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Meeting And Demonstration

Alcohol As An Alternate Fuel

Is producing alcohol for use as fuel on the farm economically feasible? This one of many questions farmers will find answers to at the Beulaville National Guard Armory, March 4, said Agricultural Extension agent J. Michael Moore.

The building will open at 6 p.m. for observation of the various exhibits which will be on display. Beginning at seven o'clock, Dr. Everett Nichols and John Glover, both of NCSU, will address many of the issues surrounding the alcohol question. Among the issues to be discussed are: the actual process and equipment needed to produce alcohol for fuel, an economic analysis of the costs and benefits of producing and using alcohol, the political trade-offs of

using feed grains for production of alcohol, and the legal requirements for producing one's own alcohol. Alcohol of sufficient quality (160-180 proof) for use as an alternate fuel can be produced by almost any small farmer, but without the proper safety precautions and the availability of sufficient supply of products to be used in the mash, the venture may not only be dangerous but more costly than the use of fuels already available.

Also, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms requires anyone producing alcohol as a fuel to have a permit. A two-year permit for experimental purposes is available by meeting the requirements of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. There will be ample time for questions from the audience and several demonstrations using alcohol to fuel engines will be conducted.

Plan now to attend this informative meeting March 4 at the Beulaville Armory and discuss the use of alcohol as an alternate fuel. For more information, contact J. Michael Moore at the Agricultural Extension Service, 296-1996.

Beulaville Water And Sewer Refrendum Set

A public hearing was held on the \$1,163,800 proposed water and sewer systems in Beulaville, with no attendance from the general public Feb. 4.

Before the regular meeting of the Beulaville town board, a public hearing was called to answer questions about the proposed water and sewer system. Mayor Marion Edwards called the board's attention to Engineer Finley Boney who was present to answer questions about the two systems which are being designed by Boney & Associates of Raleigh.

Boney informed the board that water rates would rise from a \$4 minimum to about \$5.28. Sewer rates will also increase, Boney said, but he gave no estimate; presently sewer rates are half of the water rate. According to board member Wilbur Hussey, sewer rates will be changed upon completion of the project and will no longer be half of the water rate.

Commissioner Hussey made a motion to approve the water project and a second came from Commissioner Rabon Brown. Hussey also moved to approve the sewer project along with a resolution to hold a special bond referendum on the two projects; both motions were seconded by Commissioner Monk Whaley. The special bond referendum is scheduled for Saturday, March 29. Voters will have the choice to pass or defeat the purchasing of \$210,000 in bonds for the sewage system and \$415,000 for the water system in the referendum. Each bond is independent of the other, allowing either to be passed or defeated.

The proposed project will cost \$1,163,800, of which the town will be holding a bond referendum for \$625,000. The project will receive a state grant for \$199,700, along with an Environmental Protection Agency grant of \$464,250. According to Engineer Boney, all grants are contingent upon the passing of the bond referendum.

According to Commissioner Hussey, the bond referendum will be for \$625,000, which is more than would be necessary to complete the project at the present date. However, Hussey explained, a FmHA

grant might be approved if the bonds pass. If the FmHA grant is not approved after the bonds pass, Hussey said, the bond money would still cover the costs and inflation until the water and sewer projects are finished, with an allowance of \$125,150.

"We (town) don't have to sell all the bonds, but we don't want to get 90% complete and not have enough money to finish the project," Hussey explained.

The new water system is proposed to install 45,000 linear feet of six-inch lines and 50 fire hydrants, said Boney. He also added that the system would be looped to allow a better water flow to all fire hydrants. With the looped-system and the additional fire hydrants, Boney said, the fire protection rating for Beulaville would probably be lowered. The lower rating, the lower the insurance rates for fire protection, Boney added.

Commissioner S.A. Blizard questioned Boney about the need for an additional water storage tank. According to Boney, an additional storage tank would cost \$150,000 - \$300,000, and is an expense which could be added if necessary in the future.

Boney said the addition of new hydrants and lines to replace the rusting galvanized steel lines are needed more than a second storage tank. Beulaville has a 75,000-gallon storage tank, and if the countywide water system

is approved, the town will be able to utilize storage in the county system, Boney said.

The new water and sewer systems are designed to be self-supporting, and not raise taxes. Town Supervisor H.J. Brown said if the referendum is not passed, the old water and sewer systems will have to be replaced at the taxpayers' expense, without any aid from grants.

