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Slemenda Named Principal For Wallace - Rose Hill School

Charles Slemenda was named principal of Wallace-Rose Hill High School by unanimous vote of the Duplin County Board of Education Tuesday night.

He will succeed Neil Carlton, who is retiring at the end of the current school year. Carlton has served in schools in the Wallace area for 30 years.

He has been principal of the consolidated high school at Teachey, which serves Wallace, Rose Hill and Teachey, since it was built in the early 1960s.

"Most people when they retire say they're going to do what they want to do," Carlton said. "I have been doing what I wanted to do for the last 30 years."

Slemenda has been principal of Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary School for nine years.

"I'm moving with most of my students," Slemenda said, noting about 40 percent of the high school enrollment comes from the Rose Hill-Magnolia school.

The board will interview applicants for the principal position at the Rose Hill-Magnolia school Tuesday night.

The board will have to fill another principal's position this summer. L.J. Sutton, principal of Chinquapin Primary School, also is retiring after 35 years in the Duplin school system.

Nine other members of the school system's staff and faculty will retire this summer. They are H.P. Honeycutt, assistant superintendent;

Richard Kaleel, teacher and former coach of North Duplin High School; Mary Williams of Chinquapin Primary; Lois Surratt of Rose Hill-Magnolia; Gladys Goodson of East Duplin High School, Beulaville; Margaret Sutton, Ruth Waller and Cora Miller, all of B.F. Grady; and Lauren Sharpe of Wallace-Rose Hill.

In other board business, Assistant Superintendent Gary Sanderson said 16 seniors have failed one or more parts of the state competency tests and will receive certificates instead of diplomas at graduation ceremonies Friday night.

The county's four high schools graduated 528 seniors.

A guide for English teachers was adopted that is designed to provide uniformity of English instruction. It outlines three levels of English instruction in each grade - one for gifted students, one for average students and one for students needing extra help.

The guide also provides a basis for teachers to determine if a student should be advanced in grade level.

Jesse Outlaw, vocational program director of James Sprunt Technical College in Kenansville, said 162 high school seniors tested by the college to determine credits in the school's vocational courses received a total of 378 credit hours.

The students will be able to complete their vocational courses in less than the normal one or two years.

Kenansville ABC Store Pays \$2,200 Profits To Town

The Kenansville ABC store gave the town \$2,200 in profits Monday night, its first payment to the city in two years.

Donald Suttles, an Alcoholic Beverage Control board member, made the presentation. He told the board sales were down last year due to street work in front of the store for several months.

Suttles said Bob Hughes, store manager since the store opened 15 years ago, will retire July 1. The ABC board will appoint Ivey Bowden, a part-time employee, as manager. Hughes will work

part-time after retiring, Suttles said.

Suttles also told the board the store will turn \$1,800 over to Duplin County this week. The payment will be the store's first to the county in two years.

Although Duplin County is dry, cities in the county have ABC stores. Profits are divided between the cities and the county. The county receives 45 percent of the profits from each store. A town with an ABC store receives 55 percent of its profits. Towns with ABC stores in the county are

Wallace, Kenansville, Warsaw and Faison.

The town Board voted to remain independent of the county building inspection department and maintain its own inspection system, collecting its own inspection fees. The county will establish a building inspection department July 1.

Larry Huffman, maintenance supervisor, reported to the board the State Highway Patrol ordered the town trash truck off the road until repairs can be made to its steering mechanism. He said the truck had been stopped

by State Highway Patrolman Stephen McCorquodale because it was wobbling along the street. Huffman said a portion of the steering mechanism was repaired earlier this year at a cost of \$600.

Mayor Douglas Judge called a special board meeting for 7:30 p.m. June 11 to work on the town budget. He said he hopes the town can hold its tax rate to the present 65 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. At the present rate, a resident pays property taxes of \$325 on a house valued at \$50,000.

Christmas in July?

It may sound strange, but a series of workshops designed to help you with gift and ornament making is being planned for July 28 & 29. Further details will be announced later.

