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School Board Ok's Discussion Of Program

The Duplin County school board approved a request by Ruby Sauls of Bowdens last week to discuss the vital organ donation program with seniors of the county's four high schools.

Mrs. Sauls became blind 15 years ago. Eye transplants have made it possible for her to see. "Three people had to die first so I could see again," she told the board.

The board also limited loans from the Dickson

Charity Fund to \$1,000 per year for students in post-secondary schools. Loans are based on family need and must be secured, usually by a property lien.

The fund was started more than 100 years ago with \$1,500 to enable poor people to get an education. The interest rate is 6 percent on the loans, which are payable after the students graduate.

Superintendent L.S. Guy said rebuilding the Kenans-

ville Elementary School roof will begin in two weeks. The work will be financed by an insurance payment and done by E.L. Scott Roofing Co. of Kinston and architects Ballard, McKim and Sawyer of Wilmington.

The board declared the former teacherage buildings at B.F. Grady School as surplus property. They will be offered for sale at a date to be set later.

The Tuesday night meeting was the last for Graham Phillips, who came on the board in April 1969, and E.L. Boyette, who joined the board in April 1967.

Bill Richards of Wallace and Carl Pate Sr. of Beula-ville will replace them at the board's Dec. 7 meeting. A farewell supper for the retiring board members is scheduled Dec. 13 at the Country Squire on N.C. 24 west of Kenansville.

Social Services Bake Sale

The Duplin County Department of Social Services will again sponsor their annual Bake Sale on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at the Courthouse in Kenansville beginning at 10 a.m. The proceeds will be used to help provide Christmas gifts for over 100 foster children and adults in residential care throughout the county.

Various cakes, pies, candies and ham biscuits will be available as well as hand-crafted items. So come early for a delicious variety of holiday baking and that just right Christmas gift or decorative item. Your participation will mean a great deal to yourself as well as to needy persons.

Thanksgiving Service

There will be a union Thanksgiving service at the Chinquapin Presbyterian Church on Wednesday night, Nov. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Churches participating are Sharon and Shiloh Baptist and Chinquapin and Salem Presbyterian churches.

According to Jack Dail, the public is invited.



Be Thankful for Your Blessings

Social Services Report Troubles Duplin County Commissioners

A Duplin County commissioner doesn't believe President Reagan when he says

economic conditions are improving. "I don't understand how

things are getting better with more and more people out of work," Commissioner Allen Nethercutt said last week. "When I see the President on TV, smiling and so happy, saying things are better, I'd just like to slap him."

Nethercutt's comments followed a report by Duplin Social Services Director Millie Brown, who told the board that 1,400 people had filed for fuel allowances in the first 10 days of November.

During the same period, Ms. Brown said, 68 families filed for food stamps. Last year, only 107 families asked for food stamps during the entire month, she said.

"We've been bogged with 1,006 applications for food stamps in the past 12 months," she told the board. "We've never had such a build-up."

She said 2,100 Duplin County families receive food stamps, costing \$220,000 per month. The 1980 census listed 40,952 people in the county. If the average family in the county numbers 3.7 people, it would mean just under a fifth of the county's families receive food stamps.

"Everyone seems to think our department has the answer to their problems," Ms. Brown said. "People are either more desperate or more willing to ask for help than in the past."

The commissioners also heard a request from telephone users of the Rose Hill-Magnolia and Kenansville exchanges for toll-free service between their towns. Economic Development Di-

rector John Gurganus presented that request.

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. recently sent subscribers of the two exchanges ballots which gave them a choice of accepting or rejecting the idea.

Gurganus, in a letter to the board, said 655 of the 1,122 eligible subscribers in Kenansville returned ballots and 80.6 percent favored the extended service. In Rose Hill-Magnolia, 994 of the 1,996 eligible subscribers returned ballots and 80.5 percent favored extended service.

Duplin General Hospital Auxiliary Workshop

Doris English, president of the Duplin General Hospital Auxiliary, announced there will be a workshop in the hospital cafeteria on Wednesday, Dec. 1st at 1 p.m. for the purpose of making Christmas decorations for patient rooms. If you have any ideas or anything that you think will be of use, bring them with you. Ann Outlaw, Margaret Oakley and Rachel Blanchard will be

Snodie Wilson Recognized

Snodie B. Wilson, Duplin County agricultural extension agent, has been recognized for 25 years of extension work. Wilson was among those receiving tenure awards Nov. 16 at a state conference of the N.C. Agricultural Extension

Gurganus said he was told it would take the company 12 to 18 months to make the service available.

The extended service will cost a subscriber 50 cents a month.

County Manager Ralph Cottle said he had received several inquiries from Wallace residents for toll-free service to Kenansville.

The board also reappointed Corbett Quinn of Magnolia and Joe Tillman of Warsaw to the Duplin-Sampson Area Mental Health Board.

Plans were made to hold the December meeting at the General Store at 11 a.m. on Dec. 15, followed by a dutch luncheon.

The Auxiliary is selling fruit cakes. All money should be turned in to Doris at your earliest convenience. A few members have not paid their dues and the \$3 should be sent to Martha Swann.

New members are welcome to join.

Service on the N.C. State University campus.

A graduate of NCSU, Wilson previously worked as assistant county agent in Brunswick County before joining the Duplin staff in 1959.



BOOTS RANDOLPH IN CONCERT - On Sunday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville, the Tar Heel Fine Arts Society will present its first concert of the season. Appearing will be Boots Randolph, "Mr. Sax." Boots Randolph has been thrilling audiences since the early 1940s with his manipulative skill on the saxophone. Combine this with his style and charm, and you have an evening of entertainment that will be hard to forget. One of the many remarkable things about Boots Randolph is his astonishing versatility. He can make his instrument do just about anything. No matter what the mood of the tune, each one has the drive and excitement of the Randolph sax sound. He gives his all, and since he really loves what he's doing, his greatness comes across to his listeners in depth. One sure sign that there is something special about Boots is the way his fellow musicians feel about him. Whenever he plays, whether in Nashville, Las Vegas or on the set where he is guest appearing, other musicians come by to sit in with him or just to listen. Musicians pay no higher compliment to each other than this. A humorous showman and top-rated sax player, Boots Randolph guarantees a show that anybody will enjoy. You will not want to miss it. Season tickets will be available at the door at \$10 each for adults and \$5 each for students.



WARSAW TEEN-AGER CRITICALLY INJURED - A Warsaw teen-ager was severely injured in a high-speed crash on U.S. 117 North Thursday night. John Thomas Robinson, 17, of Route 1, Box 41, Warsaw, remained in critical condition Friday night at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, hospital officials said. Robinson was driving

north at about 10:30 p.m. Thursday on U.S. 117 when the drive shaft of his automobile broke and sent his vehicle out of control, said State Trooper B.E. Floyd, who investigated the wreck. The car was thrown onto the right shoulder of the road, where it slid 311 feet, Floyd's investigation revealed. Then the car flipped onto the roof and slid down the

center of the highway another 153 feet. Floyd said. The two occupants, Robinson and Terry Hill, 21, of Bowden, were thrown from the car. No charge was filed, but Floyd said. "In my opinion, they were running in excess of 55 mph." The one-car accident occurred about a half-mile from Warsaw.