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## Duplin OKs School Budget Of \$17 Million

The Duplin County Board of Education adopted the school system's 1982-83 fiscal year budget of \$17,845,405 last week.

County tax and other funds will provide \$2,397,856 of the total; federal revenue shar-

ing money allocated to the county, \$214,240; federal funds, \$2,477,089; state funds, \$11,133,868 and miscellaneous sources including carryover, \$1,622,082, according to Victor Tucker, accountant.

The system was allocated \$1,912,010 from county tax funds. The budget includes \$485,846 from fines, forfeitures and other fees collected by the county.

The system's average daily attendance during the

1981-82 school year was 8,100 students.

Food services represented a large-scale business with expenditure of \$1,477,300 and revenue of \$1,548,538 in the past school year. Revenue for the 1980-81

school year totaled \$1,618,396 and expenditure, \$1,554,998, according to Shelby Kilpatrick, food service supervisor.

She reported \$387,265 on hand to start the 1982-83 school year and told the board that this is enough to keep food services operating for 2.36 months. The reserve is needed because federal and state payments often run 2 to 2.5 months late, she said.

During the past school year, the lunch program averaged 6,346 customers per day. Of these, 2,348 paid full price, 548, part of the price, and 3,450 nothing at all. During the 1980-82 year and average of 6,713 people took part in the lunch program with 2,425 paying full price, 698 reduced price, and 3,590 nothing at all. During the past year, students paid 70 cents, full price; 40 cents reduced price, and adults \$1.20 for lunch.

She reported 2,029 people took part in the breakfast program in the past year and 2,292 in 1980-81. During 1981-82, she said, 1,692 students received free breakfasts, 137 paid reduced price and 200 paid full price. In the 1980-81 year, 2,293 participated in the breakfast program with 1,767 paying nothing, 255 paying reduced price and 270 paying full price. Full price for breakfast for students was 45 cents and reduced price 30 cents. Adults paid 65 cents.

The board retained Standard Life of Georgia as insurance carrier for students at a rate of \$9 per year for coverage during school hours and \$39 for 24-hour coverage. The premiums are paid by students.

## Anti-Shock Trousers May Save Lives

Duplin County will receive 26 anti-shock trousers in 45 to 60 days to be assigned to county ambulances, Hiram Brinson, county emergency services director, told county commissioners in Kenansville last week.

Brinson said the life-saving trousers are for victims of heart attacks, severe trauma and fractures of the legs.

They push the victim's blood from the lower part of the body to the upper part when they are placed on a patient and pumped up with air. The movement of blood reduces the effects of shock, he said.

The air pressure on the fabric pushes the blood upward in the body. It does not cut off circulation in the arteries as does a tourniquet.

Putting the trousers on a patient or victim is no problem, but to deflate and remove the apparel requires a physician trained in the procedure, Brinson said. Classes in this procedure are being conducted now at Duplin General Hospital.

Brinson said members of

Kenansville, Rose Hill and Faison rescue squads took classes in using the trousers last week. The Warsaw Rescue Squad is scheduled for a class July 20.

The cost of each pair of trousers is about \$300. The county will pay half and the Neuse River Council of Governments the other half.

The county's share of the total cost is estimated to be about \$4,000. The county appropriated \$10,000 for equipment for the emergency services department this fiscal year.

In other business: County commissioners appropriated \$1,826 for insurance premiums to cover heavy equipment valued at \$365,000 at the county landfill.

It also appropriated \$1,376 for collision insurance on six garbage trucks valued at \$297,000, and \$360 for collision insurance on three ambulances valued at \$60,000.

Bids for a 15-passenger van and a compact pickup truck will be opened

at 2 p.m. July 15 in the county finance office. The van will be used to transport kidney dialysis patients. The truck will be assigned to the county maintenance department.

The board approved county health department contracts with 10 physicians, including Dr. Corbett Quinn of Magnolia as health department medical consultant at a fee of \$1,391 per month. Contracts for other physicians call for hourly fees of \$10 to \$40. The total is

expected to be about \$45,000. Billie Hollingsworth of Faison was appointed to the Duplin General Hospital board for a four-year term. Joe Williams of Rose Hill was reappointed and Edgar Wells Jr. of Teachey was appointed to the county planning board.

Three Warsaw Eagle Scouts, Kent Ezzell, Michael Blackburn and Steve Kornegay, were recognized by the board.

## Girl Dies Of Injuries

A 13-year-old girl died Friday evening from injuries after a car hit her on a Duplin County highway last week.

Beverly Williams died of severe brain injuries at 6 p.m. Friday, said Deborah Nelson, charge nurse in the intensive care unit at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville.

A car hit Miss Williams on

Monday evening when she was walking along N.C. Highway 41 near Millers Mill west of Chinquapin, said R.N. Johnson, N.C. state trooper on the case.

