

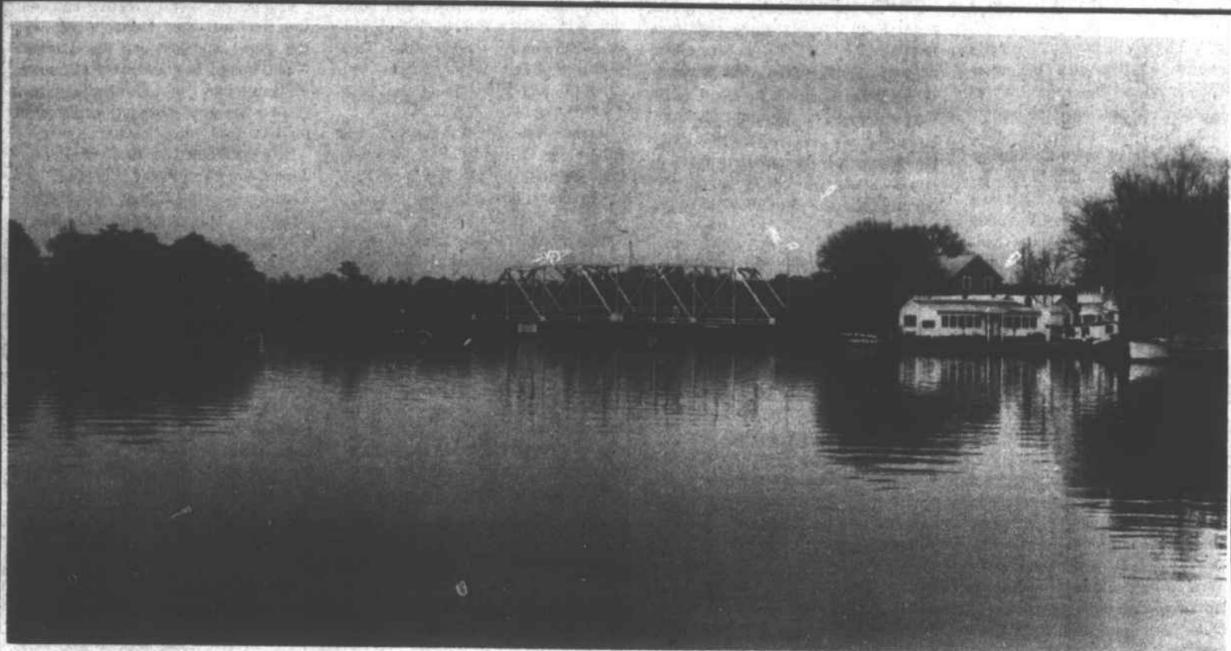
# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Serenity

Warmer days have brought many local people. This photographer sought the serenity of the Perquimans River for an afternoon of daydreaming and warmth. Reports indicate that the springlike temperatures should remain in our area throughout the week-end.

## School bond referendum slated for May Primary ballot in Perquimans County

The Perquimans County Board of Education presented a resolution to the Perquimans County Commissioners last week requesting the provision of funds through school bonds for renovations and additions to the Perquimans County High School.

A school bond referendum is slated for the ballot in the May Primary election.

The request came after several months of study by the Board of Education following a report from the Division of School Planning.

The Division of School Planning toured all of the county's schools in September to provide assistance in determining long range facility needs.

Their report stated that the top priority need in the school system was the high school facility. On a scale of 0-5, with 5 indicating immediate vacating of the facility, the two-story structure at Perquimans County High School was classified as a four.

The Board of Education began studying the need for school facilities and voted to employ an architect to devise plans to give some ideas on options available to the county.

After reviewing the options available the Board approached the Perquimans County Commissioners in December and asked for their support in the Board's decision to provide new facilities.

The request to the Commissioners gained unanimous approval.

After gaining the support of the Commissioners the Board of Education directed architect Sam Ashford, of Ashford and Associates in Raleigh, to develop models and specific plans for the facilities.

The Board of Education has determined that it will take two-million dollars to provide the type of facilities needed, and passed the following resolution to present to the County Commissioners:

WHEREAS, The Perquimans County Board of Education is of the opinion that existing school facilities in Perquimans County are not adequate for the maintenance of public schools in the County for the term prescribed by law; THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Perquimans County Board of Education as follows:

Section I. The Perquimans County Board of Education has ascertained and hereby determines that it is necessary to provide additional school facilities in Perquimans County, including the construction and reconstruction of school buildings, plants and other facilities, the acquisition of necessary land or rights-in-land and the acquisition and installation of furnishings and equipment necessary for such school

facilities, and that it will be necessary to expend for such purpose, from proceeds of general obligation bonds and apart from other moneys which may be available therefore, not less than two-million dollars (\$2,000,000).

Section 2. The Board of Commissioners of Perquimans County is hereby requested to provide the funds required for the improvements hereinbefore set forth and to issue bonds of said County to raise the required funds and to submit the question of issuing bonds to accomplish such financing to the voters of Perquimans County.

