

Bonecrusher Congratulates Spelling Champ

Part of the American Education Week activities at E.E. Smith included a spelling bee and a special appearance by Duplin's professional boxer "Bonecrusher" James Smith. Smith is pictured above with school spelling champion Jeanetta Brown. During his appearance at the junior high school in Kenansville, the boxer stressed the importance of a good education. Smith is a 1971 graduate of James Kenan High School and a 1973 graduate of James Sprunt Technical College. After completing an enlistment in the military, Smith returned to North Carolina and completed his education at Shaw University. He has a bachelor's degree in businss administration. The boxer is ranked among the top ten world heavyweight fighters and stated he hopes to gain the championship by the end of 1985.

Beulaville Rescinds Employee's Raise

In a split vote, Beulaville town commissioners rescinded an 18 percent raise to town clerk Carol Miller at the regular meeting of the Board,

The raise was granted during the October meeting of the Board, after an executive session, with Commissioners S.A. Blizzard, Joe Edwards and Franklin Boyette voting in favor of the \$2,000 increase. Following an executive session with town employees last week. Commissioner Bovette changed his vote to make a majority in favor of rescinding the clerk's raise. Voting with Boyette were Commissioners Rabon

Maready and Elvis Sumner. Until the October meeting, both town clerks received the same salary while Miller carried the title as office supervisor. Following the vote to rescind the raise, Beulaville Commissioners adjourned and scheduled discussion on the matter for a future

meeting of the board.

Also in a split vote, Commissioners passed a motion to have all town employees write their indi-vidual job description. The motion was made at the conclusion of the executive session and Commissioners Sumner, Boyette and Maready voted in the majority. Again, Boyette had changed his vote after the motion was defeated at the end of the executive session of the October board meeting.

The Commissioners awarded Stanley Miller a contract as treatment plant operator. After advertisement, Miller's was the only bid received by the town. The bid was \$6,200 and the job specifications required the operator have a grade II license. Miller is an employee at Camp Lejeune working with sewage treatment facilities and is a certified

Using bids presented at the

October board meeting, commissioners voted to purchase a copy machine at a cost of \$1,395 with the town receiving \$200 for the old one. The motion passed on a split vote with Commissioners Edwards, Blizzard and Boyette making a

majority.

In order to continue using the services of Special Data Systems from which the town purchased a computer and software, a fee of \$45 a month will be imposed on Beulaville.
The discussion was tabled after
Commissioner Maready suggested the contract with the company be referred to town attorney Rusty Lanier. During the year of operation, the computer has not worked properly 90 consecutive days and should continue to be under war-

ranty, Maready explained.
Discussing old business, the board narrowly defeated a motion to reduce Sara Bolin's water bill which had been for a month when several pipes burst. Bolin came before the board in had been reduced in the past. Boyette seconded the motion and Commissioners Sumner, Edwards and Blizzard voted against adjusting the bill.

Attending the November town

tabled until November. Town attorney Lanier advised the board to reduce the bill only if Beulaville was in some way responsible for the leaking pipes. Commissioner Maready made a motion to adjust Bolin's bill on the basis that others

The commissioners voted unani-mously to advertise surplus property of the town for auction the first Saturday in December. The auction will include items from the old town hall and surplus vehicles and parts.

board meeting were Scouts from Beulaville's Troop 47. The troop is working on a citizenship project.

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