

Duplin Times

PROGRESS SENTINEL

VOL XXXV NO. 44 US# 5 152-960 KENANSVILLE, NC 28349 OCTOBER 30, 1980 24 PAGES THIS WEEK 10 CENTS PLUS TAX



OUTSTANDING 4-H MEMBERS - The most outstanding county 4-H members in the junior and senior divisions were recognized during awards night last week. Pictured above are the outstanding members, left to right, Wanda Costin of the Warsaw Shamrock club, Arthur Hall of the Stanford Club, Glenn Brinson of the Stanford Club, and

Laurie Swain of the New Horizons Club. Also pictured is the outstanding 4-H leader, Lucy Pearsall of the Wallace DECA 4-H Club. Laurie and Arthur were the junior winners and Glenn and Wanda were the senior outstanding 4-H members. Each received a trophy.

Antenna Will Bring Clear PBS To Duplin County

Jake Dunlop, director of the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television, told the Duplin County commissioners a new Public Television antenna will be erected on a 2,000-foot tower near Jacksonville enabling most Duplin residents a "quality" broadcast signal for UNC-TV on channel 19.

Duplin County Hospital administrator Richard Harrell told the board that plans to convert the old nursing quarters to doctors' offices is progressing nicely. The old nursing quarters will be renovated for use as specialty doctors' offices. The hospital hopes to attract new specialists by having the facility ready. Duplin currently has a shortage of doctors.

Harrell also said Dr. Jeffrey Margolis will set up practice in Faison at the Goshen Medical Center in July 1981. Margolis is finishing his residency at Baptist Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. In other business, the commissioners also:

—Toured the new \$55,000 kitchen in the old Duplin County jail set up to cook meals for the nutrition for the aged program. The kitchen was built with federal funds obtained by the county. The program provided 340 meals for elderly persons in Duplin and Onslow Counties, an average number of meals for the program. The meals are served at four sites in the county: the Lyman Fire Department, in Wallace at the old C.W. Dobbins School, in Warsaw at the Warsaw Baptist Church, and in Faison at the recreation center.

—Heard Agricultural Extension chairman Lois Britt explain a new nutritional education program. Four aides will be hired at \$4,463 for a 25-hour week to canvass homes and educate people on good nutrition. —Decided not to accept \$45,000 from the N.C. Clean Water Fund. The commissioners had requested \$3 million to help fund a countywide water system, but did not get the full amount. They will allow the \$45,000 to revert to the Clean Water Fund and re-apply later for the \$3 million.

There are delays in students getting the applications on time," board member Graham Phillips said at an earlier meeting, adding the Morehead program is handled "very poorly" at Wallace-Rose Hill high school. Phillips asked the board on October 7 to examine the guidance program at the high school to determine why there are delays in the students getting the necessary application. Phillips' daughter is a Morehead nominee this year. The counselors attended last week's meeting and a heated executive session the board members ensued. The board claimed exemption from the state's open meetings law under the "personnel matters" clause. The counselors and the

principal of the high school refused to make any public comment on the issue except to say they had not been fired. Dr. E. Boyette, the chairman, said the board will appoint a committee to resolve any disagreements which may exist. The board also permitted the East Duplin Band Boosters Club to sell tickets for a barbecue dinner to pay for and equipment. Last year the board limited school-wide fund-raising activities to two per year. Last Tuesday's action will break their earlier stated

policy, as East Duplin has already received approval for two other fund-raisers. The board changed its meeting from 8 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and decided to cancel their scheduled Nov. 4 meeting because of the general election. They also decided to have only one meeting in December. Assistant superintendent L.S. Guy said the administration will seek an additional state-funded teacher's position due to unanticipated increases in the student population at Rose Hill-Magnolia elementary school.

Board Of Education Closes Door On Complaints

The Duplin County school board members closeted themselves for more than an hour last week with guidance counselors from the Wallace-Rose Hill High School discussing complaints that counselors are slow in helping students apply for scholarship programs such as the Morehead Scholar program.

There are delays in students getting the applications on time," board member Graham Phillips said at an earlier meeting, adding the Morehead program is handled "very poorly" at Wallace-Rose Hill high school. Phillips asked the board on October 7 to examine the guidance program at the high school to determine why there are delays in the students getting the necessary application. Phillips' daughter is a Morehead nominee this year. The counselors attended last week's meeting and a heated executive session the board members ensued. The board claimed exemption from the state's open meetings law under the "personnel matters" clause. The counselors and the

principal of the high school refused to make any public comment on the issue except to say they had not been fired. Dr. E. Boyette, the chairman, said the board will appoint a committee to resolve any disagreements which may exist. The board also permitted the East Duplin Band Boosters Club to sell tickets for a barbecue dinner to pay for and equipment. Last year the board limited school-wide fund-raising activities to two per year. Last Tuesday's action will break their earlier stated

policy, as East Duplin has already received approval for two other fund-raisers. The board changed its meeting from 8 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and decided to cancel their scheduled Nov. 4 meeting because of the general election. They also decided to have only one meeting in December. Assistant superintendent L.S. Guy said the administration will seek an additional state-funded teacher's position due to unanticipated increases in the student population at Rose Hill-Magnolia elementary school.

Plans For 1980 Farm Week Include Tractor Driving Contest

Plans for the 1980 Farm-City Week will include a tractor-driving contest with high school Future Farmers of America chapters competing against each other. The 1980 Farm-City Week is November 21-27. The national theme of "Partners in Progress" was discussed at the Agri-Business meeting last week. The Duplin County Farm-City Week will be held at James Sprunt Technical College, where an exhibit of farm and business displays has been planned. Exhibits will be opened Friday, Nov. 21 remaining available for public inspection during JSTC school hours.