Section 3. The Secretary of the Perquimans County Board of Education is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners.

According to Perquimans County School Superintendent, Pat Harrell, the Board of Education has two options from which to choose before final plans can be made for the high school facilities.

The first, and most conservative option would be to demolish the wings on either end of the two-story structure of the high school, leaving the section of the building that houses the auditorium in tact.

The other option available to the Board would be to demolish the entire two-story building and replace it

with a new building, adding a minimum one-half million dollar increase in the amount of monies needed to renovate the properties.

The Board of Education is expected to decide on the option that will be taken at their next monthly meeting on Monday night.

## Union's Lady Tigers win Division B conference

The girls basketball team at Perquimans Union School, The Lady Tigers, claimed the championship in Division B of the Coastal Junior High Conference this year.

This is the first time that the team has ever won this championship.

The conference is made up of seventh and eighth grade teams from Chowan Junior High, Ahoskie Middle School, Gates, Knapp Junior High and Perquimans Union.

The Lady Tigers, who last year had a 2 and 12 record, ended the season with a 7 and 2 record.

This year's team was led by four experienced players from the 1982-83 team. Tanya Howell, captain, led the defense while also scoring 87 points for the season.

Doris Walker, noted for her quickness, led the team scoring with 102 points. Yuvarka Reid's 57 points

## Hertford effects utility rate increase

Beginning in March Hertford utility consumers will realize a ten per cent increase in their utility bills.

The rate increase comes to the town's residential utility customers as a result of a 9.7 per cent rate increase from the Northeastern North Carolina Power Agency, the agency that services Hertford, in January.

The Hertford Town Council voted Monday night to pass the increase on to residential utility consumers. The cost to the town for the extra fifteen days of usage at the old rate by consumers has been approximately \$5,000.

In comparison to other area rates for 1,000 kilowatts Hertford's new rate will be near the median rate.

The rate for 1,000 kilowatts in Elizabeth City is \$84.08, Edenton's rate is \$79.76, and Vepco's rate is \$81.38.

The Council met with Don Harvey and Steve Player of L.E. Wooten and Company of Greenville, the consulting engineers for the Community Development Block Grant Program, to discuss acquisition and rehabilitation guidelines, complaint procedures, selection of a project attorney, and the grant application for 1984.

The Council passed a resolution concerning the acquisition and rehabilitation of property in the approved project area. This will include only the acquisition of property that is necessary to meet the plans and achieve the aims of the Hertford Community Development Program.

The Council will determine just compensation for the real property after an appraisal has been performed by a competent professional appraiser and the appraisal has been

reviewed by an independent appraiser. The amount of compensation will not be less than this appraisal of the fair market value of the property.

Upon acquisition of real properties the Council will either:

1. Demolish the structure or structures thereon and dispose of the land for redevelopment; or

2. Sell the property at its fair value subject to rehabilitation in conformance with the Property Rehabilitation Standards and objectives of the Redevelopment Plan; or

3. Rehabilitate the property in conformance with the above listed guidelines.

The Council also adopted a resolution concerning complaint procedures for the King Street Revitalization Project.

The complaint procedure outlines the order an individual should follow if they have a complaint about some phase of the project.

In other action taken the Council: Approved Walter Edwards as the attorney for the Community Development Block Grants Project (King Street Revitalization).

Approved an ordinance allowing 10 minute parking in front of the Little S&R located on the corners of Edenton Road Street and Market Street.

Accepted the low bid from Hurd and Lang for \$3,400 to conduct the town audit for fiscal year 1983-84.

Agreed to hold a public hearing for re-zoning requests at 6:30 p.m. on March 6, 1984.

Heard the January ABC Store sales report from Cecil E. Winslow, Chairman of the ABC Board.

Chief Marshall Merritt of the Hertford Police Department gave a report for the month of January.

## This Week...

Many County merchants have joined together this week to promote shopping at home with a George Washington's Birthday sale.

See the advertisements in this week's edition of THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY for participating stores, dates and times.

We encourage you to support your local merchants and shop at home.

## Harrell named in top three state soybean producers



Tommy Harrell, of Perquimans County is awarded the third place plaque by Don Lee, President of the Soybean Growers Association, and Jim Dunphy, N.C. State Ex-

tension Service Soybean Specialist. Harrell had the third highest yield in the state of North Carolina in 1983, 61.88 bushels per acre.

Tommy Harrell of Perquimans County was recognized recently at the meeting of the North Carolina Soybean Growers Association for producing the third highest yield in the state of North Carolina.

The yield was 61.88 bushels per acre.

Harrell attributed his success to high fertility conditions, precision seeding rates, proper pH and some good luck which brought him adequate rainfall and good weather conditions in 1983.

Harrell indicated that he has a long-term project with the Perquimans County Extension Service to consistently raise 60 bushels of soybeans per acre.



1983-84 Perquimans Union Lady Tigers