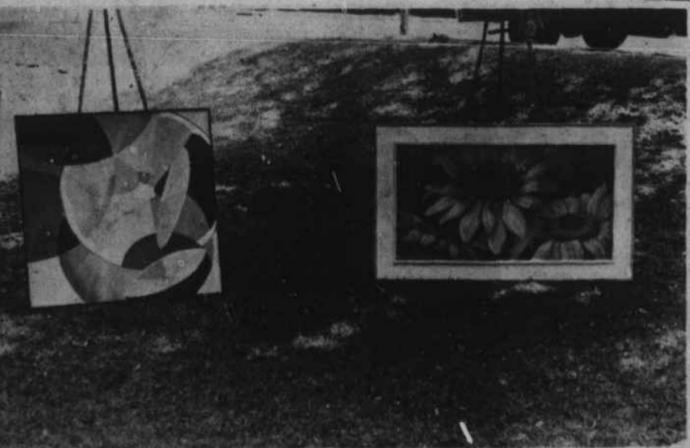
The teen-ager had been in intensive care in Greenville since the 6:50 p.m. accident Monday.

No charges were issued in the case.



**COMMISSIONERS COMMEND EAGLES** - The county commissioners recognized three Warsaw Boy Scouts last Tuesday morning for attaining their Eagle awards. Com-

missioner Chairman Calvin Turner presents plaques to Michael Blackburn, 15, Ken Ezzell, 15, and Steve Kornegay, 18.



**COOPER SHOWING** - Works by local artist Margaret Cooper filled the walls and lawn of the Graham House Inn in Kenansville Friday. Mrs. Cooper's paintings were on display July 9-11 at the restaurant as part of a one-woman show sponsored by the Duplin

County Arts Council. Along with numerous other exhibitions, Mrs. Cooper has taught her craft in the Bladenboro schools, Harrells Christian Academy, James Sprunt Technical College, and in her own home studio in Rose Hill.

## Vacationing Board Limits Action In Wallace

The town board of commissioners took no action Thursday night because two of its members were absent.

Commissioners Arnold Duncan and David Jordan were out of town on vacations.

Action on the offer of the American Legion to give its athletic field to the town was delayed until the board's next meeting.

The field was established about 35 years ago when the Wallace Legion post fielded a baseball team. Since the Legion has not maintained a ball team for several years, the organization wants to give the field to the town to eliminate the cost of upkeep.

If the post were to disband because of low membership and it still owned the field, the deed for the field would go to the state American Legion headquarters in Raleigh. The field could be sold and the money retained by the state organization.

If the town accepts the field, it will become responsible for upkeep. It also would be able to rent the field.

Commissioner N.H. Carter, following the meeting, said he believes the town should accept the field and that the board will accept it at the next meeting.

Thel Overman, retired Wallace-Rose Hill High School athletic director, earlier estimated the field's value at \$250,000. He said the field is in the best shape every.

The Legion offer stipulates the Wallace-Rose Hill High School be given first choice in scheduling use of the field. Harrells Christian Academy should have second choice.

Neither school has an athletic field of its own.

Legion field is on the east side of Wallace. It is surrounded by a cinderblock wall and has lights for night playing. The high school is located at Teachey, about a mile north of Wallace. The academy is in Harrells, 14 miles west of Wallace.

The board expects to purchase a 100-by-306-foot lot at the Wallace Airport, owned by former U.S. Rep. David Henderson of Wallace and Washington, but has taken no action pending clearance with the Federal Aviation Administration.

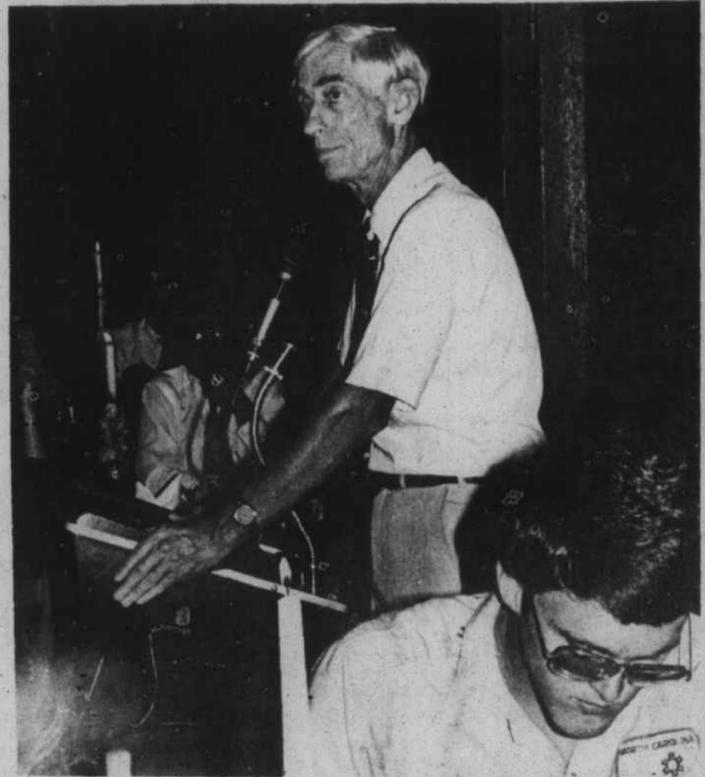
Joe Morrison, representing Henderson, told the board Henderson would accept \$5,100 for the property. One appraisal, which included a septic tank, well and deep well pump, valued the property at \$6,200. Another appraisal, which did not include the tank and well, valued the land at \$4,000. A house on the property has been moved to another location.

