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Herring Scholarship Established

The North Carolina Community College Alumni Association recently honored Dr. Dallas Herring of Rose Hill by establishing a permanent scholarship in his name at James Sprunt Technical College.

The Dallas Herring Scholarship, which will provide tuition at JSTC for one year, is the third scholarship established by the association. The first, beginning in 1983 to honor Ray Jefferies, coordinator of student development services for the Department of Community Colleges, is given each year to the state SGA president. The second, established last year to honor the late John Knight, former counselor at Nash Technical College in Rocky Mount, is awarded yearly to a student at that institution.

Official announcement of the Herring scholarship was made at a recent fund-raising dinner and roast held by the Alumni Association in Raleigh. Several state dignitaries were on hand to roast former Gov. James Holshouser Jr., the guest of honor.

Duplin May Help Wallace Collect Taxes

The Wallace town administrator and tax collector are studying the possibility of using a computer owned by Duplin County to prepare and mail local property tax bills.

At the Town Board meeting Thursday, Wallace Town Administrator Robert Hyatt said he and Faye Peterson, tax collector, discussed the matter with Ralph Cottle, county manager, and Russell Tucker, county finance officer. Tucker said the county could do the job, Hyatt said.

The Town Board instructed Hyatt to find out the cost of using the county computer and to compare that figure with the present cost of doing

The association is comprised of former students of community and technical colleges. Besides providing scholarships, the organization sponsors several yearly student workshops, assists individual alumni associations in the system, and works in other ways to support the educational mission of the community college system throughout the state.

Dr. Herring, as a long-time member and chairman of the state board of education, was instrumental in gaining the necessary support which led to the establishment of the state community college system in 1963. Now a private businessman, he has also served on the Board of Trustees of James Sprunt Technical College since 1971.

In acknowledging the scholarship, Dr. Herring said, "I'm grateful to be remembered. I cannot think of a better cause to support than helping a person to get a good education."

The Dallas Herring Scholarship will be awarded this fall quarter to a full-time student at JSTC selected by the scholarship committee.



Dallas Herring

Duplin May Help Wallace Collect Taxes

Hyatt said if the county provides some of the work and the town provides supplies, the move might cost about \$1,000.

Hyatt also said that Wallace needs a new computer. If the tax work is taken over by the county, the town can use a computer with reduced capacity. Maintenance on its present computer cost the town about \$6,000 last year.

In other business, Associated Insurance of Wallace received the town's liability insurance contract for a premium of \$18,000, an increase of \$5,000 from last year. Tommy

Blanton of the agency said public liability insurance is "in a mess."

The board also set a public hearing for 7 p.m. Oct. 10 on rezoning a house at 306 and 308 W. Main St. to business. Jones Insurance Agency wants to buy the house and convert it into offices.

The board also decided to have Carolina Power & Light Co. serve the new town well and pump at Tin City. Four County Electric Membership Corp. also could have provided the service.

The board concluded the meeting with a secret session to screen applications for chief of police.

Duplin Hospital Foundation Sets Date For Benefit

The Board of Directors of Duplin General Hospital Foundation has announced that the annual dinner-dance for the benefit of the hospital will again be held on the first Saturday in November, Nov. 2.

Plans for the outstanding gala affair are again going forward in the hands of a countywide committee chaired by Charles and Carolyn Ingram. The committee has again engaged the Allen McDonald Band of Chapel Hill to provide dance music for the occasion and preliminary plans for decorations and arrangements promise to outdistance the elegance of last year's affair.

The dinner-dance will be held in

the Jester's Court of the Country Squire on Saturday, Nov. 3. Tickets are now on sale in all areas of the county and will be offered first to the people in a position to be vitally interested in the delivery of health care in the county. Only 175 people can be accommodated for a dinner such as this, which will be served with dancing to follow. Therefore, the tickets will be allocated to leaders of health care, government, education, business and civic affairs.

