

HUD Water System Potential Water Customers Sign-Up

Sign-up for potential water customers on the 18-mile water system between Kenansville and Greenevers is underway, said water systems coordinator Alfred Dixon.

Dixon said he would be working both day and evenings to contact residents on the route of the new water 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 said.

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

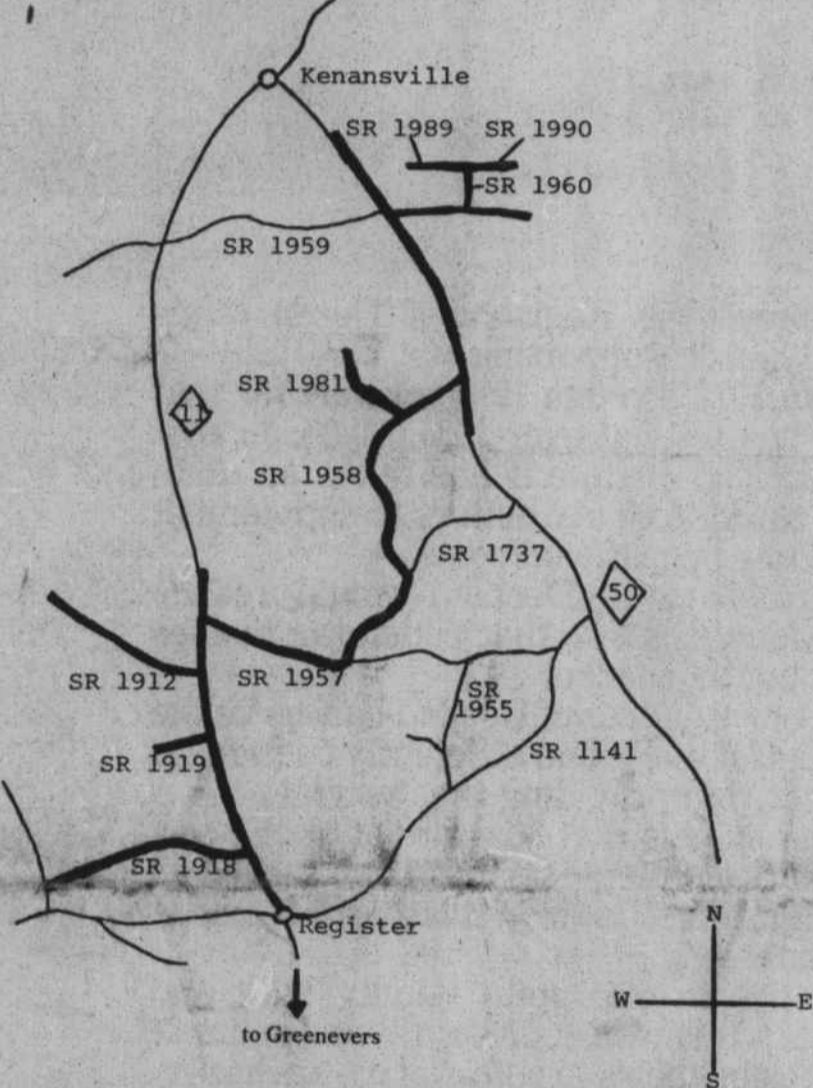
According to Dixon, 177 potential customers reside on the route of the HUD water project, and each resident must sign up before the contractor passes their lot in order to qualify for a \$10 deposit only. Customers signing up after the construction is completed in front of their residence will be required to pay as much as \$250 in order to hook up to the water system, Dixon said.

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 over 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 system. 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.

HUD WATER SYSTEM MAP - Kenansville to Greenevers (Shade area will be served)



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 Cave-naugh, 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 award.



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.

