

# Duplin Times

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### Kenansville Asking For Old School

The Kenansville Recreation Commission will ask the Board of Education for the old Kenansville Elementary School property at the school board's regular meeting.

The board received permission last week from the Kenansville town board to make the request.

The school board already

has donated abandoned school property to seven communities — Calypso, Faison, Warsaw, Magnolia, Rose Hill, Teachy and Wallace — for recreational purposes.

However, the county commissioners are also seeking the Kenansville property. In authorizing a \$100,000 fund

transfer in the school board's budget from the capital outlay to current expense categories, the commissioners had stipulated that the school board must turn over title to the property to them before the transfer can take effect.

In other business Monday, the town board received a report on problems with bac-

teria in the Kenansville water supply.

City water tests on June 18 and 26 showed excessive amounts of coliform bacteria. As a result, Bucky Moore of the N.C. Regional Health Center in Greenville helped city workers chlorinate a highway construction area near E.E. Smith School on the edge of town to eliminate the problem.

The problem was isolated at a point where water lines had broken, allowing the bacteria to enter the system. About 25 customers were affected in a five-block area.

A contract for gasoline was awarded to Stevens Hardware Co. on a bid of 4 cents a gallon under the regular pump price. The city uses about 10,000 gallons a year for police, sanitation and utility vehicles.

In personnel matters, the board accepted the resignation of police Sgt. Herbert C. Mitchell, who is joining J.P. Stevens Co. of Wallace as a security guard.

Edward Quinn was rehired as a policeman at \$9,077 per year. Quinn's position had been eliminated by the board earlier this year in a budget-cutting move.



### Warsaw Apparel Shuts Down

Owners of Warsaw Apparel Co., Inc., a sewing operation, have announced plans to close the factory and sell the operation.

The closing of the dress factory will lay off about 60 employees, owner Robert Ellett said. The factory is one of three plants owned by Dudi-Duds of Lynchburg, Va., and is the only plant located outside of Virginia. The plant is the former Top Mode Manufacturing and purchased by Dudi-Duds in 1973.

Vacationing employees received letters explaining the shutdown of the plant, and were instructed to return to the plant July 15 to sign up for unemployment. According to Ellett, the plant made an inexpensive line of dresses, and imported clothing has hurt the sale of Dudi-Duds products.

"Dudi-Duds is unable to keep the plant open. We had some losses and are trying to consolidate our efforts in Virginia," Ellett said. "The

sales volume has been low, and there is not enough work to keep the plant open in Warsaw."

Not only has the Warsaw plant suffered from the low sales volume, Ellett said, but Dudi-Duds has dropped its uniform line which had been produced in one of the Virginia plants. Dudi-Duds had made three lines of clothing, dresses, maternity wear and uniforms, but the uniform line was dropped in the spring because of financial losses.

Ellett added that Dudi-Duds hopes to find a buyer for the Warsaw plant in the near future, but no potential buyers are known at the present time.

The lay-off of 60 employees is the second largest plant cut-back in Duplin within the past two months. A lay-off of 125 people at the Warsaw National Spinning plant was the first cut-back. The two plants together have a total of 185 employees who have been laid off in Duplin.

### Rose Hill Doubts Census Figures

Rose Hill officials last week directed Town Administrator C. T. Fussell, Jr. to object to the population count of the 1980 census.

The preliminary census report showed Rose Hill with 1,483 residents. Officials had optimistically estimated the population at 1,800.

Fussell said that as a lifetime resident and long-time town official, he knew just about everyone and every house in the town. He said he checked the water meter book and went over each family and checked on the number of people living at each service. He came up with a population of 1,550.

Fussell said the state Department of Transportation estimated the town's population at 1,790 in 1979.

Fussell said by actual count he found only two people living in some homes where officials had believed three or four or more lived.

The reason for this is that children have grown up and left the parental homes.

Officials are also questioning the census ruling that college students be counted at the school rather than at the home town if the two are at different locations.

In December 1971, the town annexed 95.32 acres with 66 houses and 186 people, Fussell said. In 1972 it annexed another area with 20 houses and 60 people. In 1974 it added 13.42 acres with four houses and six people.

Also, he said, three trailer parks and one apartment building have been added to the town. These provided 33 dwelling units with a population of 99.

During the 10-year span since the 1970 census, 47 houses were built in the town, Fussell said.

Fussell said the town now has 631 water customers. In 1970 it had 508 water cus-

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### Kindergarten Registration

Parents with school-age children who would be eligible to be enrolled in kindergarten through the sixth grade at Kenansville Elementary School who have not previously registered

their child should do so as soon as possible. You are asked to come by the school anytime between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. If you have questions, please call the school 296-1647.

