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Duplin School Budget Approved

The Duplin County Board of Education approved a school budget for fiscal 1982 last week that will cost county taxpayers \$2,450,133.

The proposal calls for an increase of some \$330,000 above the fiscal 1981 school budget.

Proposed for the 1982 capital outlay budget is \$265,761. The system received \$231,000 for the current capital outlay. The new capital outlay budget includes no request for purchase of land or construction.

Proposed for the fiscal 1982 current expense budget is \$2,184,372.

The proposal calls for a 5% across-the-board salary increase if the state approves such a step for state-paid school employees.

Eight new county-paid positions are proposed. Six positions now funded by Comprehensive Employment and Training Act funds are to

be transferred to county funding due to the expected demise of the CETA program. These are teacher aides and librarians working to meet requirements of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Salaries of the six total \$39,872 a year, not including fringe benefits. The budget also asks for one new guidance counselor with salary and fringes totaling \$19,433 per year and one maintenance worker for the carpentry shop. Exact salary was unspecified.

The proposed \$52,070 for instructional supplies more than doubles the currently budgeted figure of \$24,000. The state supplies \$13.50 per child in all grades for instructional supplies, plus an additional \$6 per child for pupils in kindergarten through third grade.

Proposed for updating

equipment and meeting increased telephone rates is \$15,000, an increase of \$8,800 above the current budget.

Major capital outlay proposal is \$50,000 for a system computer.

Other proposals for equipment include \$20,000 for two trucks and \$20,000 for two tractors and mowers and a special education van with lift for wheel chairs, \$17,000.

In other action, the board rejected a proposal to turn the former Kenansville Elementary School building and its site over to the county. Outgoing board member Frederick Rhodes made the motion and Patricia Brodrick seconded it. They voted for it, E.L. Boyette and Graham Phillips voted against and Jimmy Strickland abstained. Board Chairman Boyette then declared the motion had failed.

The board also voted to

meet once a month during June, July, August and December instead of twice a month. On the other months, it will meet on the first and third Tuesdays as at present.

Hilbert Swinson, assistant principal of Beulaville Elementary School, who was elected to the board in November 1980 to take office at its first meeting in April, resigned his Beulaville position effective April 3, which will be four days before he is sworn in as a board member to succeed Rhodes.

A summer migrant children's school program will be conducted from June 27 to July 31 at North Duplin Elementary School. Kindergarten through sixth grade instruction will be offered. Funding of \$32,000 will come from the state's migrant education program. Between 100 and 125 students are expected to participate.



LIBERTY CART RECEIVES GRANT - Senator Harold Hardison of Deep Run presents Rich Boyd, producing director of THE LIBERTY CART, with a grant in the

amount of \$10,000 for the Duplin County production. Judy Barringer, executive director of North Carolina Theatre Arts, funding agency for the grant, is pictured at the right.

Liberty Cart Receives State Theatre Grant

A N.C. Theatre Arts grant of \$10,000 has been awarded to THE LIBERTY CART, it has been announced by Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. and Sara W. Hodgkins, secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources.

"It's especially a pleasure to help create new employment at THE LIBERTY CART because of the high production quality and excellent management that the theatre consistently displays," she said. "We look forward to many years of success for this fine drama."

The grant will be used to supplement salaries for the outdoor drama.

In announcing the grants, Gov. Hunt said that the money was an important investment in the economic as well as cultural life of the state. "Professional theatre is exceptionally strong in North Carolina," he said, "and the support we give it pays off by bringing in tourists and stimulating local economies."

Mrs. Hodgkins said that the increase in employment

opportunities for theatre professionals continues to be of great importance to the Department of Cultural Resources.

The other Theatre Arts grants were awarded to:

— \$24,000 to Unto These Hills at Chepcoke to rewire the electrical system and construct new scenery.

— \$4,500 to the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre at Mars Hill to assist in the development of new plays and to provide continuing assistance for new playwrights.

— \$8,600 to the N.C. Shakespeare Festival at High Point to assist with its annual residence in Charlotte at

Spirit Square. Another grant of \$160 was awarded to the Shakespeare Festival to assist in the expansion of its audience development program.

— \$1,500 to the New Piedmont Repertory Company at Winton-Salem for administrative expenses.

— \$10,000 to The Sword of Peace Summer Celebration at Snow Camp for administrative salary assistance.

\$10,000 to Carolina Regional Theatre at Chapel Hill and \$3,000 to the Touch Mime Trio at Carrboro for touring assistance in rural areas. Carolina Regional Theatre also received another \$10,000 in general support, and Touch received an additional \$2,140 to help publicize and promote its tours.

— \$15,000 to Playmakers Repertory Company in Chapel Hill to provide increased job opportunities for professional performers

during the winter and spring months. In addition Stewart Theatre at NCSU in Raleigh was awarded \$3,800 to enable it to book the Playmakers Repertory Company spring production as part of its series.

— \$8,000 to Strike at the Wind at Pembroke for salary and promotional assistance.