The lot is at the west end of an airport runway and the space is needed for the glade pattern at the port.

The board budgeted \$10,000 for property acquisition at the airport.

Installation of pipe in the new town well near Town Hall is expected to begin this week. The well is designed to provide 600 gallons of water per minute.

A call for bids for construction of the well house and installation of the pump, controls and chlorination equipment will be issued Aug. 5. Bids will be opened Aug. 12.



**WHITLEY SPEAKS** - Third District U.S. Congressman Charlie Whitley spoke to a group of over 50 Friday at an informal luncheon at The Country Squire in Kenansville. The lunch was part of a day of Duplin County appearances for Whitley beginning with a public breakfast in Wallace and tour of a local plant in Duplin County. During his talk the Congressman stressed

the importance of the passage of his tobacco bill which goes before the Senate this week. The bill, which got through the House last Monday, is a seven-part proposal designed to keep the 30-year-old federal tobacco program alive. One of the major changes the bill proposes is to allow the sale of tobacco allotments.

## Beulaville Town Board Ups Water Deposit, Service Charge

By Sharon Overton Staff Writer

New customers wanting water in the town of Beulaville will pay almost twice as much in deposits and service charges effective the last of July.

The Beulaville Town Board voted unanimously last Tuesday on a motion by Commissioner F.A. Blizard to raise the water deposit from \$16 to \$25 and the service charge from \$3 to \$10. The penalty for late payment will remain the same at 10 percent of the total bill.

The board also approved a motion to give water and sewer users who have just hooked up to the new lines 30 days notification to pay tap fees at the old rate. After the 30-day grace period, the rate will go up from \$100 plus inspection fees to a minimum of \$200 plus inspection fees. The new rate was passed last month in the budget ordinance.

The town of Beulaville will hold a second public hearing Monday, July 26 concerning the application for a Community Development Block Grant. The hearings are designed to get feedback from the citizens as to what they would like included in the application. Only one resident attended the first hearing on July 6.

Woody Brinson, who is coordinating the application, said that the south side of Beulaville is targeted to receive most of the funds.

"The application stipulates that the target area must be 80 percent low or moderate income families," said Brinson. "We're looking at a 16-block area which is the lowest income area in town. The housing is predominantly substandard, with 90 percent dirt streets and deficiencies in the water and sewer systems."

If the grant is approved, 43 families living in the target area would be eligible for housing rehabilitation, water and sewer improvements, and street and drainage repairs. The application allocates \$600,000, or 80 per-

cent of the total grant, for the target area and the remaining \$150,000 for street, drainage, and water and sewer improvements in other parts of town.

Brinson said Beulaville has been denied block grants twice before, in 1979 and 1981. He explained that the state's ranking system often pushes small towns like Beulaville out of the top percentages for need.

"Twenty percent of the ranking process is based on census data," said Brinson. "A small community norm-

ally doesn't have the strong poverty and substandard housing statistics needed to have an overwhelming chance to receive funding."

Brinson said the other 80 percent of the ranking decision rested on the design of the application.

The state expects to receive over 200 applications before the July 30th deadline. Of these, one out of seven will be awarded. Beulaville will know whether it is among them by September 30.

## Faison Places Moratorium On Water-Sewer Hook-Up

In an effort to treat all water and sewer users fairly, the Faison Town Board rescinded a previous motion and voted to allow residents six months to hook up to the lines without charge.

The board had decided last month to charge those hooking up for the first time \$150. This included residents who had installed septic tanks because they were unable to obtain sewer services through the old system.

"Everyone should be treated the same," said Mayor Francis McColman. "Either everybody pays or nobody pays."

Two residents who paid the hook-up fee under the old ordinance will have their money refunded. All others who have not yet hooked up to the new line have until December 1 to do so. After that date, the price of obtaining water and sewer services in Faison will go back up to \$150.

Contractors who have been working on the sewer system for Faison will receive final payment subject to any conditions the water-sewer committee might set. The Faison board voted to pay the bills after receiving approved final invoices from the Farmer's Home Administra-

tion. The town presently owes Kipco Piping \$1,478.40, Roanoke Electric \$4,866.26 and T.A. Loving Co. \$50,128.57.

Faison is putting "Teeth" into its policy of collecting for maintenance work done on unkept property.

Acting on a recommendation by Police Chief Randy Brock, Town Attorney Garrett Ludlum investigated the possibility of adding the expense to the property owner's taxes. Under a state provision, work done on property that has been deemed a public health nuisance by virtue of weeds or other factors is taxable by the town.

The problem arose when a Faison property owner living in Connecticut continuously failed to mow his lot. Brock, as required, gave him 30 days notice to have the yard mowed. When the owner failed to do so, city maintenance crews did the work for him at his expense. So far, the town has been unable to collect on the bill.

In further business, the board decided to wait until next month to appoint a replacement for L.S. Guy, chairman of the Board of Adjustments. Guy resigned last week.