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Kenansville Lacks Sewage Repair Funds

A lack of funds to purchase a \$13,700 replacement part in the sewage treatment system is forcing the sanitation department to use a "jury-rigged" system to aerate the sewage.

The town board last week told sanitation director Stan Ricker to continue using an electric motor and chain to turn the large paddle wheel which rotates through the sewage to aerate it. Ricker told the board the chain, which costs about \$200 to

replace, breaks every two or three weeks due to the damaged paddle wheel's action. He said a new wheel, which will be necessary eventually, will cost \$13,700.

In other board business, Ellie Zackhiem, who requested permission to construct a delicatessen-type restaurant on Beasley Street between the Worthington building and the Federal Land Bank and Production Credit Association building,

was directed to present specific information about parking space and building location to the board for further consideration.

Roy Houston, president of the Land Bank, objected to the proposed establishment on that location, saying he thought the site lacks parking space, that customers would use the financial institution's parking lot, and that it might cause a drop in land values.

The board reduced the

Univision Cablevision performance bond for installing cable television in Kenansville from \$50,000 to \$25,000 on the request of Gail Bailey of the Richlands firm. She said cable television construction crews will be in the county in April.

The board delayed action on the proposed rezoning of areas suggested by the planning board pending additional study by the town board and the property owners.



RUBIC CUBE-OFF AT E.E. SMITH - Eight contestants entered the "Cube-Off" on Wednesday, Feb. 3, during the morning break. Shannon Price, Steve Blanchard, Toni Thornton, Dennis Brock, Denise Kornegay, Anthony Hall, Bo Hobbs and David Hughes competed to see who could solve identically arranged cubes the fastest. Dennis Brock

was the winner with a time of 2:01 and Anthony Hall was second with a time of 2:03. The winner received a bag of Valentine candy. Shown, front row, left to right, Bo Hobbs, Toni Thornton, Shannon Price and Steve Blanchard. Back Row, Denise Kornegay, David Hughes, Dennis Brock and Anthony Hall.

County Schools Still Considering ROTC Plan

The Duplin County school system will continue studying the possibility of establishing a Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) program in the county's high schools.

Representatives of the Army, Navy and Air Force and the Cumberland County school system discussed the program with the school board Tuesday night at East Duplin High School near Beulaville.

Boardmember E.L. Boyette directed Associate Superintendent Gary Sanderson to continue studying the proposal. Board members

noded agreement although no vote was taken.

Several months ago, Boyette suggested the board investigate establishing a JROTC unit. The board was told that it would be at least two years before a unit could be authorized.

A unit must have a minimum enrollment of 100 students, although several high schools can participate in one unit. Duplin County has four high schools.

The number of JROTC units each service may organize depends upon congressional action. At present, they are meeting their authorized limits, ser-

vice representatives said. However, about 10 schools drop out every year and about 10 others organize units.

After a unit is authorized and organized, the service provides uniforms and arms for drills. For target practice, the services provide .22-caliber rifles.

Retired military people, approved by the service involved, are the instructors. The school districts must pay the difference between their retirement pay and the pay they would receive on active duty. The school districts also must provide instruction space and about \$1,000 a

year for miscellaneous expenses.

Students who have completed the course and who enlist in the armed forces enter on an advanced pay grade which gives them approximately \$100 more a month than other recruits.

Jack Freeman, Cumberland County vocational director, called the program a plus to the Cumberland schools. He said JROTC participation improves student discipline and self-image.

Pender and New Hanover county school systems have JROTC programs.

Woodburners To Be Inspected

The Duplin County building department will inspect wood-burning appliance installations in homes upon the request of residents in an effort to reduce fires caused by faulty installations.

The board of commissioners made the decision unanimously last week following a request by Milo Pickett of Chinquapin, president of the county Volunteer Firemen's Association; Emil Coggins, state fireman's training officer for the district, who is stationed at James Sprunt Technical College; and Brice Sanderson chief county building inspector.

The commissioners had to approve such inspections because the county building code allows no inspection of building installations costing less than \$2,500. The inspections will be made without charge.

