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HUD Water System

Potential Water Customers Sign-Up

water system between Kenansville and Greenevers s underway, said water systems coordinator Alfred

Dixon said he would be working both day and evenings to contact residents

Sign-up for potential water on the route of the new water sustomers on the 18-mile system. The system is being paid for by a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and is not part of the proposed county water system, Dixon

"This HUD water project is not to be confused with the

HUD WATER SYSTEM MAP - Kenansville to Greenevers

Kenansville

SR 1989 SR 1990

SR 1737

SR 1141

-SR 1960

(Shadeo area will be served)

SR 1959

SR 1981

SR 1958

SR 195

SR 1912

SR 1919

county water system," said Dixon. "Construction for this project will begin March 1." Dixon is also working as coordinator for the proposed Duplin water system.

According to Dixon, 177 potential customers reside on the route of the HUD water project, and each resident

must sign up before the contractor passes their lot in order to qualify for a \$10 deposit only. Customers signing up after the con-struction is completed in front of their residence will be required to pay as much as \$250 in order to hook up to the water system, Dixon

Water rates will be \$7.50 for a minimum of 2,000 gallons with the next 3,000 gallons costing \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons, and the next 5,000 gallons costing \$1 per 1,000 gallons, and all ove 10,000 gallons costing 80 cents per 1,000 gallons, Dixon said. The 18 miles of waterlines will include two-, three-, four- and six-inch

pipes, Dixon said. Water will be purchased from the Greenevers and Kenansville systems to supply the HUD water project, Dixon said. According to earlier reports, Greenevers agreed to sell water to the system at a minimum price of \$25 a month. The minimum will include provision for up to 20,000 gallons of water each month. Additional water purchased from Greenevers by the county will be sold at 55 cents per 1,000 gallons. And, a maximum sale of 1.25 million gallons each month was set. Kenansville agreed under a similar contract to sell water to the county for the HUD water project.

Dixon said he would be working in the community of the HUD project water to explain the project and the water-user agreement and to sign up users for the sylvem. Persons wishing to contact Dixon can phone 296-1592, or go by the Department of Community Development in the Finance Office at the Duplin County Courthouse in Kenansville.



REEVES BROTHERS SPECIAL SERVICE AWARDS -Employees who had worked for Reeves Brothers in Kenansville the longest period of time were honored with the awarding of pins and certificates by their department supervisors. Pictured above are employees of the sewing and examining departments, left to right, Department Supervisor Hannah Rhodes, Plant Manager Cecil Kor-

negay, Hazel Vann, Rosalyn Hooks. Annie Mae Cavenaugh, Mary Alice James, Eunice Chasten, Ruth Carr and Arbella Barksdale. Receiving 10-year recognition, but not pictured, was Wanda Hargrove. All members of the sewing and examining department received 10-year awards except Ruth Carr, who received a five-year service



REEVES BROTHERS SPECIAL SERVICE AWARDS Ten-year service pins and certificates were awarded to the Reeves employees pictured above. The individual awards were presented by the department supervisors, and are pictured, left to right. Bernice Murphy, Production

Manager Bill Savage, Katie Mae Stiles, Nallia F. Usher, Engineering Supervisor Janet Jones, Samples Supervisor Wayland Southerland, Edna Carr, Supervisor of Cutting Terry Williams, and Sharon Bostic

Grant For Kitchen

Georgia Pacific

Construction of the Georgia-Pacific lumber mill in Bowdens began last Octo-ber, said Construction Supervisor William Tanner, and is scheduled to be completed sometime in June.

Applications are being aken daily for employment in the lumber mill and for work on the construction site of the mill. Tanner said a crew of about 35 men are presently working on the construction of the mill. Applications of the men who are working on the construction of the mill can be reviewed when the plant opens, said Tanner, for work the mill. According to Tanner. Bowdens will be a small mill and employ about 45 to 60 persons. The mill will be used to cut

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to Greenevers

raw lumber from hardwood trees, said Tanner. No pine trees will be cut at the mill, Tanner said. Pine is usually processed at the Dudley

"Hardwoods have to be treated according to what it will be used for, such as siding, paneling or furni-Tanner said. "but

none of the processing will be done in Bowdens. The timber will be cut into raw lumber and sent to other plants to be finished."

According to Tanner, timber will come into the Bowdens mill where the bark will be removed and the trees will be cut into lumber. The bark and sawdust will also be used. Tanner explained that the sawdust and bark is shipped from the Bowdens mill to other Georgia-Pacific plants like Dudley and used

as fuel to fire boilers. The Bowdens main mill is

being built about 18 feet above the ground, Tanner said. The room underneath the mill will house mechanical conveyers. Tanner said construction of the tracks co.necting the Bowdens mill and the railroad would begin as soon as weather per-mitted. The main office building has been constructed, but the inside is not finished, nor are the windows installed, said Tanner.

The water system is working, Tanner said. The mill will be using water pumped from the well which existed

when the site was purchased by Georgia-Pacific and is located near the old Bowdens mill pond.

Water will be pumped 1,800 feet from the old well to the old water tank,' Tanner said.

