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## County Auction

The County of Duplin held an auction Saturday at its recently-bought farm adjoining the county landfill. The buildings on the farm were sold. County Deputy Rodney Thigpen was the auctioneer. Shown in the photo are County Commissioner D.J. Fussell, Mr. and Mrs. Otis James who bought the dwelling house, Russell Tucker, county accountant, and county Deputy Rodney Thigpen. The items sold were: a wood frame dwelling for \$2,500 to Otis James; a two-story packbarn for \$100 to Hubert Simmons; a cement block shed for \$100 to Otis James, a tin shed for \$50 to Vernon Tate, old poultry house to Forrest Blanton for \$175, a corn

crib to Bobby Teachey for \$150, a hog house to Steven Williams for \$200, a metal bin to W.L. Bryan for \$2,500, a metal bin and dryer to Clifton Boyette for \$2,300, a hammermill and building to Eugene Rivenbark for \$3,000, auger to W.L. Bryan for \$450, a tin shed for \$50 and hog house for \$100 to James Killelte, a pump and house to Vernon Tate for \$50, an old storage house to James Killelte for \$75, the grape harvest to James Howard for \$600, and a tin building to Steve Williams for \$175. The auction brought in \$12,800. The farm was bought by the county for \$133,000. There are approximately 133 acres of land.

## Sale Of Duplin Structures

A house, feedmill and several out-buildings on property Duplin County recently bought for future landfill use was to be offered in an auction at 10 a.m. Saturday, the county commissioners decided during their meeting last week.

The sale was held on the site, directly across the road from the county landfill east of Rose Hill. The current crop from a grape vineyard on the land also was offered.

A new roof is to be built on the Senior Center in Kenansville and new air conditioning installed in the old section of the building at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.

The board took an option on 23.92 acres for \$15,000 for the Rockfish Community Building. The site is west of Wallace and south of N.C. 41.

A public hearing will be held at 9:15 a.m. Sept. 15 in the commissioners' office in the courthouse to hear proposals for projects that might be eligible for funding in the economic development category of the community development block grant program.

In other business, the board approved \$5,000 for some of the handicapped-access projects outlined by Brice Sanderson, building

inspector. He is coordinator of the county's program to provide public access for the handicapped program to Duplin County's public buildings. Access to public buildings for the handicapped must be available or in the planning stage in counties receiving federal revenue sharing money, he said.

Sanderson presented a long list of needs, some minor and some major, in county buildings in Kenansville.

In the courthouse, protection for pipes under the laboratories is needed in the upstairs bathrooms for the handicapped. A water cooker standing no more than 32 inches above the floor should be installed, he said, and raised or recessed identification lettering should be installed on or near office doors.

In the agricultural building, he said, bathrooms should be remodeled for accessibility to the handicapped, a ramp should be constructed, and office doors should be widened to at least 31 inches.

Sanderson said it is not necessary to make all of a building accessible but all the services offered in a building must be made accessible to the handicapped.

An access ramp and wider office doors to accommodate wheelchairs

are needed in the Soil Conservation Service building, he reported.

The health department building bathrooms should be rebuilt to improve accessibility to the handicapped and the access ramp needs repairing, Sanderson told the commissioners.

Joe Costin, director of the health department, said the second floor of the former nurses building near the hospital, now being used for a health department annex, is dangerous because it has only one accessible exit, a stairway. A second stairway is blocked by locked office doors. The elevator does not work.

Sanderson reported that an access ramp to the front entrance of the health annex building is needed. The front entrance should be re-arranged and the elevator repaired.

A wheelchair access ramp should be built to the back entrance of the social services building because of the steepness of the hill in the front, Sanderson reported. Bathrooms in that building need to be rebuilt for handicapped accessibility, he said.

The Employment Security Commission office and State Highway Patrol station need doorways widened, bathrooms enlarged and an access ramp installed.

