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Beulaville Becomes Member Of Tri-Town Administration

Beulaville became the third town in the tri-town administration program begun in 1978, after Magnolia pulled out this year, leaving Kenansville and Rose Hill in the program.

The tri-town program began in July of 1978 with Magnolia and Rose Hill joining Kenansville to pay the salary of a full-time town administrator. The tri-town agreement included the towns sharing the benefits of administrative moneys received through federal grants for town projects, Tri-Town Administrator Woody Brinson said. And, in June of this year Magnolia pulled out of the tri-town agreement, budgeting moneys paid the administrator into a full-time town clerk's position. Beginning the first of September, Beulaville officially replaced Magnolia in the tri-town agreement, Brinson said. However, he added, for a period of one year Beulaville will not benefit from any of the grant funds paying the administrator which were applied for prior to Beulaville

joining the tri-town agreement.

Until Beulaville joined the tri-town agreement, Brinson said, Rose Hill and Kenansville had budgeted funds to pay his salary. With the addition of Beulaville into the agreement, salary expenditures for the other two towns would decrease. Beulaville will be paying one-fourth of the administrator's salary, \$5,500, with Kenansville paying approximately \$10,000 and Rose Hill \$6,400, Brinson said.

The tri-town agreement designates one day of the administrator's week is spent working on business for each of the towns of Beulaville and Rose Hill. Two days of the week are for the administrator to work on Kenansville projects and the remaining day of the week is for work in any or all the towns' programs, Brinson said. Kenansville is the home base of the tri-town agreement, he said, with both Rose Hill and Beulaville paying travel expenses to their town. Trips which combine the business of more than one town, are paid jointly by the towns

involved. In Kenansville, Brinson is responsible for the administration and application for grants, budget, and investment advertisements for the town board. He is also in charge of town personnel, purchasing, paying bills and some on-site supervision of projects, such as the park. In the towns of Beulaville and Rose Hill, Brinson acts only in the administration of grants and the application for grant funds, along with budget and investment advertisements to the town boards.

Beulaville projects which Brinson has become involved with in the tri-town administration program are the Environmental Protection Agency waste water treatment improvements and sewer plant construction. However, Brinson said, potential projects in the area of recreation facilities, highway improvements and HUD Community Development Improvement are being considered by the Beulaville Town Board.

Over the next 18 months, Brinson said, federal grants in the towns of Rose Hill and

Kenansville may be funding up to 90% of his salary as tri-town administrator.

However, Beulaville will only benefit from the grants after September of 1981. Rose Hill will receive a \$813,000 HUD grant for sewer improvements which includes funds for an administrator if the citizens of the town pass the November 4 sewer improvement bond referendum for \$375,000, Brinson said. Along with the passing of the bond referendum, Rose Hill will receive \$1,925,000 in EPA and Clean Water Bond grants needed for improvements to the sewer and water systems. Kenansville will be receiving funds to pay the salary of an administrator through a CETA project. According to Brinson, the CETA project will become effective when the federal budget is finalized. The Kenansville CETA project will be a \$78,000 program in which labor will be furnished to restore the Pearsall House and work on park improvement. Both the Rose Hill and Kenansville projects are expected to begin in November if approved, Brinson said.



VOLUNTEER AWARDS - In a ceremony at King's restaurant in Kinston, Governor Jim Hunt presented five volunteer awards to Duplin County residents. They are, from left to right in the photo with the Governor, Lester Moore, who accepted the Outstanding Individual Human Service Award for Judy Wallace; H.L. Sanderson, who accepted the Outstanding Community Organization Award for the Wallace Rotary Club; Mary Pierce, who accepted the Church/Religious Award for the Churches of Duplin

County; Earl Whitaker, honored as the Outstanding Individual Community Leader; and Mildred Hussey, who accepted the Outstanding Volunteer Coordinator Award for Katie Murray. The ceremony was one of three in the state this fall. Volunteers and volunteer organizations from Eastern North Carolina were chosen by local county committees and honored Saturday, October 4 in Asheville; and those from Central North Carolina will be honored on October 10 in Raleigh.

Faison Depot Restored As Fellowship Hall

For \$35 a square foot we could build a fellowship hall, but restoring part of the old Faison depot has cost less than half what a new building would cost, said Willie Hill, a member of the Faison Hills Chapel Church.