The commissioners also agreed to contact Grace Newton, public schools' dental hygienist, to ask that she and a representative from the state Dental Health Section be present for the next meeting of the board to discuss the possibility of adding fluoride to the town water.

After a discussion of the purpose for purchasing the newest fire truck in Beulaville, the board agreed that the truck should stay in town as much as possible. Commissioner Blizard stated the truck had been purchased for town protection and when the truck leaves town, the town is unprotected. The board agreed that all three fire trucks were not usually needed at fires, and the newest truck should be kept in town while the two older trucks attend fires outside of town. Noting that the new truck should be used to prevent it from rusting, the board ended its fire truck discussion with the agreement that the fire chief use his judgment of when to use the new truck.

DSA Banquet Scheduled

The Kenansville Jaycee annual Distinguished Service Awards banquet will be held Friday, Feb. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Duplin Country Club.

The DSA banquet gives the Jaycees the opportunity to honor citizens in their community for contributions and service to the local area. It is also an opportunity to promote community involvement and inform the public about the Jaycees and the purpose and work of their organization.

Awards will be presented for outstanding service in six categories — law/corrections officer, young educator, farmer, fireman, senior citizen and the distinguished service award. Anyone wishing to submit a nomination in any of these categories should contact Mayor Doug Judge or Town Administrator Woody Brinson no later than Feb. 20.

Recipients of the awards will be announced at the banquet Feb. 29. The Jaycees cordially invite all who are interested in community involvement to inform Kenansville Jaycee President Charles Sharpe that they plan to attend by no later than Feb. 26.

Four County EMC Extends Youth Tour Application Deadline

Deadline for submitting applications to Four County EMC for the rural electric youth tour to Washington, D.C. has been extended to Feb. 29.

All high school juniors in Bladen, Duplin, Pender and Sampson counties are eligible to apply for the all-expense-paid trip set for June 8-13. One student from each of the four counties will be sponsored on the tour by the cooperative. Applications

are available from all Four County EMC offices in Burgaw, Elizabethtown and Rose Hill, and from local high school guidance counselors.

In addition to the general applications, students must also answer a short discussion question in 200 words or less — "What can our rural electric cooperatives do to help alleviate the serious energy crisis facing our nation and the world?" Applications should be mailed to: "Youth Tour," Four County EMC, P.O. Box 667, Burgaw, NC 28425, or they may be turned in to any Four County EMC office by Feb. 29.

Finalists will be selected from each county and will be interviewed by a panel of

judges who will select the county winners and alternates. The youth tourists will join other winners from across the state for the bus trip to Washington in June.

Among the activities scheduled for the week are tours of the White House, Smithsonian Institute, FBI Building, U.S. Capitol, the National Zoo and Arlington National Cemetery. They will also meet with their congressional representatives and spend an evening at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, where they will have dinner and attend a play. In addition, the winners will be eligible to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to the outstanding youth tourist from North Carolina.

New Industry Opens In Calypso

Dennie Bell of Mount Olive announced Monday an investment of approximately \$250,000 in Duplin County with the opening of Bell & Sons, Inc.

Bell & Sons, Inc. will be located in Calypso and will employ approximately 20 women in the manufacture of men's and boys' colored tee shirts, which will be sold to screen printers for the printed tee shirt market. Nine colors and sizes will be produced, and production will begin approximately March 3. Bell & Sons, Inc. will occupy an existing 5,000

sq.ft. building formerly used by Calypso Casuals, Inc.

Bell, formerly general manager of Reeves Brothers, Inc. of Kenansville, indicated the cooperation and enthusiastic reception he had received from the officials and citizens in Calypso and the invaluable assistance given by the Duplin Development Commission were primary reasons for the selection of Calypso as a location for the industry. Bell is married to the former Linda Herring of Mount Olive, and they have two sons, Robert, 11, and Alan, 6.

