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Miller To Succeed Hinson On Rose Hill Board

Gregory Miller will serve as a town commissioner for 3½ months, succeeding Keith Hinson, who resigned.

While Hinson's term didn't expire until 1987, the seat will be open for the Nov. 6 election, according to the interpretation of town attorney Richard Burrows.

Miller was appointed by the board last week. Hinson left Rose Hill earlier in the summer for a position with a poultry firm in the Piedmont of North Carolina.

Miller is a certified public accountant and chairman of the town planning board. He will resign from the planning board.

The board delayed until September action on the request of Ebern Watson Jr. to discharge the treated effluent from his Feather Processors Co. plant into the town sewer

system.

Watson estimated the flow would be 25,000 to 45,000 gallons a day.

Mayor Ben Harrell said the system could handle about 350,000 gallons a day. He estimated about 200,000 gallons a day is being treated.

The board decided to obtain accurate figures on the flow and determine what it should charge. Engineers have suggested charging triple the in-town sewage rate. The plant is outside the town limits. Its water bill is \$800 to \$900 a month.

Burrows said the board can contract with an out-of-town utilities customer on a year-to-year basis.

During a secret session, the board discussed hiring a town clerk-maintenance supervisor.

C.T. Fussell, long-time town clerk, will retire at the end of the year.

The board approved an additional \$14,520 payment to its engineering

firm, L.E. Wooten of Raleigh, because of a 152-day overrun in completion of the sewage treatment plant now under construction. The engineering firm's base fee was \$76,714. The contractor, Crane and Denbow, was supposed to have completed the work by March 7. The plant is in operation while the contractor completes details.

The town is to recover its money from late completion damages that will be charged to the contractor.

After receiving a cost estimate of \$139,000, the board decided the cost of moving all water lines from under U.S. 117 to the highway shoulder would be too high. Lines under the heavily traveled highway frequently break.

The board will accept sealed bids on a 1963 Ford fire tanker truck and a 1981 Chevrolet police car at its Sept. 10 meeting.

Outdoor Drama Season Ends This Week

Too late, that is exactly what you will be if you wait another week to attend The Liberty Cart, historical outdoor drama, in Kenansville.

This week is the final performances of the 1985 season of Randolph Umberger's The Liberty Cart at the William R. Kenan Jr., Memorial Amphitheatre in Kenansville. Also, concluding this week is the 1985 alternate show at the amphitheatre, A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare.

"The 1985 season has offered a play to suit every member of the family," General Manager of The Liberty Cart Jim Johnson said. "And, we want to encourage the public to take advantage of the shows this week and attend."

"This is the 10th season of the outdoor drama and in addition to an excellent show, the amphitheatre has been refurbished with new stadium type seating!" Johnson said.

"There will be one performance of the alternate show, an adaptation of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, on Wednesday."

Johnson said. "And, there are three performances of The Liberty Cart left this season." The final week of shows begins Wednesday with A Midsummer Night's Dream and concludes with performances of The Liberty Cart, Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. Shows begin at 8:15 p.m.

"Anyone who has put off attending the show this year has missed a

great group of actors on stage," Johnson said. "But it's not too late yet. This is the final week and you can still attend both shows."

The Liberty Cart opened July 12 followed by the adaptation of A Midsummer Night's Dream premiering at the amphitheatre July 24. The season concludes August 24, with the Saturday evening performance of The Liberty Cart.

Magnolia Will Improve 37 Homes

The town of Magnolia will receive a \$750,000 community development block grant for improvements in the Sandy Street area of southeastern Magnolia.

The town board last week also hired Sandy Bell at \$4 an hour to keep the town office open until a new clerk can be hired.

Kathryn Pope had resigned, effective Wednesday, to go into teaching. She agreed to work part-time at \$100 a week to keep up books and

other detailed business until her successor is named.

The town will use \$600,000 of the grant to renovate 37 houses, tear down 10 and make some street improvements. The project area includes portions of Carroll, Newberry and Swinson streets.

Another \$100,000 of the grant will be used to install a six-inch water main along Main, Pope and Carroll streets.

Warsaw To Offer Lots For Sale

The town of Warsaw will offer two lots for sale through sealed bids which will be opened during the Sept. 9 meeting of the town board of commissioners.

One of the lots is at the corner of Front and Hill streets beside Smith Cleaners. The other lot is at the corner of U.S. 117 and North Street beside the Village Motel.

A community development block grant of \$750,000 will be used to rehabilitate 25 houses, demolish four houses and move one. It also will provide drainage improvements and paving of several dirt streets in southern Warsaw.

The area is a one-block wide tract

between U.S. 117 and the Seaboard System Railroad. The streets are

George, John, Pierce, Bass, Washington, Lincoln and Garfield.

