

Kenansville Seeks School For Recreational Use

A request from Kenansville for transfer of the old Kenansville Elementary School building and property to the city for recreational purposes will be taken under consideration by the Board of Education.

The request came from a delegation of residents headed by Woody Brinson, town manager. He said the group represented the town board and the town recreation commission. He said the town now has a 10-acre park which is being used to capacity as a ballfield and playground.

"We need another park, and you have given seven other towns abandoned school property," Brinson said. He also observed the board is giving Wallace a second piece of abandoned school property, the former C.W. Dobbins school site near the American Legion ballfield on the east side of Wallace near the Legion Hut.

Brinson said Kenansville has a \$30,000 recreational budget. The program is staffed by volunteers. It needs a building for winter use. The town would make the site available to people outside of the town as well as town residents, he said.

E.L. Boyette, board chairman, said the board has been donating abandoned school property to the county as well as to the towns. He noted the county is also interested in

the school site. The property is being abandoned as an elementary school site this fall when the new Kenansville Elementary School opens on the east side of town.

To enforce its demand for the property, the Duplin County Board of Commissioners placed a condition on its approval of a \$100,000 fund transfer from the school capital outlay budget to the current expense budget that holds up the transfer until the deed to the property is placed in the county's name.

The school board had directed its attorney to ask the state attorney general's office for an opinion on the county commission's action. Tuesday night Hubert E. Phillips, school attorney, presented the attorney general's reply. The letter from Assistant Attorney General Andrew A. Vanore said, "We find no authority for the board (county commission) to condition its approval upon the exchange of property, transfer of property or any other like action as is suggested in the commissioners' resolution."

He concluded: "If they (the county commissioners) feel the board of education has presented sufficient reasons for such a fund transfer, they should approve it. If they feel the board of education has failed in convincing the commissioners as

to the necessity of such a transfer, they should disapprove it."

The board approved 137 school bus driver nominations presented by Allen Wood, transportation supervisor, and Jimmy Johnson, school bus driver trainer with the state Department of

Motor Vehicles.

Mount Olive Junior High School was given permission to use North Duplin High School's gymnasium at Calypso for a fee of \$1,900 for the 1980-81 season. The fee last year was \$1,250.

The old Cobb School site near Ronces Chapel, consisting of two acres, was donated

to Ronces Chapel Men's Club. The board had received permission to give the site to a non-governmental group through an act of the last legislative session.

School insurance premiums will be increased from \$7.50 to \$8.50 per pupil this fall.

Apartments Not Included In Warsaw Census

The Lord Duplin Apartments were not included in the Warsaw census total, Town Clerk Alfred Herring told members of the Warsaw Board of Commissioners.

The preliminary census report showed Warsaw population at 2,759. The preliminary report includes only the land area of the town up to January 1, 1978, Herring said. The Lord Duplin Apartments were annexed in March of 1978. A certified map of the annexed area is required by the regional census department before the apartments will be included in the Warsaw town limits for census purposes, Herring said. A map has been mailed to the census department, he said, and an additional 100 people are

expected to be added to Warsaw's population from the Lord Duplin Apartments.

The board approved the motion to let bids for the completion of the new recreation park. Recreation Director Neale Turlington said \$3,200 had been added to the park fund during the latest fund drive. Bids for the construction of the recreation park will be let on a deleting basis; only as much work will be done by the contractor as funds are available.

Police Chief R.P. Wood reported the arrival of two new police cars and the commissioners agreed to sell the old cars. The police cars are 1977 and 1976 model Plymouths.