\$4,000 to The Lost Colony at Manteo to install a new theatre intercommunications system.

— \$13,942.60 to Flat Rock Playhouse to assist in the installation of new seating and to purchase new sound equipment.

— \$10,000 to Horn in the West at Boone to produce a new sound tape and to assist with managerial salaries.

— \$6,000 to First For Freedom at Halifax to purchase lighting equipment and provide salary assistance.

Money for these grants was provided by the N.C. General Assembly.

Seven Firemen Injured In Faison Blaze

Seven firemen were injured in a fire in Faison Sunday which caused an estimated \$60,000 damage to the historic Virginius Williams home.

Hampton Hobbs, 36, was taken to Duplin General Hospital after being knocked unconscious. He was reported in satisfactory condition. Hobbs and Willie Powell, 36, were going up the back stairs of the home when the plaster ceiling fell on them. Powell was treated at the Mount Olive Medical Center for bruises and smoke inhalation and released on Sunday. Velburn Brewer, 36, was knocked off a ladder and to the Medical Center for treatment of bruises and released Sunday night.

Four other firemen suffered from smoke inhalation and exhaustion, but were not taken to the hospitals. They were treated on the scene by Dr. Hervey Kornegay of Mount Olive. The fire was reported at 3:34 p.m.

The 20-room house was built in 1926. It had been turned into four apartments, only one of which was rented. The renter, a long-distance truck driver, was in California. The fire was reported to have started in the occupied apartment. When firemen arrived, they had to fight through a thick pall of smoke.

The Mount Olive and

Calypso fire departments were called to assist the Faison department. Firemen stayed on the scene for six hours.

Fire Chief Glenn Jernigan called it the worst structural fire in Faison since 1977.

A chimney fire damaged the home of Dennis M. Sholar near Pin Hook on Sunday afternoon. The Chin-

quapin Fire Department extinguished the blaze. Damage was estimated at \$3,000. Fire Chief Milo Pickett said the unlined cinder block chimney blew apart.

Two fires were reported Saturday in Warsaw. The first occurred in the Jake Mann residence which was destroyed with a loss esti-

mated at \$15,000. The house caught fire from a heater, according to W.C. Martin, a Warsaw fireman.

The second fire caused about \$5,000 in damages to the Norman Best home. No one was home when the fire started. Fire Chief Frank Steed said the fire started where a wood-burning heater pipe entered the chimney.

BBTC No Longer To Collect Bills For Carolina Telephone

Effective March 31, Branch Banking and Trust Co. offices in Warsaw and Faison will no longer act as collecting agents for Carolina Telephone.

W.S. Richardson, Carolina Telephone's district

commercial manager, said, "Due to the rising costs of operations, Carolina Telephone and Branch Banking and Trust have mutually agreed to discontinue collections for telephone bills at these loca-

tions. Richardson said, "For the convenience to our customers, we include addressed envelopes in their bills so that they can mail payments to us. This will save customers time, gasoline and other travel costs."

Final Dixie Youth Tryouts To Be Held

The second and final tryouts for the Kenansville Dixie Youth League will be held on Saturday, March 28 at the Kenansville Municipal Park at 10 a.m. Any youngster who will be eight years old before August 1 can try out. However, they cannot be

13 years old before August 1. Each youngster must have an athletic permit signed by his parent before trying out. A permit can be obtained at the Town Hall or at the field on Saturday.

There are approximately 20 positions to be filled on

this year's teams. Fifteen youngsters attended the initial session on March 21. This will be the final tryout and a youngster must attend one tryout to be placed on a team. Members who played last year are automatically on the same teams this year.

Duplin Board Objects To DOT Proposal

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners objected last week to the state Department of Transportation proposal to repave a rural road instead of paving a portion of one of the county's dirt roads.

Garland Garrett, district highway commissioner, told the board the county has \$124,269 in state road bond money for 1981. He suggested applying \$45,000 to spot stabilization on 12 dirt roads used by school buses, \$14,269 for road additions to improve emergency unit

driveways, and \$65,000 for repaving and widening State Road 1002 between Albertson and the Lenoir County line, a distance of 2.9 miles.

The county commissioners accepted all but the proposed repaving project.

The highway official said the department would review the proposal and come up with paving or stabilizing the areas of dirt roads instead.

Commissioner D. J. Fussell said he thought the bond money should be used "to get people out of the mud."

Following the meeting, Billy Isom of the Department of Transportation in Raleigh said the Transportation Board last week approved the rebuilding or replacement of the burned out bridge over Rockfish Creek near Wallace. The bridge was destroyed by fire in January.

Construction of the proposed senior citizens center was delayed by failure of Kenansville to issue a building permit because the building would eliminate seven parking places. When

the new county library opens next month, board members said 45 parking places will be added in the vicinity of the proposed center and they hope that will allow Kenansville to grant the building permit.

The county has \$50,000 for material for the center. James Sprunt Community College building trades class will supervise the project and work release prisoners from the Kenansville Youth Correction Center of the state Department of Corrections will do the construction work.