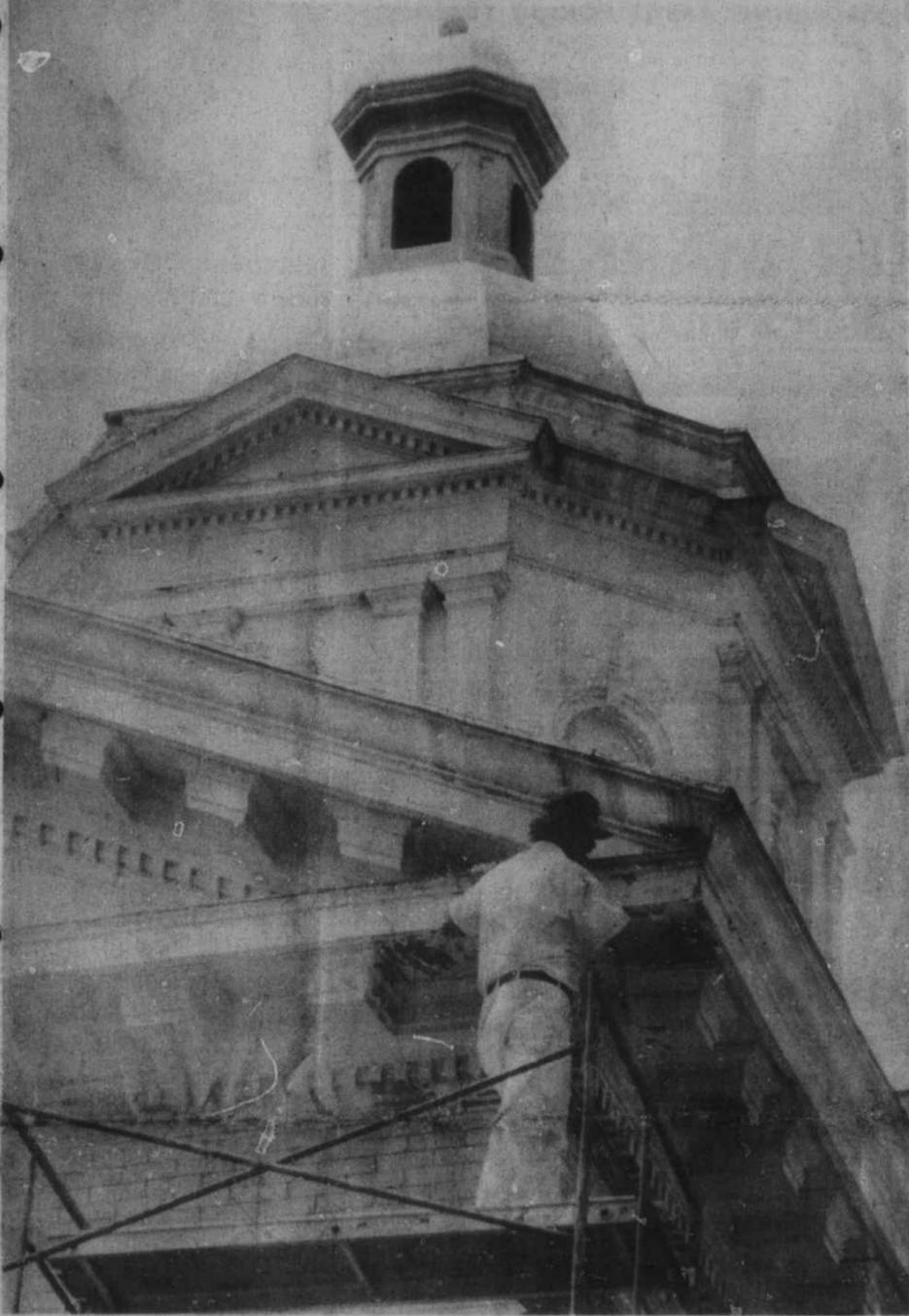
Twister Hits At Red Hill

A tornado touched down in a Duplin County community Sunday destroying a mobile home and several acres of tobacco.

The tornado smashed the unoccupied mobile home at about 4 p.m. Sunday in the Red Hill section of Duplin County, according to a dispatcher at the Sheriff's Department. No injuries were reported. An esti-

mated four or five acres of tobacco were destroyed by the tornado, the dispatcher said.

No estimates were given on the amount of damage to the home or tobacco, but the county emergency management coordinator and agriculture department are assessing the damage.



Painting The Dome

The Duplin County courthouse is being spruced up with a new coat of paint. The Page Paint Company of Warsaw has been working three weeks scraping and repainting the trim on the historical yellow brick courthouse in Kenansville. According to Ralph Page, the biggest part of the job is dealing with the wasps and

pigeons who have made homes along the roof of the building. The job is expected to take more than 100 gallons of paint and Page and his crew of five painters expect to be finished by Labor Day. Ralph Page is pictured above scraping paint along the roof of the courthouse.

