

## Duplin Schools To Open Aug. 25 For 1982-83 Year

The first day of classes for the 1982-83 Duplin County school term will be Aug. 25, the board of education decided Tuesday of last week. Classes will end June 3, 1983.

The meeting at the Wallace Elementary School was attended by 45 people. The board has been rotating its first-Tuesday-of-the-month meetings among the county's schools for several months.

The calendar committee had proposed ending classes June 10.

Board chairman Graham Phillips said the earlier closing date was needed to accommodate the county's farming interests. He said he realized setting a date satisfactory to students, teachers and parents as well as other interests is difficult.

Janice Williams, a Beaulville teacher who served as chairman of the calendar committee, said the committee provided for several "snow days" (make-up days

in case weather forced closing of schools) in its proposed calendar. With the earlier closing date, she said, the only possibility for snow days would be student vacation days. The 1982-83 calendar provides two more Christmas vacation days than does the present term.

The board also approved the annual application for state funds for the system's vocational studies to be submitted to the state department of public instruction. The board is asking \$841,722 from state funds for the programs. It is asking for \$354,551 from county funds for a total of \$1,196,273.

The application indicates 4,611 students in grades 7-12 will be enrolled in vocational classes for the next school year. It will offer 10 programs with 53 vocational teachers.

Phillips reported the Wallace-Rose Hill High School has a problem. Football Coach and Athletic Director David Boyle has resigned the athletic posts but remains on

the faculty as social sciences teacher. The school is not authorized to have the positions alone. They are tied to a teaching post.

Alice Scott, assistant superintendent for personnel, told the board that she had discussed the problem with Boyle, and the principal, Charles Slemenda, can begin interviewing candidates for the athletic and social science teaching positions for next year. She said Boyle will be retained in the school system as he has tenure, but will be moved from his present teaching post.

Phillips directed Superintendent L.S. Guy to tie the teaching and athletic positions together so that the person involved would have to resign from the system if he or she decided to quit either part of the position.

Guy said the contract for underground drainage of athletic fields at James Kenan High School east of Warsaw and Wallace-Rose Hill High School at Teachey was let for Holmes Construction Co. of Bowdens on a bid of \$6,225.

Anne Jackson, director of Title I Elementary and Secondary Education Act programs, said 43 teachers are paid under the federal program to teach remedial reading to 1,850 students in grades 4-12 and remedial mathematics to 550 students in grades 7-9. Ms. Jackson said 40 percent of the system's students do not read at the appropriate grade levels.

She said the program lost the 43 teachers' aides it had last year due to fund reductions. This move required the teachers to reduce individual attention to students.

Magnolia Mayor Melvin Pope asked the board to give the town an acre of abandoned school property behind the present town recreational center. Phillips told Pope to take up the matter with the board's attorney, H.E. Phillips. He said he did not see any problem in granting the request.



**DUPLIN MAYORS SIGN CABLE TV FRANCHISE CONTRACTS** - Univision Cable Television president, Judy Powell, looks on as Kenansville Mayor Carolyn Hall signs the cable TV contracts. Seated beside Mayor Hall is Teachey Mayor Ruby Ramsey. Other mayors who have

signed, standing, left to right, Beaulville Mayor Wilbur Hussey Jr., Greener Mayor Alex Brown, Faison Mayor N.F. McColman, Rose Hill Mayor Ben Harrell and Magnolia Mayor Melvin Pope.

## Duplin Board Ok's \$57,935 Tire Contract

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners awarded a contract for \$57,935.10 to Steed's Tire Service of Warsaw to supply tires for county equipment.

The firm will supply large truck tires, principally for the fleet of garbage trucks.

The contract calls for 150 new tires, size 10,000 by 20, costing \$23,443.50. It also calls for 150 recapped tires of the same size for a total cost of \$8,250. Another section calls for 45 new tires, size 15 by 22.5, for a total of \$14,850 and 45 recaps of the same size for \$5,850. The contract also specifies recaps must be on county-owned tires.

Sanitary landfill supervisor David Underhill told the board the numerous sharp turns the garbage trucks must make grinds down their rear tires rapidly. He said new tires might go 10,000 miles at the most before needing recapping.