Smith Selected For Marietta National

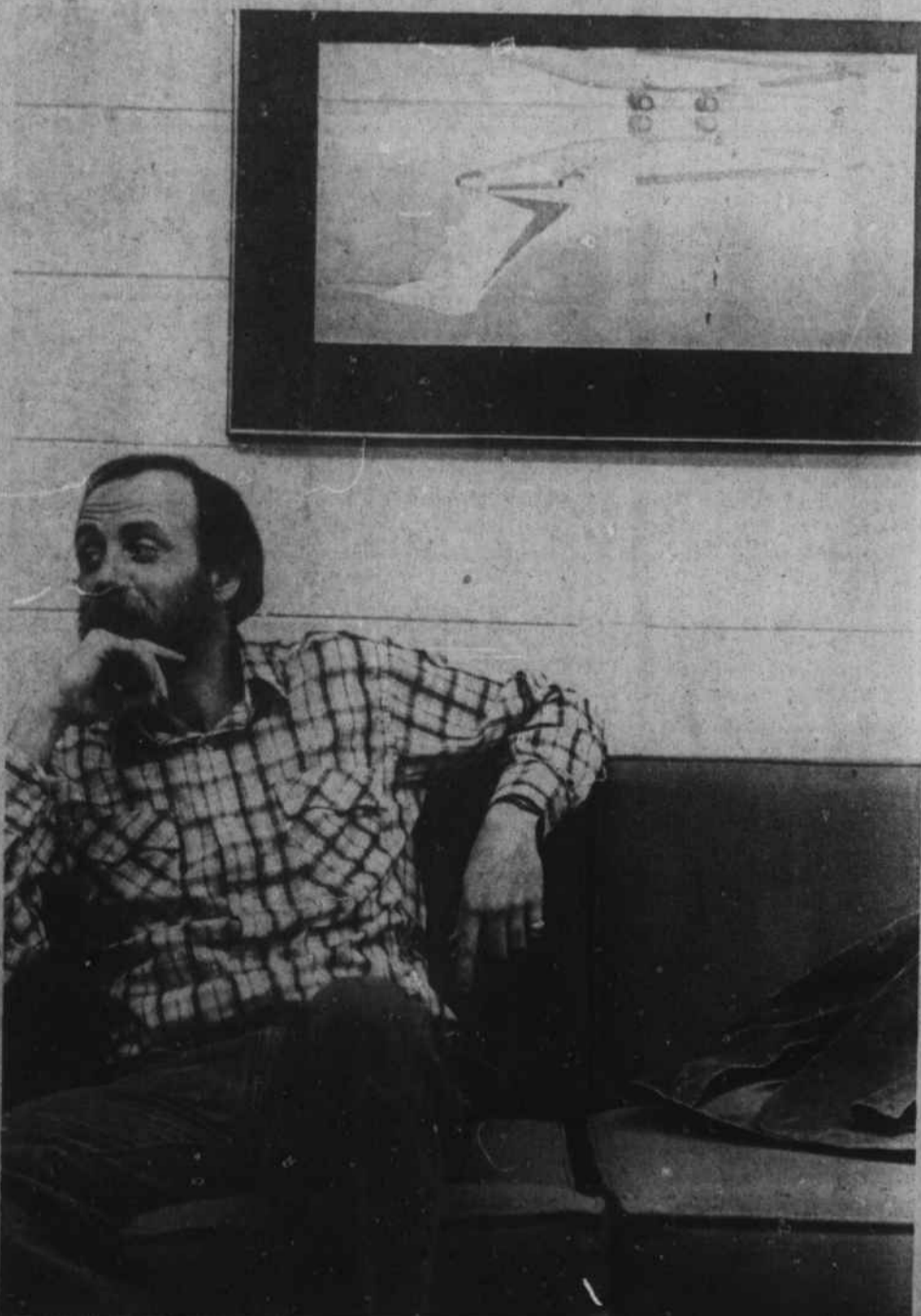
David Curtis Smith, a painter and the visiting artist at James Sprunt Technical College in Kenansville, has recently been notified of his acceptance into "The Marietta National '81." This marks the second time he has been honored by having his work selected for this distinguished exhibit. Smith's painting was one of 70 works selected from more than 2,000 entries from across the United States.

The 14th annual Marietta College Competitive Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture will be held at the Grover M. Hermann Fine Arts Center in Marietta, Ohio, and will be open to the public April 5 through May 10.

Smith is also coordinating an art exhibit this spring of four North Carolina artists. The exhibit will be held in conjunction with the JSTC spring festival, and will run from April 21 through May 5 in the foyer of the Hoffer Building and will be open to the public during school hours.

ALBERTSON SOFTBALL

The Albertson Recreation Center is beginning the spring softball leagues for women and men. If interested, call Tom Turner at 568-3982 or 568-7787 (daytime) before April 25th.



SMITH is shown above with his selected painting, an oil on paper, entitled "Midday Whisper."