"We were going to build a fellowship hall onto our church, but for \$35 a square foot, we could never have built anything like this," Hill said.

Hills Chapel Church is located on the corner of the block, south of Goshen Medical Center. The church had the storage area of the depot moved behind their sanctuary this past winter, and hired two carpenters

who have remodeled the inside of the old depot according to ideas from church members, Hill said.

The unsuspecting passer-by would not recognize the old depot. The outside has been bricked and only the scalloped trim on the eaves remains. Inside the building is almost finished. The floor waits to be covered and final touches in the kitchen indicate the job is incomplete.

Inside the walls have been paneled, a kitchen area has been added, and the ceiling is covered in large white squares accented with gray. And, renovating the depot storage area has cost less than building the narrow expansion between the

church and the fellowship hall, Hill said.

"We haven't spent \$30,000 on this building yet," Hill said. "When we first started talking about building a fellowship hall, we were given an estimate of about \$35 a square foot. If we had built, we could never have afforded anything as nice as this building. A building like this would cost \$85-90,000 if we had built it from the ground up."

Hill estimates the church has saved as much as \$50,000 and they have their fellowship hall sooner than had been expected. The hall will serve as a Sunday school room and a place for small church meetings. And, the

church will use the facility as a fellowship hall where the members can gather for dinners, receptions and other occasions.

"The women have already used the room for one dinner," Hill said. "We were working on the inside but they came in and put up some curtains and cleaned up a bit and used the room for a dinner."

According to Hill, the first dinner was the celebration of Hills Chapel Church homecoming in August. Another celebration and dinner will be scheduled when the fellowship hall is completed, Hill said. The pastor for the church is the Reverend R. W. Lowe.

Case Against Teacher Dismissed

Two charges of taking indecent liberties with minors against Marvin Graham, 46, a public school teacher, were dismissed in Superior Court last Wednesday by Judge Robert D. Rouse Jr.

The charges were dismissed because of insufficient evidence, Rouse said. Refusal of a 14-year-old state's witness to testify during the trial and refutation of previous statements

by another 14-year-old witness led defense attorney Vance Gavin to make a motion to dismiss all charges.

The jury was escorted from the courtroom while the judge and the attorneys discussed the matter.

Following dismissal of the charges, Judge Rouse ordered the witness who refused to testify to appear in court before 10 a.m. Nov. 24 and show why she should not be held in criminal contempt

of court. The judge told the first witness, "You have to answer the questions asked here. . . You willfully refused to answer questions without legal justification."

Graham's case was brought before a county grand jury session by Deputy Alfred Basden and District Attorney Dewey Hudson. The grand jury found a true bill against Graham and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

After he was indicted, Graham was freed on \$1,000 bond and continued teaching.

During the trial, Hudson said both witnesses had recorded statements concerning an alleged incident May 2. However, when the witnesses were called to testify on Tuesday, one refused to testify and the other, while acknowledging having made the statements, said they were untrue.

Five More Miles Of I-40 Construction Work Funded

U.S. Senator Robert Morgan has notified Tom Bradshaw and the NCDOT of the availability of an additional \$2.6 million in federal highway discretionary funds for continued initial construction phases of the 90-mile priority primary highway project from I-95 near Benson to Wilmington.

State Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw said this latest additional funding provides for grading, drainage and structures from just south of NC-210 near Pocky Point for 4.9 miles south to just north of the Northeast Cape Fear River near Castle Hayne. Bids for this project will be received in November and recommended to the board of transportation in December.

Bradshaw noted the board of transportation will be asked to award bids on similar construction work on another 16.2-mile section of the project during the board meeting in Oxford this week. He commended the continuing effort of the N.C. congressional delegation and especially Senator Robert Morgan and Congressman Charlie Rose and Bill Hefner who worked to get his project included in the 1978 surface transportation legislation.

"We have already received \$20.25 million from the FHWA for right of way acquisition on this multi-lane project. In January we received a commitment for \$14 million in initial construction funds for FY '80, and in August \$1.6 million was made available. Now we have been notified of an additional \$2.6 million which will be matched with 25 percent state funds.

"We are proud of our active partnership with

FHWA and certainly appreciate the assistance of U.S. Transportation Secretary Neil Goldschmidt and Federal Highway Administrator John Hassell in helping us develop this most important 90-mile freeway."

