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Moving The Restored Cart Wheels Used In Building The Washington Monument

When simply pulling the 10-ft. cart with a tractor was halted by a jammed wheel, Duplin's maintenance staff called for some help from Carey Williams at the local auto repair shop. A task of moving the cart from James Sprunt Technical College to the Kelly-Farrior House in Kenansville was originally supposed to take a few minutes, but at the end of two hours and many attempts, the cart was set into place as part of the Cowan Museum last Thursday. The wheels are restored as originally used for the expedition of the foundation for the Washington Monument by the Duplin firm of Smith Lumber Company. The restoration of the wheels was done by the JSTC building trades class and instructor Prentice Smith. The wheels were placed on the grounds of the restored Kelly-Farrior house, which is the new home of

the Cowan Museum. The 10-ft. wheels are only part of the plans for outdoor attractions at the Kelly-Farrior House when the museum items take the place next month. According to museum curator George Cowan, bee hives, the Herring log house now on the James Sprunt campus, a smoke house, a cane mill, a saw mill and grist mill, a whiskey still, a wash pot and small pond are planned as support features on the grounds of the Cowan Museum at the Kelly-Farrior House. The Herring log house is expected to be moved this week. The Kelly-Farrior House is located next to Liberty Hall and the Cowan Museum currently occupies the former Duplin County-Dorothy Wightman Library building.

Rose Hill Considers Land Annexation, Road-Widening Request And Audit

Herbert Pope will initiate annexation procedures for his property on U.S. 117 just south of the town of Rose Hill limits in order to receive town water and sewer service.

He asked the town board for the utility service last week on Tuesday night. The board said it would be willing to extend the service provided Pope let the town annex the property. Pope agreed to petition the town for annexation.

After it gets the petition, the board will call a hearing on the annexation.

Pope plans to move his vehicle repair business to the property. He is being forced out of a building owned by Rose Hill Hardware Company which needs the space.

In other business:

- The board approved advertising for a public works director. The salary range is \$14,000 to \$22,000 a year, depending on experience and capability. The director will be responsible for maintenance and operation of all facilities and equipment owned by the town. A Class II waste water treatment plant operator's license will be required.

- The board decided to ask the state to widen U.S. 117 to four lanes from the end of the present four-lane street south to the Rose Manor Shopping center. It plans to replace water and sewer pipes under the street that require frequent repair.

- B.A. Pope of Wallace presented the annual Rose Hill audit report, which showed the town's revenue exceeded expenditure by \$34,364.70 in the last fiscal year. General fund revenues totaled \$298,942.11 or \$16,480.11 more than budgeted. Expenditures totaled \$264,577.41. The town collected \$117,419 or 89.6 percent of the property tax billed in the 1983-84 fiscal year. The town's assessed valuation is \$17,280,958. The tax rate is 70 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

Commissioner Clarence Brown said, "Instead of talking about raising taxes what we need to do is

collect taxes."

Mayor Ben Harrell said he was concerned about Gov.-elect Jim Martin's proposal to repeal the sales tax on food. He said the town cannot afford to lose the \$80,000 in revenue and revenue sharing grants created by the tax. He asked for a motion on a resolution opposing the proposed repeal. None of the commissioners made the motion. If it had been approved, Harrell said he would have given copies to the county's legislators, Rep. Wendell Murphy and Senator Harold Hardison.

Commissioner Keith Hinson said, "That's a political argument and I don't want to get into it in the town hall."

New Agent Located At Duplin Agricultural Extension Office

Livestock Pest Management Agent Michael Stringham has been located at the Duplin Agricultural Extension office in Kenansville. He will service the eastern half of the state.

"I am responsible for everything east of Wake County," Extension Agent Michael Stringham said. "Duplin was picked as a middle county, but really there are only about eight to nine counties which I will be mainly working in — and Duplin is in the middle." The agent will be working to control pests in the production of poultry and beef and pork. According to Stringham, his main duties will revolve around the management of insects in poultry operations and swine insect confinement. These duties involve the control of field flies, lice and mange.

Stringham comes to Duplin after working five years with the Extension Service in the state of Missouri. He served as an agricultural specialist working with some livestock and horticulture.

"The position in Missouri was not in a well-defined program," Stringham said. "What work I did in pest management was on my own, and I was looking for a position to get back to the use of my formal education."

"My wife and I wanted to return to North Carolina because we both went to school here. And, for me, I spent more years in North Carolina than any other place during my life. I think of coming back to North Carolina as returning home."

Stringham is a graduate of North Carolina State University with a masters in entomology. Stringham was raised in a military family which relocated homes about every three years until his father retired in the 1960s. The family retired to a farm in Missouri and became involved in the dairy business.

Stringham and his wife, Marihelen, and daughter reside in Sarecta. Marihelen is a native of North Carolina and she holds a masters of education from East Carolina University.

Whitley's Mobile Office To Visit Duplin

Congressman Charlie Whitley's Third District mobile office will visit Duplin County on Thursday, Dec. 20. William McPhail, field representative, will be manning the office and will be available to persons having

matters that they wish brought to Whitley's attention.

