

River monitoring

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In another matter, planner John Ferren presented a draft copy of the county's Coastal Area Management Act land use plan update.

Ferren said that the most important parts of the plan were policy statements, and a land use map.

The map would be one tool that could be used when considering whether or not a particular area could be developed, Ferren said.

"It should not be considered a zoning

map," he said. Utilizing the map, though, the commissioners and planning board members could determine whether land could be developed, shouldn't be developed, or whether or not more information is needed, Ferren said.

One of the classifications was "conservation," and according to Caddy, the label was indiscriminately applied to some county land. "This map is totally inaccurate as far as what I know," he said.

Caddy expressed a fear that con-

servation classification of developable land might cause the developer undue hardship in getting a subdivision plat approved.

But Ferren said that the map is too small to be completely accurate, and that individual situations could be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Caddy also took issue with another map included in the plan that showed most of the New Hope Township to be prone to flooding.

Ferren countered that the map was

based on a soil conservation soil analysis.

"We don't want to strap anybody, but we've at least got to show what the other agencies have shown," said Ferren.

A public information session will be scheduled on the update so that, in Ferren's words, "the little old ladies in tennis shoes can come and make their comments."

In another matter, the commissioners learned that troubles with insulation in the roof at the ARPDC Building are going

to be expensive to correct. The insulation had been falling down following last winter's heavy snows, causing the heating system to malfunction.

Commissioner Charles H. Ward had gotten an \$11,000 price estimate on correcting the problem. He was asked to get a few more estimates.

The commissioners also: promised to give equal financial treatment to a volunteer fire department

organizing in New Hope; discussed banning spotlighting in the county from 11 p.m. to a half an hour before sunrise, a proposal that met opposition;

learned that establishing a single building permit for the entire county would require legislative changes, and;

agreed to a special meeting on Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. to discuss the future of the county recreation department with Winfall Town Council members.

Artist Van Baars to leave mark on Perquimans Union School

Artist-in-the-schools Frans Van Baars intends to leave his mark after a semester of working with Perquimans County youngsters.

a few volunteers, will paint a mural on a wall at Perquimans Union.

The mural which is intended to depict tiger country, will be a colorful illustration of a

tropical land, complete with palm trees and blue water.

Schools superintendent Pat Harrell appeared quite pleased with Van Baars plans as he related them to the

board of education on Monday night.

A less pleasant topic was a dispute with Gardner Construction Company over some brick used in the addition to

Perquimans County High School.

The board had attempted to get some shower partitions installed in the dressing room portion of the addition. The partitions had been left out of

the project specifications, though the board architect, Sam Ashford, maintained that it had been implied and understood that the partitions would be included in the project.

When pressed for the partitions, Gardner presented a bill amounting to about \$2,000 for price increases in bricks, according to accounts of board members.

The board balked at paying for the increase because the project had already been accepted, but after some discussion board members

agreed to pay for the bricks if Gardner would install the partitions and all accoutrements.

In another matter, Harrell told the board that decisions by board members from desegregation forward that might have implications on policy were being pulled together to compile a policy manual for the school system.

In a related matter, the board adopted a set of policy guidelines for approving leave of absence requests from employees.

The hiring of two new

teachers was also formally approved by the board. Phillip Greenwell was approved as the high school's new agriculture teacher, and Earline Craven was hired as the emotionally handicapped-learning disabilities teacher for Hertford Grammar School.

The two teachers began work on Monday.

The board's next meeting is set Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at Perquimans County High School. A report on family life education is among the items on the agenda.

Workshop set on child care business

The Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission, in cooperation with the Department of Human Resources, Day Care Section, will sponsor an informational meeting for persons interested in expanding or starting child day care services in several northeastern North Carolina counties. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 12, at 10 a.m. in the Perquimans County ARPDC building in Hertford.

A total of \$300,000 statewide has been allocated to develop new day care programs and expand or upgrade existing programs through a Start-up Project. The project will be administered by the Day Care Section and is limited to non-profit day care providers or groups and public agencies.

The Day Care Section has established a set of criteria for identifying those counties most in need of "Start-up activity." These criteria include such factors as per-

centage of expenditure of county day care allocations and the need for day care services compared to the availability of day care services within a county.

Accordingly, 16 counties have been designated as target counties for this year's Start-up Project, including: Beaufort, Bladen, Cabarrus, Chowan, Columbus, Currituck, Granville, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton, Onslow, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Tyrrell and

Washington.

Start-up applications from these counties will be solicited. Day Care Section staff will be available to work with groups from these counties who may be interested in making application. Applications from other counties will be considered in the event that applications from "targeted" counties are insufficient in quantity and or quality.