Warsaw Board Recieves Budget Proposed

A proposed city of Warsaw budget of \$710,550 was presented to the board of commissioners this week by Town Clerk Alfred Herring.

Community Actors Still Needed For The Liberty Cart

Producing Director Rich Boyd has announced that there are still openings for actors and actresses for the 1981 production of THE LIBERTY CART. Community members who participate in the 1981 production will perform a variety of roles and will act in battle scenes, dances, and other scenes which will involve the entire cast of over 60.

The Liberty Cart Recieves Grant

The North Carolina Department of Commerce announced that The Duplin Outdoor Drama Society, Inc., producing organization for THE LIBERTY CART, will receive a grant for the 1981 season which opens July 17 and runs through August 23.



GOVERNOR HUNT ADDRESSES EAST DUPLIN GRADUATES - North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt delivered the commencement address to the East Duplin graduates Friday night at the East Duplin Fine Arts Building in Beulaville. Prelude to the ceremonies was delivered by Edgar Wells, invocation by Rev. Frank Sawyer of the Beulaville Presbyterian Church, followed by the salutary address by Sharon Powell. Governor Hunt was introduced by Rev. Stephen A. Smith, retired minister of the Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church. Awards were then presented by Cecil A. Miller, chairman of the East Duplin School Board. East Duplin Principal Charles R. Powell then awarded the '81 graduates their diplomas. Laura Williams gave the valedictory address and Rev. Smith

then gave the benediction. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Miller were hosts to a dinner in their home for Gov. Hunt Friday. Gov. Hunt came in by helicopter and landed in the rear of the Miller residence. He was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Miller and their family. Other out-of-town guests were Senator Harold Hardison of Deep Run, Rep. Doug Clark of Kenansville, Sheriff Elwood Revelle of Kenansville, Graham A. Phillips Jr., Duplin County Board of Education, Wallace; Dr. W.C. Sanderson of East Carolina University of Greenville; and William B. Cutler, vice president of United Carolina Bank, of Erwin. There were about 20 guests from the Beulaville area. After a delicious meal, Gov. Hunt talked with the group about the progress of North Carolina and particularly Duplin County.

Magnolia Home Dedicated

The Magnolia Group Home held its dedication ceremonies Sunday afternoon with Senator Harold Hardison of Deep Run as the featured speaker.

The Group home, the third of its kind in the Duplin-Sampson area, currently serves five mentally retarded men from age 18-40 years. Howard Hall, supervisor and manager of the Magnolia Group Home, explains the men are responsible for their own rooms, household chores and yard work. The men also have their own garden, help prepare the meals and budget their money, said Hall.

The residents of the Group Home are all enrolled in the Adult Developmental Activity Program at the Omega Enterprises in Rose Hill by day, and then return to the Group Home. They are supervised 24 hours a day. Hall lives at the group home in his own separate apartment.

Vickie McPherson, Mental Retardation Coordinator for Sampson and Duplin County Mental Health, expresses that the concept of the Group Home and Adult Developmental Activity Program is to get the residents as independent as possible.

According to McPherson, there are too few group homes to accommodate the long waiting list of those persons eligible to participate in group home living. She explained that referrals are made through county institutions, the area Mental Health Center and other institutions.

There is an attractive home, nicely landscaped with five bedrooms, two and one-half baths, large kitchen and living room. The home is handicapped equipped; the home does currently have one resident confined to a wheelchair.

Dr. E.J. Raman, area Mental Health Director, commented that there "have been objections from the community in the past." Right now, he stated, "it is more important to get the community involved and interested in this project and this program."

Currently, there are three group homes in Duplin - Sampson to serve 16 adults.

The Bell-Jordan Group Home in Warsaw serves five mentally retarded women and the Sampson Group Home in Clinton serves six mentally retarded men.

The Duplin County Association for the Retarded Citizens has been instrumental in making the Magnolia Home a reality through their efforts and the efforts of the N.C. Association for Retarded Citizens.

The Group Homes are administered by the Duplin Group Homes, Inc., through a contractual arrangement with the Duplin-Sampson Area Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services.

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