Locations and times are as follows: Wallace, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Rockfish Shopping Center; Kenansville - 11 - 12 noon, Old Elementary School; and

Albertson - 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Post Office.

This schedule is subject to prevailing weather conditions affecting travel.



Michael Stringham

Warsaw Board To Inspect Creek Bank For Erosion

Warsaw town officials will inspect a portion of Stewarts Creek at the Grace Smith residence to determine the extent of her efforts to halt erosion of the creek banks.

Mrs. Smith complained to the town board last week that she has spent \$1,263.14 to protect her property from the erosion. She said she has a shed that will fall into the stream unless something is done. She said she has asked the town for help without results.

Mrs. Smith and a neighbor built a fence on the bank and placed broken cinder blocks and other debris on the bank to protect it. She hired a man to straighten a bend in the banks to reduce erosion.

"I feel like the town should help me pay back my money," she said. "I'm only getting Social Security and that's a lot of Social Security. I've done what the town refused to do: I pay taxes and I feel I've been discriminated against."

Mayor Sam Godwin said he and

some of the board members will inspect the creek.

Billy Kennedy, a town commissioner, said, "The only way to fix it is to file it. I'd take a big tile. It's the main drainage source of Warsaw."

Larry Simmons, maintenance supervisor, said of Mrs. Smith's work, "I'm not sure but that the next big rain will wash it down the creek."

The board also asked that McDavid Associates, the engineering firm that is handling the town's federal rehabilitation grant, provide a report on the grant-funded work, which includes street work as well as repair of homes.

One portion should be completed by June 1985. If contracts for the work are now awarded by that time, the money will revert to the federal government.

"Tell them (McDavid) we'd be extremely unhappy if that happens," Godwin said.

The project is about 60 percent completed.

Student Center Planned For James Sprunt

Continued planning for a 11,569-square-foot student center at James Sprunt Technical College was approved last week by the Board of Trustees during its December meeting.

Wilmington architect Herb McKim presented plans for the proposed structure, which will cost an estimated \$645,000. The board asked McKim to prepare more information on the proposed building.

Trustee Amos Brinson Sr. reported that the institution has \$500,000 from a state grant and \$100,000 from Duplin County to finance the proposed building.

The building committee agreed to ask the County Commissioners to appropriate the additional \$45,000 out of next year's budget.

Plans call of exterior walls composed of "R-Wall," a synthetic substance with insulation characteristics and an extremely hard finish. Trustee Dallas Herring questioned the use of this material and the shape of the planned structure, saying he believed a more square design would be more efficient than the irregular floor plan McKim proposed.

In other action, the board agreed to spend \$20,056 to cover exposed steel beams on the McGowan Building with the same material proposed for the student center. The change should improve the energy efficiency and appearance of the oldest building on the campus.

A five-year capital needs program also was outlined.

The list includes renovation of the McGowan Building, which opened in 1966. Cost is estimated at \$300,000 with \$100,000 from local money and \$200,000 from state funds. The 23,045-square-foot building was built at a cost of \$12.50 per square foot.

It needs a new heating and air conditioning system, a new roof, new energy conserving windows and electrical system improvements. Board members said the exterior appearance now reflects the minimal cost of the structure.

Completion of the student center will free 6,000 square feet in the McGowan Building. The health occupations program will expand into the area. The human resources development program will move out of temporary units into another part of the vacated space.

Also on the list is a "high-tech" building to house the electronic engineering, computer, hydraulics and pneumatics laboratories, classrooms and shops. Cost is estimated at \$1 million with \$400,000 coming from local money and \$600,000 from state funds. The building would free space in the Herring building for the continuing education department and in the Hall building for a child care program.

The other major item in the plan is a resource center at a cost of \$750,000, with \$350,000 from local and \$400,000 from state funds.

JSTC has a current enrollment of 743 students. Enrollment includes 432 students in two-year technical programs.

Wallace Airport Pay Phone May Fly Away

Unless the Wallace Town Board comes up with some change, Carolina Telephone Company plans to take away the Wallace airport's only pay phone.

The pay phone is not bringing in enough money, the company notified the board in a letter discussed at Thursday night's meeting. Unless the board agrees to pay the company \$28 a month, the phone goes.

The airport is southwest of Wallace on Secondary Road 1307 in Pender County.

The board wants to keep a phone at the airport, but has not made a decision on whether it wants to pay the bill. The matter was put on hold until a later meeting.

In other action, the board: Agreed to lease at no charge a

former Wallace Rescue Squad building to scout organizations in the town.

- Hired Henry von Oesen & Associates in Wilmington to provide engineering services for the repair and resurfacing of streets. Engineering costs are expected to run \$1,800 to \$2,400. The firm is expected to charge between \$800 to \$1,000 to inspect the repairs.

- Set a public hearing for 7 p.m. Jan. 2 on a request by developers to rezone land on North Railroad Street for the 50-unit Rockfish Court Apartments, a housing project for the elderly. The land is now zoned for single-family development.

- Reappointed Joe Eaddy, Bill English and Web Turlington to three-year terms on the town planning board.