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## Duplin Municipalities To Choose Mayors And Town Board Members

On Tuesday November 3, 1981 several positions as mayor and town board members will be subject to elections to be held on that date. All winners in these non-partisan contests will be determined by simple plurality. There will be no "run-offs". In cases of tie votes the winners will be determined

by lot as prescribed in G.S. 163.

The following towns will be choosing a four year term mayor: Warsaw, Beulaville, Kenansville and Rose Hill. The following towns will choose a two year term mayor: Calypso, Faison and Wallace. The towns of Magnolia, Greenviers and Teachey do not vote for that

office this year. Of the ten municipalities, seven will be subject to selecting a mayor.

A total of twenty-six terms expire this year for members of the several town boards. The Town of Calypso will have five two-year terms on which to vote. All of its members serve two year periods. In the Town of

Faison, the four year terms of incumbent Helen Britt, Bill Igoc and Fred Wheelless expire. The four year term of W.E. Foster and W. John Weatherly, III will come to an end in Warsaw as they will for Earl Hatcher and Cordell Johnson of Kenansville. Also, the following four year terms will be completed for: Wilbur

Husscy, Jr. and Mervin "Monk" Whaley of Beulaville; Bromley Pope, Charles Bowman and Millard Williams of Magnolia; Annie Ruth Bryant, Thomas "TT" Dixon and Earl H. Murphy of Greenviers; Clayton Herring, Jr. and Graham James Robinson, Jr. of Rose Hill; Warren W. Henderson and W.O. "Bill" Montford of Teachey and Lloyd J. Boone and Willie M. Biggs of the Town of Wallace.

Special notice is being stressed that any person desiring to vote in the November 3, 1981 municipal election must be registered by October 5th (5 P.M.) the date the books close, prior to election day.

The filing for office begins at 12:00 Noon September 15th and ends at 12:00 Noon on October 2, 1981. "Notice of Candidacy" may be procured at the elections office in Kenansville from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. daily Monday thru Friday or forms may be picked up at the Town Hall of each municipality. After they are completed and properly certified they must be mailed or delivered to the County Elections Office and received "prior to" 12 Noon on October 2, 1981.

Filing fees for candidates for most offices is \$5.00 or 1% of the annual salary, whichever applies with various town ordinances.

For additional information contact the Duplin County Board of Elections in Kenansville located on the first floor of the Courthouse (south end), or telephone 296-1010.

## Contracts Let For Sewerage In Warsaw

The general contract for enlarging and upgrading the Warsaw sewage treatment plant Monday was let to Miller Construction Co. on a bid of \$1,758,000.

The electrical contract was let by the town board to Roanoke Electric of Pantego on a bid of \$222,270.

Funds for the project include a \$1.5 million grant from the Environmental Protection Agency, \$250,000 from the state clean water bond and \$250,000 from a local bond issue.

City residents approved a

\$400,000 bond issue two years ago. The uncommitted \$150,000 will be used to build a 12-inch sewer line from U.S. 117 to the treatment plant, a distance of approximately one-half mile.

The treatment plant capacity will be increased from 250,000 gallons to 610,000 gallons per day.

Mike Hanno of Clear-Tel Cable Television told the town board the firm had encountered a problem with pole rights from Carolina Power & Light Co. and changed its plans. He said the company now plans to

bury the cable television line instead of hanging it on the power company's poles. He said the power company would charge \$5 per pole per year.

The town board authorized Clear-Tel to place its receiving antennas on the north-side elevated water tank.

Hanno said installation will begin immediately after Labor Day and that cable television service will be available to most of the town by Christmas.

He told the board the company would invest about

\$450,000 in equipment in Warsaw.

The board reappointed James G. Henry, Wiley Killeck, Colon Quinn and Bobby Batts to the recreation commission. Billy Kennedy was appointed to the board to succeed Carolyn McIver. Reappointed to the board of adjustment were James Cooper, Everett Westbrook, Paul Price and Douglas Pigford.

A resolution to have the Duplin County Board of Elections conduct the town elections was approved unanimously.