## Faison Manufacturing Hopes To Expand Company Through CD Loan

Domenick Sanducci of Faison Manufacturing Company appeared before the Faison town board Sept. 6 at a Community Development Block Grant public hearing to request consideration for a \$400,000 loan to increase the sewing factory workforce by at least 80 new operators.

"I would like to expand," Domenick Sanducci of Faison Manufacturing Company said at the public hearing. "The company needs more room and like it is now, we are spread out all over town." According to Sanducci, Faison Manufacturing operates out of three different locations within the town limits. With the prospects of a \$400,000 loan, the company plans to construct a new facility in which all workers can be located in the same building. Faison Manufacturing Company expects 80 to 100 new operator positions to be available if grant funds are awarded to the town and loaned the garment company. The company operates mostly under contract with the United States government, making military uniforms, Sanducci said. Faison Manufacturing currently occupies its main town headquarters next to the Faison town hall.

The public hearing held at the Faison town hall was to solicit proposals for projects eligible for funding in the Economic Development category of the Community Development Block Grant program. Eligible projects would create or retain jobs, enhance income levels or promote local business or industry ownership.

Funds are requested by local

business or industry and application is made by the town. To qualify for the funds a town must use the grant to provide streets, or water and sewer facilities for new or existing business or industry. The grant can also be used as a direct loan to a business or industry. The loan and interest is repaid to the town which uses the money to help another industry or in other projects.

Members of the Faison town board approved the request to submit an application for the proposed Faison Manufacturing project under the Economic Development category of the grant program.

A second public hearing is set to review the application on Sept. 27 at 5:30 in the Faison town hall. The application deadline is October of 1984.

## Wallace-Rose Hill High Studied For JSTC Classes

James Sprunt Technical College classes may be taught in the Wallace-Rose Hill High School building.

College authorities asked the board of education for permission to use rooms in the building when the high school is not in session.

The college is seeking a place in the Wallace-Rose Hill area for a satellite program, offering classes to adult students.

While commenting favorably on the idea last week, the board delayed action until arrangements can be

made for the building's maintenance and security.

County Superintendent L.S. Guy said the county has a big investment in the school building, which stands empty at night and on weekends. "It seems like use should be made of it, but we must have an agreement on security and maintenance," he said.

Guy is to work out a plan with JSTC officials and present it to the board for review.

In other action, the board authorized the administration to upgrade its computer capability through a five-year lease-purchase agreement that will cost \$13,000 to \$14,000 a year.

The present equipment is not enough for the school system's needs, Guy said. Some work now is being done on contract at a cost of about \$4,000 a year.

Each school and each club within a school will be limited to one fund-raising activity during the school year, the board decided. The board approved several specific fund-raising activities.

Among activities approved for various clubs and schools were sales of candy, decorator boxes, magazines, doughnuts, nuts, suppers, stuffed animals, Christmas trees, Christmas ornaments, fruit cakes, baked goods, citrus fruit, spices, calendars, cookbooks, desk cubes, newspapers, popcorn, buttons, tea mix, T-shirts, flower and garden seeds, and candles. Fall festivals, fish fries and car washes also were approved.

Several projects were approved for E.E. Smith Junior High School in Kenansville, where the student council can hold a plant and peanut sale, the cheerleaders can sell sunglasses and the athletic club, cleaner material.

The B.F. Grady school's fall festival was approved. The festival has netted as much as \$12,000.

The board transferred an unused \$5,500 for termite control at North Duplin High School to buy an energy control device for Wallace Elementary School. The device will cut the school's electricity costs.

The board also transferred \$19,000 to a fund to supplement salaries of coaches in the schools.

## Faison Board Agrees To Sell Water To County

Faison Commissioners agreed last Wednesday to sell as much as a half-million gallons of water per month to a county system in the Juniper area outside their town.

The county system is designed to service up to 60 households and purchase as much as 8,000 gallons a day from the Faison water department, Commissioner Bill Igoe explained. And, he pointed out, the Faison water system can furnish another 16,000 to 18,000 gallons a day beyond its present production.

