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JSTC To Graduate 240 Students September 23

James Sprunt Technical College will graduate 240 students in its annual commencement ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 23 in Kenan Memorial Amphitheatre.

The school will graduate 130 students from its one- and two-year curriculum programs and 110 from its general education development program for high school equivalency diplomas.

Registration for the fall quarter will open Sept. 26 with classes starting Sept. 27.

Business computer programming and a homemaker health aide program will be added to the curriculum this fall, President Carl Price said. The aide course calls for 36 hours'

credit and is a two-quarter course. The computer course requires 177 hours' credit. The curriculum is spread across seven quarters.

During the 1983-84 school year the school had the equivalent of 1,214 full-time students registered. During the past year the school had 45 full-time and 100 part-time instructors.

It has a budget of nearly \$3.3 million, of which Duplin County is providing \$462,000 and the federal government, \$150,000. The state is providing the rest.

The school also received \$500,000 from the spring legislative session for capital improvements.

A cooperative agreement with the

Duplin County public school system permits some high school students to take courses at JSTC which the students' schools do not offer. Among such courses is calculus.

During 1984 JSTC marked its 20th anniversary as a member of the state community college system, although the institution is somewhat older. Price said 1984 was chosen for the anniversary because it was provided a campus in August 1964 by the Duplin County commissioners. The county board appropriated money for a 54-acre site one mile south of Kenansville. The first building was completed in September 1966.

The school that became James Sprunt began as a Duplin County unit of the Goldsboro Industrial Education Center, now Wayne Community College. James Sprunt Institute was chartered March 12, 1964 and named for Dr. James Sprunt, a Civil War chaplain, educator and Presbyterian minister who was headmaster of a former James Sprunt Institute in 1845.

The campus includes four major buildings including one with a 300-seat auditorium.

James Sprunt now provides programs in accounting, agricultural business, animal science, associate degree nursing, business administration, commercial art, criminal justice, electronic engineering technology, executive secretary, general office technology, general technical curriculum core, medical office assistant and technical special studies in its technical education division.

A study is being conducted to determine whether a satellite campus should be established in Wallace.



38,000 Square Feet To Be Added National Spinning Company To Expand Warsaw Plant

National Spinning announced Monday morning a 38,000 square foot addition to their 105,000 square foot Warsaw plant.

According to Joe Tisdale, executive vice-president of manufacturing, the new addition should be completed by the middle of November, 1984, and will house manufacturing equipment for a new product line.

"We will try to penetrate a new market," Tisdale said. "If it works out, we'll have to add 12,000 more square feet to our warehouse."

"We will install new equipment to run half of the maximum capacity of 120,000 pounds of yarn," continued Tisdale, "shooting for 60,000 pounds at first." Tisdale said that the Warsaw plant work force would be increased from 240 to 310 employees

upon completion of this expansion with the same supervisors as they have now.

Ben Ellenberg, division personnel manager for National Spinning, said that hiring for this expansion will begin the first of January, 1985.

Before the details of National Spinning Warsaw plant expansion was announced, Mike Lauter, manager of National Spinning Warsaw plant, welcomed the news media and local business leaders, saying, "We have some good news to share with you this morning." After mentioning the expansion, Lauter introduced Don Barham, corporate vice-president of industrial relations, who gave an up-to-date progress report on both of National Spinning's Duplin County plants.

Barham, who lived in Warsaw for

several years, began by saying how nice it was to be back in Warsaw among friends to talk about some good news. Barham said that National Spinning's Warsaw plant bottomed out in 1977. New product lines and technical changes allowed the company to rebuild and expand in 1982.

"We want to keep you informed about Warsaw," said Barham. "We've got good labor and good people in Warsaw."

When asked about the dollar value of this expansion, Tisdale said, "Initially it would be \$1 1/2 million and at full capacity \$2 million."

The expansion meeting ended with a tour of the Warsaw plant led by Lauter, Ellenberg, Tisdale, Barham and Technical Manager Fred Archer.

Expenses For Schools' Lunches

The school lunch operation is big business in rural counties such as Duplin.

The Duplin program spent \$1,711,386 during the 1983-84 school year. It will begin operations at the end of this month with a reserve of \$346,830 which would finance its operation for nearly three months. The reserve is needed because of delayed federal payments.

Shelby Kilpatrick, school food program supervisor, told the board of education last week that she spent \$769,000 for food and \$664,000 for labor during the past school year. Other expenditures were \$46,000 for equipment, \$86,000 for supplies, \$24,000 for purchased services, and

\$115,000 for indirect costs.

Mrs. Kilpatrick reported an average of 6,380 students per day were served lunch during the last school year. She said 2,195 received breakfast daily.

She said meal charges will be the same this year as last — for lunch, 70 cents for elementary and 75 for junior and senior high school students, and \$1.20 for adults. Students eligible for reduced fees will pay 40 cents. Breakfast charges will be 45 cents for students and 65 cents for adults. The reduced breakfast fee will be 30 cents.

During the last school year, 2,552 students paid full price and 510 reduced price for lunch.

School Opens Aug. 23



Duplin County School Buses Being Readied

County mechanics Greg Rackley, Bobby Best, Wilbert Kornegay and Alvin Dunn can be seen working on some of Duplin's school buses. Student drivers will pick up the buses for the 1984-85 season on August 24. County Garage director Allen Wood said the buses traveled 1,234,571 miles last year and transported an average of 6,296 students per day. The county will put some 140

regular buses on the road this year. There were three buses replaced with new ones this year, Number 14 at Rose Hill-Magnolia, Number 93 at Wallace Elementary, and Number 133 at Beulaville Elementary. Bus drivers are paid \$4.25 an hour and will average about \$150 a month, with some, of course, making more and some less.