As part of the Farm-City Week activities, Nov. 25 a special program is planned at JSTC featuring a guest speaker, musical entertainment and a tractor-driving contest. The program on Tuesday will begin at 7 p.m. with the speaker appearing in the Hoffer auditorium at 8 p.m. Entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude at 10 p.m., with many local singing groups appearing. Scheduled to appear in the Hoffer auditorium are the Charlie Albertson Band, the East Duplin Chorus, Annabelle Rand and Miss Duplin County Shari Jones. Additional entertainment will be announced at a later date, said entertainment chairman Charlie Albertson. Plans for the tractor-driving competition will also

be announced at a later date. Agri-Business vice-president Robert Grady, a FFA teacher at East Duplin High School, is working to establish rules and prizes for the event. All events in the Duplin Farm-City Week are free, and the public is invited to attend the activities on Farm-City Night or visit JSTC to see the displays, said the chairman of the project, Roy Houston. The Agri-Business Council discussed the use of the old Kenansville elementary school and surrounding facilities and grounds for a future county agricultural fair. A resolution from the council was approved to be sent to the Duplin Board of Education. The resolution

encouraged the school board to preserve the old school for public use by county citizens and not turn the property over to any person or group to destroy or limit its use. And, continuing to work with the idea of having a county fair, the Agri-Business Council will host a speaker from a neighboring county fair organization. The speaker will appear at the January Agri-Business Council meeting, and the Council encourages civic groups in Duplin who are interested in the possibility of starting a county fair to attend the meeting. Exhibits planned for display during Farm-City Week include local industry, agriculture, government, schools and merchants. The exhibits will be in the McGowan and Hoffer buildings at JSTC and farm equipment is going to be on display on the campus lawn. Coordinating the displays at JSTC will be Jack Alphin, Agri-Business secretary, John Kilpatrick and Bill Warren. Door prizes will be given away each half-hour during Farm-City Night at James Sprunt. Prizes will be donated by local Duplin County merchants; Carey Wrenn of Kenansville is coordinating the project. And, Doug Clark of Kenansville has recruited Congressman Charlie Whitley to be the guest speaker for the Farm-City Night. Robert Worthington, with the Duplin Farm Bureau, is acting as fund-raising chairman for the Farm-City Week.

Faison Engineer Fee Dispute Ended During Special Meeting

The Faison Town Board voted to pay \$9284.09 in the settlement of the \$14,000 dispute between Engineer Finley Boney and the commissioners on the design fee for the town water project during a special called meeting last week. Included in the settlement is the redesign charge after bids were too expensive for the town on the original project, two change order designs and fees for rehabilitation and supervision of the water treatment plant by the engineer. The redesign fee of \$4120, change order fee of \$2,236 and the \$2,928 rehabilitation charge totaled \$9,284.

The dispute began in July; Boney had contended that design fees for the water project should be based on the estimated cost of the project. However, Faison commissioners, along with the Farmers Home Administration officials were only willing to pay design fees for the actual cost of the contracts let in the project, which resulted in a difference of \$14,000. In August, Boney recommended two change orders in the project allowing the use of additional money to install

6,000 more feet of distribution lines and a tank overflow pipe and door to prevent public access to the water tank ladder. The change orders involved \$16,100, money saved on the tile and concrete foundation for the elevated storage tank. The total saved on the pile and concrete foundation was \$21,000. The \$4,900 remaining after the change orders were completed was recommended by Town Administrator Niel Mallory for use to pay the engineering fees involved in the additional changes to the water tank. The \$14,000 design fee resulted after the first bids received by the Faison Board of Commissioners on the water improvement project were too expensive. After redesigning the project, bids were taken a second time and let for a total cost of \$325,000. The estimated cost had been \$470,000, which carried a design fee of \$38,000. The design fee of \$24,000 was approved for the project according to the actual cost of contracts let on the water system. The agreement for settlement of the design fee called for payment of approximately half the disputed amount, \$7048.

According to Faison Mayor Bill Carter, he, along with Town Attorney Jene Thompson, Mallory and Boney had met and discussed the fee difference. During the meeting a settlement of \$9,284.09 had been agreed upon for recommendation to the town board. The payment of approximately half of the disputed design fee difference, plus an additional \$2,236.89 for the change orders in the distribution lines and elevated storage tank, was approved by the Faison commissioners. The special meeting of the town board had been called to discuss an Environmental Protection Agency grant of \$740,350. The grant was discussed and a motion was made by Commissioner Rachel Clifton and seconded by Commissioner Fred Wheless to accept the offer. The motion was approved unanimously. The board voted to move the November 4 regular meeting of the commissioners to November 5 at 7 p.m. The regular meeting date had conflicted with the general election to be held on the first Tuesday in November.

Halloween

Friday,

October 31

Beware Of

Trick-Or-Treaters



Williams Killed In Accident

Two others were reportedly injured. Williams graduated from East Duplin High School in 1978. He was a student at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. Surviving: parents, the Durwood M. Williams of Chinquapin; sister, Mrs. Vickie Quinn of Warsaw; brother, Randy Williams of Chinquapin; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Williams of Beulaville.

Two others were reportedly injured. Williams graduated from East Duplin High School in 1978. He was a student at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. Surviving: parents, the Durwood M. Williams of Chinquapin; sister, Mrs. Vickie Quinn of Warsaw; brother, Randy Williams of Chinquapin; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Williams of Beulaville.