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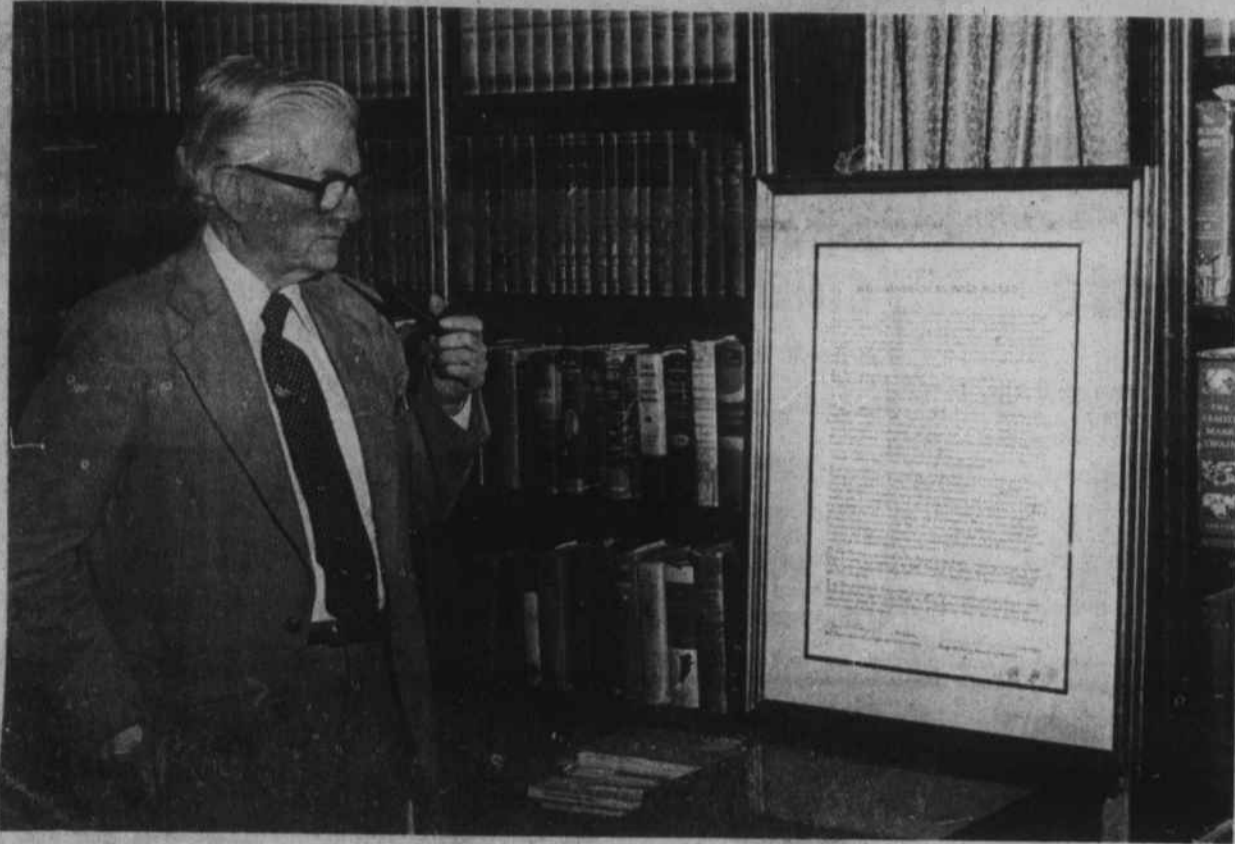
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DALLAS HERRING with award in his study. North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities has presented the educational leader its highest award.

## Dr. Dallas Herring Honored

Dallas Herring has again been honored for service to the people of North Carolina. The North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities, at its 60th annual meeting at Wrightsville Beach, presented Herring its most prestigious award, the Hugh McEniry Award, in recognition of unusual and outstanding service in behalf of higher education. The award is named after Dr. Hugh McEniry, former member of the association and its president at the time of his death.

