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Panel Ok's Using Three Programs

Three federally financed education programs — two targeted for migrant workers' children — will supplement reading and mathematics instruction in Duplin County this summer and next fall.

The programs were approved by the Board of Education last week.

The board also approved a resolution opposing federal tuition tax credits to parents whose children attend private and parochial schools.

One of two federal programs to be continued through the Educational Consolidation and Improvement Act will provide supplemental reading instruction in grades 4-12 and supplemental math in grades 7-9.

The grant of \$1,006,313 will be used in all county schools with the appropriate grades to fund 38½ teaching slots and director, reading supervisor, secretary and clerk/audio-visual technician positions.

About 2,000 of the county's approximately 9,000 students will be helped in reading and 550 in mathematics by the program. All funds will come from the federal government.

Another program will provide supplemental reading and mathematics help to migrant students in grades 1-8 at B.F. Grady, North Duplin, Rose Hill-Magnolia and Wallace elementary schools.

The program will help 125 to 150 students and involve four teachers and a records clerk/recruiter. It will be financed by a \$106,750 grant.

The board also approved a federally financed summer enrichment program for an estimated 100 migrant students during a five-week period. The course, presented to the board by Duplin federal program director Anne Jackson, is similar to one used last year.

The \$30,750 program will be conducted for students in grades K-6 from June 28 to July 29 at North Duplin Elementary School. It will furnish transportation, meals, medical care and some clothing for the students.

Instruction will be provided in reading, mathematics, arts and crafts and physical education. It will include three teaching and 3½ teachers' aide positions and a coordinator, recruiter and clerk/custodian.

In asking for approval of the anti-tuition tax credit resolution, Superintendent L.S. Guy said congressional mail is running 20-1 in favor of the tax credits to parents who send their children to private schools. "The educational and opportunity equity bill calls for a \$100 tax credit in 1983, \$300 in 1984 and \$500 in 1985 and afterward," Guy said.

Board member R.E. Wilkens made the motion against the tax credit proposal, saying, "If it's adopted, I think it will be the end of public education."

"If you give this aid to private schools, you should give it to public schools," board member E.L. Boyette said. "If that bill is approved, parents sending kids to public schools should receive the same tax credits that those sending them to

private schools would get."

Board member Jimmy Strickland said regardless of whether the act is good or bad, the effect of decreasing federal tax revenue by \$4 billion a year would be detrimental.

In other action, the board: — Voted to require teachers who were hired in positions which require coaching duties to continue to serve as coaches as long as they are employed with the school system.

The action stemmed from the recent resignation of Wallace-Rose Hill High School coach David Boyle from coaching duties while retaining his post as a social science teacher. Boyle had attained tenure. He will be retained in the system but assigned to another school.

The state provides no pay for full-time coaches. Thus, many school systems hire teachers and include coaching duties for extra pay from local sources.

— Donated 1.6 acres of unused school land to the town of Magnolia. The tract was part of the former Magnolia school grounds, the remainder of which had been donated to the town several years ago for a park.

— Agreed to continue exempting high school students who have perfect attendance and 90 or higher grade averages from many final examinations. During the fall semester, 344 students were exempted from 644 examinations.

— Hired Hugh Turner of eastern Duplin County to do a school fixed-assets inventory for a fee of \$280 per week for ten weeks.



AUTO SHOW IN WARSAW - Cars and trucks, Jeeps and ambulances, fire engines and bluegrass music. It was all there at the Branch Banking and Trust Company parking lot Saturday. Brand new 1982 models, old and

restored 1924 models, bright and shiny slightly redesigned 1940 models as shown in the photo (1940 Chevy with a few changes). More photos inside.

The Liberty Cart Needs Your Support

THE LIBERTY CART

Randolph Umberger's exciting outdoor drama, begins its seventh season on July 9th, and continues each Thursday through Sunday evening until August 22, playing in the beautiful William Rand Kenan Jr. Memorial Amphitheatre in Kenansville. While many of the scenes of THE LIBERTY CART are set in Kenansville, it is not the story of one town. It portrays the epic struggle of the people of Duplin County and Eastern North Carolina in their effort to forge a new land as part of an emerging new country during the period 1755-1865.

Why do we need your help? Because ticket sales alone cannot support THE LIBERTY CART, or for that matter, do not completely support many, if any, of the other outdoor dramas in the nation. In 1981, we spent \$98,000 to produce THE LIBERTY CART. In 1981, our attendance showed a considerable decrease due to an extended period of rainy weather. While over 4,000 people paid an average price of \$3 to see our show, producing revenues of over \$12,000, Duplin Outdoor Drama Society spent about five times that amount in production costs for every person that walked through our gates.

Bad management? Not by any means. The fact is, ticket sales alone will never support THE LIBERTY CART or any other outdoor drama. Where does the difference come from? Consider the following facts.

We do all we can by selling souvenir programs, concessions, merchandise, advertising, and about anything that is not nailed down. We apply for support from various agencies, foundations and corporations. We receive support from private sources. We conduct our LIBERTY TOUR, N.C. Theatre Arts and the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources recognizes THE LIBERTY CART as a professional theatre and provides grant assistance from funds appropriated by the N.C. General Assembly.

The State is very supportive of our efforts as are various private individuals, corporations, foundations and businesses. However, all of these sources look first at the backing and support we have from our local area.

They use your support as a measure to see whether you consider us worthy of their consideration. That's fair. You are here. THE LIBERTY CART is your show, about your heritage and your area. How could they better judge our efforts than by observing how you support us.

