

Board Approves Issuance Of Industrial Bonds

Approval for issuance of \$3.5 million in industrial bonds by Georgia-Pacific Corp. for a new plant at Bowdens was granted Monday by the Duplin County Board of Commissions.

Upon final approval, the company can sell the tax-exempt bonds, which are attractive to buyers because of the tax-exempt feature even though they bring a lower rate of interest than conventional industrial bonds.

John Gurganus, industrial development director, told the board the proposed hardwood chipping plant will bring in \$20,000 to \$25,000 per year in property taxes.

The chips will be sent to the newly constructed Georgia-Pacific plant at Dudley.

A proposal for a 1-cent per

\$100 assessed valuation recreation tax was made to the board by the County Municipal Association.

Melvin Pope, Magnolia mayor-pro-tem and association president, said the proposal was being made now so the board could study it before it makes out its budget in the spring.

Pope said the various town recreation facilities are being used by 15,000 persons a year and that 70 percent of these are rural rather than town residents. He said the towns spent about \$100,000 on program operations. This figure includes no capital improvement funds. He said a criteria should be developed on what constitutes a recreational program.

The proposed levy would bring in \$53,000 for support of recreational facilities.

Meeting with the commissioners and highway officials were Mr. and Mrs. Buck Hill and Dwight Hill, who were concerned with Rural Road #1506 and #1597. Billy Herring, George Terry, Buddy Brock and Bunny Barfield asked for improvements on Rural Road #1504. Ivey Sutton, Ray Carter and Henry Sutton wanted Rural Road 1509 upgraded. Arthur Lanier was concerned with Rural Road #1903. In the priority listing of 212 roads, 1507 has a priority of 96, 1504 has a priority of 62, 1509's priority is 43, and 1903 is listed 27.

Paving is upgrading, and so is done beginning with the

lower numbers. Priority number one gets improvements first. Priorities will be revamped this spring, according to DOT officials.

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Goldsboro District Lay Rally takes place at St. Paul Church in Goldsboro on Feb. 12th with supper at 5:30 and service at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Lea Joyner of Monroe, La.

The Parish Council made plans for a series of youth programs for March 2-23.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Malpass of Kinston announce the birth of their son, George Stanley Malpass Jr. on January 12, 1981. Mrs. Malpass is the former Julie Strickland of Warsaw.

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KENANSVILLE ELEMENTARY HEALTH PROJECTS - The Kenansville Elementary students recently completed Health projects. Sixth graders Randy Farrior, Vearia Moore and Thevesa Fennell did their project on The Human Body, and fifth graders William Chestnutt and Cecil Harrell concentrated on

The Five Main Senses. Health teacher Connie Matthis says, "I am proud of all my students, but these five did especially good projects. I feel that these projects are an excellent means of helping the students in understanding the human body."

Notes From Your Representative

In the coming years, Duplin will receive several transportation projects. All transportation projects are funded through our State and Federal gas tax. Our gas tax collections are going down because of conservation and our road costs are going up because of inflation. Garland King is serving on a committee that is trying to figure out how to get more money for roads. I hope money will be found, because the rural east and west are just beginning to get some of the roads.

Projects planned in Wallace are: Widening curb

and gutter on Southerland Street from Highway 117 to College Street at a cost of \$70,200. Improving the railroad warning devices at Main, Southerland and Boney Streets at a cost of \$137,700.

Projects planned for Warsaw: Improved railroad warning devices at College Street at a cost of \$30,000. North Carolina #24 from the railroad to the city limits is being four-laned and some curb and gutter work. The State cost is \$800,000.

Projects planned for Kenansville: Improved storm drainage on Seminary at a

State cost of \$68,000. Widen curb and gutter from the stop sign back to the town limits towards Warsaw. This is under contract at a cost of \$113,000.

Projects planned for Faison: Improved railroad warning devices at N.C. 50 at a cost of \$50,100. Curb and gutter on N.C. 50 west to the town limits at a cost of \$113,000. Widen curb and gutter on N.C. 403 east for a half-mile at a cost of \$150,000.

Other projects are planned. The new road from Calypso to Faison at I-40 should be started in 1985.

This will be a two-lane road but with four-lane right-of-way for future use. The cost is about \$6 million. Two bridges on N.C. 50 below Levy Harrell's Store are to be replaced in 1981 at a cost of \$270,000. Also the bridge below Jim Smith's Store is to be replaced in 1981 at a cost of \$230,000. That's all of the projects planned except county roads and I-40. These will be discussed next week. If I can be of any assistance to you, please call me at Kenansville 296-1697.

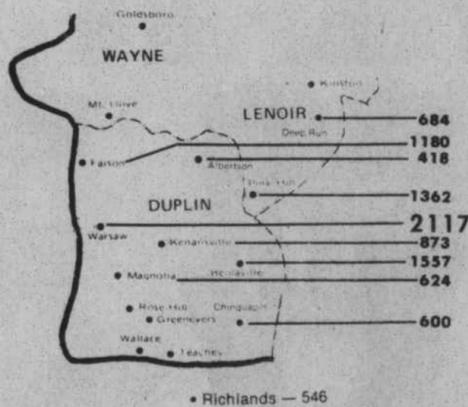
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