Alice Scott is chairperson of ticket distribution and her committee composed of W.S. Buckley, W.L. Hennessee and Violette Phillips is currently placing tickets in the hands of representatives in the various

communities. Tickets will be \$35 per person.

To secure tickets contact: Warsaw - Gerald Quinn; Kenansville - Violette Phillips; Wallace - Marjorie Overman or W.S. Buckley; Beulaville, Chinquapin, or Albertson - Alice Scott; Faison - W.L. Hennessee; and Rose Hill - Betty F. Lanier.

Marjorie Overman, chairperson of Duplin General Hospital Foundation, stated that the Foundation in recent meetings has planned to go forward with all efforts to educate Duplin County citizens concerning the excellent facilities and services by their county-owned hospital.

The Foundation continues to make available to civic and other small groups a slide presentation depicting hospital equipment and capability. A brochure is being circulated and plans are going forward to circulate a continuously up-dated bulletin regarding medical services and specialties available through the hospital medical staff.

The Foundation has been gratified with the response of Duplin County citizens in rallying to the effort to support the hospital. Overman stated that at a time when other small hospitals in the state are closing or being given over to for-profit management, the Board of Trustees and administration of Duplin General Hospital have worked diligently to preserve the image and reality of DGH as a caring and viable facility in a county of caring people who can manage their affairs for the benefit of all.

Actions by the county Board of Commissioners, the Hospital Board of Trustees, and citizens of the county have quickly brought the hospital from a precarious financial condition to a fiscally sound position from which ever-increasing services are being rendered.

Overman emphasized that the annual Duplin General Hospital Foundation dinner-dance is an occasion when all who are interested in outstanding health care in Duplin County can be together to rejoice and to enjoy the company of fellow community leaders, while at the same time contributing toward broadening and improving the range of health care.

Arrested After Warsaw Break-Ins

The Warsaw Police Department arrested four people, including a 15-year-old, following break-ins at a Warsaw service station Friday night and Sunday morning.

On Friday night, thieves broke into the station and stole a six-pack and a case of beer, valued at \$22.50.

About 1:15 a.m. Sunday, someone stole beer, oatmeal cookies, flashlight batteries and cigarettes, valued at \$105.

James Elwood Owens, 19, of Stewart Circle in Warsaw and a 15-year-old were arrested in connection with both break-ins. They were each

charged with two counts of breaking and entering and larceny. Owens was released from jail after posting a \$2,000 bond. The juvenile was released in the custody of his parents.

Also charged in the Sunday morning break-in were Gregory Leon Leonard, 19, Route 1, Warsaw, and Glasco Leon Hicks, 23, of South Cross Street, Warsaw. They were each charged with one count of breaking and entering and larceny.

Hicks was released from jail after posting a \$1,000 bond. Leonard was still in jail after posting a \$500 bond.

1985 Duplin County Fair
Sept. 30-Oct. 5 Details Next Week



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Warsaw Accepts Money

The Warsaw Town Board accepted a \$750,000 Community Development Block Grant plus two smaller grants last week for improvements on the south side of the city.

It awarded contracts to engineer and supervise the project to McDavid Associates on a bid of \$124,150.

The project will involve rehabilitation of 25 houses, demolishing six houses, 1½ miles of street paving and drainage work. Drainage has been a continuing problem in the area. Tyndall Lewis of McDavid estimated the project will require two years to complete.

In addition to the main grant, the

project will also receive a federal grant of \$25,400 to make the houses more weather resistant. It will also receive a \$34,500 loan authorization.

In other business, the board agreed to allow James Kenan High School to connect its sewer system to the town system if the work is paid for by the Duplin County school system. About two miles of pipeline will have to be laid for the project.

The board endorsed efforts of Charles Harrell, administrator of Duplin Retirement Village, a rest home in Warsaw, to obtain approval from the state for a 50-bed nursing home. Wallace also is seeking the nursing home authorization.

