville who turned out to vote on the water bond referendum on Dec. 18. The

referendum was passed by a vote of 153 to 62 after it had failed by one vote on September

Tobacco Price Support Program Continued

By Emily Killette

The tobacco price support referenda passed in Duplin County with a 96.8% vote in favor of the program being continued for another three

According to David English of the Duplin ASCS, 2,082 farmers voted for the price support and marketing quota program, and 67 Duplin farmers voted against

The Duplin farmers also the tobacco associates referendum which provides money for promotion of fuel-cured tobacco to overseas markets. The tobacco associates program began in 1947 and export markets for U.S. fuel-cured tobacco have increased to as much as half of the crop in 1978. The tobacco associates passed with 2,036 voting for the program and 106 voting against. The program is fi-nanced through a 10-cent per 100 pounds of each tobacco quota, which is allocated to be paid by farmers toward the program. Tobacco ware-

house owners, chemical

companies and other tobacco Cooperative Stabilization money to the organization.

The tobacco price support quotas. referendum will be in effect

related businesses contribute Corporation which includes price supports and marketing

Landlord, tenant or sharefor the years 1980-82 to cropper who shared in the maintain an acreage- production of the flue-cured poundage marketing quota, tobacco crop in 1979 were and continue the farmer- eligible to vote on the owned Flue-Cured Tobacco tobacco referendum.

Bridge Closing

The Division of Highways of the N.C. Department of Transportation has closed Rockfish Creek Bridge on Railroad Street to through traffic for approximately three weeks, according to Divison Engineer Ted Funderburk. The bridge, located approximately one mile south of Wallace, will

reopen Dec. 31. This bridge is one of 16,000 statewide which are being inspected as part of an in-depth bridge inventory. The inventory is required by the Federal Highway Administration before the state can be considered for a

share of the \$1.1 billion additional bridge replacement and rehabilitation

The temporary closing will allow NCDOT maintenance crews to replace the bridge with drainage pipe to carry water under the road. The pipe will be covered with dirt fill extending the road across

the creek, W.C. Casteen, bridge maintenance supervisor, said that every effort is being made to complete the project as soon as possible to minimize any inconvenience to the traveling public.

Duplin Accepted National Flood Insurance Program

announced that effective Nov. 29. Duplin County has been accepted into the National Flood Insurance

program.
This means, said the administrator, Gloria M. Jimenez, that property owners here are now eligible to buy flood insurance protection at rates subsidized by the federal government.

Policies are effective at 12:01 a.m. of the day following the application date if purchased during the first 30 days of county eligibility. In some cases there is a five day waiting period after the first 30 days have plapsed.

The policies can be pur-chased from any property insurance agent or broker licensed to do business in the area in which the property to be insured is located. Agents and brokers may obtain spolicy forms, rates, flood insurance manuals, and any other necessary information at the following address: National Flood Insurance Program, NO Box 34294, Bethesda, Md. 20034.

how available," Mrs. Jimenez said, "owners of property in areas shown on maps by FEMA as being flood-prone must, according to the law, buy flood insurance when seeking any form of Federal or federallyrelated financial assistance for the acquisition or con-struction of buildings in

those areas."
"This would include grants from Federal agen-cies, FHA, VA and FmHA mortgage loans, loans from

federally-regulated or supervised banks and savings and orities. loan associations.'

While flood insurance is available to all residents of the community, she emphasized that the Federal requirements to purchase flood insurance as a condition for receipt of federally-related financial assistance do not apply to property outside the

Under the program, coverage can be obtained for all buildings and their contents. The available limit of insurance for single-family homes is now \$35,000 and \$100,000 for other residential buildings, at the subsidized rate of 25 cents per \$100 of coverage. The rate goes to 40 cents per \$100 for nonresidential buildings.

The contents of all residential buildings can be insured up to \$10,000 per unit at 35 cents per \$100 of coverage, and the rate goes to 75 cents per \$100 for contents of all nonresidential structures up to a maximum of \$100,000 in coverage per

Administration. Mrs. Jimenez explained, will also prepare additional maps showing the elevation of the base flood in approximately 20,000 communities across on the advisory committee of the country. When this is the Tobacco Stabilization published, an additional increase in the present limits of Duplin County Young coverage will be made avail- Farmer Award in 1970, and

able under actuarial rates. to stimulate individual par- Conservation Farm Family of ticipation in it as protection the Year award.

The Federal Emergency the Small Business Adminis- against flood disasters, and Management Agency has tration, and conventional to help promote sound flood mortgage loans from any plain management on the part of local governing auth-

Williams Elected Chairman

Franklin Williams was elected chairman of the Duplin County Board of Commissioners for a one-year term expiring December 1980.

Williams was elected to the board/of commissioners from Rockfish Township. where he has been a life-long resident. He is married to the former Paula Owens, also of the Rockfish Township, and they have one son. Franklin Owen Williams, a freshman at North Carolina State University. Mrs. Williams is a former public school teacher James Kenan High School. The family attends the Oak Plain Presbyterian The Federal Insurance Church, where Williams serves as an Elder, church Treasur and Sunday School

Williams, a director of the Bank of North Carolina, and Corporation, received the in 1977 the Williams family The program is designed received the Duplin County

The total of low bids for bid of \$304,082.95. The low the proposed water and electrical bidder was sewer improvement and con-Southerland Electric of Jackstruction project in Magnolia sonville, and low bidder for totaled nearly \$500,000 more the water system additions than funds available, town was Hilco. Inc. of Kinston with a bid of \$274,725. Low officials discovered when bid on the deep well was submitted by Groundwater they opened bids last Wednesday, and no contracts Development Co. of Virginia Mayor Pro-tem Melvin

Funds obligated for the projects include bond monies of \$75,000 for water and Pope said officials hope to obtain additional federal and state grant funds because of inflation in construction The total of low bids on the oposed facilities was \$1,225,807. The total of loan

\$799,000, officials said. The low bidder on the sewage plant was T. A. Loving Co. of Goldsboro with a bid of \$492,000. The low bidder on the sanitary sewage system additions was So-Par of Jacksonville with a

Beach, Va.

\$165,00 bonds for sewer, grants of \$246,900 from FmHA and grants of \$96,600 from the state Clean Water \$1,225,807. The total of loan Funds, as well as \$262,500 and grant money available is from EPA.

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