According to Tanner, the old tank will store about 18,000 gallons of water, which will be a sufficient amount of water to supply the mill. Tanner said work had been done to fix up the old tank, which was also on the site when it was purchased, and Tanner said the old tank would be painted. Tanner is an employee of

Georgia-Pacific and a native of Georgia. He was stationed in Whiteville before coming to Bowdens. Upon completion of the Bowdens mill, Tanner says he will be moved to another georgia-Pacific project.

Farm Implement Identification System

Thefts, larcenies and burglaries are increasing at an alarming rate in many rural areas. Each year farm equipment is stolen and never returned because of a lack of identification.

The Duplin County extension service, Farm Bureau and Sheriff's department have joined to provide farmers with a personalized farm implement identification number with which to identify their equipment and tools. The same number may also be used to identify household items.

Individuals may borrow marking equipment from the AES or Farm Bureau. An inventory is helpful in event of theft. These numbers may be assigned only by the and sheriff's department Numbers will be assigned at the sheriff's department in Kenansville or members will be on hand to assign them at the Alcohol: Fuel For Thought meeting at 6 p.m. March 4 in the Beulaville National Guard Armory.

Mt. Olive Merchants Sidewalk Sales Feb. 29 & March 1

Approval of a \$50,000 grant for a kitchen to prepare meals for the Duplin County senior citizens' nutrition program has been received. it was announced last Wednesday night.

During the meeting with 100 senior citizens, Gayle Thames, program for the aging administrator for the Neuse River Council of Governments, said she had the grant approval on her desk.

The kitchen will be established in the former county jail building.

The program now serves 260 meals five days a week. The meals are served in centers throughout the county.

Walter Brown, county director of services to the aging, reported hot meal 'in-home' services will be started March 1 for 30 persons who are unable to leave their homes. He added the county homemaker services provides 508 persons with two hours a week each of homemaker service.

Also appearing before the group at James Sprunt Technical College last Wednesday

Woman Killed In Car Wreck

One woman was killed and nine other persons were injured last week on Tuesday afternoon in a two-vehicle collision on U.S. 117 about

3.5 miles south of Warsaw.

Mary Blanchard Frederick, 66, of Route 1, Warsaw. a passenger in one of the vehicles, died late Tuesday night from injuries she sus-tained in the accident, according to the Highway Patrol.

Elderly Approved was state Rep. Ernest Messer, chairman of the House

Select Committee on Aging.
The rapid increase in the number of persons 65 or older has caught the entire nation unprepared, Messer said.

He said that in 1910, the

average life span was 47 years. At present, it is more than 70 years with the over-65 age group the fastest increasing segment of the nation's population. 'This rapid increase and

its impact has caught the country without much, if any, planning," he added.

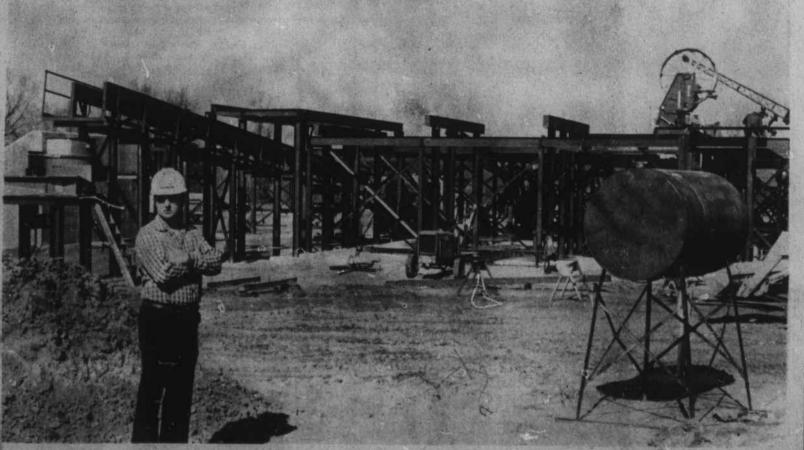
Messer said there are now 24 million persons in that age group in the country and about 62 percent of them vote. "They vote in the greatest numbers of any age group," he added. "Politicians have to heed their needs and desires if they want to stay in office. That term, 'too old' is a myth that needs to be destroyed. There is no connection between age

and productivity." he said. Messer said the extension of mandatory retirement age to 70 years from 65 was a step in the right direction. "I'll be glad when they kick out all the limits on age and allow a person to work until his condition requires him to

retire. He said his committee is attempting to outline a plan for inspection of rest homes. At present, the state inspects nursing homes but not rest

homes. Messer said he believes every county should have a senior citizens center where the people could obtain all available services without having to travel to several

Nathan Yelton, state administrator of services for aging, reports there are. 540,000 persons in North Carolina who are oven 65.



LUMBER MILL AT BOWDENS is under construction. Pictured above is Georgia-Pacific Construction Superintendent William Tanner and the steel frame foundation of the main part of the lumber mill in Bowdens.

The lumber mill at Bowdens will be owned by Georgia-Pacific and employee 45-60 people. It will produce raw hardwood lumber. According to Tanner, the mill will be reedy to open sometime in June.