Duplin Will Aid Filmmakers

Duplin County will get into the movie business — or, at least, an old Cadillac ambulance owned by the county will get in the movies.

The County Commissioners Monday agreed in a 4-1 vote to rent the ambulance to N.C. Film Corp. of Wilmington for use in the Dino Di Laurentis production of Blue Velvet, directed by David Lynch. The company will pay the county \$100 a day for the ambulance. It is expected to need the equipment for three

days. While Commissioners Calvin Turner, Dovie Penney, W.J. Costin and Allen Nethercutt agreed to the rental, Commissioner D.J. Fussell opposed it.

Fussell protested, "If we need an ambulance, we need it. We don't need to be renting it out. If we don't need it, let's get rid of it. Let's sell it."

In other action, the board:

- Approved an either-sex deer hunting season beginning Nov. 1.

Nethercutt observed: "I'm sure glad you're going to be shooting some. They're eating everything we got in Cypress Creek." Nethercutt represents southeastern Duplin County, including the Cypress Creek community.

• Approved \$75 to replace judges' gavels in two courtrooms. Finance Officer Russell Tucker said the gavels have been stolen.

• Delayed until its Sept. 3 meeting action on County Librarian Linda Hadden's request for \$13,323 to match a state grant for the county library. She said the county is eligible for a grant of as much as \$26,034, depending on how much of the total the county will match. The library fund includes \$12,711 in available matching money. The additional sum would allow the library to get the entire grant. Ms. Hadden wants to use the money for books, salary for the bookmobile operator, library furniture and a microfilm reader.

• Found that the county airport has already used all but \$500 of its repair budget. Woody Brinson, county economic development director, reported the airport needs a new well at an estimated cost of \$1,100. A new electric circuit board panel that controls landing lights has been ordered to replace a board that failed recently. Its cost is about \$800.

• Acceded to the request of Magnolia Mayor Ruth Quinn to award one of two new ambulances the county will buy this year to the Magnolia rescue squad. The ambulances originally were scheduled to be awarded to Rose Hill and Magnolia. However, because the Duplin General Hospital ambulance receives more use than the Magnolia ambulance, county Emergency Services Coordinator Hiram Brinson urged that the hospital get a new ambulance and the hospital ambulance be transferred to Magnolia.

• Awarded the county audit contract to Nunn, Banks and Brashear, a certified public accounting firm of Goldsboro on a bid of \$8,800.

Revised School Calendar

The delay from Aug. 26 to Sept. 3 in opening Duplin County public schools forced the Board of Education to revise the 1985-86 school calendar.

During the first 10 days of school, students actually involved in the tobacco harvest will be excused and will be allowed to make up all missed school work.

The tobacco harvest is two to three weeks later than normal. Usually, virtually all of the tobacco is out of the fields by the time school opens. This year, tobacco harvesting and curing will continue into early September. The harvest won't reach its peak until late August.

The revised calendar eliminated two weather days and some teacher work days.

Teachers were to report to their schools this week for two work days.

The schedule for students is:

Aug. 19-22: teacher workday, no school for students.

Aug. 23: teacher vacation day.

Aug. 26 and 28: teacher workdays, no school for students.

Aug. 27: student orientation day.

Aug. 29-30: teacher vacation days.

Oct. 11: The first grading period ends.

Oct. 14 and 25: teacher work days, no school for students.

Nov. 11: Veteran's Day holiday, no school.

Nov. 26: second grading period ends.

Nov. 27: Teacher workday, no school for students.

Nov. 28 and 29: Thanksgiving holidays, no school.

Dec. 23-Jan. 1: Christmas-New Year's holidays, no school.

Jan. 22-24: high school examinations.

Jan. 24: third grading period ends.

Jan. 27: teacher workday, no school for students.

March 6: fourth grading period ends.

March 7: teacher workday, no school for students.

March 28-31: Easter Holidays, no school.

April 24: fifth grading period ends.

April 25: teacher workday, no school for students.

June 4-6: final high school examinations.

June 6: sixth grading period ends, graduation day, final school day for students.

June 13: teacher vacation day.



Kenansville Jaycees Participate in Telethon

The Kenansville Jaycees participated in the eighth annual cystic fibrosis telethon held Friday and Saturday, August 9 and 10. The local Jaycees raised \$1,120 in pledges which was almost double donations in the previous year, pointed out Kenansville Jaycee Cystic Fibrosis Chairman David Phillips. The telethon was based at the Kenansville NCNB building. Pictured above, left to right, Kenansville Jaycee President J.D.

Newkirk, CF chairman David Phillips and telethon volunteer O. Jerome Murray. According to Newkirk, the CF telethon is one of many projects that involves the Kenansville Jaycees. Upcoming events planned by the Jaycees for September include a family day in the park Sept. 12, and a wrestling match in Kenan Auditorium Sept. 24.