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KENANSVILLE BOARD MEMBERS SWORN IN - Ex-Board member Jimmy Johnson, a magistrate, gives the oath of office to new board members, (incumbent) Betty

Long, Jimmy Newkirk and Mark Vinson. Johnson did not seek re-election nor did William Fennell.

Duplin Hospital Turns The Fiscal Corner

Duplin General Hospital's financial status turned from red to black in its fiscal year ending Sept. 30, the annual auditors' report revealed Thursday night.

The hospital ended its recent fiscal year \$260,898 in the black, compared with \$251,798 in the red for the previous year, a turn-around of \$512,696.

Operating revenues exceeded expenses by \$82,325 for the past fiscal year.

The previous fiscal year's report showed an operating deficit of \$351,329.

Not-operating revenues of \$178,573 in the 1982-83 fiscal year increased the net income to \$260,898 and non-

operating revenues of \$99,631 reduced the 1982-82 year's deficit to \$251,798.

The report showed gross revenues from patients' fees increased 15.5 percent during the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 while gross expenses increased 8 percent.

Joseph Hart of the auditing firm, Ernest & Whinney of Raleigh, reported operating revenues of \$5,083,443 for the past fiscal year compared with \$4,293,377 for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1982.

Hart reported the hospital is now owed \$187,077 from insurance companies and other sources while a year ago it owed \$50,525.

The profit shown in the

past fiscal year's report was the first since 1978.

Last year the county Board of Commissioners ordered a study of the hospital's financial situation. Recommendations included making some physical improvements, tightening up on expenses, improving accounting procedures and reducing the size of the hospital's Board of Trustees. The reconstituted trustee board and hospital administration followed the recommendations, said Richard Harrell, hospital administrator.

"You're not out of the woods yet," Hart told the board and several county commissioners and officials

Thursday night.

John Laird, also a member of the auditing firm, emphasized the change in federal Medicare payments. Previously, Medicare payments were made according to how much the hospital care cost. Now, Medicare will pay set fees for each type of health problem.

"The new system puts the hospital at risk," Hart said. "It can come out better or worse than before. It changes the whole technique of hospital management."

Harrell said a slight decrease in days of patient care has been recorded by the hospital since Sept. 30, compared with the same period last year.

Private Firm May Manage Kenansville Water Works

A private company's offer to manage the Kenansville sewage treatment plant and water works for \$500 a month will be studied by the town board of commissioners.

The board will take up the matter at its Jan. 9 meeting. John Melville of Environmental Management Services Co. of Greenville told the board at its meeting last week that his firm has personnel qualified and licensed to operate city utilities. He said the company has contracts to provide such services for several towns.

While the company would not have a person at the plants at all times, qualified people would check regularly to see that town utilities employees were carrying out their jobs. The company personnel would make the necessary tests of water and sewage.

He also said the company could save "half of its fee" by making some changes in the utilities facilities in Kenansville.

The town has no licensed sewage plant operator and is seeking one. Several people hired and paid by the town

while they were obtaining town-financed training to obtain operators' licenses have left for jobs paying higher salaries.

Three board members were sworn in for new terms at the opening of the meeting. Mary Vinson and Jimmy Newkirk replace William Fennell, a 14-year veteran of the board, and Jimmy Johnson, an eight-year member. Fennell and Johnson did not seek re-election. Also sworn in was Betty Long, who was re-elected.

In other action the board:

- Agreed to ask the state Environmental Management Commission for permission to treat an additional 10,000 gallons of sewage a day in the town treatment facility. The sewage would come from the state correctional unit on N.C. 11 south of Kenansville.

- Decided to delay appointing additional Alcoholic Beverage Control board members until next month. Newkirk left the ABC board to become a town commissioner. The term of Emil Coggins on the ABC board is expiring.

Petition Opposes Rezoning In Faison

A petition of more than 50 names opposed the rezoning of the property on South Railroad Street to commercial and was presented to Faison Town Commissioners during a public hearing Dec. 7.

The owners of Community Funeral Home in Warsaw and Rose Hill requested the rezoning in order to open a business extension in the recently purchased James

Jordan home in Faison. The rezoning of the property was unanimously approved and recommended to the Faison Commissioners by the town planning board, said Mayor Francis McColman. Faison Commissioners voted four to one. Board member Jane Hollingsworth opposing, to rezone the property from restricted to commercial.

The petition was presented by John C. Rouse and raised questions of commercial spot

zoning, inadequate parking for the proposed business, and future location of undesirable businesses within the residential neighborhood affected by the zone change.

"I have lived on that street all my life and I really don't want a funeral home there," Faison resident Bessie Gregory said.

Town Commissioner Melvin Rogers stated the growth of Faison would

mandate the eventual rezoning of property along Highways 403 and 117 such as S. Railroad Street. Rogers pointed out the area requested for rezoning is located in an area surrounded by property presently zoned for commercial use.

Immediate renovation of the James Jordan home is planned by owners of Community Funeral Home and a Spring 1984 opening scheduled.

Duplin Agencies May Move Into Old School

The former Kenansville Elementary School building may house Duplin County offices in the future.

The county Board of Education last week voted to give the building, which is no longer used for classes, to the county government.

County Manager Ralph Cottle, however, said Wednesday neither he nor the county commissioners had been officially informed of the action. "It would be premature for me to make any statement concerning just what the county will do with the building," Cottle said.

Cottle said several county departments were crowded in their quarters. The social services department is particularly short of space, he said.

County officials will have to determine the condition of the building before they can begin planning for its use.