## Wallace To Continue Its Inspection Program

The town of Wallace will continue conducting its own building inspection program for the time being, the town board of commissioners decided last week.

The board had been considering joining in the county building inspection program and dropping the city department.

Steve Routh, town administrator, reported that the town issued 136 building permits last year and collected \$2,619.50 in fees from them. Using the county schedule, he said, the fees would have totaled \$6,095.

The town paid its building inspector, Wayne Rich, \$2,153.20 last year on a fee basis. After estimating office costs and other expenses, Routh said the department cost the town \$800 more than it received in fees.

Mayor Melvir Cording suggested waiting to allow the county time "to work the bugs out of its system, and then we'll see if we want to join it."

The Duplin County building inspection department opened July 1.

Jean Sykes, town librarian, questioned library

regulations. Town Attorney Richard Burrows said the library board now has authority to establish library policies. The town board could remove this authority and assume responsibility for library operations.

However, the town board wants the library board to serve as the governing body of the library with the town board appropriating money for it. Cording and Library Board Chairman Winifred Wells will meet this month to establish library policies.

Ms. Sykes reported 18,122 books circulated last year

and 15,616 people came through the library doors.

The board authorized Johnny Murray, acting town utilities director, to get bids on laying sewer and water lines to the proposed medical park on the southern edge of the city.

The city ad valorem tax billing totals \$306,982.46 on the basis of the new town tax rate of 67 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, according to Elizabeth Knowles, tax collector. The former tax rate was 65 cents per \$100 valuation.

## Rose Hill Rejects Bids On Project

The Rose Hill town board rejected bids on a Housing and Urban Development paving and utilities project in the Yellowcutt section of northern Rose Hill at its August meeting Tuesday night.

Nine companies bid on the project. The low bid came to about \$100,000 more than

the \$450,000 budgeted for the project. Low bidder was W.E. Blackmon Construction Co. of Smithfield. The bid was \$555,872.

The board plans to advertise for bids after altering plans to install a pumping station and to reduce the

depth of the proposed sewer lines. Excessive depth of the sewer lines was blamed for the higher-than-expected bids. The construction time period will be extended from 120 days to six months. Bids will be opened at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 8.

The project includes paving

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets, installing curb and gutter on Fifth and Sixth, laying 7,200 feet of water line and 7,000 feet of sewer line.

A contract for a 50-by-100-foot metal building was awarded to Jackson Builders of Goldsboro on a bid of \$34,500.

## Home Delivered Meals Program

Services to the Aged in Duplin County has been in the process of developing a home-delivered meals program for the homebound elderly who are 60 years old or older for several months.

Beginning October 1, they can provide approximately 50 nutritious meals per day, Monday through Friday, for homebound senior citizens in all areas of the county. The purpose is to provide nourishing food to homebound senior citizens and to help them live independently at home.

Volunteers are greatly needed to transport meals from the nutrition sites to the homebound senior citizens. Individuals, clubs, organizations or groups may work together to help. This is a community service that meets many needs.

If you, your group or organization would be interested in participating as volunteers for this service, contact Walter L. Brown or Reba Harvell, Services to the Aged in Kenansville at 296-1000 or 296-1511.



**YELVERTON FAMILY PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.** The first contribution to the Charles H. Yelverton Scholarship was presented to James Sprunt Technical College President, Carl Price, by Barbara Yelverton in behalf of Mrs. D. R. Ennis of Virginia. Mrs. Ennis is the late Duplin County School Superintendent's aunt. The James Sprunt Technical College Board of

Trustees established the scholarship during their July meeting, and the College hopes to endow the fund. Persons wishing to contribute to the scholarship fund should contact Donna S. Thigpen at JSTC. Pictured above, Dr. Carl Price receives first contribution to the Charles H. Yelverton Scholarship from Barbara Yelverton.

## Charles H. Yelverton Scholarship Established At James Sprunt Technical College

A new general education scholarship honoring the late Superintendent of Duplin County Schools, Charles H. Yelverton, has been established at James Sprunt Technical College and will be awarded this fall.