Sammy Boone Reworking The Brakes Of A Duplin School Bus

Each bus receives normal maintenance on the braking system every 20 days, according to Allen Wood, garage supervisor.

Kenansville To Buy Land Bank Building For Town Hall

Kenansville will own a town hall as soon as the paperwork is done.

The town board voted unanimously last week to buy the former Federal Land Bank building for a town hall. The town office has been in the fire department's building.

The Land Bank vacated the building when the Federal Land Bank and Production Credit Association merged to form Farm Credit Services and consolidated their offices throughout the Southeast.

Kenansville will pay \$73,000 for the structure. Carey Wrenn of the United Carolina Bank told the board the bank will lend the town money for the purchase. He offered the town a choice of variable or fixed interest. The board decided to take the fixed rate of 10 percent for a

three-year loan. Under the other plan the town would have paid 60 percent of the prime rate. At the present prime rate the town's rate would have been 8.45 percent, but board members feared the prime rate will rise.

"Our people at the bank can finance the project on a lease-purchase plan," Wrenn told the board.

Town attorney W.E. Craft told the board he believes it is legal for the town to enter into such a contract.

The town plans to pay \$20,000 down and borrow \$53,000 from the bank.

The town's federal revenue sharing grants will be applied to the loan.

In other action, the board agreed to allow the county to extend water lines from the old Kenansville school

to a wooded site adjacent to the William Rand Kenan Jr. Memorial Amphitheatre. Stacey Smith, Duplin County maintenance supervisor, requested permission for the extension. Electric service will be extended from the school to the site, which will be used for travel trailers.

Jim Johnson, manager of THE LIBERTY CART, which is performed in the amphitheater, said some people attending the outdoor drama come in travel trailers and want to stay overnight. He said some people might want to stay in campers at the site during the county fair in October. The board limited campers to one week's continuous stay.

The See-Saw square dancers of Warsaw received permission to put on a demonstration on downtown Kenansville streets this week.

Beulaville Town Employees Receive 5 Percent Pay Raises

Beulaville town employees were granted a five percent pay raise during the August 6th meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

The motion by Commissioner Joe Edwards granting a five percent pay raise to all town employees was approved by all Board members except Rabon Maready. Maready has spoken out at earlier meetings of the Board in favor of merit-type pay increases for town employees.

Town Auditor Doug Clark reported Beulaville had collected 91 percent of its taxes in the budget year just ending. The prior year 96 percent of the taxes had been collected which yielded a difference of approximately \$2,000, Clark said. Town Clerk Carol Miller was authorized by the Board to begin legal procedures to collect overdue taxes.

Proceeding with the local option portion of the Wickline Community Development Block Grant in Beulaville, Commissioners approved a motion to purchase land for a park. Local option funds total \$70,000 for use in street paving, repair and drainage along with the park in the south section of Beulaville. Town Attorney Russell Lanier was requested to draw up an option for the town to purchase three acres of land just off Parker Street. The price for the property is \$13,000. Commissioner Rabon Maready opposed the motion to purchase the property for the park.

Beulaville Commissioners granted

Lanier authority to begin action requesting the removal of all mobile homes from areas in town not zoned to provide for them. The motion was promoted by citizen complaints and an appearance by Duplin Building Inspector Brice Sanderson at the August meeting.

According to citizen complaints mobile homes are being parked in all areas of the town while being remodeled. Remodeling of the mobile homes creates a public nuisance and eyesore in areas zoned residential. Beulaville citizen Colon Whaley explained to town commissioners. The motion by Maready granting Lanier authority to request removal of mobile homes called for a 72-hour period in which to vacate or face legal action.

Anthony Ramsey appeared before the Board questioning town policies for extension of water and sewer lines. Ramsey first appeared before the Board in May requesting the extension of sewer lines to his lot on Stanford Street. Ramsey was informed that the policy of extending lines required the citizen requesting service to purchase the pipe and the town do the installation. In Ramsey's case the extension along with tap fees and deposits totaled \$1,045.

"The policy in the past has been with lines that are not covered by a major extension of the system," Commissioner S.A. Blizzard said, "that the person requesting service has to pay for the pipe. We have

treat you just as the Board has treated people in the past. If we extend the line for your lot, then tomorrow there might be 10 people wanting sewer lines extended."

"I don't see how we can burden town citizens with \$500-\$700 per pipe," Commissioner Rabon Maready said, "when we have spent money to extend lines out of town to non-taxpayers and charged them only a tap fee. It seems that we are discriminating against the tax-payer in our own town." Maready was the only commissioner opposing the policy which requires Ramsey to pay for sewer lines to his property. The motion by Maready to install the sewer line to Ramsey's property charging only a tap fee died when no second came from the remaining members of the Beulaville Board.

Mayor Wilbur Hussey presented boardmembers with a letter from Duplin County Manager Ralph Cottle. The county has been asked to remove the trash dumpsters from the old drive-in theatre location. Cottle informed the Board the dumpsters would be taken back to the county landfill within 30 days if a new location could not be secured by the town commissioners.

The Board voted to continue business with Commissioner Joe Edward's insurance company. Edward's insurance company has a total of \$150 worth of business with the town in policies covering the Beulaville Scout Hut and Armory.