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## Filing Ends In Duplin

Filing for county and state offices ended Monday at noon, with each incumbent candidate facing at least one challenger in the May primary.

Incumbent Representative Douglas A. Clark will face two challengers for the 10th district seat in the State House of Representatives. Challenging Clark will be Lloyd Stevens of Kenansville, who is a retired assistant superintendent of Duplin County Schools, and Lathan A. Wiggins of Mount Olive, owner of Red Hill Fixtures. The seat as Duplin Representative is a two-year term.

County Commissioners William J. Costin of district one, and D.J. Fussell, Sr. of district five, will both be meeting challengers in the race seeking four-year terms on the County Board of commissioners. Challengers in district one, made up of Warsaw and Faison townships, are A.C. (Peanut) Lockamy of Warsaw, a retired farmer, and Allen Vann Morrissey of Warsaw, a North Duplin High School teacher. District five, made up of Rose Hill, Magnolia and Kenansville townships, challengers are J.B. Stroud of Magnolia, a retired farmer, and Robert Lee Allen of Magnolia, an employee at General Electric in Wilmington.

Three challengers will be facing incumbent G. Fred-

erick Rhodes for a six-year term on the Duplin Board of Education. Hilbert (Joe) Swinson of Mount Olive; Faye C. Bryant of Rose Hill, and instructor at James Sprunt Technical College, and Henry S. Kilpatrick of Kenansville, a farmer, will be running for the seat on the Board of Education.

Facing incumbent Register

**Rose Hill Residents**

## Discuss Water Project

No opposition, but several questions about rates surfaced concerning the city's proposed \$3.65 million water and sewer improvement project at a public hearing in Rose Hill last Tuesday.

Mayor Ben Harrell said because no one came to the legally required public hearing two weeks ago, the town board decided to hold a second hearing even though it was not required by law. Fifteen residents attended the hearing Tuesday night.

While no one voiced opposition to the project, questions centered on the scope of the rate increases that will become necessary to pay for a proposed bond issue if it is approved.

The city's share of the total cost would be \$650,000 for the water system and \$435,000 for the sewer system. A referendum on the

of Deeds Christine Williams will be challenger Ann H. Hunter of Chinquapin. Hunter is employed as computer operator for Duplin County and will be running against Williams seeking a four-year term as Register of Deeds.

Also, filing for re-election in Raleigh was Senator Harold W. Hardison of the

5th Senatorial District in

which Duplin is represented

and all incumbent Judges of

the 4th Judicial District.

Judges Walter P.

Henderson, Kenneth W.

Turner, Stephen M. "Steve"

Williamson, E. Alex Erwin,

III, and Nelo Martin will be

unopposed for four-year

terms; Senator Hardison is

also unopposed and seeking

a two-year term.

Hinson, a town board

member, said plans were to

connect adjacent users, but

at a higher rate than the base

for in-town users.

Mrs. Pittman asked what

would happen if the town

rejected the proposed bond

issues. Kennedy said if that

occurred, a second referen-

dum would be held. If that

failed, the town would have

to sell revenue bonds for the

sewer system and these

would cost about two percent

more in interest than city

bonds, and the federal share

of the sewer cost would be

lost. He said the city would

still be required to improve

the sewer system or close it

down, as it does not meet

present standards.

Full cost of the sewer

system would be \$2,745,000.

Mrs. Pittman's final

comment was, "Well, we don't

really have any say-so, do

we?"

Rebecca Chasten, who

lives just outside the eastern

city limits, asked if the new

system would connect the

adjacent users. Keith

McCullers, a Chamber

executive for 25 years, sug-

gested that each of the fifty

persons attending ask the

following questions each

morning: "What can I do

today? What can I help you

do today? and What can we

do today to make ours a

better place to live, work and

play?"

Richard Harrell, outgoing

president, went over the

Chamber's highlights and

accomplishments of the past

year. He recognized Rich

Boyd, Alice Rich, Doc Brin-

son and Ann Craft as the

steering committee for the

successful Twelve Days of

Christmas in Historic

Kenansville promotion.

Harrell also installed the

1980 officers. They are

President Rich Boyd; Vice

President Ray Bell; Treas-

urer Earl Stroud; and Exec-

utive Secretary, Mrs. Stuart

(Carolyn) Hall.

Boyd, incoming president,

presented the following 13-

point program for the coming

year when he said, "I believe

that any organization reflects

the ideas of its leadership

and will ultimately be judged

on the success or failure of

that leadership. Therefore I

am presenting for your con-

sideration a 13-point pro-

gram that I will present to

the board of directors for

their consideration and

action. I would like to quote

from Article Three of the

Constitution which deals

with objects of the Chamber:

to support all those activities

believed to be beneficial to

the community and area

citizens, following always

policies intended to accom-

plish the greatest good for

the greatest number."

I propose: 1) To build upon

what we have already started

by increasing membership in

the Chamber and to espe-

cially encourage individual

membership. To this end, I

have asked Alice

Worthington to chair an ac-

tive membership committee.

2) To encourage more par-

ticipation in the decision-

making process of the

Chamber. I will recommend

that the board of directors be

enlarged by amending the

by-laws to add two additional

members.

3) To update the constitu-

tion as soon as possible to

reflect all recent changes and

revisions and that the revised

copy be distributed to the

membership.

4) To work with the local

media — newspapers and

radio to establish a regular

Chamber calendar listing all

activities and events taking

place in the Kenansville

area.

5) To establish a welcom-

ing committee for special

guests and dignitaries to our

community and to present

them with mementos of their

visit.

6) To sponsor in early

spring a concentrated Clean-

Up Campaign utilizing all

groups, businesses and ser-

vices clubs in the area.

7) To assist local busi-

nesses in the promotion of

special events and sales.

8) To work closely and

cooperatively with the

Kenansville Town Board,

county commissioners and

State government — but to

remain independent — not to

become a puppet of any

government or official.

9) To provide a forum for

the open discussion of ideas

and issues that effect the

membership and the com-

munity, but not to become an

endorsement agency for any

group or body or individual.

10) To engage in a pro-

gram of planning for the

Chamber and citizens of

Kenansville.

11) To assist in business

and industry recruitment and

to actively become involved

in recruiting health care for

the Kenansville area.

12) To again sponsor, upon

the recommendation of the

1979 steering committee,

"The Twelve Days of Christ-

mas in Historic Kenansville"

and to work with our sister

cities in Duplin County on

this project, and

13) To be open to sug-

gestions and ideas at all

times to improve the quality

of life in Kenansville and the

surrounding area."

Boyd concluded by saying,

"I pledge my energy and

best of my ability and, to

borrow words of our good

friend, Dennis Rodgers, let

"Kenansville show how it is

done!"