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Aurora Town Board

Brian Benson asked the Board to approve an additional payment of \$327.50 to the Medical Center contractors. The amount was the added cost of moving a wall and relocating it in another location. The Board asked Mr. Benson who was responsible for this mistake, the architect or the Town. Mr. Benson said that he would get more information on what happened before the Board makes any decision on the additional payment request.

Mr. Benson asked the Board to waive the hook-up fee for the water meter that is to be run to the Medical Center. The Town would essentially be paying it itself. This was approved contingent on what is specified in the contract.

Mr. Jennings reported to the Board that he had checked into the street light requests and had met with CP&L on the matter. There are three areas where street lights will be installed: 1) on 5th Street between Main and Middle Streets; it will be suspended across the Street; 2) halfway down 6th Street between John and Helen Drives; and 3) the requested street light will be at the intersection of Ruth and 7th Streets. The cost involved will be \$4.45 per month for the hanging light and \$8.50 per pole light. The Board questioned the prices and Mr. Jennings said that he would recheck the prices with CP&L to see if they were reversed.

Commissioner Rowe said that he felt like an additional 2 street lights should be added in the area where the initial request came from because it is very dark around there. Mr. Jennings said that he would meet with CP&L and get advice on where the additional ones should go.

Mr. Jennings reported on the Pre-Construction Conference that was held Tuesday morning. Present were four contractors, Harwell and Paul from FHA and 2 others from Rivers and Associates. The meeting concerned the construction of the water and sewer system. The holdup is the lift station because the land is not owned by the Town, and Attorney Thompson needs approval to purchase it. Mr. Jennings told the Board that the contractors have been delayed and will not get started on time, and that they request an extension of 60 days.

The system will be guaranteed for one year. The project is sponsored by FHA and must be advertised by placing two signs on or near the building site. The amount of the project, \$369,110 must also be displayed on the sign.

The Ruritan Club requested that the Board change the speed limit along Highway 33 and 5th Street from 45 mph to 35 mph. Action has been started by the Board to do this.



Foreground: J.B. Tingle, Jimmy Tingle. Background: Bobby Archer, DeWitt Cowell, Bobby Thomas.

Planting Underway

By Grace Evans
It was the most exciting news this reporter had heard in months. Extension Agent Jim Rea told me on Thursday that potato and cabbage planting had begun in Pamlico County on February 27. That meant spring was just days away. All the signs of the last weeks—the ditching, the plowing and harrowing, the fields sharply delineated by the good black earth newly turned up against the drab dead grass—could be believed. Planting time, sunny days, green plants, warm weather, and daily weather watching as our million dollar crops grow, are part of our life again.

In January there had been a glimmer of hope one day when the sun shone and the temperature reached 50. Neighbors, E.L. Hopkins, Grant Morris, and Harry Mason were all seen walking off the perimeters of last year's gardens that feed them and a lot of their friends. But nothing happened and winter set in again.

But last week, it was true, some of our fabulous farmers had started planting. So, on the way back to Oriental, after

hearing this wonderful news, I saw evidence of the fact. Machinery was working a field beside the road at Merritt. The sharp eyed residents of the County, the gulls, had left off the skimpy scavenging of the shoreline and were feasting on fresh grubs and worms served up for them. This was proof for all to see, so I stopped to get a

picture to share the news with you. Jimmy Tingle, John Arthur, DeWitt Cowell, Bobby Archer, and J.B. Tingle were all there making sure that everything was operating right and they were kind enough to stop for me to get a picture. Now, picture taking isn't one of my talents, but an instamatic camera lets me know right then if I have gotten anything on film. One cartridge of film later, after much kind advice and patience on the part of both men and gulls, I had to give up with little to show for my hopes. The gray, cold day affected the chemicals on the film and my shivering fingers. The weather still wasn't my dream of springtime. But if the farmers believe it, I won't give up believing it too.

Bolivia Experiences Told

On Sunday night February 19, at the Aurora United Methodist Church, two men from ECU, David Hunt and Don Stuart, shared their experiences from South America with the congregation.

The boys were sent to Bolivia last summer with a work team and spent two weeks there. During this time they built a parsonage of hand made brick, they made themselves. In addition to the made the mahogany furnishings.

In the day time they worked on the parsonage and at night they visited other churches in the area, sang and read from the Bible. Many slides David and Don made in Bolivia were shown during the program.

Some of the women of the Aurora Methodist Church made a banner of North Carolina and marked the location of Aurora. The banner is now in a church in Bolivia.

The program was enjoyed by everyone present especially the qualifications David and Don explained they had to pass in order to go on the mission.

Knicks Take Title

The Pamlico County Department of Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball League wound down with a classic battle between the Celtics and the Knicks both tied for first place. After a 10-10 first quarter lead both teams battled to a 18-18 halftime score. Coach Marvin Stokes woke his Knicks up in the third quarter as they overwhelmed Doug Credle's Celtics by a 33-29 margin. The Knicks went up by as much as

ten points in the fourth quarter before the Celtics stormed back to take a chance at the free throw line to win the game before Louis Bell made the first on a one on one attempt and sent the game into overtime. With the score being 52-52 at the end of regulation time, the Knicks outscored the Celtics 10-4 in the extra period to win the title outright by a 62-56 margin.