The building has not been

used as an elementary school since the new school opened on the east side of Kenansville about four years ago.

The county Board of Commissioners had wanted the building since that time but school officials were hesitant to release the structure, thinking the school system might have further use for it.

The school board went into secret session during its meeting Tuesday night to discuss the property. It later voted to give the building and a portion of the school site between the building and Duplin General Hospital to the county. It also voted to give the county the unused Branch School building near Albertson.

The school system plans to retain some of the property between the old Kenansville Elementary School building and Kenan Memorial Auditorium and the amphitheater behind it.

In other action, the board

refused to delay start-up of a junior Reserve Officers Training (ROTC) program in East Duplin High School at Beulaville.

Superintendent L.S. Guy advised the board that \$10,000 would have to be taken from the contingency fund this past week to pay for starting the program early next year.

Guy recommended the board delay the program until it was sure it would have the \$30,000 to finance its share of the program's cost for a full year. However, Guy warned the board, "It could be a long cold spell before you'll be able to get it (the ROTC program) again."

Board member Bill Richards of Wallace made a motion to delay starting the program. The motion died for lack of a second.

Board member Carl Pate of Beulaville said it would disappoint many people if the program didn't start,

"but if money is critical I would hate to see another program such as band, dropped because of the ROTC. However, I can't second the motion."

Board member Jimmy Strickland said, "I feel strongly about it, but if we can't do it right now, maybe we should wait."

Chairman Joe Swinson was absent. Vice Chairman Riddick Wilkins presided.

The board directed attorneys to work out arrangements so Beulaville can turn over to the school system \$10,000 obtained through public fund-raising efforts for improving the Beulaville Elementary School sports fields for public use when the field is not being used by the school.

In other action, the board sold a tobacco production quota of 647 pounds to Grover Rhodes for \$1,900. The allotment belonged to the B.F. Grady School.



Photo Courtesy Mt. Olive Tribune.

INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT - Dr. Hervy B. Kornegay, M.D. of Calypso, was installed as president of the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians, Dec. 2 in Greensboro. Kornegay is a family practitioner with Mount

Olive Family Medicine in Mount Olive, and he has practiced medicine 22 years. Pictured above, left to right, Dr. Hervy Kornegay, Dr. Harmon Holverson, installing officer, and out-going president of the Academy, Dr. Robert Townsend.

Duplin Native Installed As President Of Family Physicians Academy

Dr. Hervy B. Kornegay Sr. of Calypso was installed as president of the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians at the 35th annual Scientific Assembly banquet in Greensboro Dec. 3.

The North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians has a membership of 1,500. Kornegay is the third doctor from Mount Olive to hold the title of president of the Academy. An associate of Kornegay's at Mount Olive Family Medicine, Dr. Robert Shackleford, has held the office and Mount Olive native Dr. Lynn Jordan, who now resides in Smithfield, Kornegay will replace out-going president Dr. Robert Townsend.

Kornegay has practiced medicine for 22 years. He is currently associated with Mount Olive Family Medicine working with Dr. Robert Shackleford, Dr. Robert S. Mayer, Dr. Ellen T. Brubeck and Dr. James R. Lambert. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

In the coming year as president of the Academy, Kornegay plans to make educational opportunities available in a variety of fields related to the medical practice of a family physician. Also, Kornegay plans the continued support of political involvement by the Academy of family physicians, especially in the areas of life

support ethics.

"The family physician is involved with a patient from birth to the grave and in many instances treats the entire family," Dr. Hervy Kornegay of Mount Olive said. "Because of the close relationship with the patient and family members, the family physicians should be involved deeply in life support ethics. The physicians should not be making the decision, but should be available to offer objective information to assist the family in making the best decision for all the people involved." He added, life support decisions made by the family or individual, their family physician should not be second-guessed by a

governmental agency.

"My practice is like doing something for fun and then getting paid for the pleasure," Dr. Kornegay said. After attending medical school, Kornegay returned to his home in Duplin and began work immediately. Also, he took on the job of doctor for the North Duplin football team and he continues to be on the sideline after 22 years. "North Duplin is one of the few schools of its size to have a physician on the sidelines during games. Over the years I have treated most of the football players in my office as my patients and many of them keep in touch years after they have left Duplin."

Three Held On Drug Charges

Three people were being held in the Duplin County Jail in Kenansville Friday on charges of conspiracy to traffic and trafficking in cocaine.

Robert Moye, 34, of Route 5, Box 57, Mount Olive, was charged with trafficking in cocaine. He was being held

in lieu of \$15,000 bond Friday.

Michael Cecil Queen, 30, and Edward K. English, 39, both of Clayton, Ga. were

charged with three counts each of conspiracy to traffic in cocaine and one count each of trafficking by transporting, sale and possession of cocaine. Queen and English were being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond each Friday.

Glenn Jernigan, chief deputy, said the men were arrested about 9 p.m. on Thursday. He said Sampson and Onslow sheriff's departments drug officers and the State Bureau of Investigation participated in the investigation. He said six ounces of cocaine was seized at the time of the arrests.

Duplin Students Tested

Duplin County school officials reported 90 percent of county students taking state competency tests in 1983 passed the reading section and 87.3 percent passed the

mathematics section.

The average for schools in the region that includes Duplin was 92.3 percent passing the reading and 88.8 percent the mathematics sections. The state average

was 92.6 percent passing reading and 87.3 percent passing the mathematics sections.

Eighty-five Duplin juniors and 33 seniors failed all or part of the tests.