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## Presents Scholarships To NCSU

Murphy Farms Scholarship endowment ceremonies were held on the campus of N.C. State University at the Faculty Club in Raleigh. (L to R) Jim Stocker, general

manager of Murphy Farms, Wendell Murphy, Bruce Poulton, chancellor, and Holmes Murphy are shown above.

## Murphy Farms Offers Scholarships To NCSU

Murphy Farms of Rose Hill has provided an endowment to support four \$3,000-a-year scholarships at North Carolina State University starting in 1986.

The recipients will be chosen from students from Eastern North Carolina who display some financial need and who are pursuing undergraduate degrees in animal science or agricultural economics. These criteria met, the awards will be then presented based on academic potential. The awards are renewable and are worth \$12,000 for students in a four-year degree program. Recipients are expected to demonstrate strong academic achievement and extra curricular involvement similar to the Caldwell Alumni Scholars.

Wendell Murphy, president and chairman of the board of Murphy Farms, graduated from NCSU in 1960 and became a vocational agriculture teacher in Duplin County. In 1962, he and his father, Holmes Murphy, started Murphy Farms with one employee. The firm now employs nearly 200 people and is the largest pork producer in North Carolina. Wendell Murphy is serving his second term as 10th District state

representative, representing Duplin and Jones counties as a Democrat.

Bruce Poulton, chancellor of N.C. State University, said, "The Murphy Farms endowment is one of the largest endowments ever established at N.C. State University. This endowment will permit North Caro-

lina's original land grant university and its nationally recognized school of agriculture and life sciences to make even greater contributions to agriculture in North Carolina as the University moves into its second century of service to the people of North Carolina."

## Contract Approved For Duplin County

The state Board of Transportation has awarded a \$2.7 million contract for construction of an additional 2.3 miles of I-40 between Benson and Wilmington.

The contract, which was awarded to C.M. Lindsay and Sons of Lumberton, is for grading and drainage work on the interstate highway from south of West Road (Secondary Road 1105) to US 117 south of Warsaw in Duplin County.

The contract also calls for bridges at Secondary Road 1113 and Beasley Mill Road (Secondary Road 1107) with an interchange set for US 117. Part of that interchange includes a bridge over Seaboard System Railroad's tracks.

Tommy Pollard of Jacksonville, who represents Duplin County on the board, said construction could start by August 12 and be completed in November, 1987.

## Warsaw Board Reviews Police Overtime Pay

Warsaw police officers may have two options on working hours under the recent Supreme Court fair labor ruling on overtime pay, town officials say.

The town board discussed the problem at its July meeting last week.

Town Clerk Alfred Herring said officers could be limited to working a maximum of 171 hours in a month for straight time pay. Under that option, they would be paid at a rate of 1 1/2 times their straight pay rate for additional hours. That would require

the town to hire more police officers, he said.

The other option, Herring said, would be to pay the officers an agreed amount after determining the average number of hours worked last year. If the average were 46 hours a week, they would be paid the amount agreed on for that time. Additional time would be paid at half the agreed-on rate.

The board re-appointed Herring as fiscal officer and tax collector.

Liquid petroleum gas contracts were awarded to Smith Bros. of Magnolia for the town garage and

gymnasium on a bid of 63 cents a gallon. Par Gas of Warsaw received the contract to serve the firehouse on a bid of 59.28 cents a gallon. Both suppliers said their price will fluctuate with the market.

Service Oil Co. of Warsaw received the contract of regular gasoline on a bid of 99.75 cents a gallon; for unleaded gasoline at \$1.0111 per gallon; \$1.0475 for premium unleaded; and 77.75 cents a gallon for kerosene and diesel fuel.

Judy Moore was appointed to the recreation committee to succeed Pat Swanda, who resigned.

## Wallace Approves Overtime

The Wallace town board this past week approved payment of back overtime totaling \$2,278.14 to 13 town employees after discussing a recent U.S. Supreme Court labor ruling.

The amount included payment for overtime since April 15.

The police department was directed to work out its schedule so no overtime will be required of the regular officers. The four dispatchers will receive a total of eight hours a week overtime because the station must be staffed 24 hours a day seven days a week.

Police Chief Roscoe Rich said he

following requests from residents.

A question of liability if a child were injured in a large culvert behind the house the John Walker family recently bought from Joe Bryant Jr. was answered by Richard Burrows, town attorney. Burrows said it did not appear that Walker would be liable.

Walker said: "My wife and I have pulled 14 kids out of there. They come through the culvert from another street. I got one the other day on a bicycle. They play war there."

He said his property deed describes the property as extending to the ditch.

could only avoid some overtime pay for dispatchers by pulling an officer off the beat to staff the dispatcher's post part of the time.

Commissioner Charles Blanchard said the board can't cut costs at the expense of protecting the town.

The board agreed to increase the town automobile license fee from \$2 to \$4 and to use windshield stickers instead of dated metal tags in the future. When residents list their taxes, they will be given notices to buy their town licenses. Those who haven't bought licenses by Jan. 1 will be visited by the police.

A street light was authorized for the corner of Brav and Ivey streets

## Sands Suit Is Settled

Claims and counterclaims of Barbara and Bobby Brinkley and James G. Hanes III of Winston-Salem have been settled. The Brinkleys will remain sole owners and operators of Riverside Sand Co. of Wallace, Bruce Robinson, lawyer for the Brinkleys, said last week.

