

# Duplin Times

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### Rose Hill Treatment Plant May Get Funding In 1983

The proposed \$1,675,000 Rose Hill sewage treatment plant is scheduled for funding in the 1983 fiscal year after a decade of planning. Any award of construction contracts will depend, however, upon whether the federal environmental Protection Agency provides enough money to the state, according to Buck Kennedy, project engineer of L.E. Wooten & Co., a Raleigh consulting engineering firm. "If all goes according to plan, the project could be up for bids in late 1983," Kennedy said last week. Kennedy said the project is number 18 on the state's priority list, but number 8 on the funding list — second from the bottom — for the 1983 fiscal year. He said nine projects are slated for funding during the fiscal year if the federal money comes through. "It's good to expect some good news for somebody because the news is bad for so many applicants," he added.

The Rose Hill project will have no significant environmental impact, according to a letter Mayor Ben L. Harrell received Nov. 17 from Edward B. Lamar, planning engineer in EPA's Region 4 office in Atlanta. The letter said the Finding of No Significant Impact statement must be posed for a 30-day public comment period. Lamar said a preliminary decision has been made not to prepare an environmental impact statement on the project. Under the present formula, EPA would provide \$1,211,250; the state, \$201,875, and Rose Hill, \$261,875, of the cost. Rose Hill residents approved a \$375,000 bond issue two years ago to finance the local share. Rose Hill's present 200,000-gallons-per-day waste water treatment plant fails to meet EPA effluent discharge limitations for the small stream into which it discharges the treated waste

water. Plans call for a 325,000-gallons-per-day treatment plant. The proposed plant would provide preliminary treatment, chlorination, aeration and sludge drying beds. The average individual residential sewage bill would be \$14.40 a month, according to preliminary studies. The actual user charge would be determined after completion of the preliminary engineering report. The current sewage bills are 100 percent of the water bills. The minimum charge for water and sewage is \$5 a month each. For use of between 3,000 and 10,000 gallons of water a month the users pay an additional \$1 per 1,000 gallons, plus an equal amount for sewage. The proposed plant would be located east of Rose Hill, about a half-mile from the present plant. Rose Hill had a 1980 population of 1,508 living in 626 housing units, according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census.



**TIGHT SQUEEZE AT MOVING TIME** - The house is too large or the bridge is too small. Jack Stroud, owner of the house that is being moved from Lidell to Albertson, said "The bridge makes me nervous. I sure hope it doesn't topple over into the water." The Strouds plan to remodel

the house into living quarters once it is relocated. It did get across the bridge. The bridge was higher on one side than the other. The house was level. Thus, a temporary line of poles were laid across the bridge for the driver-side wheels to ride up on. "kinda 'catty-wampus'."

### House Fire Hurts Two Faison Children

Two children suffered severe burns when their home was destroyed by fire near Faison last week. Timothy McDuffy, 2, and Rashad McDuffy, 2 months, children of Angelina McDuffy, 21, were treated at Goshen Medical Center at Faison and transferred to Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville. They were later sent to the North Carolina Burn Center at Chapel Hill. The infant suffered severe neck, face and head burns.

Timothy suffered severe back, chest, stomach and leg burns. Mrs. McDuffy and her oldest child, Felicia, 3, escaped injury. The children were in the front room of the house and Mrs. McDuffy in a back room at the time of the fire. She told firemen Felicia came running from the front crying that the house was on fire. Mrs. McDuffy rushed to the front and found the living room full of flames and smoke, according to reports.

She grabbed the two younger children and escaped out of the front door. Gene Turner, who was doing some work in the back yard, heard their screams and came to their aid. He carried the family to the medical center by car. The house is south of Faison on the old Bowdens Road. Assistant Fire Chief Sprunt Hall said Fire Chief Glenn Jernigan told him sparks from a faulty chimney caused the fire.



**LIMESTONE CREEK WATERSHED WORK BEGINS** - Phelps and White Construction Co., Inc. of Windsor, the contractor on the first phase of the Limestone Watershed project, moved its heavy equipment into the area at the bridge at Hallsville on Tuesday, Dec. 1st, to begin channel restoration work on Limestone Creek. "This project has been in the works for many

years in Duplin County, and now we are going to see some results," said Calvin Mercer, district board of supervisors chairman. Pictured are: Kenneth Futreal, Tim Phelps, Louis Phelps, Herman Rigg, Dean Bingham, Jackie Ray and Calvin Mercer.

### Britt Selected As District II Morehead Awards Finalist

Ralph Britt has been named one of the seven finalists in the competition for 1983 Morehead Awards at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Seven nominees from District II have been selected as finalists, which was based on evidence of leadership and service, character, academic achievement and physical vigor. James Ralph Britt Jr. is

the son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Britt Sr. of Route 2, Box 40, Mount Olive. He is a senior at North Duplin High School. Morehead Awards provide all-expense paid undergraduate educations at UNC-CH. The value of an award for a N.C. resident is currently \$15,200 for four years of study on campus, plus funding for internships available to Morehead Scholars each summer. The

Morehead Award is modeled after the Rhodes Scholarships at Oxford, England. Its purpose is to attract to UNC-CH young men and women who will enhance the University's stature through their presence on campus and make significant contributions to their alma mater and to society in later life. Nine Morehead Scholars have received Rhodes Scholarships since the mid-1960s.

