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Here's How Duplin Voted

Town board members and mayors were elected last week throughout Duplin County on Tuesday.

Beulaville
Beulaville voters re-elected Wilbur Hussey Jr. as mayor and Kenneth Smith and Elvis L. Sumner as town commissioners, all for four-year terms. They ran unopposed. **Mayor:** Wilbur Hussey Jr., 144. **Commissioners:** Kenneth Smith, 143 and Elvis L. Sumner, 134.

Calypso
In Calypso, voters elected Eugene S. Emmer as mayor and Libby Lewis Boykin, Jerry R. Turner, William Rose, M.J. Lambert Jr. and Roy D. Davis as commissioners, all for two-year terms. **Mayor -** Norwood G. Barfield, 83; Eugene S. Emmer, 90. **Commissioners -** David Brock, 81; Leslie Ike Nunn, 70; Roy D. Davis, 93; Libby Lewis Boykin, 117; M.J. Lambert Jr., 93; Jerry R. Turner, 116; William Rose, 105; and Milford Turner, 67.

Faison
Voters in Faison re-elected Mayor N.F. McColman Jr. and Commis-

sioners Robert David Kennedy, Melvin Rogers and William J. Igoe to four-year terms. They ran unopposed. **Mayor,** N.F. McColman, 72. **Commissioners -** Robert David Kennedy, 48; Melvin Rogers, 49; and William J. Igoe, 58.

Greenevers
Voters in Greenevers elected Earl H. Murphy, George F. Henry and Clifton Williams to the Town Board for four-year terms. They ran unopposed. **Commissioners -** Earl H. Murphy, 38; George F. Henry, 40; and Clifton Williams, 29.

Kenansville
Voters in Kenansville re-elected Mayor Donald E. Suttles and Earl Hatcher and Ronald Bostic as commissioners for four-year terms. **Mayor -** Donald E. Suttles, the incumbent, 123; Jimmie D. Newkirk, 58; and Pat Prince, 54. **Commissioners -** Earl Hatcher, an incumbent, 191; and Ronald Bostic, an incumbent, 175.

Magnolia
Magnolia voters elected Clarence W. Whaley, Millard Williams and Sherwood Ezzell to four-year terms as town commissioners. **Commissioners -** Sherwood Ezzell, 63; Preston Hall, 37; Millard Williams, 70; John D. Quinn, 49; Hubert L. Howard, an incumbent, 42; Ilene Guy, 53; Ruth Evans, 50; and Clarence W. Whaley, 82.

Rose Hill
Voters in Rose Hill re-elected Mayor Ben Harrell. Gary L. Boney and George S. Murray were elected as commissioners to four-year terms and Gregory D. Miller to complete a two-year term. **Mayor -** Ben Harrell, the incumbent, 188; and Perry Whaley, 172. **Commissioners -** Gary L. Boney, 275; George S. Murray, 230; Felton Rackley, an incumbent, 181; and Gregory D. Miller, an incumbent, 339.

Teachey
Teachey voters elected Henry "Zeke" Wells Jr. and W.O. Mont-

ford to four-year terms on the Town Board. They were unopposed. **Commissioners -** Henry "Zeke" Wells Jr., 20; and W.O. Montford, 20.

Wallace
In Wallace, Mayor Earl W. Whitaker was re-elected. Voters named David E. Jordan, J. Luther Powell and Jerry Frank Bullard III to four-year terms as commissioners. **Mayor -** Earl W. Whitaker, the incumbent, 377; and Melvin Cording, 270. **Commissioners -** J. Luther Powell, an incumbent, 366; David E. Jordan, an incumbent, 417; and Jerry Frank Bullard III, 377.

Warsaw
Warsaw voters elected Benjamin Eason as mayor and W. John Weatherly and W.E. Foster as commissioners, all for four-year terms. **Mayor -** Benjamin Eason, 404; Thomas D. Johnson, 69. **Commissioners -** Charles Johnson Sheffield Jr., 269; W.E. Foster, incumbent, 278; W. John Weatherly, incumbent, 282; and Celestine Nickelson, 90.