The scholarship was established by the James Sprunt Technical College Board of Trustees July 23. The Board of Trustees also adopted a resolution honoring Yelverton as a citizen, educator, and former member of the Technical College's governing body. The Charles H. Yelverton Scholarship will be awarded for the fall quarter of 1981-82. The scholarship will be awarded to a James Sprunt student pursuing a

general education course of study.

The value of this scholarship is \$250 per year for a total of \$500. The scholarship is expected to be sufficient to defray costs of tuition, fees, books, and supplies during the two-year period.

Applications for the Charles H. Yelverton Scholarship are currently being accepted at James Sprunt Technical College. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of demonstrated ability without regard to need. Interested individuals should complete the scholarship application and provide a high school transcript and two letters of recommendation. One letter of recommendation should be from a school official of the high school attended. The completed forms should be forwarded to Donna S. Thigpen, Chairperson of the James Sprunt Technical College Scholarship Committee, JSTC, P.O. Box 398, Kenansville, NC 28349.

Each application will be jointly considered by the Scholarship Committee, reviewing the individual's academic average, class rank, curricular and extracurricular activities and letters of recommendation. A personal interview will be required in the final selection of the Scholarship recipient.

## JSTC Electric Bill To Climb

Electricity will cost James Sprunt Technical College at least \$46,000 more than appropriated, Business Manager Bob Lee told the Duplin County Board of Commissioners Monday.

While the state pays the salaries, the county pays for buildings, maintenance and utilities.

Lee said the college has \$61,412 available for electricity. Based on last year's power use, and the current power rate, he said the school will need \$107,500 for electric power during the 1981-82 fiscal year.

"We don't have to appropriate the money now," Board Chairman Allen Nethercutt observed. He then asked if money could be shifted among line items in

the JSTC budget to reduce the difference between budgeted and anticipated power costs.

Lee said the school has a reserve that is being held in case the state increases its retirement charges when the legislature meets in October. If the charges are not increased, this reserve could be applied to the utility costs.

The JSTC 1981-82 budget totals \$2,612,986. The county appropriated \$229,320 of the total for current expense and \$73,840 for capital outlay. The remainder of the budget will come out of state funds.

Tax Supervisor Frank Moore told the board that since the county was revalued in 1978, commercial valuations have dropped to 88 percent market value and farm valuation has dropped

to 65 percent, due to inflation. The next revaluation will be due in 1986.

The county will receive \$376,284 in road money for secondary road construction this fiscal year.

Wanda Costin of Warsaw and Cecelia Jo Williams of Rose Hill received certificates of commendation from the county board for 4-H achievements.

John Goodson of Mount Olive and Donald Pickett of Beulaville were reappointed to the county industrial bond board. Appointed to the board were Randy Thigpen of Beulaville and Steven Moore of Warsaw. Thigpen replaces Patsy Smith of Beulaville and Moore replaces R.E. Wilkins of Warsaw.

## The Liberty Cart Announces Closing Night And Family Night August 23

THE LIBERTY CART in Kenansville announces the final performance of the 1981 production of Randolph Umbergers' historical outdoor drama. This will be the last opportunity for audiences to enjoy the history, drama, and spectacle of THE LIBERTY CART in its sixth

season. August 23 will also be "family night" at THE LIBERTY CART. On "family night" two or more members of the same family will be admitted for half-price.

THE LIBERTY CART now in its sixth season in Kenansville features a cast of over 60 professional and community

members. Authentic songs, dances, and costumes are used to present a realistic picture of the personalities and events which shaped North Carolina's and America's development from 1755-1865. Extensive fireworks, and pyrotechnics are used to create exciting bat-

tles and spectacles for audiences to enjoy.

Don't miss the final performance of this spectacle under the stars. For more information contact David Thomas at (919) 296-0721, or write: THE LIBERTY CART, P.O. Box 470, Kenansville, NC 28349

## August 23 Final Performance Of The 1981 Production Of The Liberty Cart