County civil defense department records showed 74 home fires occurred between last September and January. Almost all of these fires involved wood-burning installations including chimneys unable to contain the fire and heat generated by air-tight stoves, according to Dorothy Cavanaugh of the civil preparedness office.

Pickett told the board that many of the fire department chiefs were being asked to inspect these installations, but they did not feel qualified. He said the chiefs want someone familiar with such installations and the building code to do the work.

Coggins said half of the fires might have been avoided if the inspection service had been available and used. He said most stoves and fireplace inserts have Underwriters Laboratory approval.

"The problem is not the

appliance as much as the installation," he added. Coggins said creosote build-up in chimneys, often caused by green wood, was the source of some of the fires. He said chimneys should be cleaned every six months to avoid danger of fires from the chemicals.

In other business, the board approved replacement of the 1972 Warsaw ambulance which was described as "worn out."

Wiley Cannady of Albertson, a member of the county planning board, told the

board his community wants to go ahead with a community water system.

The board called for a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. March 9 at the Albertson Ruritan Club to organize a water and sewer district. The consulting engineer, Bob Pittman of Rivers Associates of Greensboro, said 285 potential customers have signed up at \$10 each. He expects to have plans, cost estimates and possible grant sources ready for the county board's study at the hearing.

Following a secret session, the board reversed its decision of two weeks ago to revoke the contract with Farm Tire and Brake Service of Rose Hill to furnish recapped tires for county heavy equipment.

The board last month revoked the contract because it thought the contract called for cold recapping procedures. The board found the contract actually called for recapping tires. The contract sets payments of \$55 for each recap, which will involve about 150 tires.

1980 Liberty Cart's Phenius In Foundation Fund-Raiser



Alice Mooney of Salisbury comes to the Theatre following her portrayal of Mrs. James K. Polk in the Nashville Academy Theatre's production of "Dinner at Belmont." Alice has performed extensively on the West Virginia outdoor drama circuit and in North Carolina's HORN IN THE WEST. She has also acted with the Piedmont Players, Slight Opera Company, Duluth Playhouse and Wisconsin State College theatre.

Nicholas Searcy, a native of Sylva, is pursuing a theatre degree from UNC-CH, where he has portrayed Romeo in "Romeo and Juliet" at the Paul Green Theatre, and starred in "Hippolytus." Nicholas played the role of Jesus in "Jesus Christ Superstar" for Raleigh's Theatre in the Park and has spent the past two summers portraying a variety of characters for director Tom Haas at Weatherlane Theatre in New Hampshire.

John E. Goodnow of North Wilkesboro has performed in three Carolina Regional Theatre productions — "Rich Man from America," "Raleigh!" and "Regrets" — through the First Stage, a playwright's workshop held in conjunction with UNTO THESE HILLS, where he played the leading role of Isai. He has also worked with the Nashville Academy Theatre and Professional Artist's Productions, Inc.

Susan Polk, a theatre graduate of UNC-CH, has completed "Have a Nice Day" with Chapel Hill's Condoret Cabaret. Susan has also appeared in the ABC-TV series "All My Children" and screen production "It's About Time." In addition, she has appeared in several television commercials in North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

"The Good Doctor," a Neil Simon comedy, brings alive the comic side of the playwright. The play is an adaptation of stories written by Anton Chekhov. Together Simon and Chekhov provide an evening of touching, yet often hilarious entertainment. The stories are woven together by a narrator, the Writer, who shares his problems and joys of literary creation with the audience. Simon is one of America's most popular playwrights with such hits as "The Odd Couple," "The Sunshine Boys," and "Barefoot in the Park." Chekhov has written such classics as "The Cherry Orchard," "The Seagull," and "The Three Sisters."

Tickets for the luncheon are available at the Country Squire restaurant. Tickets for the luncheon and dinner-theatre can be purchased through Donna Thigpen at JSTC, phone 296-1341, and are available through all members of the Board of Directors of the James Sprunt Foundation. A limited number of seats are available for each performance.

Vegetable Production Outlook Good For Eastern North Carolina

With various support programs coming under fire in 1981, many farmers have begun to look for alternative or supplemental cash crops. In eastern North Carolina, vegetables often offer an excellent answer to the question of what else can I grow?

