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Kenansville Loses Water Pressure

A disappearing fire hydrant left Kenansville without water pressure last week, delaying the scheduled town board meeting for more than an hour as board members worked on the emergency.

Town Clerk Mary Ann Jenkins said she received a call at home about 6:45 p.m. that water was leaking around the hydrant on Canal Street in eastern Kenansville. Mrs. Jenkins added that shortly after 7 p.m. Linda Beck called to say the hydrant "was gone."

Mrs. Jenkins said the elevated water tanks were drained by the leak. When pressure fell, she said the town's smaller water tank automatically cut off its flow, leaving the town without water for a time.

Late Tuesday, she said, eight apartments and at least two houses still were without water and repairs to the water line had not been completed. She said the leak had created a six-foot hole where the hydrant had been located.

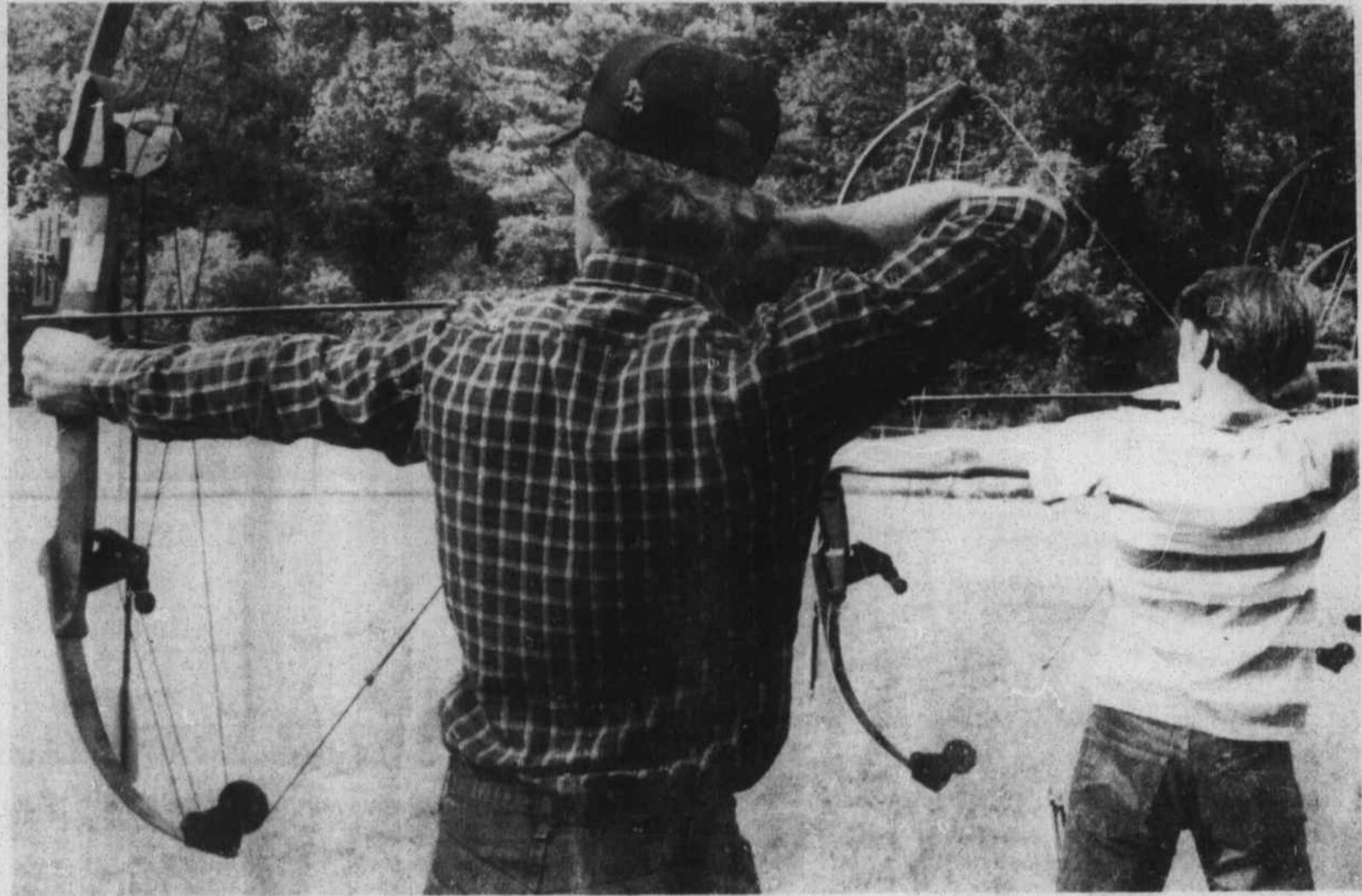
By 8:30 p.m. Monday, water pressure was being restored to most of the town. Mrs. Jenkins said the town office was bombarded with calls about no water Monday night. Town Commissioners Betty Long, William Fennell and Mrs. Jenkins were kept busy answering phones until the board meeting began about 8:30

p.m., an hour after its scheduled opening. Mayor Don Suttles and Commissioner Ronnie Bostic were still working on the water problem and came in an hour later. Mayor Pro tem Earl Hatcher, who arrived late from a medical appointment, opened the meeting with Fennell and Mrs. Long present. Commissioner Jimmy Johnson did not attend.