Rates for the sale of water to the county were approved at \$25 each month for a minimum of 20,000 gallons and 57 cents for each additional 1,000 gallons. The annual income from the sale of water to the county is expected to be approximately \$1,500-\$2,000. The county expects to be charging its customers

a minimum fee of \$7.50.

The contract to supply the Juniper area system with water was approved by the Faison Board upon dedication of the connecting line within the city limits from Duplin to the town. The unwritten agreement to dedicate the line within town limits was part of the original plan for the water system proposed by the Duplin County Commissioners to the town of Faison more than a year ago. The dedication of the connecting line will allow the town to furnish water to customers in the area of the produce market, Commissioner Igoe said.

Within the town, Faison Mayor Francis McColman reported 17 meters carrying 44 individual water users. According to McColman, only one minimum water fee is charged each, but should be charged to each of the users on the meters. Com-

missioners Ronald Oates and Bill Igoe were appointed to work out possible solutions and bring a suggestion before the entire Board at the October meeting.

The board accepted an offer of \$1,000 by Cory Best for the old 1969 trash truck which has not been used in five years. Before the sale is final, an advertisement for upset bids will be run in area newspapers.

The lift station at the Duplin Apartments in Faison was accepted by the town board for regular maintenance. Parts and labor beyond regular maintenance will be furnished through Duplin Apartments.

Commissioners set October 3 as the public hearing date for the requested annexation of an area just off Winnifred St. The public hearing will begin at 7 p.m. followed by the regular meeting of the town board.

## Beulaville To Supply Water

The Beulaville Town Board unanimously approved a motion last week at their regular monthly meeting to install a meter, and furnish water at the recreation fields behind the elementary school.

The athletic fields are a joint project of the Beulaville Recreation Commission and the Duplin County Board of Education. Grading, fencing and installing a sprinkler system on the athletic field have been financed by the Beulaville Elementary School and the Recreation Commission. Both use the field for organized recreational activities.

Alfred Basden of the Beulaville Recreation Commission appeared before the town board requesting a water meter be installed at the athletic field. A sprinkler system has been installed and will be needed during dry periods to keep the athletic field in good condition. Basden said the Recreation Com-

mission would pay for the water but requested the town install the meter at no cost.

After a motion by Commissioner Rabon Maready, the Board voted to buy and install a water meter for the athletic field to be under the supervision of the Recreation Commission. Since the athletic fields are used by a majority of town citizens, the Board voted not to bill the Recreation Commission for the water.

In other business the Beulaville Commissioners voted to remove the lights at the tennis court near the Scout Hut because of the decaying condition of the poles.

Commissioners also approved a recommendation to repair the roof of the Scout Hut. Commissioner S.A. Blizzard presented an estimate of \$12,000 to reroof the flat top. Later a motion to write specifications replacing the flat top with an 'A' roof was passed by the commissioners.

A contract for \$1,000 to enlarge the holes of air lines in the sewage treatment plant was approved by the Commissioners. Town employees Morris Strickland and Aubrey Murphy quoted the \$1,000 figure for the job at the treatment plant.

According to Blizzard, the enlargement of the air line holes is needed to allow the system to operate at a minimum level which will be approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. The treatment system has not met the EPA standards in more than two months. Commissioner Rabon Maready voted against the action stating the trouble is an engineering fault within the system which the town should not have to absorb the cost of correcting.

The Board set a public hearing date for the presentation of the town subdivision regulations. The hearing will be September 25 at the town hall beginning at 7 p.m.



## Gooooood Chicken

Two-year-old Rebecca Harrell of Rose Hill is enjoying a "world's largest frying pan"-cooked chicken leg at Saturday's Rose Hill Jubilee. Rebecca is the daughter of Anita Harrell of Rose Hill



## Crafts Displayed At Jubilee

Crafts, and crafts, and crafts, and crafts all on display for sale at the Rose Hill Jubilee.