Local residents attending the banquet and awards ceremony were Mrs. Sue Saunders, Jimmy Strickland, Amos Brinson, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hoffer, Dr. and Mrs. Edward L. Boyette, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Craft, Dr. Gene Ballard, Dr. Carl Price and Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Hall.

### CITATION WILLIAM HUGH McENIRY AWARD

William Dallas Herring, a native North Carolinian, has exerted during the past 25 years a powerful influence on the course of public elementary, secondary and higher education in the State. That this Renaissance man, graduate of Davidson College, Phi Beta Kappa, classical scholar, would totally devote his public life, and to a great extent his

private life, to educational opportunity for "The Forgotten Man" is a clear and forceful demonstration of his commitment to the democratic ideal. The quality and spirit of his service clearly lifted the lives of millions of North Carolinians through accessible and improved education from kindergarten to graduate school.

In 1955, Dallas Herring was appointed to the State Board of Education and a year later he was named to the Board of Higher Education to provide liaison between the two Boards. In 1957, he was elected Chairman of the State Board of Education by his fellow members who along with the Governor recognized his ability, dedication and leadership potential.

When Terry Sanford was elected Governor in 1960 upon a platform of educational advancement, both secondary and higher education forces were brimming with hope. Some of the recently established two-year colleges aspired to senior college status. Industrial education centers wanted independence from their public school sponsors. Some senior colleges sought to add fifth and sixth year graduate programs. Early in the 1961 Session of the General Assembly, Dallas Herring advised the Governor that an orderly plan for industrial and collegiate education was

needed, and that a high level, comprehensive study of education beyond the high school in North Carolina would be timely as well as educationally and politically wise.

Shortly after the 1961 Session adjourned, Governor Sanford in consultation with Dallas Herring and William C. Friday, President of the Consolidated University, named the Governor's Commission on Education Beyond the High School. The Commission, of which Dallas Herring was a member, worked diligently, competently, and with dispatch. Eighteen months later, its recommendations were delivered to the Governor in ample time for inclusion in his legislative proposals. The omnibus Bill on Higher Education was the most significant action of the 1963 Session and continues to be a landmark in North Carolina educational history. Under provisions of the Bill, public junior colleges at Asheville, Charlotte, and Wilmington became senior institutions; the Consolidated University was authorized to add branches; and a system of comprehensive community colleges, technical institutions, and industrial education centers was established.

Dallas Herring is acclaimed as the Father of the State's Community College System. When his term

as a member of the State Board of Education expired in 1977, there were fifty-seven Community Colleges and Technical Institutes with a total enrollment of 500,000 students.

The North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities proudly bestows upon William Dallas Herring its Hugh McEniry Award to recognize and praise this educational giant who has given so much of his life for others that his zest for learning would indeed become theirs.

### Costin To Attend National 4-H Congress

Wanda Costin, Duplin County 4-H member, will attend the National 4-H Congress. She is among some 40 delegates from 24 North Carolina counties who will attend the 59th National 4-H Congress at the Conrad Hilton in Chicago Nov. 30-December 4.

Wanda is the North Carolina public speaking cumulative record winner. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Costin of Warsaw and a member of the Warsaw-Shamrock 4-H Club. She is currently serving as the southeastern district secretary-treasurer.

## Water And Sewer Project Ready To Begin In Magnolia

The town of Magnolia will begin improvement projects totaling over \$1.4 million for water treatment and sewage treatment expansion within the next two weeks, said Mayor pro tem Melvin Pope.

Sewage system expansion and the construction of a waste-water treatment plant is \$1.1 million of the improvements planned by the town of Magnolia. The water project costs \$336,181 for the installation of a treatment plant and a new deep-water well.

The improvements to the water system do not include the addition of distribution lines. Rates charged water customers will be increased to ensure payment of the town's \$165,000 loan from Farmers Home Administration, Pope said. Rates will increase from a minimum of \$4.50 for 3,000 gallons of water to \$6.50 for the first 3,000 gallons. The new rate will be effective July 1, 1981, Pope said.

