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AT DAY CARE CENTER — Shown above are several of the children enrolled at the Aurora Day Care Center. Left to right they are Angela Denton, Allen Magee, Alessia Bonner, Buddy Peele and Zeke Johnston Halphin.

## New Program Announced For Aurora Day Care Center

The Aurora Day Care Center has a new program, an infant care addition. Children from birth through two years are now being cared for on a part-time or drop in basis. The regular Day Care program is still being maintained for three and four-

year olds. Everyone is welcome to visit the facility and observe some of its activities. It is located in the old high school building. Anyone interested in using the Center can feel free to visit it and obtain more information.

The Aurora Day Care Center is licensed and has qualified teachers to take care of little ones. It is also offering a two-year old learning session from 9 until 12, two days a week as well as a 3-4 year old session from 9 until 12:30 every day.

## Pamlico County Commissioners Consider Soil Survey And Coastal Progress

The Pamlico County Commissioners met on November 21 for their regular mid-month meeting with all members present. County Auditor John Priester and County Attorney Bernard Hollowell were also present. Otto Hecht, District Conservation Officer, was present to bring the Commissioners up to date on the State matching program for a soil survey of the County. The Commissioners had set aside \$5,000 in this year's budget to match State funds to employ a soil scientist. The State had been allocated \$200,000 a year by the 1977 General Assembly to be used as matching funds to produce soil maps and it was decided rather than matching funds, the money would be used to hire a soil scientist to work with other soil scientists already at work in a county.

Don Philen, Senior Soil Scientist with the State Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Mr. Philen said that 18 counties have already had their soil maps published. Five counties have been mapped and are in the process of publishing the maps, and soil surveys are in progress in 28 counties. There are 17 counties that have

been assigned state soil scientists under the matching program. These are counties that have been contributing the most and longest to the soil conservation program, and where supervisory personnel are available. At the present time there is not a matching State soil scientist available for Pamlico County, but he recommended that the County hire someone very soon so that

it will be eligible for the matching program.

Chairman Robert Paul stated that a number of farms have already been surveyed.

Mr. Goodwin said that there are \$65,000 of unexpended funds which may be available for bringing in surveyors under contract from the northern states where surveying can't be done in the winter.

Mr. Hecht suggested that

Richard Green, a graduate of N. C. State who has had the necessary specialized training and who has expressed interest in working in Pamlico County, be considered for the job.

The Commissioners agreed that Mr. Green is a likely candidate, but according to a policy set up for all County hiring, stated that they would advertise in the area

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## Aurora Town Council Adopts Zoning Amendment

The Town Council of Aurora met Tuesday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Aurora Town Hall. Those council members attending the meeting were Mayor Grace Bonner, Marvin Jennings, Joe Paul, Joe Hollowell, Malcolm Rowe, and T.R. Thompson. Joe Galloway could not attend. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Grace Bonner. The minutes of the November 8th meeting were approved.

The Council heard Brian Benson on the approval of the electrical payment for the new Medical Center and also on the adoption of a zoning ordinance amendment. The Council approved the electrician payment of \$855.00. Concerning the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance, Mr. Benson stated that there was no one in attendance at the public hearing that was held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 22. The proposed zoning amendment is as follows:

provision of emergency services such as police, fire and ambulance

3. Off street parking at the rate of minimum 1.0 spaces per mobile unit shall be provided

Mr. Joe Hollowell motioned to accept the amendment. Grace Bonner seconded the motion. The zoning amendment was adopted by the Town of Aurora.

Mr. Benson and the Town Council also discussed using So-Par as contractor for a water and sewer project. The project would start at Middle Street, go to Bridge Street, then to Railroad Street. It would be in a P-shaped configuration. This would be under the Community Development Program, which in turn is under H.U.D.

Mr. Joe Rose spoke to the Council as to the best means to run water and sewer to the new Medical Center. The potential development of the surrounding

areas and toe accessibility to the lines was of major concern. Mr. Rose felt the best method would be to feed the sewer line to the Center from the corner of Chapin and Third. The water line to the Center would be the existing water line on Highway

33. Joe Paul motioned to accept this plan. Joe Hollowell seconded the motion. The Council discussed the need to set up a meeting to go over the Ordinance Codes. They decided to plan the meeting for sometime in January and set the exact date at another time.

It was decided that Mr. Hooks should be hired as Public Works Superintendent. The Beaufort County Board of Education sent a letter of special thanks concerning the good job Chief Troutner did in apprehending the people who broke into the Aurora High School.

There was official con-

firmation that the mayor and the Council would be reinstated for another term. They will be sworn in at the next meeting on December 13.

Effective January 1, 1978, Beaufort County will charge the town 2% for collecting taxes.

Marvin Jennings received a letter from the Census Bureau to update the old maps that are ten to twelve years old. More recent maps were sent. Mr. Jennings commented that it was interesting to see how much the town had grown since then.

Mr. Jennings presented a letter from the Thomas Dental Company. The company had sent Mr. Jennings a survey concerning the size of the town and the number of dentists. In response to the survey, the Thomas Dental Company sent the letter stating that they have a prospective dental student.

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## Christmas Parade Set For Dec. 4

The Pamlico County Christmas Parade will premiere Sunday, December 4th, at 3 p.m. Deadline for float entries will be 12 noon on Friday, December 2nd. To enter a float into the parade, contact the Pamlico County Parks and Recreation Department at 745-4240 or 745-3576.

All entries will enter at Cowell Lane and move around to their designated line-up position which will be marked. Parking will be available at the High School and Fred A. Anderson Elementary School. Parking

for walking units is available at the end of the parade route.