### Watershed Project Groundbreaking Begun

Construction began on the first phase of the Limestone Creek watershed project in eastern Duplin County, culminating almost three decades of effort by area farmers. Kenneth Futreal, the county soil conservationist, said the contractor, Phelps and White Construction Co. of Windsor, has moved equipment to the construction site near Hallsville. The location is not far from the place where Limestone Creek empties into the Northeast Cape Fear River. Beginning of work on the first phase has been a long-term goal of area farmers who need drainage improvement. George Cowan of Beulaville said the first meeting on the subject was held 24 years ago in the Beulaville Elementary School. Planning of the project began in the 1960s. The initial phase calls for restoring 21,000 feet of channel and installing three sediment basins. Those deep spots in the channel are to catch sediment from field run-off and prevent further channel clogging. The contractor submitted a

bid of \$74,000 on the work Oct. 20. The contract was awarded Nov. 9 and the notice to proceed with the work was issued Nov. 23, according to Calvin Mercer, the soil conservation district chairman and contracting officer for Duplin County. The county has invited contractors to bid on the second phase, the major portion of the project. Bids will be received until 10 a.m. Dec. 9 at the county soil and

water conservation district office in Kenansville. Second phase work will include 105,435 feet of channel restoration and 62,116 feet of channel excavation, clearing of 48 acres, laying of 2,836 feet of 15-inch corrugated metal pipe inlets and digging of 20 permanent sediment basins in the channel. The work will provide drainage improvements for 41,000 acres of the Limestone Creek watershed.

The creek starts in the swamps near the Duplin-Onslow county line and flows generally westward to the Northeast Cape Fear River near Hallsville in southern Duplin County, N.C. 111 bridges the creek about a mile northeast of Beulaville. Land treatment measures by farmers to prevent recurrence of the channel conditions that have created the flooding in the area are well under way, Futreal said.

He noted the treatment measures that hold soil in the fields instead of allowing it to wash into drainage channels also improve productivity of the farms. **Nash Johnson Dies** ROSE HILL - Nash B. Johnson died late Monday night. Further details unavailable at press time. He is a member of the Warsaw Baptist Church where he has served as chairman of the board of deacons. Gerald is married to the former Rita Sutton and they have a daughter, Carla, and a son, Gerald Haywood.

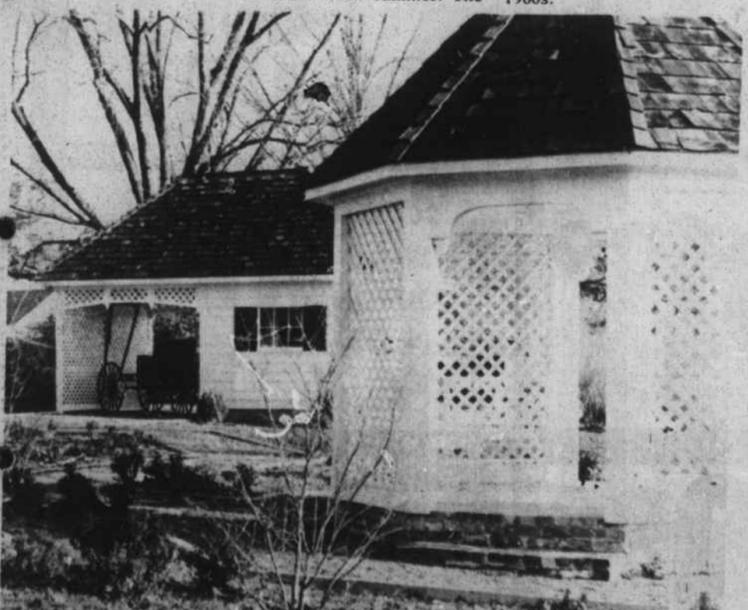
### Quinn Appointed Trustee Chairman At Baptist Hospital

Gerald Quinn of Warsaw has been elected chairman of the Trustees of North Carolina Baptist Hospital for 1982. He is serving his third four-year term as a trustee. President of the Quinn Company of Warsaw, Quinn has been with the company since his graduation from Atlantic Christian College. He has served in many

different capacities and immediately before being named president in 1981, he was vice president of operations. In addition to his service as a trustee of Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, Quinn served as chairman and a member of the Board of Commissioners of Duplin County. He is a director of Branch Banking and Trust

Company. He has served as president of the Warsaw Jaycees and as vice president of the North Carolina Jaycees. He received the Jaycee Key Man award, their Distinguished Service award, and their International Senator award. He also serves on the Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service advisory board and the North

Carolina 4-H Development Fund investment committee. He is a member of the Warsaw Baptist Church where he has served as chairman of the board of deacons. Gerald is married to the former Rita Sutton and they have a daughter, Carla, and a son, Gerald Haywood.



**CARRIAGE HOUSE AND CARRIAGE ADDED AT LIBERTY HALL** - A one-horse carriage, or buggy, has been added to the many sights of Liberty Hall in Kenansville. Liberty Hall is the ancestral home of the

Kenans. It has been restored and is open to the public. Later this month it is to be decorated for Christmas as it would have been in the early 1800s.