Dallas Herring

Herring To Receive Recognition

W. Dallas Herring of Rose Hill, often called "father of the North Carolina community college system," will receive national recognition for promotion and preservation of the state's history.

The N.C. Community College Alumni Association recently honored Herring by establishing a permanent Dallas Herring scholarship at James Sprunt Technical College in Kenansville. It will provide tuition for a student for one year.

Herring, as a long-time member and chairman of the State Board of Education, took a leading part in winning support for establishment of the state community college system in 1963.

Earlier, the Rose Hill native and Davidson College graduate, had been mayor of his home town and chairman of the Duplin County Board of Education.

The American Association for State and Local History presented awards during the Friday morning session last week of the N.C. Literary and Historical Association to Herring, James A. Gray of Winston-Salem and Robert O. Conway of Weaverville.

Herring received an award for his support of the study of history during his long tenure as chairman of the State Board of Education.

When professional educators began eliminating history from public school curriculums in the early 1970s, Herring strongly objected. He encouraged the organization of the Joint Committee on the Status of History in the Public Schools which, after several years of effort, helped persuade officials to retain history in the classroom.

Herring also established an award-winning local history program in the community college system.

Herring has turned the front portion of his Rose Hill home into a headquarters and research library for the Duplin County Historical Society.

Gray was the volunteer president of Old Salem, Inc. when it was formed in 1950 and the full-time president for eight years in the 1960s.

Conway is a staff member of the N.C. Division of Archives and History.

Sikes Wins Prize For History

A Duplin County man has won top honors from the N.C. Society for County and Local Historians for the best new book of local history in the state during the past year.

Leon H. (Sonny) Sikes of Rose Hill received first place in the Willie Parker Peace Book Award, presented at the society's annual meeting in Raleigh.

The award honored Sikes' privately published volume, Duplin County Places, Past and Present. Sikes, an employee of the Duplin County Health Department, wrote and researched the book in his spare time.

Society president Joe McLaurin said the award is intended "to encourage the writing and publishing in book form history about a North Carolina county, institution or individual."

Wallace Chief Begins This Week

Bobby Maready became Wallace's chief of police recently.

Maready will head a force of eight other officers, one clerk and four dispatchers. He will succeed Roscoe Rich, who retired Oct. 1 after 10 years as chief.

Maready has been Rose Hill's police chief since August 1982. He started as a policeman in Wallace in 1979.

Maready will receive a salary of \$19,937.

Duplin & Union Counties Squabble On Gobblers

Which county "talks turkey" the loudest: Duplin or Union? Each claims to be the top turkey producer in North Carolina, which produces more turkeys than any other state.

The big birds leave a mark of white feathers along roadside in both counties, where hundreds of long, low turkey houses have become landmarks.

The N.C. Department of Agricul-

ture gives Union County the edge, valuing its 1984 turkey production at \$100.85 million, to \$80.48 million for Duplin County. Duplin, however, is the leading poultry-producing county of the state and one of the leaders in the nation, with 1984 income from all poultry estimated at almost \$140 million.

Duplin County Extension Chairman Lois Britt expects turkey production to rise when a large processing plant opens in northern Duplin

County next year.

In Sampson County, turkey production last year was valued at \$15.8 million. In Wayne County, turkey output was put at \$37.7 million. The four counties accounted for more than 80 percent of the estimated \$284 million in farm value turkeys brought the state last year. Total poultry gross income of more than \$1.2 billion last year topped total tobacco income of about \$1 billion for

the first time.

The state came from almost nowhere to a top ranking in poultry production in the past decade. The plant expected to go into operation next summer in Duplin County is described as the world's largest.

The leadership of companies such as House of Raeford, owned by Nash Johnson & Sons Farms of Rose Hill, and Swift & Co. and Cuddy Farms in Union County in marketing their product has built a year-round

business.