This entrance for all parade entries at Cowell Lane is the 'horse shoe shape' road that goes around the Board of Education and Fred Anderson and back out to Highway 55 which the first entry will be. The Parade will begin on NC 55 and move down to the Pamlico County Courthouse where a reviewing stand will be. Some entries will be stopping at the reviewing stand so all entries will have to stay 50 feet from the entry in front of you. The parade will then veer off

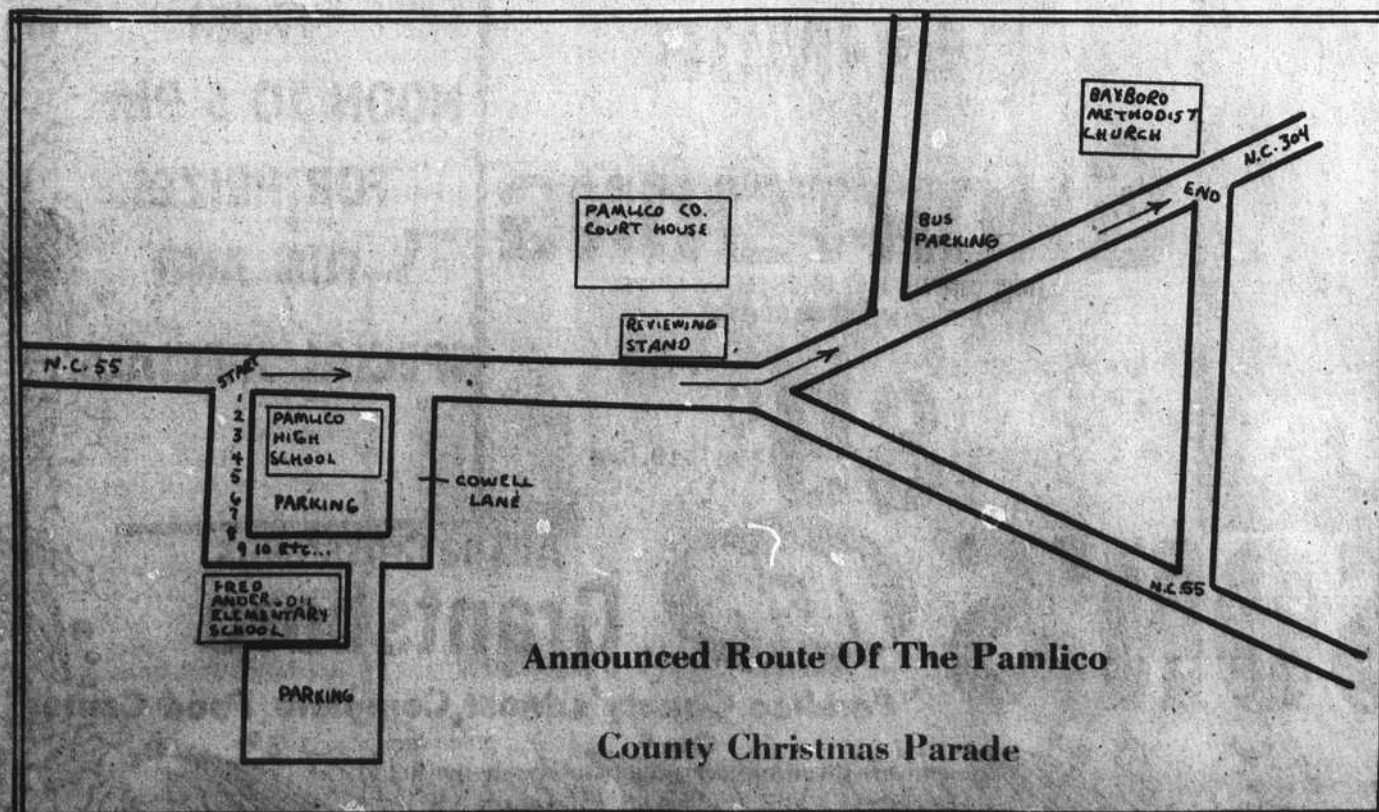
onto North Carolina Highway 304 (Vandemere Road) and end at the Bayboro Methodist Church. Bus parking will be available there. Entries could gain access back to Highway 55 by turning right in front of the Bayboro Mason Hall or take Water Street Road back to 55. Total parade distance is .7 miles.

Judging results will be announced at the reviewing stand following the parade. Bands participating in the Christmas Parade will be the Pamlico County High School Band, Pamlico County Junior High

School Band, Aurora High School Band, West Craven High School Band, and Washington High School Band. Line-up will begin at 1:30 p.m.

There will be quite a variety of entries from Good Ole Saint Nick himself to girl scouts to cheerleaders to twirling groups.

Several church entries and organizations and other miscellaneous groups will be in the parade. Make plans to turnout on Sunday, December 4th at 3 p.m. for the Pamlico County Christmas Parade and enjoy the parade. Don't forget that Friday at noon will be the deadline for all float entries.



Proposed Amendment To Zoning Ordinance  
Mobile Homes, House Trailers  
As A Special Use In DT Zone  
Public Hearing:  
November 22, 1977  
7 p.m. at town hall

- A. Contents of Application
1. Three copies of site plan, which shall contain the following:
    - a. North point, scale and date
    - b. Location, width, elevation and purpose of all easements and rights-of-way within or adjacent to site
    - c. Location use of all existing and proposed structures on site
    - d. Proposed fencing, screening and gates; parking service and other areas
  2. Standards of Evaluation
    1. Three shall be 6,000 square feet of lot for each mobile home
    2. Access within the site shall be such as to facilitate garbage and trash collection, the



FIRST PLACE — The Oriental Tarheels were first place winners in the Pee Wees category and were given special recognition during the Recreation Commission banquet held recently at Fred A. Anderson School.