Georgia Pacific Bowdens Lumber Mill To Open In June

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

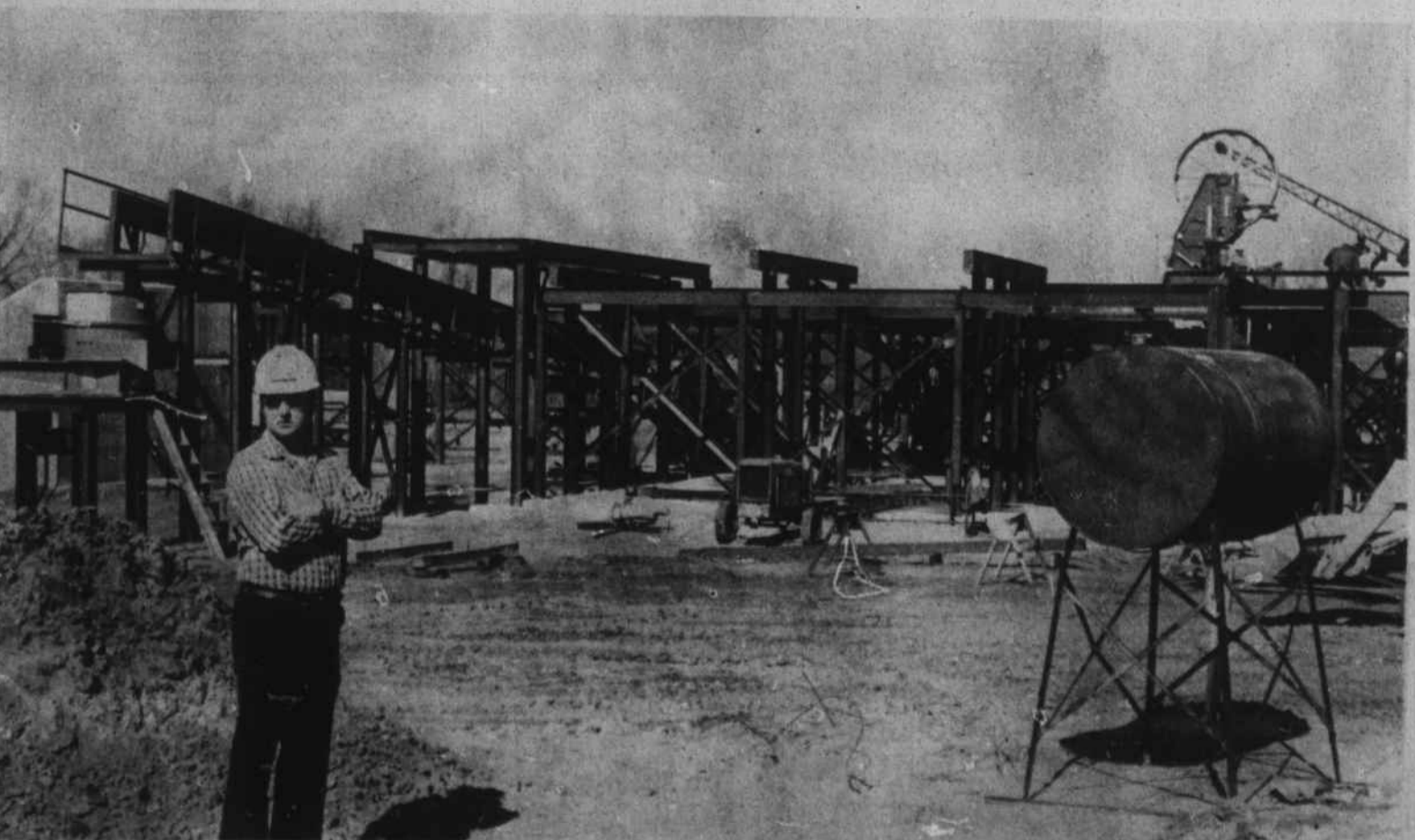
Applications are being taken daily for employment in the lumber mill and for work on the construction site of the mill. Tanner said a crew of about 35 men are presently working on the construction of the mill. Applications of the men who are working on the construction of the mill can be reviewed when the plant opens, said Tanner, for work in 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 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 plant. "Hardwoods have to be treated according to what it will be used for, such as siding, paneling or furniture," 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 connecting the Bowdens mill and the railroad would begin as soon as weather permitted. 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



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 employ 45-60 people. It will produce raw hardwood lumber. According to Tanner, the mill will be ready to open sometime in June.

Photo by Emily Killeto

Grant For Kitchen To Feed Elderly Approved

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 sustained in the accident, according to the Highway Patrol.

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

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