Russell Tucker, county finance officer, said the next lowest bid was \$63,132.76 from Farm Tire & Brake Service of Rose Hill.

The county operates a county-wide garbage pick-up service.

The board granted the school system an additional \$40,000 for electrical energy. Total cost of electricity for the current school year is estimated at \$356,000. Total cost of fuel oil is estimated at \$252,101.

Supt. L.S. Guy's request for \$62,000 for No. 2 fuel oil was held in abeyance, pending a study of oil prices. Guy said the system planned to buy 52,500 gallons of fuel oil at the state's projected cost of \$1.18 per gallon. The school system wants to fill the tanks to protect them.

However, it was pointed out oil can be obtained now for 99 cents. Guy was directed to see if he can get the state to lower its contract price or if he would be permitted to buy the oil

directly from a supplier. He will report back to the board in two weeks.

If the money is granted, it will come out of the 1982-83 fuel budget because the oil will not be used until the next school year.

Frank Moore, tax supervisor, reported that tax listing totals for three of the smaller townships in the county showed a 1.47 percent increase in value, the lowest in many years. The increase amounted to \$981,000. Moore said that at the 70 cents per \$100 assessed valuation tax rate, the increase would bring in an additional \$6,800. He said the assessed value of Glisson Township this year is \$16,274,396 compared with \$16,073,131 last year, an increase of \$201,265.

The value of Smith Township, he said, is \$23,993,644 compared with \$23,509,118 last year, an increase of \$484,526. The value of Wolfscrape Township is

\$27,701,449 compared with \$27,405,535 last year, an increase of \$295,914. Moore said most of the additional value comes from new poultry houses.

The board set a rate of \$20 per hour to supply tax billing service for the incorporated towns of the county. Tucker estimated the cost at \$300 to \$400 per town.

The first budget hearing was to be held at 7:30 p.m. April 13.

The program to collect child support money from working parents brought in \$120,971.63 during the first nine months of the fiscal year and is expected to bring in another \$60,000 by the end of June.

Of the total, \$74,734.17 was turned in to the county general fund. The remainder went for salaries and supplies of the collecting division of the Social Services Department.



**COUNTY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CALVIN C. TURNER** looks on as Univision Cable TV vice-president Gail Bailey signs the county franchise contract. Standing, left to right, Wallace Mayor Melvin Cording, Calypso Mayor Joe Daniels and Univision financier Frank Baldwin.

The franchise signings were held in Rose Hill at the Rose Hill Restaurant. Nine of Duplin County's incorporated towns signed franchise agreements along with Duplin County.

## Nine Towns Sign Cable TV Agreements

Representatives of Duplin County and nine of its 10 towns signed franchise agreements last Wednesday night with Univision Cable Television Co. of Richlands to furnish cable television service.

Warsaw was absent, as it already has a franchise agreement with Beasley Cable Television Systems, Inc., of Goldsboro.

The franchise provides for a basic fee of \$8.95 per month for 21 channels. Customers will be able to obtain three movie channels for

extra fees. The offering includes channels for the three major networks, the Atlanta independent "superstation," two news channels, two sports channels, a children's channel, the University of North Carolina public television station and a Christian broadcasting station.

It also will furnish a van equipped for remote broadcasting on local channels.

Key county officials will be able to dial a code number to broadcast across all channels emergency information.

The towns and county will

receive 3 percent of the gross return from each jurisdiction. The county franchise covers unincorporated areas of the county.

Cost of installation is estimated at about \$4 million, according to Bob Towers, engineer for the firm. A master receiving-distribution center will be constructed near Chinquapin. Relay stations will be constructed to receive microwave signals from the center to send through the cable to homes. Tentative locations for these receiving stations are Rose Hill, Friendship, Kornegay

and Kenansville. Out-of-county locations are Richlands, Holly Ridge and Burgaw.

The system is expected to employ 15-20 people.

Towers said that within 60 days the mapping of an area cable installation can begin. The franchise calls for town customers to receive the cable channels on their sets by one year from the signing, with the exception of Wallace and Rose Hill. Because of earlier work in these two towns, service must be available by Jan. 1, 1983.