Robinson said several suits evolved out of the dispute. Under terms of the settlement, he said, Hanes deeded his interest in the sand company to the Brinkleys by turning over to them promissory notes of \$314,780 and \$75,558 owed by the company to Hanes, an heir to the Hanes Hosiery company in Winston-Salem.

The company now owes the money to the Brinkleys, who own the company.

Mrs. Brinkley originally filed a \$10.1 million suit against Hanes, claiming she was wrongfully fired from her job as a bookkeeper with the sand company. She contended the Brinkleys signed an agreement with Hanes for a sand mining operation in October 1984 and at the time she contended Hanes told her she would have a job as long as she wanted it.

Hanes responded to the suit by saying he entered a limited partnership agreement with Brinkley in June 1980. Hanes filed a cross-action against Brinkley in March, saying

Brinkley told his wife to take what the suit called improper actions with company funds. He alleged, in the suit, that mis-use of corporate funds required him to advance \$300,000 to

the company. The sand company, located off N.C. 41 east of Wallace, is continuing in business as Riverside Sand Co. Inc.

## JSTC May Be Community College

In an unscheduled vote last week, the House of Representatives approved legislation to give community college status to James Sprunt Technical College in Kenansville.

By a 77-2 margin, the House approved the James Sprunt bill and sent it to the Senate for action.

The bill was not included on the printed calendar for Tuesday's House session. F. J. Wendell Murphy, the sponsor, said the legislation came to the House floor after Rep. Billy Watkins of Greenville asked that the bill be brought back from the appropriations committee, where it was awaiting discussion.

"This was a real important piece

of legislation to Duplin County and the surrounding area," said Murphy. "Obviously the time is running down real close." General Assembly leaders hoped to adjourn this past week.

The bill would allow James Sprunt students to receive college credit for the work they complete at the two-year school.

The state Board of Community Colleges has endorsed the proposal. However, it could encounter opposition in the Senate.

Senate Majority Leader Kenneth Royall of Durham has said he thinks technical colleges serve a valid purpose and should remain committed to their primary goal of providing vocational training.

## Plane Skids Into Pond All Occupants Are Safe

A small airplane that developed engine trouble shortly after noon Friday went down in a pond between Magnolia and Rose Hill.

The pilot and two passengers were

not injured, said Hiram Brinson, the director of emergency services.

Pilot Gregory R. Frailey of Middletown, Pa., and passengers Mike Steelman of Pennsylvania and Marie

Clark of New Jersey — all doctors — left New Cumberland, Pa. early Friday to attend a funeral in Palm Beach, Fla.

Their single-engine plane lost power over a Duplin County field near the 50-acre body of water known as Johnson's Pond, Brinson said.

Steelman said the pilot tried to land in the field, "but we ran out of runway and ended up in the pond."

The passenger said the pilot had "vast experience." Asked if the landing was rough, he said that "actually, it was a pretty smooth landing."

The plane came to rest in about six feet of water, said Bizzell Johnson, owner of the pond.

An unidentified man who was fishing in a boat when the plane went down found the three standing on the wings and brought them ashore, Steelman said in a telephone interview from Johnson's house.

## Collapse Of Roof Injures Swift Worker

A combination of heavy rains and high winds this past week resulted in one injury in Duplin County when a section of the roof collapsed at the Swift & Co. processing plant near Wallace, according to police.

A 32-year-old man was injured around 7:30 p.m. Thursday when a steel beam fell and struck him in the shoulder, according to a police spokesman. The victim's name was not available.

## Surgical Practice Opens In Kenansville

A private Thoracic and vascular surgery practice has been opened in Kenansville by Dr. Mohib N. I. Ghobrial, M.D.



Dr. Mohib N.I. Ghobrial

"I will be trying to introduce a new type of medical service in this area," Dr. Mohib N.I. Ghobrial said. "My practice will offer vascular work which involves improving circulation to the body extremities to avoid the loss of those body parts." In addition, Ghobrial will offer a variety of general thoracic surgical services. The practice is located in the South Wing building next to Duplin

General Hospital in Kenansville. Ghobrial is currently a member of the medical staff at Duplin General.

"The doctors at Duplin General have been nice to me," Ghobrial said. "And, I am glad to be part of their efforts to upgrade Duplin General Hospital. The effort has been team work to get new monitors and equipment at the hospital so Duplin General will be able to stand up and compete with other county hospitals."

"The joint effort of the doctors and Duplin General Hospital has been to bring its citizens back to using the local facility," Ghobrial said, "and, that will take time." Currently, Ghobrial pointed out, surgeons on the medical staff at Duplin General Hospital offer all major categories of surgical services except cardiac procedures.

Ghobrial is a graduate of Alexandria University in Egypt where he completed medical school. He has recently completed five years of surgical residency at New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington and one year of residency at North Carolina Memorial in Chapel Hill. Ghobrial's training during residency at Chapel Hill specialized in surgery, trauma and intensive care. Currently Ghobrial resides in "



## Hardee's Cuts Ribbon

Hardee's of Kenansville opened July 9. Among those present for the ribbon cutting were Kenansville Mayor Don Suttles, Kenansville Area Chamber of Commerce President Grey Morgan and Duplin Development Officer Woody Brinson, Wade-Carey Enterprises Vice-president of Operations Tommy Jackson, and

Kenansville Hardee's Manager Steven Bowen, all pictured above. The Kenansville Hardee's is one of eight stores in the Wade-Carey Enterprises chain. The local Hardee's employs 51 people and will be open 6 a.m. until 11 p.m., seven days a week. Hours may be extended during weekend days this summer.