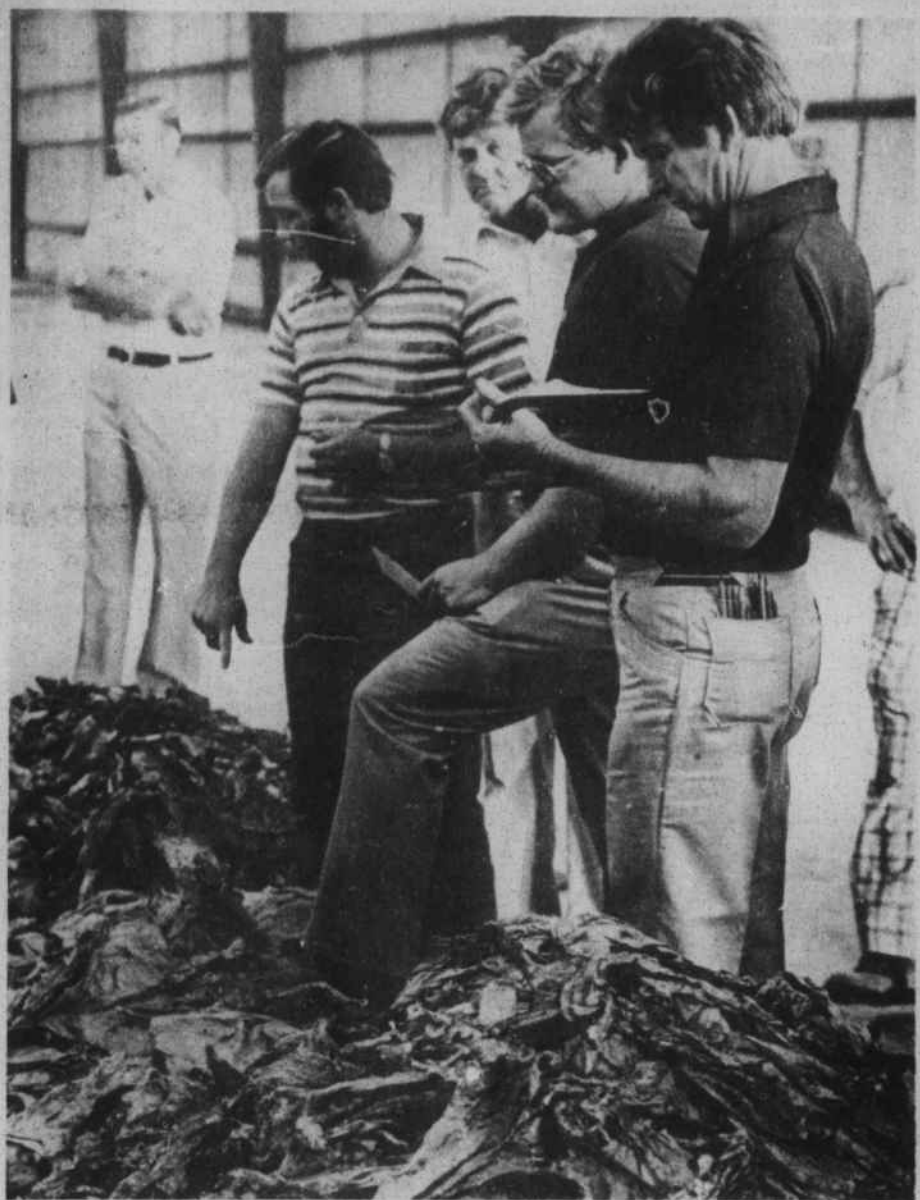
After no response from the advertisement for bids on the

sale of the old town hall/police department and the old Branch Bank building, the commissioners agreed not to readvertise the sale of the buildings. And, the board voted to cut insurance policies on both buildings in half, \$35,000 on the old police department, and \$25,000 on the old Branch Bank building.

Virginia Strickland was re-appointed from 1979 by the commissioners to serve as town tax collector in 1980.

Kermit Anderson of the Warsaw Carolina Power and Light, and Dan Cope, CP&L engineer from Raleigh, presented a two part survey of town street lights to the board of commissioners. The proposal called for the addition of street lights and changing some lights to 9,500 sodium vapor fixtures. Eight areas were recommended for the change of mercury to sodium lights. Anderson said the light output in the eight areas would be equivalent to 38 more mercury vapor lights. The sodium lights would cost \$94.96 more each month.

The board moved to install additional streetlights at the corner of Pincerest and Best Streets, and at the intersection of East Dudley Street and Memorial Drive. Three additional sites for street lights were to be visited before a final decision on the installation of lights at those sites would be final.



TOBACCO MARKET OPENS NEXT WEEK

Monday, July 21, marked the opening of the Georgia tobacco market, with the opening of the North Carolina market following next week. Duplin County has four tobacco warehouses, all located in Wallace, and Duplin is the largest tobacco producing county in the state. The 1980 flue-cured crop is expected to increase 17 percent over 1979 production. Also, grade prices increased in

75 percent of the grades. The gains were \$2 to \$10 per hundred pounds, with losses occurring in the priming and sand grades. Wallace tobacco markets sold 8,686,748 pounds during the 1979 season, with an average price of \$13.70 per hundred pounds. Pictured above are scenes from last year's tobacco sales at the New Duplin Warehouse in Wallace.

Liberty Cart Opens To Capacity Crowds

THE LIBERTY CART outdoor drama opened its fifth season to a capacity crowd of over 900 spectators at the show's premier held July 18 in Kenansville. The enthusiastic crowd was entertained by the Buck Swamp Kickin' Cloggers of Goldsboro prior to the opening of Randolph Umberger's historical drama of Eastern North Carolina.

The 1980 production of THE LIBERTY CART features a cast of over 50 professional and community actors and technicians who combine their talents to create one of North Carolina's finest outdoor dramas. The talent and efforts of THE LIBERTY CART cast and crew were acknowledged by the appreciative audience who responded with a standing ovation at the completion of the production.

State, area and local dignitaries from throughout North Carolina were in attendance at THE LIBERTY CART's 1980 opening. Congressman Charles Whitley, along with representatives from the Department of Cultural Resource's Theatre Arts, and from the Institute

of Outdoor Drama, were in THE LIBERTY CART's opening night audience.