## Firm Gets One Ok For Pick-ups

Waste Industries Inc. of New Hanover County may begin picking up garbage in Duplin County towns if enough towns approve its proposal to them.

The Kenansville town board last week indicated willingness to go along with most of the offer presented by the company if the company can obtain sufficient customers to operate in the county.

The company is offering two proposals. One offer provides for a fee of \$3.95 per month per customer if all 10 of the towns sign up with the firm. The other offer provides for a fee of \$4 a month per customer if a minimum of 1,700 customers sign up, regardless of the number of towns. Garbage would be picked up once a week under either offer.

Carolyn Buchanan of Wilmington, company representative, told the board the firm had made demonstration

pick-ups in other Duplin towns to determine just what it could do. She said the firm is making the offer to all of the county's towns — Wallace, Rose Hill, Teachey, Magnolia, Warsaw, Faison, Calypso, Greener and Beaulville as well as Kenansville.

She said twice-a-week pick-up would cost \$5.10 per month per customer if the firm was able to serve all 10 towns, \$5.25 per month per customer, for a minimum 1,700 customers.

Businesses would be charged by the cubic yard. The minimum fee would be \$15 a month for four cubic yards of garbage, graduated to a maximum of \$29.75 for eight or more cubic yards of garbage.

Kenansville has 331 water meters. Warsaw has 1,100 water meters. The number of water meters indicates the approximate number of potential customers for the

garbage pick-up service. Ms. Buchanan said the firm would station a truck in Duplin County if the minimum number of customers signed up for the service.

Kenansville residents are now charged \$3 a month for trash pick-up. However, Mayor Carolyn Hall said the fee does not cover the cost, which is being met through property tax receipts.

Ronnie Bostic was sworn in as a board member to replace Zan Stepp who resigned due to business pressure. Bostic was runner-up to Stepp in the November 1981 town election. Bostic is a state drivers' license examiner.

Edward Quinn, a town policeman, said he would resign effective April 15 to take a police position in Kinston.

The board signed the right-of-way agreement with Carolina Power & Light Co. to get a three-phase power

line extended to the new water well and pump near the new elementary school on the southeast edge of town.

### Mount Olive To Hold Festival Of Flowers

The town of Mount Olive will hold its third annual Festival of Flowers on Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17. Everyone is invited to join in the activities from the garden and yard contest to flower shows, tours, auctions and clogging.

The Festival of Flowers is organized by the Mount Olive civic clubs and the Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 658-3113.

### Duplin Agribusiness Council Meets Duplin Agricultural Fair To Be Oct. 4-9

Lloyd Stevens, Duplin County Fair manager, announced that a Duplin County agricultural fair will be held in Kenansville starting on Monday, Oct. 4, 1982. The fair site will be around the Kenan Auditorium - Old Kenansville Elementary grounds. The announcement was made at the general meeting of the Duplin Agribusiness Council meeting held last Thursday night.

Stevens stressed that efforts were being made to get all of the county involved in the fair. The Rose Hill Jaycees have agreed to incorporate their Poultry Jubilee into the fair week with the Poultry Pageant on Friday night, Oct. 1st. Other groups have expressed an interest in joining the fair week schedule.

Fair committee needs suggestions, volunteers and financial support. "If you can help," stated Stevens, "please write P.O. Box 84, Kenansville, NC 28349."

The following is a tentative list of the 1982 Duplin County Fair committees and chairmen: Overall Chairman, Lloyd Stevens; Secretary, Kay Williamson; Building and Grounds, Jack Alphin, Roy, Houston and Lloyd Stevens; Parking, Roy Houston; Educational Exhibits including Livestock, Lois Britt; Entertainment, Charlie Albertson; Advertising, Charlie Albertson; Security, Arliss Albertson; Commercial Exhibits, David Allen Sandlin; Treasurer & Gate, John Smith; Budget & Finance, Lois Britt; Roy Houston, Lloyd Stevens, Kay Williamson; and Catalog Sales, Kenneth Lanier.