Taking turkey far from its traditional holiday role, these companies are appealing to diet-conscious and budget-conscious consumers with turkey hams, barbecued turkey, turkey sausage and other products.

In 1930 the National Turkey Federation estimated per capita turkey consumption at 1.5 pounds per year. In 1983, its per capita estimate was 11.2 pounds per year.

Kenansville Seeks Water Improvement Funds

With \$9,435 allocated to Kenansville for water and sewer development by the state, the town hopes to obtain additional money from Duplin County.

Duplin County has been allocated \$284,098 of state water and sewer funds for fiscal 1985-86. That money

may be used for the county water system, the county Board of Education, all 10 towns, and the Albertson, Chinquapin and Pottery Hill water systems.

Requests for the county money must be submitted to the county manager by 5 p.m. Dec. 18. They

will be reviewed by the manager, Ralph Cottle; Russell Tucker, county finance officer; Woody Brinson, county development director; and county attorney Russell Lanier.

The Kenansville Town Board last week reviewed a proposed budget for metering water sold to Duplin General Hospital in Kenansville. The

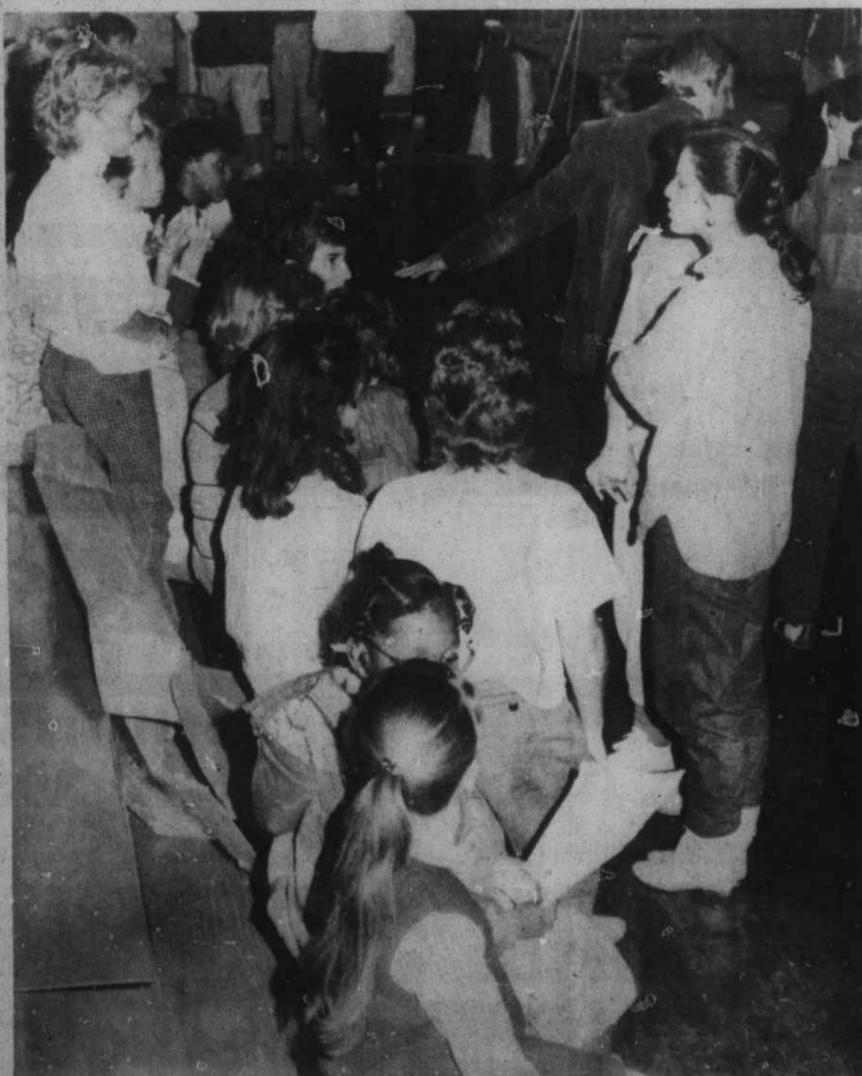
budget totaled \$32,585.