The 1980 version features a combination of scenes which allows the production to flow more smoothly than in past years. The running time of this year's show is approximately one hour and fifty-five minutes, as compared to last year's playing time of almost three hours. The pyrotechnics of the show have been expanded, with the addition of thirty-five flashpots and the use of dynamite to create realistic stage versions of the battles of Widow Moore's Creek, Rockfish Creek, and the Battle of Gettysburg.

THE LIBERTY CART will be performed every Thursday through Sunday evening through August 24 in the William Rand Kenan, Jr. Memorial Amphitheatre in Kenansville. Special rates for groups, clubs and senior citizens are available throughout the six-week season. For information, contact Kerry Maher at (919) 296-0721, or write THE LIBERTY CART, P.O. Box 470, Kenansville, NC 28349.



Selective Service Registration Begins

Registration with the Selective Service System began Monday with Duplin males signing up at the county's 12 post offices.

The process of registering men born in the years 1960 and 1961 for the draft involves only the collection of names and addresses of people who could be called to serve in the armed forces during an emergency. No physical examinations, classifications, and no inductions are involved in the registration. Also, no draft cards will be issued.

Males born in 1960 and 1961 will be given two weeks in which to register, with the two-week period ending August 2. A schedule for registration during the two-week period was issued to avoid long lines at the post offices. Men born in 1960 should register during the first week, and those born in 1961 during the second week. During the week males born in January, February and March should sign-up on Monday. Those with birth-dates during April, May and June should register on Tuesday. Men born during July, August and September should register on Wednesday. And, those with birth-dates during October, November and December should sign-up on Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings are scheduled as make-up times for those men unable to register on the day indicated by their birth dates.

The next registration will begin in January of 1981, with males born in 1962 registering. Men will continue to sign-up after the 1962 males register, as they turn 18 years of age. The male who fails to register could face a fine of up to \$10,000, imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

To register, the male reports to any postal clerk and requests a registration form which he fills out and returns to the clerk. The clerk checks the form with some standard identification such as a driver's license and validates the farm. The registration form only requires the regis-

trant's name, permanent and current address, telephone number, social security number and date of birth.

Registration forms are forwarded by the post offices to the Selective Service System. Approximately 90 days after registering, each registrant is mailed an acknowledgement letter. The acknowledgement letter will be the only document the registrant will receive; no draft cards will be issued.

Members of the National Guard not on active duty are required to register if born in 1960 or 1961. However, members of the active armed forces, cadets or midshipmen at the service academies, and non-immigrant aliens born in 1960 and 1961 are not required to register with the Selective Service.

Classification of registrants will not take place, however, persons who consider themselves conscientious objectors may write "CO" on their registration forms. Registering with "CO" on the form will not confer conscientious objector status on the individual. Classification of registrants is decided by local draft boards; these boards are not in operation during the recent registrations. In the case that the drafting of males into the armed forces is begun, all men will be given a chance to apply for special classifications through the local draft boards.

SBA Funds Extended In Duplin

Disaster funds for the Small Business Administration have been extended, said SBA representative, Forrest Gunn, and loan applicants in the Duplin area snow disaster are being notified.

According to Administrative Aide Howard R. Baker in Congressman Charlie Whitley's office, a supplemental appropriation bill for the SBA passed both the House and Senate and was signed by President Jimmy Carter during the week of July 7. The funds for emergency disaster loans had been depleted in April. As a result, poultry farmers suffering a loss from the March snow storm and seeking SBA loans have been delayed in their plans to rebuild collapsed poultry houses.

Loans are being processed, said Gunn, and the SBA is notifying applicants of their loan standing. Closing papers are being sent to qualified applicants. When the closing papers are properly completed and received by the Charlotte SBA office, the applicant can expect to receive a check within three weeks, he added. All loan applicants are expected to be notified by the end of this week.

The deadline to apply for SBA loans was May 23, and from Duplin County 27 applications were received by the Charlotte office. From the 23 county snow disaster areas,

224 applications were received.

The disaster declaration by the SBA came after a late winter storm dumped up to 18 inches of snow in Duplin and surrounding counties. As a result of the snow and wind from the storm, 138 poultry houses collapsed in Duplin County. Trapped in the houses were about a half million broilers and 200,000 turkeys, Duplin Agricultural Extension Service figures indicated. Duplin and the surrounding counties were declared a disaster area, making poultry farmers suffering a loss due to the storm eligible for low interest loans from the SBA.

Duplin Extension Service estimated the damage of the storm at \$10 million. Farmers in Duplin continue to suffer a loss of income from their collapsed houses, and Extension Agent Snodie Wilson predicted a production drop of 5-10 percent in Duplin. Duplin had a poultry income of \$100 million last year, and this year Wilson expects the income to be about the same or less than in 1979.

The Charlotte SBA reports a total of 35 applications have been approved in the disaster area as of July 18. Within two weeks, Gunn said, all applications will be reviewed. Approximately \$1.5 million dollars have been approved in the 35 loans within the 23 county disaster areas, he added.

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