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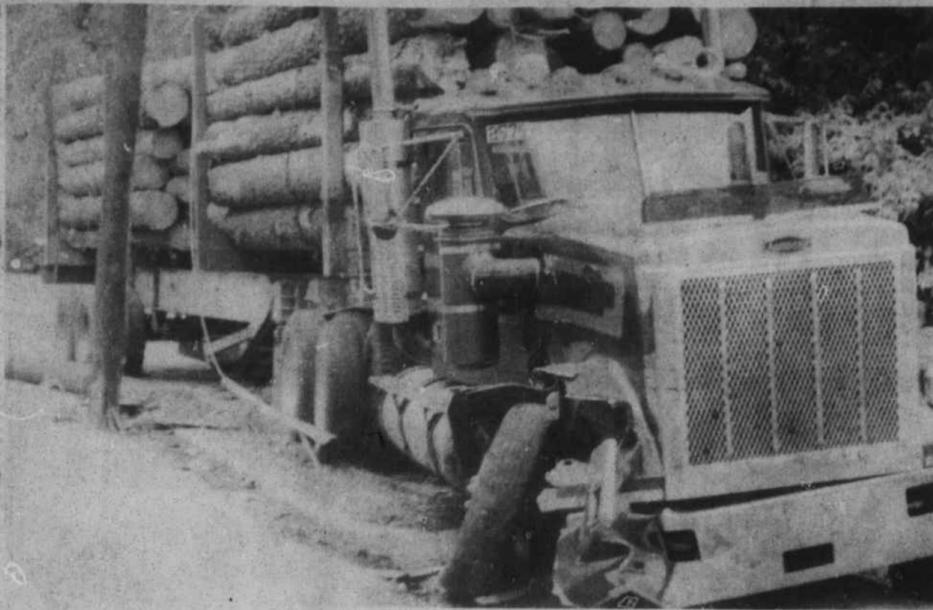
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Truck Clips Pole In Kenansville

A tractor-trailer loaded with logs clipped a light pole off at the ground last Thursday in Kenansville. The tractor driven by Jimmie Bland of Rt. 2 Wallace was registered to the Norman Murphy and Sons Logging Company. The accident occurred about 9 a.m. on NC 24 next to the Kenansville Baptist Church. According to Kenansville

Police Chief Glenn Braswell, the tractor was reported a total loss—valued at \$75,000. The driver was charged by the North Carolina Highway Patrol with operating a vehicle left of the center line and driving while impaired. Pictured above is the wrecked tractor loaded with logs.

Loving Wins Wallace Water Line Work

T.A. Loving Co. of Goldsboro will build a water line between Wallace's new well at Tin City and the town water lines.

The town board awarded the contract Thursday night on the company bid of \$202,150. The work will begin after the town receives results of test from the test well. Town Administrator Robert Hyatt said Friday. Onslow Utilities drilled

the test well and will drill the production well.

Richard Burrows, town attorney, told the board that easements for the water line will be required on 27 parcels of property. He said 12 of the owners live out of town, 24 live in or near Wallace and two are under guardianships. The ownership of three parcels is unclear.

Burrows said he will need 32 or 33

Apartment Plans Presented To Faison Board

Plans for a new apartment building complex were brought before the Faison Town Board during the regular monthly meeting last week.

Richard Williams of Beulaville appeared before Faison Commissioners with plans for the new 16-apartment complex to be constructed behind Goshen Medical Center on South Faison Avenue. Williams requested water and sewer service from the town to the complex. To service the complex would require 280 feet of six-inch water lines and a new fire hydrant be installed. Sewer service would require the installation of a manhole and a two-inch line with three tap-on connections.

Members of the Faison Board agreed to furnish Williams a letter agreeing to provide water and sewer service to enable the project to begin construction. Faison Public Works Director Fred Wheelless was

instructed to work with Williams in determining the cost of extending service and report back to the board. The expense of extending the water and sewer service will be paid in part by the town and by Williams and his building partner, Russell Bostic of Beulaville.

The Board unanimously moved to order a curfew at the town park and recreation grounds. The curfew goes into effect immediately and bans unsupervised activities on the park grounds after 10 p.m.

Johnny Oliver and Jake Atkinson appeared before the board from the Faison Recreation Commission. According to Oliver, the recreation commission plans several basketball camps this fall, a volleyball league, an adult and children's basketball league, tennis programs and tournaments, a church softball league next year and a men's softball league next spring.

Oliver and Atkinson requested help from the town board in their efforts to replace recreation commission directors not active. And, the men requested the town board join in their efforts to revive the recreation program in Faison.

In other business, the town board opened bids for the sale of the old police car. The board accepted the highest bid made by Albert Brock at \$375.

