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Warsaw Says EPA Slow With Money

Unless the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency starts paying its share soon, Warsaw may run out of money for a new sewage treatment plant in one or two months, the town board was told last week.

Town Clerk Alfred Herring told board members at their meeting that the town has billed the EPA five times for a total of almost \$300,000 and has been paid only \$22,000.

The town pays bills from the contractor, then bills the EPA and the state for their share, 75 and 12.5 percent, respectively. The payments have been coming in much lower than the bills are going out, Herring told the commissioners.

"Unless the work slows down or EPA changes its habits in paying bills, we're going to be in trouble in 30 to 60 days," Herring said. "There's nothing we can do about this. I'm just telling you because we may get into trouble, and I want you to know before we do."

The building has been

vacant since town officials and the police department left the structure and its 130-by-180-foot lot five years ago, moving to the new town hall.

The commissioners also approved the second reading of a resolution to annex some property between North Gum and Beasley streets. The annexation had been requested by the Warsaw Industrial Development Corporation.

Herring told the board that he was against the contract, even though it costs the town about \$8,000 more per year than it receives in collection fees. He said the town would have to abandon its large investment in trucks and other equipment, three employees would lose their jobs and citizens would not get as good a service as they get from the town.

The annexed land is to be the site of a sewing plant being built by S&B Manufacturing, a subsidiary of Lori Lee, a Clinton firm. The plant will receive town water and sewer because of the annexation. There was no discussion of the proposal.

The board took no action on a request for \$4,833.08 from the Warsaw Rescue Squad to buy pagers and a radio for an ambulance. (Pagers are one-way radios which notify squad members of rescue calls.) The money, if granted, would come from next year's budget.

The new radio would be installed in the old ambulance, which was replaced by a new ambulance purchased by the county.

Warsaw will continue picking up residents' trash after the commissioners decided not to contract with Waste Industries Inc. of Wilmington.

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To keep residents from having to go to Kenansville and paying \$31 in court costs for minor traffic violations, the board instructed Garrett Ludlum, town attorney, and Police Chief R.P. Wood to find a way to accept payment of tickets for those infractions at the town hall.



Future Farmers Of America Hold Rally At JSTC

Nine surrounding counties were represented in a rally held by the Future Farmers of America Thursday, May 10 at James Sprunt Technical College.

Participants from each district were judged in

various events. The East Duplin chapter of the FFA took third place in livestock judging. W.T. Davis from East Duplin also received the third highest score in agriculture mechanics.

The South Lenoir chapter took five prizes in the competition. Rex Howard won third place in extemporaneous public speaking. B.J. Tyndall received the highest score in dairy judging and the chapter as a whole won first place in the dairy event. South Lenoir was also the first place winner in the quartet competition. Marietta Howard of South Lenoir was honored as FFA Sweetheart.

Rose Hill To Call For Vote On Telephone System

The Rose Hill town commissioners agreed unanimously to call for a vote to connect the town with the Kenansville telephone exchange, a move which would lower the cost of phone calls for area residents.

If telephone subscribers approve the local service link, it could be in operation in 18 months.

John Gurganus, director of the Duplin County Industrial Development Corp., said it would cost Rose Hill residents 50 cents more per month if the exchanges are connected.

Calls between the exchanges are now long distance and cost 18 cents per minute, Gurganus said. A study by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph showed that

7,851 calls were made between the exchanges in a 30-day period.

Rose Hill area citizens are anxious to tap into the Kenansville exchange because that is the county seat and calls to county offices are now long distance.

If the connection is made, Kenansville telephone subscribers will be linked on local service with Rose Hill, Magnolia, Beulaville and Greenevers. Rose Hill telephone users would only have Kenansville added to their local service.

At the suggestion of Town Attorney Richard Burrows, the board agreed to have the courts determine whether a structure built on a mobile home chassis is still a mobile home.

Commissioner Keith Hinson.

Mayor Ben Harrell said that Hinson is largely responsible for the existence of the park and the programs being carried on there. Hinson spent much of his money and free time on the park and has coached baseball for quite some time.

Because the present civil fine is difficult to enforce, the board made it a criminal offense for residents to allow dogs to run free. Fines for leash law violations are now \$30 for the first offense, \$40 for the second and \$50 for the third. On the third offense, the dog will be turned over to the dog pound.

In addition to the fines, violators will have to pay \$31 in court costs for each violation.

Area ECU Alumni And Pirates Club To Hold Spring Banquet

The Duplin, Sampson and Pender County Alumni, Pirate Club members, and friends of East Carolina University will meet Thursday, May 27th at 6:30 p.m. at The Country Squire. Featured speakers will be Dr. John Howell, chancellor of the

University; Ed Emory, head football coach; and Larry Beckrich, offensive coordinator for the Pirates football team. Several staff members from the Alumni Association Pirates Club and athletic administration will also be in

attendance. The evening will provide the opportunity to celebrate the 75th anniversary of ECU with a social hour beginning at 6:30 and the famous Country Squire dinner at 7:30. Tickets for the evening are \$8 each and may be

Cheese To Be Distributed In Duplin

The Duplin County Department of Social Services has received notification of the delivery to the county of a second allotment of cheese. Plans are being made to issue cheese from the old surplus commodity

warehouse near the dog pound in Kenansville on Thursday, May 20th and Friday, May 21st. The county allotment will be approximately 8,000 pounds and issued on a first come, first served basis.