The contract between the town and hospital ends in 1992. In 1969, the hospital agreed to advance the town \$50,000 for the town water system. The advance is being repair at the rate of \$150 per month in return for water.

Town officials believe that the town now is losing money on the deal and that if the water were metered the hospital's water bill would exceed \$150 per month.

The board reappointed Cordell Johnson to the Alcoholic Beverage Control board for another three-year term.

Duplin School Students Featured In Musical Production Saturday



Celebration Dancers Talk With Choreographer Angela Norman

Cooperation has been the key to putting together the show Generation Celebration featuring the work of about 150 Duplin school students and 15 cultural arts teachers. The production is Saturday evening.

The musical production combines all the arts to feature Duplin's most talented students. The show features dance, song, drama and art presented by Duplin students of all ages Nov. 16 in Kenan Memorial Auditorium.

"There has been a lot of cooperation from many people in many different areas," North Duplin Pand Director and Generation Celebration Director Brian Hoxie said. "If asked, I would never have tried anything like this three years ago. The arts just did not seem to have any support, but now, the time is right and the support is high."

"I think it will be a whiz, bang production and the public is going to love it!" Hoxie said. "Anyone who misses it will be sorry and next year tickets will go quick."

According to Hoxie the show features a musical program designed to reflect the course of life, from childhood to adulthood. The show involves all age students from almost all Duplin schools. Students were selected by the Generation Celebration committee of cultural arts teachers through individual application.

"The students in the show are like an all-county group, but on a smaller scale," Hoxie said. "After the first rehearsal, I said I wished I could bus them all back to North Duplin. To have this group all year round would be the teacher's dream!" Along with Hoxie are Musical Director Susan Keater, the James Kenan district band instructor; Technical Director Jeff Landen, a Chinquapin school teacher; Choreographer Angela Joy Norman, reigning Miss Duplin County; and script composition by Jo Jones of James Kenan High School and Margaret Glasgow of Wallace-Rose Hill.

Members of the Generation Celebration Committee worked independently at the local schools with students, Hoxie said, before

rehearsals began in Kenan Auditorium Nov. 4.

"The committee of teachers met and assigned songs," Hoxie said. "Together the group said let's use this voice here and that person there. And, they assigned the songs to be able to rehearse in the individual school."

"And, the students are great," Hoxie said. "The first rehearsal together, they came well-prepared and ready to go!"

The Generation Celebration is sponsored by the Duplin County Education Foundation and according to the Duplin County Schools Director of Support Services Austin Carter, the musical is hoped to raise \$15,000. The production revenues are designated to be returned to Duplin schools in the form of scholarships and funding for cultural arts programming.

"The Generation Celebration has enabled the cultural arts teachers to work together in writing, staging and planning the musical program," Austin Carter said. "And it has given the teacher an opportunity to demonstrate their creativity, skills and flexibility in working with all different ages and all the arts."

While Duplin teachers work to produce the musical, members of the Duplin County Foundation have worked to provide the resources for a first-class production. Carter pointed out. As an example, the Generation will be the first production to use the new \$13,000 stage lighting system installed in Kenan Auditorium last week. Funds for all but \$3,700 were from private donations through the Education Foundation, Carter said. The Foundation is also involved in ticket sales, program production, concessions and other aspects of the Generation Celebration.

Members of the Foundation began ticket sales Oct. 1, Carter said. Tickets are available by contacting Bill Hennessee of Faison, Ed Holt of Warsaw, Carey Wrenn of Kenansville, Buford Hutchins of Beulaville, Linda Murphy of Rose Hill and Harriett Farrior of Wallace. A limit of 2,000 tickets is available for the production. Group ticket rates are also available.