The board also granted continued use of the Faison Recreation Gym as a nutrition site to the Duplin Services to the Aged. The town had been receiving \$35 each month for use of the facility as a nutrition site. The Services to the Aged had notified the Faison Board of a complete cut in the funding to pay for nutrition site facilities, and requested the continued use of the gym.

Commissioner Jane Hollingsworth informed the Board of the Faison Cemetery Commission's efforts to recruit nonparticipating property owners in the perpetual care project. According to Hollingsworth, 137 lots were still not part of the perpetual care project and letters would be sent this month to their owners requesting membership. The fee to join is \$300 which provides continued grounds upkeep of the cemetery lot. Hollingsworth added that lots will not be kept clean after Oct. 1 unless owners are members of the perpetual care project.

days to gain the right of possession for the right of way.

In other business, the board will allow the senior citizens meal program to be conducted in the police academy building in southwest Wallace after it leaves the former C.W. Dobbins School building, the county will attempt to sell the building and surrounding 12 acres starting Jan. 1.

Sally Jordan, meal supervisor, said that during the summer about 40 people eat meals five days a week at the site and 10 meals a day are sent to the home bound. Participation increases in the winter to about 70 people, she added.

Police Chief Roscoe Rich said he foresaw no conflict between the use of the building by the food service during the middle of the day and use by the police later.

The board approved \$1,250 to match a \$2,000 grant from the state to clear an area around the end of the Wallace airport runway. David H. Henderson, who made the request, said the cleared land could be offered for rent as farmland.

Kenansville Board Considers School Walk

The town is studying who owns the right-of-way and how much it would cost to build a sidewalk between the junction of N.C. 50-24 and Kenansville Elementary School.

Tuesday night, the town Board of Commissioners directed its attorney, W.E. Craft, to find out who owns land that may be needed for the sidewalk. N.C. 50 was laid out many years ago, and the highway's right-of-way limits are uncertain.

The action followed a request for the sidewalk from Tommy Grady, president of the school's Parent-Teacher Association. He contended that on rainy days children will slide down steep banks into the street if they aren't already walking on the street.

"We kind of think we're a progressive town. We need some place for kids to walk or ride bikes to school," he said.

Parents are concerned about the traffic around the corner of the

Collapsed Pavement At Registers Crossroads

County Approves Erosion Repairs

A request by Forrest Blanton of Registers Crossroads for the county to remove collapsed paving on an eroding ditch was approved by a 4-1 vote of the Duplin County Commissioners this week.

Commissioner Calvin Turner opposed the action, saying he didn't

Schools Delay To Wait On Duplin's Tobacco Crop

Duplin County schools will yield a week to Duplin County tobacco fields.

Superintendent L.S. Guy announced that students will report to classes Sept. 3 instead of Aug. 26. The decision was made by the board of education late Tuesday night of last week.

"Due to the unprecedented lateness of the tobacco crop and its economic importance, the board decided to delay the opening," Guy said.

The board will draw up a new school calendar in a special meeting, he said. The delay will mean rearranging numerous teacher work days and vacation days to ensure that the system provides the 180 student class days the state requires.

The tobacco harvest is two to three weeks later than usual, farmers report. Many farmers are just starting their harvest. Normally they would be about halfway through by

now. Hundreds of Duplin County young people work in tobacco during the harvest period.

While poultry tops the list of gross income producers in the county, tobacco remains important. Tobacco grossed \$33.7 million last year. Several thousand families shared directly in the proceeds.

In other business, the board agreed that the Wilmington architectural firm Ballard, McKim & Sawyer will draw plans for expansion of James Kenan High School. A special meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Aug. 20 for the board to view preliminary plans from the architect. A library and classrooms to accommodate the ninth grades from Warsaw Junior High and E.E. Smith Junior High in Kenansville are being planned.

Maj. Carlton L. McGuire of Hope County will be the senior instructor of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps program in East Duplin

High School at Beulaville. He will succeed Maj. Joseph Rousos.

New student fees will be \$5, an increase of \$2, for kindergarten through sixth grades; \$7, up \$2, for seventh and eighth grades; and \$10, up \$3, for ninth through 12th grades.

The board increased the price of school lunches and breakfasts by five cents. The new schedule for elementary students is 75 cents for lunch and 50 cents for breakfast; junior and senior high school students, 80 cents for lunch and 50 cents for breakfast; and adults, \$1.25 for lunch and 70 cents for breakfast.

Last year 6,288 students, 81 percent of the student body, participated in the lunch program with 49 percent, or 3,065, receiving free lunches.

The system served breakfast last year to an average of 2,093 students, 38 percent of the student body. Breakfasts were free to 1,712 students last year.

Burning Bush Gets Grant To Complete Improvements

The Burning Bush area near Faison has been awarded another community development block grant, the Duplin County Commissioners learned last week.