Mount Olive Merchants

Washington's Birthday SALE

Feb. 15, 16 and 18



REEVES BROTHERS PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS - Last week Plant Manager Cecil Kornegay and Production Manager Bill Savage named the Reeves employees with perfect attendance during the past year. Many of the employees had perfect attendance records of more than one year. Kornegay pointed out before the plaques were awarded by the department supervisors. Pictured above are the sewing and examination

department members with perfect attendance, left to right, Julia Brown perfect attendance for 3 years, Department Supervisor Hanna Rhodes, Anita Pickett with two years, Coretha Nickelson with three years, Osie L. Miller, Geraldine Moore with three years, Carie Kilpatrick with three years, Annie M. Cavanaugh with five years, and Head Mechanic Elbert Long with two years.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS AT REEVES - Pictured above are employees with a perfect attendance for the past year at Reeves Brothers. Many of these employees have more than one year of perfect attendance, said Plant Manager Cecil Kornegay. Pictured, left to right, are the employees and their supervisors, Quality Control

Supervisor Daniel Hobbs, Jeffery Stalling, Rose Rich, Office Manager Carol Atkins, Johnny Farrior, Edna Carr with two years, Jessie Lanier with two years, Supervisor of the Cutting Department Terry Williams, Louise Whaley with two years, Supervisor of the Shipping Department Bobby Howard, and Shirley Williams.

Pay Determined For Duplin County Workers

By a 3-2 margin, the Duplin County Board of Commissioners voted to pay workers who showed up for work for a full day, even though they were sent home at 1 p.m. due to snow.

In the same proposal, the board agreed to pay workers who failed to appear at their work stations four hours' salary.

Voting for the proposal were Commissioners Franklin Williams, William J. Costin and Calvin Turner. Against it were D.J. Fussell and Allen Nethercutt.

The county parking lot on the site of the former Bowden Grocery Store between the health department and N.C. 11 will be paved. The board accepted the bid of \$6,956 or \$3.15 per sq. yd. from Cumberland Paving Co. of Fayetteville for the work. The money will come from court facilities fees.

Because the low bidder for the county library plumbing contract lacks a performance bond, the board agreed to give the firm, Pender Plumbing of Wallace, seven days to

put up either \$8,385.75 in cash or a new performance bond, or lose the contract. The firm lacked the performance bond because the company with which it had its insurance had quit doing business, and not through any fault of its own, according to Mrs. Donnie Rowe of the plumbing firm.

Scottie Lockamy of the state Employment Security Commission reported the 1980 U.S. census program is expected to hire about 50 persons in Duplin for about a month. He said applicants

must pass a test at JSTC in Kenansville to qualify. The pay will be \$3.50 per hour plus 18.5 cents per mile.

The board also signed a water purchase-sell agreement with the town of Kenansville to supply its proposed water system. The rates would be \$25 for the first 20,000 gallons, 55 cents for each additional 1,000 gallons per month. The proposed county water system would have about 150 users. The town of Green-ers would also sell the system water.

Faison Dog Tax And Tags Proposed

The Faison commission on the dog ordinance committee recommended the ordinance be changed to allow dogs to be free in the daytime but further action was tabled until the March board meeting.

Commissioners William Igoe, Rachel Clifton and Helen Britt recommended that the dog ordinance be changed to allow no dogs to roam the streets after dark. The committee of commissioners also proposed that all dogs be registered by their owners at the town hall, and for each dog a tag issued. Each dog would be required to wear the tag with his owner's identification number appearing on it, and a certificate of vaccination would also be

required and kept on record at the town hall. Commissioner Igoe read from the committee's report. Any dog not wearing a tag would be impounded, Igoe stated. The ordinance should also include a provision stating that no more than two dogs can be kept on an individual premises, stated Commissioner Fred Wheless.

Commissioner Igoe further explained that with the first two complaints, the dog's owner should be warned and the third complaint would result in impoundment. Mayor Bill Carter stated that the ordinance should provide for the use of dog traps at a citizens request and a fine imposed on the dogs caught in the traps.

The ordinance should allow the use of dog traps by request from the citizen, and a fine should be imposed on the dog's owner before he is allowed to get the dog back," Carter said. "The police department is presently using them (traps) and five dogs were caught in one yard during the past week at night," Carter added.

Along with registering the dog and owner's name at the town hall, the commissioners proposed charging a dog tax. Garrett Ludlum, a representative for the Jene Thompson law office, told the board a licensing fee could be charged each dog owner, but a fine for dogs caught at night in police traps would be included under the state

law. According to state law, dogs caught roaming free at night carry a \$50 misdemeanor charge. Ludlum said.

According to Commissioner Igoe, dogs would be allowed free in the day unless complaints had been received about the dog, then the dog would have to be penned by the owner or impounded by the town.

"With the town tag, any dog caught at night can be identified and the owner can be contacted through the identification number on the dog's tag," Igoe said.

Mayor Carter asked the dog ordinance committee to meet with Ludlum and complete the detailing of the dog ordinance and return with the final ordinance at the next meeting.