Answering a request for street signs warning that children are playing, Police Chief R.P. Wood said the signs don't do what they are supposed to do. He said they are supposed to slow traffic down. What they do is give parents a false feeling of security about letting children play in the streets, he said.

The board took no action on the request.

The board appointed Pat Matthies to the recreation commission to replace Ben Hilton, who resigned.

Kenansville Board Schedules Meetings

Special Kenansville town board and planning board meetings were to be held starting Monday of this week.

At 7 p.m., the town board was to hold a public hearing on rezoning a plot on N.C. 24 on the east side of town from residential to business. The plot is owned by LaMar Ketelsleger who plans to build a greenhouse and accompanying sales office on the site. He now has a hobby greenhouse on the property.

The board was to convene in special meeting to act on the rezoning question and later to discuss a gun ordinance. It was to reconvene to act on the proposed gun ordinance.

During the board's meeting last week, Miltia King asked for a gun ordinance to keep a neighbor from shooting stray dogs. She said she fears a bullet might hit her children.

Margaret Oakley opposed it, saying she wanted to shoot squirrels that were pests in her yard. Town

attorney W.E. Craft was directed to obtain information on a possible gun ordinance.

Craft also was directed to obtain easements on the east side of N.C. 50 for a sidewalk to the Kenansville Elementary School. The cost of concrete work for a 1,700-foot sidewalk, four feet wide, is estimated at \$10,578 and for a walk five feet wide, \$13,223.

Murphy Appointed To Tax Study

Rep. Wendell H. Murphy of Duplin County has been appointed by House Speaker Linton B. Ramsey to the N.C. Property Tax System Study committee.

An outgrowth of the 1985 General Assembly, the 22-member committee will make a detailed and comprehensive study of the efficiency, effectiveness and fairness of the property tax system in the state. Included will be all classes of property subject to taxation; exemptions, exclusion and preferential classifications; the evaluation of public service company property; procedures for listing and collecting

taxes; and the revaluation program now conducted every eight years.

Murphy, a Rose Hill agribusinessman, is chairman of the House health committee. He represents Duplin and Jones counties in the House District.

Speaker Ramsey appointed 11 members of the study committee — eight House members, one county commissioner, one county tax official and one person representing the public at large. The other 11 members will be appointed by the President of the Senate.

The study committee is to file a final report by March 1, 1987.

Rose Hill Raises Rates

Water and sewer fees in Rose Hill will increase about 30 percent starting Oct. 1.

Mayor Ben Harrell said that under the new schedule a customer who uses 6,800 gallons of water a month will pay \$22.96, compared with \$17.60 under the old rate. The minimum charge will be \$10 per month for 2,000 gallons.

The town has 641 water and sewer customers. Of those, 207 use less than 3,000 gallons per month and 350 use more than 4,000 gallons. The new rates have been recommended to provide operating and replacement funds for the system.

Ben Hillard has been hired as

supervisor of the wastewater treatment plant supervisor at \$16,500 a year. Hillard said an average of 247,987 gallons of sewage per day is treated in the town's new facility. The plant has a capacity of 325,000 gallons per day.

The Town Board Tuesday night of last week approved opening Third Street between Whisper Soft Mills and Coastal Exterminating Co. McDavid Partners plans to build a 14-unit apartment complex in the adjacent wooded area.

The street will connect with U.S. 117. The development will be called Wedgewood Court.



Kenansville Elementary School New Staff Members

Pictured above, left to right, Judy Tucker and Sharon Bryant are preparing materials for students this year. Judy joins Kenansville Elementary as a special education instructor, and Sharon comes to the school as a teacher's aide. Judy is in her eighth year as a special education teacher in Duplin and has been with the

county 16 years as an instructor. She will work at KES and E.E. Smith School each half-days with special education students. Sharon begins her first year with Duplin County schools and will be an aide for the third grade at KES.