During the meeting the board told Brice Sanderson, Duplin County building inspector, the town wants the county building inspection department to take over inspections in the town. Sanderson said he would bring the request to the county board at its Oct. 17 meeting. Wallace is the only other Duplin town not under the county inspection department.

The board also awarded contracts totaling \$79,646 to four building firms to renovate nine houses and demolish one. Receiving contracts were Frederick Construction Co. and Frederick Building Co. of Warsaw, R.C.A. Realty of Wallace and Robert Green of Kenansville.

The board hired McDavid Associates of Farmville as project engineer for extension of the town sewer lines to the state correctional unit on N.C. 11 south of Kenansville. The state will pay for the extension.



ARCHERY AND TRAP SHOOTING - The Duplin County Board of Education and the North Carolina Wildlife Association sponsored a week-long hunter safety course for ninth grade students. The course ended with archery and trap shooting competition as part of the 1983 Duplin Agribusiness Fair. The competition was held last Thursday at Turkey Stadium next to the fairgrounds in Kenansville. Individual and team winners were named in each category and an overall selection of winners was announced. Plaques were presented to the first place teams and trophies to the first place individuals; ribbons were awarded to all

second and third place winners. The winner in archery competition was Tony Westbrook; second place, Michelle Smith; and third place, Zoolie Kornegay, all of East Duplin High School. Individual trap shooting first place was won by Lynn Mzingo of Wallace-Rose Hill; second place, Joe Knowles of Wallace-Rose Hill, and third place, James Barwick of North Duplin. Overall archery and trap shooting competition individual first place was awarded to Lynn Mzingo of Wallace-Rose Hill; second place, Michelle Smith of East Duplin, and third place, Owen Rouse of Wallace-Rose Hill.

Towns Holding Elections

Filing for mayor and town board seats in Duplin County closed at noon Friday.

Elections will be held Nov. 8 and residents must have registered to vote by this past Monday.

The 10 towns that will hold elections and candidates running for office are:

- Beulaville: Competing for three board seats are Franklin Boyette, S.A. "Sambo" Blizzard, Hymric Jefferson, H.J. Brown, Horace Lee Rhodes, Joseph H. Edwards and Larry P. Bostic. Incumbent Rabon Brown did not seek re-election.
- Calypso: Mayor Orlando Joe Daniels is the only one running for mayor. Running for five board seats are five people: Libby Lewis Boykin, S.D. Davis, M.J. Lambert Jr. and J.R. Turner, all incumbents and Eugene Emmer. Commissioner Wayne Brock did not file.
- Faison: Mayor N.F. McColman is opposed by P.B. "Bill" Carter for

- mayor. Competing for two board seats, William Frizzelle, former board member Ronald Oates, Jane Precythe Hollingsworth, town maintenance supervisor Fred Willis Wheless and Billy Franklin Cooper.
- Greenevers: Mayor Alex Brown is running unopposed for re-election. Two incumbents, Nathan C. Murray and Waitus Harrell, are running for two board seats.
- Kenansville: Filing for three board seats were incumbent Betty Long, James Blanchard, Ronald Summerlin, Jimmy D. Newkirk, Hortense Hasty, Mark Vinson and Emil Coggins.
- Magnolia: Commissioner Ruth Quinn and Police Chief Sherwood Ezzell are vying for mayor. Running for two board seats are Mayor Melvin Pope, Commissioner Rudolph Becton and Commissioner Hubert Howard.
- Rose Hill: Three board seats attracted filings by Clarence Brown Sr., Jerry

- H. Cottle Jr. and Keith Hinson, all incumbents; and Marsha F. Whaley and Junior Williams.
- Teachey: Mayor Ruby Ramsey is unopposed for re-election. Running for board seats are James Boney, Daniel Vance Norris and Bernard "Mike" Pistner, incumbents; and Warren W. Henderson.
- Wallace: Mayor Melvin Cording is opposed by Earl Whitaker. Three candidates filing for three board seats are Charles Blanchard, Arnold Duncan and N.H. Carter.
- Warsaw: For three board seats the candidates are incumbent Billy Kennedy, Shelby "Zack" Zachary, Jimmy Steven Kennedy, James Junior Herring, Cecil Guy and Thomas T. Coombs.
- Kenansville candidates Jimmy D. Newkirk and Emil Coggins would have to resign their Alcoholic Beverage Control board positions if elected.

