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Duplin Schools Invest In Classroom Laboratories

Duplin County will use an infusion of state money to improve elementary and high school laboratories this year, Superintendent L.S. Guy said in a discussion about the forthcoming school year.

Duplin students will go back to school Aug. 27. Teachers will report Aug. 15. About 8,400 students, about 100 less than a year ago, are expected. The system will have about 400 teachers.

Guy said he hopes to reduce class size in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades with seven to nine new teachers' slots. He has not received detailed information from the state on teacher allocations, he said.

Space for additional classes in those grades is available in most schools, the superintendent said. Wallace Elementary School is already crowded, however, because the southern area of the county has developed faster than expected, he said.

The schools will spend a total of

about \$17 million during the 1984-85 fiscal year, Guy said.

The state this year will give Duplin an extra \$2 per student for kindergarten through the sixth grade, \$2.50 per student for seventh- and eighth-graders and \$6 per student for grades nine through 12 to upgrade classroom laboratories. Some of the money might be used to buy computers, Guy said.

"We'll go slow with the computers in the lower grades while watching their use for effectiveness," he said. Computer laboratories have been established in each high school.

The schools will offer numerous programs to meet the varied interests and needs of students, Guy said. The Chinquapin, Rose Hill and North Duplin grade schools will operate an "open course" pilot program this year, integrating reading, language arts and other classes.

Another new program will be the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps at East Duplin High School at

Beulaville. Guy said 146 students have registered for the program. Instructors will be Maj. George Roussos and Sgt. John H. Bell.

A pilot program in the concepts of electricity load management will begin at Wallace Elementary School. A control center will switch off various electrical units when power demand soars. Reducing demand at crucial times can reduce "peak" demand. Power companies charge customers according to peak demands because companies must have the capacity to deliver electricity at peak demand levels.

All the county's trainable mentally handicapped high school students will attend E.E. Smith school in Kenansville this year. "By bringing these students to one spot we can do much more for them than by having them scattered in schools all over the county," Guy said.

Multiple handicapped students already have been attending the E.E. Smith school.

Students with schedules that do not fit the school-day schedule may take courses for high school credit at James Sprunt Technical College if they have approval of the school administration, Guy said.

A business laboratory with word processing equipment has been set up at East Duplin High School. The system plans to add similar laboratories in the county's three other high schools as funds become available.

Guy expects a kindergarten enrollment of 550, about 25 to 40 less than last year. "You don't ever know for sure about kindergarten enrollment until they're registered," he said.

Bloodmobile To Visit Warsaw Thursday, Aug. 16

At the Bloodmobile visit on March 12, 2.47 percent of the population of Warsaw showed up to give blood. Many of these donors were from outside Warsaw. Your blood is

needed on Thursday, August 16, at your convenience from 12 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Warsaw Fire Station.

You can give the gift of life August 16 at the Warsaw Fire Station.

Students Learn To Earn



Brick Masonette

Priscilla Smith of Warsaw is adding another row of brick to the model pump-house she is building in Prentice Smith's building trades class at James Sprunt Technical College. She is already working at her trade, laying brick and carpentering, even though she will not

graduate until March of 1985. She works on weekends helping build a home for Robert Schmaltz. Her husband is also at James Sprunt. He is enrolled in the electronics class.



John Durham Puts Finishing Touches On His Foyer Table

John Durham is a student at James Sprunt Technical College enrolled in the building trades classes. Durham retired from the Air Force after 26 years. He has been at James Sprunt for almost two years and he has plans to open a shop at his home near Beulaville upon graduation in September. Durham has built many

tables, bookcases, stereo cases, etc. However, Durham says his daughter in Greensboro takes a fancy to his products and carries them to her home. Durham's creations have no nails, by the way; they are all put together with the use of dowels and glue.



Opening Day Tobacco Sales At Wallace's Hussey Warehouse

High Tobacco Quality Sends Price Average Up

The Eastern Belt marketing season opened Wednesday of last week with some of the best tobacco every offered on opening day.

The quality of the tobacco forced the belt average price to a high level because of the support price of the grades. The unofficial preliminary average was placed at \$156.30 per 100 pounds, up \$6.76 from last year's opening.

Companies refused to bid more than the support price on most of the top-quality tobacco. Virtually all good and fair lug (X) grade tobacco went under price support loan. The same thing had occurred in Tuesday's S.C.-N.C. Border Belt season opening sale, and again in Wednesday's sale there.

The Border Belt average for Wednesday was \$152.10, up 38 cents from Tuesday.

Farmers rejected offers on thousands of piles of tobacco in both belts, hoping for better prices later, particularly on the better quality tobacco.

Companies appeared to bid more freely on the priming (P) grades Wednesday in Eastern Belt markets

than they did Tuesday in the Border. Prices for primings with "body" ranged from \$3 to \$10 per 100 pounds over the support price of the grades.

Prices for priming grades gained sharply in S.C.-N.C. Border Belt sales Wednesday. Lug grades, however, barely held even with opening day averages.