We will be kicking off our

annual membership drive early in May. That is one time you can show your support by becoming a member and joining us for our gala opening night festivities, dinner under the pines, and a delightful production of THE LIBERTY CART, theatre under the stars at its best. If you would

like to be added to our membership mailing list, just drop us a card and we will mail you the necessary information. Then YOU can decide whether you want to join us or not.

We are depending on your generosity. We can't do it alone. Your support of THE LIBERTY CART is a people

sharing their history, their culture, and, most of all, themselves. Please be a part of something you can point to with pride.

For further information, contact Jim Johnson, General Manager, THE LIBERTY CART, P.O. Box 470, Kenansville, NC 28349, or call 296-0721.

Primary Election June 29th

The Duplin County Board of Elections released the statement concerning the issues to be voted on in the primary election on June 29. There will be five constitutional amendments as well as state judicial officers to be voted on.

The following county offices that have completed their filing period and have opposition: Sheriff, Board of Education - District #3; County Commissioner - Districts #3 and #4.

The filing period began at noon on April 30 and will end at noon on May 7th for the offices of U.S. House of

Representatives, State Senate and State House of Representatives.

The registration books will close for the primary at 5 p.m. on May 17. The polls will open on election day at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m., according to Carolyn A. Murphy, supervisor.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Applications for absentee ballots will begin immediately. Also, on the spot voting will begin May 18th.

The Duplin County Board of Elections will meet at its

office in Kenansville at 11 a.m. on each Tuesday and Friday from now until the deadline, June 7, to approve applications for absentee

ballots. May 17 at 5 p.m. is the final day to register for the June 29 primary election, according to Carolyn A. Murphy, supervisor.

Killed In House Fire

A Duplin County man was killed in a house fire Saturday morning.

Melvin Kelly, 54, was found dead in his home on Rural Road #1827 in the Pin Hood community when Firemen from the Pin Hood Volunteer Fire Department

responded to a call shortly before 7:30 a.m., the Duplin County Sheriff's Department reported.

When firemen arrived, the house was already engulfed in flames.

The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

Duplin Board Ok's Proposal To Add Jobs

A plan that would loan \$12 million to add new equipment and 175 new jobs to the National Spinning Co., Inc. plant won the approval of the Duplin County commissioners Monday.

The money would allow the plant, which is located about three miles east of Warsaw, to switch from the production of knit material to the manufacturing of synthetic yarns.

As part of its plan, the company also would be annexed as a satellite to Warsaw. This would significantly add to Warsaw's tax base and make the company eligible for a \$2 million Urban Development Action Grant from the town.

The commissioners unanimously approved in principal the company's application to the county's Industrial Revenue Bonding Authority for \$10 million in industrial

revenue bonds. The bonding authority endorsed the application at a closed session last month.

State authorities will now consider the proposal. If approved, the company will be responsible for repaying investors in the tax-free bonds.

The bonding authority can authorize only \$10 million in industrial revenue bonds for the firm. The \$2 million UDAG loan from Warsaw would make up the difference in the company's \$12 million improvement plans.

Under the UDAG program, which is administered by the federal Housing and Urban Development Department, Warsaw would receive \$2 million to loan at a low interest rate to National Spinning. The principal plus interest that National repays to Warsaw is the town's to keep and spend however it chooses.

The \$12 million money would be entirely spent on machinery, said Don Barham, who is in charge of operations for National Spinning. No additional building is planned, he said.

The outcome of the company's plans will probably be known in six to seven months, Barham said. The biggest delay will probably be the application for a UDAG grant, he said.

New Doctor In Kenansville



Dr. M.I. Ammar

Dr. M.I. Ammar will open his office next week in the South Wing Annex at Duplin General Hospital.

Dr. Ammar will be seeing OB/GYN patients from one until 4 in the afternoon Monday through Friday.

Dr. "Moody", as he is often called, comes to Kenansville from Mellins, South Carolina. His wife and children will be joining him the end of the month.

Clark Announces Candidacy

Doug Clark announced on Friday his intention to seek a third term as the Representative for Duplin County and his first term as the Representative for Jones County.

"With votes from two-thirds of the Duplin County

citizens, and with the support of the whole county, I have been able to make a change in Raleigh for North Carolina and Duplin County. I now stand ready to be judged based on my promises and performance," Clark stated.

Margolis Attends Meeting

Margolis attended the two-day update on diabetes and a four-day update in neurology seminars. One of the highlights was a speech by Nobel Laureate Joshua Lederberg on the interface of clinical medicine and basic research.

While in Philadelphia, Dr. Margolis was elected to full membership in the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Jeffrey Alan Margolis of Goshen Medical Center in Faison, has returned from the annual meeting of the American College of Physicians held in Philadelphia, Pa. The meeting offered workshops, seminars, lectures and opportunities to brush up on the latest in diagnosis and treatment in diverse clinical areas.



DONNA'S PEONIES - Did you ever notice how a peony blooms. . . One soft petal after another slowly breaks away from the tight round bud, almost like a slow-motion picture. Records have been found showing the Chinese perfected the peony more than a thousand years ago. . . Cultivating the flowers in China goes as far back as 2,500 years ago. . . Nowadays, Donna's biggest pest is the

Japanese beetle. . . The Far East flower is being eaten by a Far East bug. . . The beetle also eats Donna's roses, which are even more beautiful than her peonies. . . It's a tough decision later in the year whether to let the beetles eat the roses or make them ugly with a white poison dust — which seems to kill few beetles and fatten many. . . or at least makes them more sexually active. . .