Over the years several things have made North Carolina grown vegetables much more competitive in the marketplace. Higher

transportation costs, establishment of processors in eastern North Carolina and new varieties better suited to our climate and soils are major factors in increased vegetable production in our area. With overall vegetable consumption up in 1981 we can see that the demand is there, but how do we supply that demand?

On Feb. 17, a program will be given which will highlight

the production and marketing of various vegetable crops suited to our area. The program will be held at the Production Credit/Federal Land Bank building in Kenansville beginning at 1:30 p.m. and will conclude around 4 p.m. Dr. Doug Sanders and Dr. Ed Estes with the North Carolina State University departments of horticulture and economics, respectively, will conduct the major part of the program,

with representatives from some of the local processors being present to answer questions.

This will be an excellent opportunity to find out more about asparagus, irish potatoes, broccoli, carrots or lettuce production in this area and assist in locating markets. For more information, contact Kenneth M. Teeter at the Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service.

Deadline Set For Applications To Rural Electric Youth Tour

Deadline for applications for the 1982 Rural Electric Youth Tour will be Feb. 28, according to a spokesman from Four County Electric Membership Corporation.

The week-long tour to Washington, D.C. is scheduled for June 12-18. All high school juniors (rising seniors) in Bladen, Duplin, Pender and Sampson counties are eligible to enter.

One student from each of the four counties will be selected to attend, with winners selected on the basis of a short essay and a personal interview.

The local winners will travel by chartered bus with other EMC-sponsored tourists from North Carolina to Washington where they will tour some of the landmarks of the nation's capital.

Included will be trips to the Smithsonian Institute, the F.B.I. Building, Mount

Vernon, the National Zoo and the Capitol Building. Also scheduled is an evening at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts where they will have dinner and see a play.

To apply, students must submit a short essay not to exceed 300 words on the topic: "What Form of Energy Would You Promote for Research and Development if You Were a Government Policymaker, and Why?"

Complete one of the formal application blanks which are available from school guidance counselors or any Four County EMC office. Entries should be mailed to "Youth Tour," Four County EMC, P.O. Box 667, Burgaw, NC 28425 by Feb. 28.

Semi-finalists will be notified by March 15 to come to a central location for personal interviews. A judging

committee will select four winners and four alternates. Winners will be notified by April 15.

Last year's winners were H.F. Watts Jr. of Clarkton, Cecelia "Cece" Williams of Rose Hill, Amy Leary of Burgaw and Lauren Balkeum of Clinton.

Officers Track Beulaville Mailbox Vandals

Duplin County law enforcement officers were trying to tail a crew of teenagers following reports of knocked-down mailboxes.

Two reports came in about the offenses, said Dispatcher Josephine Outlaw of the Duplin County Sheriff's Department. Both reports included description of a car with males in it. A number of the mailbox incidents occurred last weekend, she said. The beating down of mailboxes took place in the Beulaville area.

As of late Friday, two deputies and a policeman in the area still were pursuing the case, Mrs. Outlaw said.



William Shawn Smith, THE LIBERTY CART'S 1980 Phenius, is returning to the Duplin stage in the Carolina Regional Theatre's production of "The Good Doctor," part of the second annual James Sprunt Foundation fund-raiser Feb. 20.

The fund-raiser will present two performances at the Country Squire restaurant in Kenansville. A lunch-matinee is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. followed by a dinner-theatre performance at 7 p.m.

Shawn Smith of Greensboro will portray the lead role in "The Good Doctor." Shawn will be making his

first appearance in the county since the 1980 leading role in Duplin's outdoor drama, THE LIBERTY CART. Along with his role as Phenius, Shawn has appeared in the North Carolina outdoor drama UNTO THESE HILLS and played in such movie greats as "Superman" and Woody Allen's "Annie Hall" as director.

Appearing also will be Alice Mooney, Nicholas Searcy, John E. Goodnow and Susan Polk. The production is directed by Norman Ussery, with lighting by Kenneth Craig and set design by Frank Holyfield.