The Federal-State Tobacco Market News Service reported that on S.C.-N.C. Border sales Wednesday, good lemon primings, averaging \$155 per 100 pounds, gained \$5 from Tuesday; good orange primings, \$152, gained \$3; fair orange primings, \$146, gained \$7, and fair lemon primings, \$144, gained \$6. Fair green primings (P4G) gained \$4.

Support level for fair lemon and orange primings is \$132 and for good primings \$145 per 100 pounds.

In sharp contrast, the major volume lug grades averaged just over support with fair greenish lugs (X4V) at \$172, up \$1 from Tuesday and \$2 over support and fair variegated mixed lugs (X4KM) at \$164, down \$3 from Tuesday and \$3 over support.

Farmers placed 14.2 percent of the

4,269,027 gross pounds of tobacco sold Tuesday on S.C.-N.C. Border markets under price support loan, compared with 25.7 percent on opening day last year. The gross sale averaged slightly more than \$152 per 100 pounds.

The market news reported most priming grades on Eastern Belt markets Wednesday averaged \$2 to \$8 per 100 pounds more than last year with good lemon at \$148, the same; good orange, \$149, up \$2; fair lemon, \$174, up \$1; fair orange, \$145, up \$8, and fair green, \$136, up \$7 over last year's season opening averages. Good lemon lugs, however, averaged the support level of \$194, reflecting the lack of company demand for this quality. Fair lemon lugs topped support by \$1 to average \$174. Good variegated mixed lugs averaged \$170, \$2 over support.

Warehouses in Wallace, part of the Eastern Belt, were filled Wednesday with fair and good priming and lug grades plus a smattering of low lugs, fine primings and fine lugs and nondescript.

Virtually all of the lug graded tobacco went under price support.

Block Grant Awarded For Housing Repair In Warsaw

The Duplin County town of Warsaw will get \$750,000 for low-interest housing repair loans and drainage improvements in the Frog Pond area and the town of Bolton in Columbus County town will get \$314,700 for housing and road improvements on 12th Street.

The allocations were announced Friday by the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. The two Southeastern North Carolina projects were among the top 39 projects in small towns statewide that will share \$41.9 million in federal Community Development Block Grant money, which is distributed by the state. A total of \$107 million was requested.

State planners evaluated 169 project proposals using a scoring

system based on poverty and substandard housing statistics, project design, other available funds and benefit to low- and moderate-income residents, said Penny Craver, special assistant for community affairs at the Department of Natural Resources Division of Community Assistance in Raleigh.

In addition, Ms. Craver said state planners visited some of the towns to view the areas described in the applications.

The city of Whiteville's request for a \$750,000 community revitalization grant just missed funding with a ranking of 40th and may be funded if part of \$5 million set aside for tornado-damaged houses is not spent. "We expect some of that money to come back," Ms. Craver said, adding that the decision should

be made by October.

Three grant applications for the southern Brunswick County town of Shallotte were turned down by the state, ranking 143, 157 and 166 in the priority list, Ms. Craver said.

Warsaw's application was ranked 11th in the state, earning 784 of a possible 1,000 points in the scoring system. Ms. Craver said scores were very competitive. Whiteville's project, for example, scored 39 points behind Warsaw's and 108 points behind the top project in the state.

The \$314,700 grant to the town of Bolton stemmed from a 1983 application. One of last year's proposals that won funds through the state's scoring system was never carried out, Ms. Craver said, causing the money to be redistributed to Bolton.

Announces Plans To Improve Warsaw Recreation Activities

Year-round recreation activities for all ages is the goal set by the new Warsaw Recreation director George Lloyd.

"I want the area to know that the recreation program is under new direction," George Lloyd said. "And, I plan to keep a wholesome, family-type recreation program throughout the year."

"I think I understand the recreation needs and desires of the people of Warsaw," he said. "And, I'm eager to work toward meeting the needs." George is a former recreation department employee with the town of Warsaw. He served three years as Warsaw Recreation athletic director.

George assumed the position as recreation director July 25 and has completed an effort to bring midget football games to the Warsaw Recreation Park away from James Kenan High School. Practice for the midget football league began last week and games start at the park in



George Lloyd

September.

"My top priority, now, is working with the Warsaw Jaycees to get lights on the tennis courts," George said. "We have an estimate of \$26,000 to install the old softball

field lights on the court. But, I am also looking into new, more economical lights for the courts. The courts need lights that will be economical and good for many years." Funds raised by the Jaycees will be matched by the town in the tennis court lights project.

George pointed out another priority of upgrading the physical beauty of the park. Through the projects with the tennis courts and midget football, Lloyd said the park would realize a great deal of physical changes making the area more attractive.

In addition to recreation activities currently offered during the year, George plans to offer a summer day program for youths. The program requires a large number of volunteers who will work with children in drama, music, arts and crafts, games, reading and filmstrips. He also has plans to revive the spring events like the 'Great Out of Sight Kite Flight' and 'A Day in the Park.'