Eligibility requirements remain the same as that of food stamp eligibility. Persons who received cheese the first time, will be eligible to receive during this issuance if their situation remains the same. Food stamp recipients are automatically eligible and other persons need to bring some verification of their income, according to Millie S. Brown, director of the department.

Fund Raiser For Library

Officers and board members of the Friends of the Duplin County Dorothy Wightman Library have adopted a unique fund-raising plan to raise money for a bicycle rack and other needed items for the new county library in Kenansville. The public is urged to help the Friends reach their goal of \$252 by June 1st.

According to William H. Frederick, president, each officer and board member has pledged to raise \$12 in one month. The method of raising the money is up to each individual. Roberta Williams, library director,

are still making their plans for raising their pledged amount, and all library friends and patrons are invited to help by contributing any amount they wish.

Teresa Pelt Grubbs Memorial Fund Announced

Dr. and Mrs. Michael Pelt of Mount Olive and the Reverend Frank Grubbs of Chinguapin have announced a memorial fund at Mount Olive College in memory of Teresa Pelt Grubbs. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Pelt and the wife of the Reverend Grubbs. Dr. Pelt is chairman of the department of religion at Mount Olive College and Grubbs is pastor of Lanier's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Duplin County.



Teresa was a 1976 graduate of Mount Olive where she pursued her interest

in art, especially watercolors. She earned a bachelor of science degree in art education at ECU and a Master of Arts at the University of Illinois. She had displayed her art work at both MOC and ECU.

Although Teresa died of cancer in November 1980 at the age of 24, her artistic interests will be perpetuated at MOC through the Teresa Pelt Grubbs Memorial Fund. It is the intention of the family that the fund be designated for an art studio in the proposed Fine Arts Building in Teresa's memory.

In the meanwhile, interest earned on the fund will be used for the purchase of library books in the area of art. Teresa's husband has already donated her personal reference books to begin the collection.

In announcing the memorial, President W. [redacted] paper said, "Teresa was an extraordinary student, both personally and academically. She will be remembered for her gentle spirit, her creative talents and the genuine qualities of character which characterized her short but radiant life. Through her memorial at Mount Olive College, she will be an inspiration to our students for years to come."

Suicide Suspected In Death

The Duplin County Sheriff's Department and the State Bureau of Investigation are looking into the death and possible suicide of a Duplin County man.

Henry Wallace Ellis III was found by a Warsaw police officer early Monday morning. Ellis, 36, had apparently died Sunday night from a gunshot wound, thought to have been self-inflicted.

A neighbor, who had noticed Ellis' car parked nearby all night, notified the Warsaw police. The body was discovered in a field off RR 1927 in the Rainbow community.

According to Glenn Jernigan of the Sheriff's Department, Ellis' driver's license showed a Rose Hill address; however, he was believed to have been living in Warsaw at the time of his death.

Raman Appears At Raleigh Public Hearing

Dr. E.J. Raman, area director of Duplin-Sampson Area Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services, appeared at the public hearing held by the N.C. Mental Health Study Commission on May 12 at the Legislative Building in Raleigh.

Amidst funding cutbacks and increasing needs of the mentally ill, mentally retarded and the alcoholic, community programs are not in a position to develop support services without additional appropriations from the Legislature. Dr. Raman shared some of his

major concerns with the commission.

Dr. Raman complimented the commission for their crucial role in developing community-based alternatives for the treatment and rehabilitation of the mentally ill, retarded and the alcoholic and shared some of his concerns in the process of deinstitutionalization.

He stressed the importance of prevention of inappropriate mental hospital admission through the adequate provision of commu-

nity alternatives for treatment and rehabilitation, adequate preparation of institutionalized patients for community living, and establishment and maintenance of community support systems as prerequisites for deinstitutionalization.

Dr. Raman emphasized the need for cooperation and coordination of the services offered by the department of public education and the N.C. Division of Mental Health, etc., as well as the issues related to the development of least restrictive, normal community based alternatives.

He also brought to their attention the inadequacy of commitment laws that prevent appropriate treatment of those who exhibit severe psychopathology.

Dr. Raman said, "I have

ventured to share my con-

cerns because of my im-

mense faith in the commis-

sion and hope that your

deliberation and recom-

mendations would improve

the quality of care for the

mentally ill, mentally retarded and the alcoholic, and make

their lives a little more

tolerable, worthwhile and

enjoyable."

Kenansville Jaycees Receive No. 1 In State Award

This past weekend at the Jaycee state convention in Asheville, the Kenansville Jaycees received several awards. The Kenansville chapter received an award for Ways and Means Team of the Quarter for Chapter Fundraising. Additional awards received include a programming award for accumulating in excess of 8,500 points.

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Youth Assistance (Toys for Tots Christmas Program), and Governmental Involvement (Sheriff's Forum).

Mike Outlaw and Phil Hardy competed at the state level in Speak Up competition.

Class Reunion

The graduating class of 1957 from Grantham High School will hold its 25th reunion on May 29th at 7 p.m. at Grantham Rescue Squad Building. All graduates, teachers (grades one through twelve) and classmates who would have graduated in 1957 are invited to attend. Contact Eva Sasser Pender at 689-2329, suggests Winnifred Moseley.