The Knicks were led by Tyrone Gibbs with 19 points, Bruce Marshall with 17 points, Gary Jones with 11 points, Carlos Simmons with 10 points, and Lamond Wilson with five points. The Celtics were led by R.C. Cooper with 14 points, Tony Latham with 11 points, Louis Bell with nine points, Tony Jones with six points, Reg Beasley with four points, Mike Northern with five points, and three points each by Danny Jarvis and Wireddell Midgette.

In the Lakers vs. 76'ers game, the battle would be for third place. With the Lakers trailing 12-6 after one quarter, they found themselves behind 23-18 at the half. The sixer's defense held the Lakers just to six points in the third quarter as their lead built to 37-24. With two minutes to go in the game, the Lakers pulled within three, 49-46, before the 76'ers pulled away for the final 53-46 margin.

The 76'ers were led by Kenny Sawyer with 26 points, Robert Gibbs with nine points, Kevin Gibbs with eight points, Andrew Jones with four points, and two points each by Billy Miller, Maurice Hamilton and Cedric Squires. The Lakers were led by Pete Jenkins with 18 points, Stanley Bell with 15 points, Troy Lewis with six points, James Bell with five points, and Tim Fisher with two points.

The Tigers of the Pee Wee League, and the 1978 Pee Wee Champions, took the Blue Devils on the limb to upend them by a 16-2 margin. The Tigers only led the Blue Devils 4-0 after one quarter and out-powered them in the second quarter to lead 14-2 at the half. The Blue Devils defense held the Tigers scoreless in the third quarter but despite this, the Tigers won by a 16-2 margin.

The Blue Devils lone score came Jay Woodard with two points, while the Tigers were led by David Phipps and Gernard

Sawyer with six points each and Demetris Gibbs with four points.

New Courses

The Wolfpack-Tar Heels battle would be for second place. With the score tied 2-2 after one quarter, the Wolfpack made a mistake that almost cost them the game as a player made a basket in the wrong goal that gave the Tar Heels a 4-2 halftime lead. The Wolfpack revamped in the tired quarter to take a 7-6 lead before holding a strong fourth quarter rally by the Tar Heels and went on to win by a 9-8 margin. The Wolfpack being coached in the absence of Buddy Rice by Tommy Spencer, Jr. was led by Tommy Spencer III with five points and Clinton Driggers with four points. The Tar Heels were led by Stuart Squires with four points, Andy Silverthorne with two points and basket credited to Heath Fulcher.

There will be two courses offered at Pamlico Technical Institute during the spring quarter as a part of the Child Care curriculum. Behavior Management of Young Children, to be offered on Tuesday evenings, will be taught by Mark Sebula, Director of the Child Development Center in Havelock. Sharon Butson, a human ecology major, will teach Nutrition for Young Children on Thursday evenings.

Registration for the spring quarter will be held on Wednesday evening, March 8. Participants may also register for the courses on the first meeting night—March 9 for the nutrition course and March 14 for the behavior course.

Oriental Street Repairs To Be Completed

The Oriental Town Board met on February 21. Present were Mayor Ed Bailey, Commissioners Dennis Barkley, Brantley Norman, and Harold Sepsenon; Clerk Eula T. Basnight, and the Recreation Department's Acting Director, Janice Wall.

Mayor Bailey announced that Barrus Construction Company plans to finish the repair work soon as the weather permits. The cold, wet weather has prevented the work's completion and has also caused some of the work already finished, to buckle.

Oscar Hargett from Oriental told the Board of his interest in applying for a job when there is an opening.

Mrs. Basnight brought a number of meter requests before the Board and the cost of installing new meters was discussed.

The scheduling of the use of the Town Hall was brought up by Mrs. Basnight and Mrs. Wall. Mrs. Wall was instructed to take down the requests for scheduling and to find out the time and duration of such requests. If it is more than a one night meeting, she will bring the request before the Board. The Town Board meets on the first and third Tuesdays of a month and it and the Fire Department

have precedence over any other use of the building.

Mayor Bailey read a letter from the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development concerning Step I of the State and Federal grant application for a 201 facilities (sewer treatment) plan for the Town of Oriental. At the N.C. Environmental Management Commission's meeting on January 12, this project was certified for a Federal grant in the amount of \$9,087 and the project was put on the Federal Construction Grants Funding List contingent upon receipt of the fiscal year 1978 allocation of EPA Federal construction grant funds. If funds are received, NRC will be able to complete its review of Oriental's application and the supporting documents. The Board signed resolutions designating Oriental as the lead agency for this project and indicating compliance with Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances.

It was announced by Commissioner Brantley Norman that the Town policeman, Ray Barnes, now makes his home in Oriental.

The Board adjourned to attend the meeting being held to discuss a new community building for Oriental.

Boat Sale March 10

A 19-foot shrimp boat and a 1975 Cox boat trailer will be sold to the last and highest bidder at the Pamlico County Courthouse steps at 12:00 noon on March 10.

This sale is by the Sheriff's Department and is subject to unpaid liens on the items. The boat and trailer can be seen in the parking lot beside the jail.

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