The secretary indicated that "Our board of transportation's foresight in including this project in our transportation improvement

program in January of 1978 and our staff's early development of engineering plans has enabled our state to take maximum advantage of discretionary funding for this important highway facility."

He also commented, "This interstate-type facility from Benson to Wilmington will connect our port with the state's piedmont and mountainous regions. It represents the board's commitment to

carry on Gov. Hunt's policy on balanced growth and economic development.

"North Carolina's other port at Morehead City is served by US-70 which is four-laned from the coast to the Tennessee line with the exception of the Smithfield Bypass, which is an active project with the department. The 13-mile section is presently in the design stage with construction scheduled for early 1982."

Sout-O-Rama '80 To Be Held At Wayne County Fairgrounds

One thousand Boy Scouts, Cubs and Explorers will converge on Wayne County fairgrounds Oct. 11 to open their second annual Scout-O-Rama. According to Scout Executive Dick Auger, this is a show staged by members of the Tuscarora Council depicting scouting in action.

There will be a midway which the scouts will show their pioneering skills, cooking, first aid and a host of merit badges. Cubs will have live exhibits of their handicraft, games, puppets and other achievements and electives. The high school age Explorers will man booths that reflect activities performed by them such as medicine, law enforcement, firemanship etc. The ribbon cutting for the event will be at noon Saturday and will be performed by Mayor Al Plunk of Goldsboro along with Miss Goldsboro of 1980. There will also be music and activities performed every half hour during the rest of the day. This will include

guard dogs, country-western music and quartets. Judges will come from various parts of the state, and ribbons will be awarded. The affair will conclude at 6 p.m.

Danny Southerland, chairman, said that he anticipated a crowd equal to that of last year if not larger.

Southerland is from the Sunrise Kiwanis Club of Goldsboro, a sponsoring organization. "The public is invited to purchase a \$1 ticket from their neighborhood scout or explorer and come see scouting in action," Southerland added.

McCullen Inducted Into Marketing Group At ECU

Forty-seven students in the East Carolina University school of business have been initiated as charter members into ECU's new collegiate chapter of the American Marketing Association. All are pursuing majors in marketing or related fields—business administration, management or economics.

In a recent campus ceremony, the new chapter was formally dedicated to Dr. Albert R. Conley, retired member of the ECU market-

ing faculty, and will be known as "The Albert R. Conley Collegiate Chapter."

Chapter members include Renee McCullen, business administration and marketing major, from Warsaw.

AGLOW

Women's Fellowship will meet Saturday, Oct. 11 at 9 a.m. for coffee and 9:30 a.m. for their meeting at Brown's restaurant in Kenansville. Guest speaker is Bea Carson of Williamson.

Whitley Receives Award And PAC Endorsement

The National Federation of Independent Business, the largest small business group in the nation, announced that by voting in support of key small business issues, 80 percent of the time during the 96th Congress, Rep. Charles O. Whitley has earned its Guardian of Small Business award and has been endorsed by NFIB's political action committee.

In announcing the award, Wilson S. Johnson, president of the group, explained that the award gives recognition to legislators who support small business and at the same time assures our members of how their legislator is representing them in Congress. "Quite often," says Johnson, "some legislators will claim support for small business by voting for such things as a Small Business Administration appropriations bill. We feel, however, that NFIB members should know how their legislator voted on each of those issues which we consider of key importance to small business."

NFIB PAC Chairman Dick Fisher noted that the endorsement of Whitley comes after close scrutiny of his overall legislative record which clearly shows a concern for the 12 million or so

small business operations in the country today. "Congressman Whitley has served his constituency well on a broad-based spectrum of legislation and has been an effective member of Congress in his work on the House floor in in commit-

tee," says Fisher. "He should be returned to Washington so that he can continue to fulfill the specific needs and wants of his congressional district and the nation as a whole."

NFIB, which is nonprofit and non partisan, presents

its Guardian Awards at the end of each Congress to those members who vote in favor of small business on selected issues at least 70 percent of the time. A total of 195 representatives and 30 senators qualified for the award this year.



WILSON S. JOHNSON, left, president of the NFIB, presents his organizations Guardian of Small Business award to N.C. Con-

gressman Charles O. Whitley. NFIB is the nation's largest small business organization.