Exceptional Students To Take Shorter Bus Rides In Duplin County

School bus riding time for exceptional children in Duplin County soon will be cut in half as additional buses are put into operation, school Superintendent L.S. Guy said last week.

He responded to the complaint of a mother who said her child is on the exceptional children's school bus about five hours a day, by

saying one new bus will be purchased and two will be loaned to the system by the state. The system has only three buses for exceptional children at present. Classes for these children are held at E.E. Smith School in Kenansville.

Guy was directed to have a purchase order for the new bus ready for the board's Oct. 18 meeting at Warsaw

Junior High School.

With the ending of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program Sept. 30, the Duplin County school system lost 3½ library helper positions. These positions at Wallace and Warsaw elementary schools, East Duplin High School and North Duplin Junior High School will endanger the

schools' accreditation by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges.

Declining enrollment in county schools may do away with the need of these positions for accreditation of the schools, said Assistant Superintendent Gary Sanderson. He told the board the accrediting association will cite the schools for violations

this year and place them on suspension next year under present conditions.

If the library positions are to be filled, they would have to be funded with county money, Sanderson said.

The system also needs to fill part-time principal positions at Charity and Warsaw Junior High schools. These are new county-funded positions, Sanderson said.

Duplin Commissioners Back Money For Poultry Program

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners last week agreed to support the efforts of former Watson Seafood and Poultry Co. workers and

chicken growers to obtain an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) to help re-establish the firm's poultry production program.

A public hearing on the proposal will be held at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 14 in Chinquapin I school on N.C. 41. State and congressional officials have been invited to the hearing.

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Thirty former workers and chicken growers of the company appeared before the county commissioners to ask for the board's support.

County Manager Ralph Cottle and economic development director John Gurganus told the board the town of Rose Hill is asking for a UDAG grant of \$750,000. They said \$2 million in private funds also will be needed to re-establish the company in production.

To co-sponsor the public hearing, Sholar said the group hopes to draw broad support for its effort and through the hearing to make the public aware of its loss of income from the company failure.

Roxie Sholar, a former grower, said, "We depended on these chickens for our light and heat bill and other necessities to keep going."

The Rose Hill company filed for bankruptcy last spring. The company had been raising about 250,000 chickens a week and then selling them to the Rose Hill Poultry Corp. processing plant. The company's failure put about 100 people out of work at the Watson company and left 100 poultry growers with chicken houses and no supply of birds. Poultry growers grew birds for the firm on contracts.

Sholar said a chair will be placed on stage for each invited public official and if neither the official nor an aide appears the official's chair will remain empty. "People will be very aware if anyone is not represented," he said.

"We're with you 100 percent," said Commissioner D.J. Fussell of Rose Hill. "Tell us what you want us to do."

Robert Bowen, another laid-off worker, said he had worked with chickens since coming out of high school and had never drawn nor intended to draw unemployment. He said, "We need some help now."

I.B. Sholar of Chinquapin, a former Watson grower, told the board the UDAG grant request is being considered and the bankruptcy judge appears to be cooperating in the process. "We still need support from our officials," he said.

The group asked the commissioners to:

- Endorse the UDAG grant request.
- Ask for support of the application from U.S. Rep. Charles Whitley; U.S. Sens. Jesse Helms and John East;

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the older man's house about a mile east of Wallace, Smith said. Boney was about seven feet from the end of the barrel when the gun was fired, Smith said.

James Boney Jr. of Route 3, Wallace, was shot in the stomach around 1:40 a.m. at

the intersection of state roads 1311 and 1323 about eight miles west of Clinton.

Two women were killed in an automobile accident near Clinton about 5 p.m. Sunday, according to the N.C. Highway Patrol.

Kenansville, the passenger, died when their car ran a stop sign and ran into another vehicle, the Highway Patrol said.

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SOME FOLKS THINK COOKING CANE SYRUP IS A SIGN OF HARD TIMES, says Bo Herring. "But it is just a sign of folks wanting some good, old-fashioned, home-grown mopping syrup." Herring is shown here

placing cane stalks in the cane mill pressing out the cane juice to be cooked into syrup. (See story inside.)

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No one has been arrested in the case. Boney knew the older man, Smith said. "We're investigating the possibility of self-defense," he said.

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