Criteria for ranking in-

dividual applications include such factors as the degree of need for additional day care services within a county, the cost-efficiency of an application and written endorsements of groups or facilities which made application for Start-up funds.

Further information on the Start-up Project is available from Ms. Christine Carroll, Day Care Section, 325 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, N.C. 27611; telephone (919) 733-6650.

Fire truck responds to call, crashes

Responding to a call early New Year's morning, a Hertford firetruck pulled out of the station on Grubb Street and struck a passing automobile.

Volunteer fireman Sid Eley, who was driving the truck, hit

the side of a 1974 Plymouth driven by Annie Newby Rodgers of Brace Street, Hertford, causing some \$1,000 in damage to her car, and some \$300 in damage to the firetruck.

Ms. Rodgers was treated

and released from Albemarle Hospital, where it was pronounced that she had suffered no injuries, despite her complaints of pain.

Eley was ticketed and charged with unsafe movement. Neither he nor any

passengers on the firetruck suffered injuries.

The fire department was responding to a call from Hertford Police Officer Michael Jasielum, who discovered that some 146 gallons of fuel oil had leaked

onto Grubb Street from a residential tank belonging to Mrs. Leony Creece of 331 Grubb Street.

Jasielum later discovered that the cap on the feed line had either been unscrewed or had fallen off. Mrs. Creece told police that she thought she had heard voices outside her home earlier in the evening.

The fire department cleaned the oil off the street with water and sand.

Mrs. Creece's losses in fuel oil were estimated at some \$162, according to Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt.

Early license renewal urged

Most North Carolina drivers will once again renew their license plates during the vehicle registration period that ends Feb. 15. All 1980 plates and validation stickers expired at midnight on Dec. 31, 1980. The 1981 tags and stickers must be displayed by midnight, Feb. 15, 1981.

Those motorists who registered their vehicles from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1980 will receive notices in May to renew in June, 1981.

Motor Vehicles Com-

missioner Elbert L. Peters Jr. said more than 4.3 million license plate renewal cards are being mailed this year. More than two million renewal notices were mailed Dec. 8, and the remainder should be mailed no later than Jan. 8.

Peters noted that motor vehicle owners who have not received renewal cards in the mail by Jan. 12 should contact the Division of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh by mail at 1100 New Bern Avenue or by telephone at the following numbers:

(919) 733-6720, -6724, -6725, -6726, or -6727. The office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"It will take from three to four days to obtain a renewal card, and new plates or stickers must be displayed by midnight on Feb. 15," he said.

Any newly-acquired vehicle will be issued a plate and stickers unless a license plate is to be transferred.

License plates and stickers went on sale throughout the state Jan. 2. Peters urged motor vehicle owners to get

their license tags and stickers early.

"We hope that our communications slogan, 'Get Yours Early,' will encourage citizens to obtain their plates and stickers before the end of the renewal period. We feel that the early license plate renewal campaign will aid in reducing the waiting time at the 115 license plate agencies across the state," he said.

Motorists who order license plates and stickers from the Raleigh office must complete and sign the insurance certification on the back of the card and send their checks or money orders and renewal cards to the Division of Motor Vehicles by Feb. 1 to insure delivery by the Feb. 15 deadline.

That address is Vehicles Services Section-Dept. 1, Division of Motor Vehicles, 1100 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27697.

Peters added that, "Checks or money orders should be made payable to the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles. License plates and stickers ordered from the Raleigh office are mailed at no additional expense to the owner."

Only a person who has clearly shown himself to be a career criminal by committing four felonies, each one of the series being committed after he was convicted of the previous one, can be prosecuted as a habitual felon.

Habitual felons targeted

President of the North Carolina District Attorney's Association, Joe Freeman Britt, recently announced that the association will work to retain the provisions of the Habitual Felons Act in the coming session of the legislature.

The act, which is now scheduled to be repealed in

March of 1981, provides that when a person has been convicted of his fourth felony and is found by a jury to be a habitual felon, his sentence must be at least 20 years and could be life imprisonment.

The DAA feels that none of the provisions of the newly enacted "Fair Sentencing Act" adequately deal with the

career criminal, but the current Habitual Felons Act does, since it mandates lengthy prison sentences for habitual felons and prohibits them from being released on parole until they have served a majority of their sentence.

Jaycee calendars just in

The Jaycee-sponsored birthday calendars have arrived, and Jaycee leaders will be distributing them this week.

Those persons who ordered

calendars and who do not receive them by the end of this week should contact Ed Nixon at 426-5266.

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