**LIBERTY CART PERFORMERS** - Joe Brinson and Allyson Stroud create a colonial silhouette during rehearsals for the July 18 opening of the historical outdoor drama in Kenansville. The fifth season of Randolph Umberger's story of the development of Eastern North Carolina features a cast of over 50 professional and community actors and technicians. THE LIBERTY CART will be performed every Thursday through Sunday night through August 24 in the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Memorial Amphitheatre at 8:15 p.m.

### First Duplin Road Rally

The first annual Duplin Road Rally will be held July 20th, Sunday, at 1:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the Warsaw Jaycees.

Contestants will travel by car along a planned route throughout Duplin County with the starting point at James Kenan High. There will be a set of directions and

clues to find the checkpoints. First, Second and Third trophies will be awarded during the victory cookout after the rally. There is a \$1 entry fee. Contact Gilbert Johnson at 293-4496 or ask any Warsaw Jaycee or write Box 806, Warsaw, NC 28398, for details.

### Preliminary County Population At 39,812

### Census Count Told

Duplin County needs 43,900 citizens to maintain its House of Representative district, said Representative Doug Clark, and preliminary census figures show the county population at 39,812.

"The most deviation from one-man one-vote allowed is 10 percent," Clark said. "In the 1970 census, Duplin had 90 percent of the population needed to keep its House district — we (Duplin) needed 42,000 and we had 38,000."

According to Clark, Duplin is the smallest county with a representative in the state house. If Duplin does not find the additional 4,088 citizens, the house reapportionment committee will draw new district lines. New district lines will also be needed in county offices such as the Board of County Commissioners, and Board of Education, and the Congressional District could be reapportioned.

Duplin will be included in the house district most compatible, Clark said. Three possible choices include: Duplin joining Sampson and having two representatives; Duplin and Jones combining with one representative; and Duplin joining Onslow with three to four representatives. Both Sampson and Onslow counties have larger populations than Duplin. Duplin could lose its representation if combined with either Sampson or Onslow County, Clark added.

"As a general rule, when a smaller county is tied to a larger county, the smallest county will end up with no representation," Clark said.

In addition to Duplin facing reapportionment, Clark added, the federal and state funds would be decreased. Many of the funds received by the county are based on population, such as sales tax, revenue sharing and alcohol sales, he said.

The towns of Wallace,

Rose Hill, Beulaville and Magnolia decreased in population, according to the preliminary census. The population within these towns is being reviewed by town officials using utility bills and building permits.

Beulaville Town Supervisor H.J. Brown said Beulaville will not appeal for a census recount. Rose Hill, Magnolia and Wallace will appeal the census count. The appeal with documents to justify a census recount have to be

placed with the Regional Census Office in Wilmington within 10 days after the preliminary census was received, Rose Hill Town Administrator Woody Brinson said.

The towns of Calypso, Teachy and Kenansville showed the biggest population increases, with Calypso increasing by 183 citizens. The town of Faison remained at the same total as the 1970 census, showing 598 citizens. Greeneyers increased by 55 citizens to 479; Calypso

increased to a population of 645; Teachy increased by 125 citizens to a population of 344; Kenansville increased by 159 persons totaling a population of 921; Warsaw increased by 58 citizens to a population of 2,759; and Rose Hill increased by 35 to a population total of 1,483.

Beulaville dropped by 99 citizens to a population of 1,057; Wallace decreased by 61 persons to a population of 2,843; and Magnolia dropped by 32 to a population of 582.

### Wallace Cuts Cost Of Uncontested Fines

Parking ticket holders in Wallace may now pay their \$2 or \$5 fines at the city hall without having to go through the District Court office in Kenansville and paying an additional \$27 in court costs.

The town board adopted this ordinance at its July meeting. The proposal had been under discussion for the past six months. In effect, it removes uncontested parking charges from the criminal court system.

However, if a motorist chooses to fight the parking charge, he may do so by taking the case to District Court.

The \$5 fine is charged for improper parking in spaces designated for the handicapped and for parking on the wrong side of the street.

The \$2 fines are charged for other types of parking violations.

In other business, the board approved a change in designation of the electric power use classification of the Wallace water pumping station from municipal to industrial. The change will save the town about \$2,600 a year.

A request of Mitch Pergerson that out-of-town participants pay \$1 more than in-town participants for any park and recreation activities for which fees are charged was approved. He estimated this would bring in about \$500 per year.

The board also decided to protest the preliminary 1980 national census report. Mayor Melvin Cording said he had found 21 people who had not been counted in the 1980 census in April. He said the town would ask for a recheck.

Tom Davidson, public works director, said that during June, 7.7 million gallons of liquid went through the city's waste water treatment plant. This

was an average of 275,000 gallons a day. The plant capacity is 500,000 gallons a day.