County Manager Ralph Cottle advised the board he had been informed that a \$275,000 community development block grant had been approved to complete improvements in the Burning Bush area near Faison. The work was begun with a \$350,000 grant in the area.

In other business, the commissioners voted to cut down a holly tree at the side entrance to the tax office in the Duplin County Courthouse.

Violette Phillips requested that the large old tree be cut down. Mrs. Phillips promised to replace the old tree with either a young pink-flowered cherry tree or a sugar maple tree.

The holly tree has been a "berry basket" for birds for many years, she said. When the berries ripen, the birds flock in and fly up on the antenna tower.

"They polka-dot every car in the parking lot," she said. She said the bird droppings stain the cars' paint unless wiped off quickly.

The commissioners also approved the request of Merle Creech, arts council director, for \$3,125 for installing utilities and furnishings in the former George Korngay law office building. This year the board loaned the arts council \$40,000 to buy the building.

The board added \$2,000 to the ambulance fund to install equipment on a new ambulance bought for the Rose Hill Rescue Squad. The board approved \$50,000 in its current budget for purchase of two ambulances.

Klu Klux Klan Receives Parade Permit In Beulaville

Topics brought before the Beulaville Board of Commissioners during the August meeting by the town police department included a report of capturing an escaped prisoner, solving complaints of obscene phone calls, finding a missing child, and a parade application by the White Patriots Party.

"I just talked with Mr. Glenn Miller," Beulaville Police Chief Aubrey Murphy said. "He said the group is coming to parade and demonstrate whether the board approves the application or not." Miller is the state leader of the White Patriot Party which until March of this year was known as the Klu Klux Klan. Appearing before the board as representative of the WPP was Cecil Cox, Unit 19 leader from Jacksonville.

"If they want to parade, the board doesn't have any legal authority to refuse the application," Beulaville town attorney Russell Lanier said. "And, the Board cannot regulate the date, but it can have some say about the time of day in the interest of public safety."

The board granted the parade application for August 24 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The tentative parade route on file with the Beulaville police department begins on NC 24 at Wilson Ave. and travels east to NC 41, where it turns left and ends at the Bostic St. intersection.

According to the application, the parade will include as many as 400 members of the WPP. In order to provide adequate traffic control, Beulaville Police will be assisted by members of the Duplin County Sheriff's Department and North Carolina Highway Patrol.

Police Chief Murphy pointed out that all parades require a great deal

of law enforcement officials for traffic control.

Beulaville Mayor Wilbur Hussey informed board members of notification that the town had been awarded a \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant. Application was made to use \$600,000 of the CDBG for housing rehabilitation, water and sewer expansion and streets in south Beulaville. The remaining funds will be used on streets and drainage in other areas of the town.

Beulaville Commissioners approved the allocation of \$200 to help cover the cost of a civil rights and fair labor standards seminar which the town attorney, Russell Lanier, plans to attend. Lanier explained the basic cost of the trip had been funded by the county through his position as Duplin attorney.

"It seems to me this is a personal item," Beulaville Commissioner Rabon Maready said. "Unless it is included in part of your contract with the town as our attorney, I don't see why the town should contribute any money."

"The things learned at that type of seminar are not useful in any other type of job in a law practice, except as a town or county representative," Lanier said. "And, I am going whether the town chips in any money or not."

Former town supervisor H.J. Brown appeared before the board requesting some relief from over-chlorinated water. Brown is one of the first four users on the Beulaville system, and he complained of undrinkable water due to the chlorine. Brown also said he had lost \$45 worth of goldfish because of the water problem.

The board also learned Monday that Glenn Jernigan, chief deputy in the sheriff's department and Faison fire chief, has been named North Carolina fireman of the year.

I-40 Plans Get Tentative Ok

Plans to build another 11 miles of Interstate 40 got preliminary approval Friday by the state Board of Transportation, which met in Raleigh.

The proposed stretch would be built in two segments in Duplin and Sampson counties. The board is expected to approve money for the work next month.

In other business, the board agreed to spend a total of \$29,000 for two traffic lights, one in Wrightsville Beach and one in sunset Beach.

A request from the city of Wilmington for \$8,500 in state funds for two transportation planning vans also won approval. The vans will cost a total of \$85,000. A federal grant will provide \$68,000 and the city will provide \$8,500.

Appropriations of more than \$355,700 were approved for improvements on 16 secondary roads in Brunswick County.

know how many more such requests the board might get. Commissioners Allen Nethercutt, Dovie Penny, W.J. Costin and D.J. Fussell voted for it.

Blanton said the county had dug a mosquito control ditch on his land. He put a tile in the ditch and covered

it with concrete paving. Recent rains eroded the ditch so much that his paving tumbled into it. The board limited county machine time for the project to three hours.

In other business, the commissioners agreed to seek bids for painting inside the jail cellblock. The