Along with water rates, there will be an increase of sewage rates from a \$3.50 minimum to a \$6.50 minimum, Pope added. However,

the sewer project is designed to reach more citizens in Magnolia; presently only one third of the townspeople are served by the sewage facility, said Mark Garner, project engineer with Rivers and Associates, Inc. in Greenville. The town will be borrowing \$75,000 from FmHA to help finance the sewer project.

The minimum bill for water, sewage and trash pick-up in Magnolia is presently \$12, Pope said. When the new rates become effective at the beginning of the next fiscal year, the minimum bill for town services will be \$17, including \$4 for trash collection. Presently, approximately 260 users are on the Magnolia water system; one third of these are connected to the sewer system, and 75 more connections will be made with the new system. Garner said. Persons connecting to the sewer system will be charged a hook-up fee of \$250, Pope said.

According to Pope, after the water system has been in operation for a period of one

year, rates may be lowered if the project is self-supporting. He added, rates for the improvements to the water system were set before the addition of customers in the new housing development. Within the past few months, including the housing development, over 30 new user hook-ups have been installed to the town's water system, Pope said.

The completion of the water treatment plant, new deep water well, sewage treatment plant, and over two miles of sewage collection lines are scheduled for September 30, 1981. According to Garner, both projects will be in complete operation on the completion date. Work began on the improvement projects over three years ago, and the citizens in Magnolia approved the selling of bonds for the systems during a referendum in 1977, Pope said.

Contracts for the projects were awarded in September of this year, totaling over \$1.4 million. Water project contracts were awarded to Groundwater Development of New Bern for a deep-water

well in the amount of \$20,000 and Hilco of Kinston for a water treatment plant costing \$250,000. Sewer contracts were let to T. A. Loving of Goldsboro as general contractor and construction of the sewage treatment facility costing \$499,999, Roanoke Electric of Pantego for electrical work in the amount of \$117,000, and So-par Utilities of Jacksonville installing the sewage collection lines costing \$289,297.

The deep water well is to be located west of McRae Street in the northwest part of Magnolia, and water from the well will be pumped to the 65,000-gallon storage tank behind the town hall.

Funds for the water project include a FmHA loan of \$165,000, a FmHA grant of \$124,581, and a N.C. Clean Water Bond grant of \$46,500 totaling \$336,181. Funds for the sewer project include a FmHA loan of \$75,000 and a grant for \$491,080, N.C. Clean Water bond of \$75,000, and Environmental Protection Agency grant of \$512,474, totaling \$1,073,554.

## Duplin School System Budget Short For Energy Cost

Kenansville - The Duplin school system will be short \$160,000 in the budget for energy costs, according to County Superintendent C.H. Yelverton.

Yelverton and H. B. Honeycutt, assistant superintendent in charge of buildings, reported to the Board of Education last week. They said utilities last year cost the system \$225,000.

They told the board the electrical rate increased 13.9 percent between last spring and the present.

The school officials also said they had been informed by Carolina Power and Light Co. the electricity rate will increase 25 percent over the next four months as the company recovers the extra fuel costs brought on by having to burn more coal than expected during the

summer due to the Brunswick County nuclear powered generating plant being closed for modifications and servicing.

The 25 percent fuel emergency hike will start in December and continue through March.

In addition, the price of heating oil increased from 77.3 cents per gallon to 83.92 cents per gallon this year.

"This is the worst four months for us they could have picked," Yelverton said of the increase in the electrical rate. "At least 40 percent of our total year's electric power usage comes during these four months."

Yelverton said the electrical rate increases will amount to \$100,000 for the older schools, plus \$20,000 for the new Kenansville Elementary school which is a

total electric building.

The fuel oil increase will cost an additional \$40,000, he said.

Honeycutt said all the figures are based on last year's usage.

"If this winter is colder, the cost will be even higher and if it is warmer, the extra cost will be less than the estimates," Honeycutt said.