Davidson said there is still a large inflow of storm water but that it is cheaper to treat it in the plant than to attempt to stop it all.

He reported the cost of repairing the city well by the town hall at \$2,865.

Paving bids for 49,000 sq. yds of asphalt street surfacing were to be opened Tuesday at a special meeting of the board.

Davidson also told the

board "this must have been a bumper year for vegetable gardeners, as I've never seen so many corn shucks and bean debris in the barbage."

He asked residents to put such garbage in containers by the street for a Wednesday pick-up.

### Food Stamps, Medical Aide For Migrants

To qualify for foodstamps, the migrant family or person must meet the same guidelines as the residents of Duplin, said Rebecca Lockamy, food stamp supervisor.

"The only additional qualification the migrant person must meet is to be a resident of Duplin at the time he or she applies for the food coupons," Lockamy said. "We (Social Services) must verify that the person does reside in Duplin before we can issue any coupons."

To verify a family's residence, the Social Services Department contacts the United State Postal Service and the farmer for whom the migrant is working. At the present time, 35-40 migrant families are receiving food stamps, Lockamy said. Last year 51 families received coupons during the period of April through September. Lockamy said most of the migrant families are from the northern part of Duplin, in the Faison area, and many of the families receiving food stamps this summer are those returning from last

year. Migrants who come to the Social Services office are often referred by the Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers Association in Faison, she added.

The MSFWA office is located with the Migrant Health Clinic in Faison. The office acts as a referral service for migrants to provide travel, housing and food assistance.

The Migrant Health Clinic is a state and federally funded center, said Clinic Director Theresa Tann. The clinic provides free medical treatment and is staffed by two family nurse practitioners, one registered nurse, and weekly visits from Dr. J.S. Blair, Jr. of Wallace. All medical attention and medicine is free at the clinic, Tann said. Medical problems that cannot be treated at the clinic are referred to a specialist, she said. During the past month \$1,200 was spent to pay the fees of referral cases.

"We are here to provide total medical care. If we cannot provide the services the individual needs (non-

medical), we refer them to MSFWA," Tann said. "The MSFWA provides travel, housing and food assistance. Each year we have about 12-15 migrants who come to the clinic and have been left by their crew leaders or brought to Faison under false pretenses. The MSFWA provides these people with food and housing and travel expenses back to their homes."

Tann added that migrants from both Duplin and Sampson Counties come to the Faison clinic. When the patients are referred outside of the clinic, both Sampson Memorial and Duplin General Hospitals are used.

The most common sicknesses treated at the clinic include hypertension, diabetes, skin allergies, minor cuts and burns, said Nurse Practitioner Pat Bradshaw. The clinic also assists the migrants with family planning. The most common children's sicknesses include colds, upper respiratory infections, and disease immunization, Bradshaw said.

### Beulaville Junior Miss Pageant Saturday Night

The Beulaville Jaycees will present the third annual Beulaville Junior Miss Pageant on Saturday, July 19 at 8 p.m. in the East Duplin Fine Arts Building. Sixteen

young ladies will be competing for this year's title.

The Junior Miss program is the keystone of a major nationwide scholarship

competition for high school senior girls. The scholarship awards are basic to the program, yet Junior Miss is a meaningful adventure in living and learning for the girls taking part.

Judging is based on the same high standards. They emphasize the positive and stress overall development of the individual, accenting the importance of character, personality, intelligence, abilities in human relations, creativity, physical well-being, general appearance and perception. There is no bathing suit competition.

Returning to emcee the pageant for the third year is Mrs. Janet Hogan of Norman, who comes to Beulaville with many years of pageant experience. She and her daughters, the Hogan Dancers, will provide special entertainment. Also in attendance and providing entertainment will be Diane Barfield, North Carolina's Junior Miss 1980.

The Beulaville Jaycees are proud to have received awards for the last two years as the best overall local pageant in the state. This year's pageant will be centered around the theme, "A Salute to the Olympics" and promises to be as exciting and entertaining as previous years.

### Carlton Appointed To Bank Board

The general board of directors of Southern Bank and Trust Company have appointed Hugh Carlton to the local board of Southern Bank and Trust Co. in Warsaw. Mrs. Jean C. Stephens, assistant vice president and branch manager, made the announcement.

Carlton, president of Carlton Insurance Agency, Inc., is a native of Duplin County. He was educated in the Warsaw Public Schools and is a graduate of Wake Forest University. He is a member of the N.C. Independent Insurance Agents Assoc., a trustee of First Baptist Church, a Shriner, and 32nd degree Mason.

Carlton and his wife, Jean have three children, Ginny Carlton Finch, David Hugh



Hugh Carlton and Julie Elizabeth. Other local board members include Leslie Bell, Otha Lee Holland and W.G. Britt.