The state allocates \$15.65 per student for heating oil, based on average daily attendance. The figures are based on a daily average attendance of 8,639 students in the county. The state, on this basis, provides \$135,200 for heating oil for the year.

School officials met Wednesday with state officials in Raleigh to request additional fuel assistance due to the sharply escalated costs. They will also present the problem

to the county Board of Commissioners in the near future, Yelverton said.

Yelverton said as the situation now stands, the county school system would run out of money and heating oil in February.

George Smoke protested the barring of one of his sons from a Warsaw Elementary School bus for two days for talking. The board told Smoke to take his protest to the local school advisory board.

Warsaw Principal Gerald Yount explained Wednesday that his is the only school in Duplin County with the no-talking rule. Yount said the rule was created to increase safety on the buses.

The board changed its December meeting date from December 2 to December 9 at 7:30.

## Schools Figure On Heat Increases

School heating costs were expected to range from 23 cents to 55 cents a square foot prior to the recent electric power rate increases, according to Assistant Superintendent H.B. Honeycutt.

He made the statement following a report earlier that the school system's electrical and heating oil costs would exceed the budgeted \$196,000 by \$160,000. Last year, he said school utility costs totaled \$225,090.

In June when the budget was being assembled, the school board was unable to foresee the 40 percent increase in utility prices it would face during the 1980-81 school year, he said.

He said the state pays 30 percent and the county 70 percent of the expected heating costs.

During the 1979-80 school year, the state paid \$12.52 per child attending Duplin schools for heating. This year the state is allowing \$15.65 per child for heating.

East Duplin Principal Charles Powers cut his kilo-

watt hours by 10,000 a month and his fuel oil consumption by 3,500 gallons a month in the peak use period, and his cost went up \$8,000," Honeycutt said.

"This is the kind of thing that gets you all out of whack," he said.

Honeycutt noted that heating costs continue to increase according to the price of energy, not according to the number of students in a building, but the state establishes its heating fund on the basis of the number of students.

Honeycutt said economy would dictate filling all the system's heating oil tanks now as the cost is projected to increase from 85.92 cents per gallon to \$1.20 next year. He noted the oil now in the tanks cost 83.92 cents per gallon when purchased last spring.

North Duplin High School costs the most per square foot to heat at 55 cents per square foot, Honeycutt said.

He said the school has a "demand meter." Under such a meter system, if a building uses an excep-

tionally large amount of electricity during a time of peak electrical demand, the school will be charged a higher than usual cost as the charge for electricity is based to some extent on its peak demand level as well as its actual usage.

The Chinquapin I school costs 18 cents per square foot to heat. It is heated by a combination of electricity and oil burning furnace.

East Duplin High school's

heating cost last year was 24 cents per square foot. The building is heated by both electricity and oil furnace.

The system has five all-electric buildings — Kenansville Elementary, North Duplin Elementary, Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary, Wallace Elementary and Warsaw Elementary schools. Honeycutt said heating cost is higher for these buildings than for those heated all or partially by oil burning furnaces.

## Tobacco Pounding Leasing Workshop

A tobacco pounding leasing workshop will be sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service on Wednesday, December 3rd in the civil court room of the county courthouse in Kenansville, starting at 7 p.m. The workshop will be open to the public.

The purpose of the session is to help county tobacco farmers realize where their money goes when they produce a tobacco crop and that there is a limit to the amount an individual can pay for tobacco quota, said J. Michael Moore, assistant agent.



WOMEN'S WEEK SPEAKERS - Nov. 17-20 was Women's Week at James Sprunt Technical College sponsored by the continuing education department and the Duplin branch of the American Association of University Women. Speaking on the topic of Women Working To Get A Job were Valeria Cooper, a JSTC instructor, Barbara C.

Quinn, the personnel director at Reeves Brothers in Kenansville, and Elizabeth Grant, the district manager of the Employment Security Commission, pictured left to right. Topics discussed during the four nightly sessions were, Women and the Law, Women and Money, Women Working to Get a Job, and Women and the Mirror.