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Community Meetings Planned To Discuss Land Use Surveys

City and county officials met recently with Curt Robbins, local land use planner to discuss the results of a recent county-wide survey concerning land use planning in Perquimans County.

After much discussion among the 22 citizens attending, the citizen advisory board and county planning board agreed that the results of the questionnaire should be taken back to the local public for additional comments. Robbins said, "This isn't any kind of final document. This is by no means the end, but I think it's a good start. We've gotten a good return from this county."

It was pointed out that according to the survey, 94 per cent of those replying agreed that the future development of the county should be planned. Officials said this was an out and out statement that the people want and need a land use plan.

The local planner, advisory board and planning

board agreed that from here the first goal should be another set of community meetings. The following dates and places have been scheduled: +

DATE	TIME	COMMUNITY	PLACE
June 19	8:00 P.M.	Belvidere	Community Bld.
June 24	8:00 P.M.	Winfall	Community Bld.
June 26	7:30 P.M.	Bethel	Regular meeting of Bethel Ruritan Club
June 27	8:00 P.M.	Whiteston	Community Bld.
July 1	7:30 P.M.	Parkville	Regular meeting of Parkville Ruritan Club
July 10	8:00 P.M.	Hertford	County Office Building

+ Although a meeting will be held for the New Hope Community, at press time the details were unavailable. They will be announced later.

At each of these community meetings the results of the survey will be discussed encouraging input and comment from all segments of the county population. The next step will be for the citizens advisory committee to draw up a list of county goals and objectives. This list will then be presented to the local planning board for the start of actual physical land use planning.

It has also been reported that in approximately two weeks, a map of existing land use in Hertford would be drawn up. A similar map of existing land use in the county has been started.

Citizens with questions concerning the steps accomplished thus far or interested in finding out more detail on the community meetings should contact their community representative on the citizen advisory committee which consists of: Jesse P. Perry, chairman and representative of Hertford Township; Wayne Ashley, Town of Hertford; Bobby Jones, New Hope Community; L. Clinton Winslow, Belvidere Community; Donald Madre, Bethel Community; Julian White, Town of Hertford; Shelton Morgan, Winfall Community and Paul Smith Jr., Parkville Community.



NEW RAMPS — Shown above is one of the two ramps recently added to Perquimans Union School in order to make travel by students in wheelchairs easier. The addition of the ramps was just one of the school improvements recently approved by the Board of Education.

Board Of Education Meets:

School Ramps Among Plans

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 2, at 8 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. All members were present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. The minutes of three previous meetings were read and approved.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed the Board accepted the resignations of Daisy Hollowell and Prescilla Eason.

The Board approved an amendment to the 1974-75 budget which calls for the following increases in expenditures:

Code 632, Fuel, \$4,500.00;
Code 633, Utilities, \$3,500.00;
Code 615, Board of Education expenses \$600.00.

These changes are to be financed from unexpended money on hand.

Billy Elliott appeared before the Board to request that the Perquimans County Marching Unit be given permission to purchase a bus in the name of the Board of Education with the title of the bus to be carried by the Board of Education. After a careful deliberation of this matter, the Board voted to further investigate the insurance requirements and other areas of concern involved with this request. No further action was taken at this time.

A contract with R.E. Aiken Jr. to audit the financial records for 1974-75 was approved by the Board. In the way of other business the Board voted to have some termite treatment work done at Central Grammar School and Perquimans Union School. The Board voted to pay up to \$75.00 on the expenses of each principal who attends

the Principal's Conference which will be held in Wilmington on July 20th through 23rd.

The Board received a letter from Principal William Byrum of Perquimans High School. The letter was a request for permission to install four air conditioners in the King Street Building. The Board voted to approve this request with the understanding that all wire and other materials needed to complete this installation will be furnished by the school and the work will be done by the maintenance crew.

Charlie Skinner appeared before the Board and explained the need for purchasing wheel chair for an elementary school student who had been using a wheel chair that was in bad shape. The Board voted to purchase a new wheel chair to be used as needed. After some discussion the Board voted to build ramps where needed at Perquimans Union School in order to accommodate any student confined to a wheel chair.

Strowd To Be Honored On Sunday

Recognition services for W.C. Strowd, retiring Agricultural Extension Agent will convene Sunday, June 22, at First Baptist Church in Hertford at 3 p.m. The church is located on the corner of Hyde Park and King Streets. This service is sponsored by the Community Resource Development Organization, Extension Homemakers, and 4-H club leaders. There will be a three minutes expression on honor by representatives from various organizations and co-workers.



W. C. STROWD

W.C. Strowd was born and reared in Chapel Hill, N.C. He finished high school there and attended A. and T. College in Greensboro, N.C. where he received a B.S. degree in Agriculture. He has completed a number of advanced courses at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Thirty-one years ago he was appointed Emergency War Food Production Assistant in Perquimans County. After a year or so the title was changed to County Agricultural Extension Agent. Strowd will retire June 30.

THE EXTENSION NEWS, published by the Agricultural Extension Service of N.C. State University at Raleigh saluted Strowd as follows:

"For this outstanding leadership in developing 4-H junior adult leaders; for his achievements in helping to plan and implement the community action and general agricultural programs in a highly effective manner; for his important role in establishing a functional organizational structure which embraces all communities in the county and which involves youth and adults; and for his ability to work with programs and people in helping alleviate individual and group problems through the application of technology in crop and

livestock production, community improvement and youth development." Strowd recalls, with much pride, a number of special projects which brought state honors. Outstanding among these were the many N.C. State Fair exhibits and 4-H electric demonstrations.

Recently, his area of work has centered around Rural Community Development and the production of soybeans.

He is a member of First Baptist Church where he and his wife have been dedicated Sunday School teachers for many years. He was chairman of the trustee board of the church for 14 years during which time the church was renovated from weatherboard to its present brick structure.

Much time and effort has been given by Strowd in aiding a number of families in the town of Hertford from the status of renters to that of proud home owners.

Strowd looks forward to his early retirement with great anticipation. Included in his plans are getting more involved in worthwhile church and community projects, doing a bit of traveling and spending a good deal of time working in the yard and flowers and beautifying his new retirement home in Chapel Hill.

The public is invited to attend the services.



DAYS GONE BY — Mrs. Doris Chappell of Rt. 4, Hertford prepares for the upcoming Fourth of July celebration with this costume reminding all of the good old days. Part of the celebration will include prizes for the best colonial costume worn during the day of fun. The Hertford BPW Club will award prizes to the most appropriately dressed man, woman and child (under age 14). The contest begins at 9 a.m. at the old Post Office Building.



HIT THE SACKS — These boys have hit the sacks but definitely not for sleeping. They are practicing for the sack race which will be just one of many contests and games to be sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees during the July Fourth celebration. Pictured at left is Richard Thach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thach. Shown with him is Phil Woodell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Woodell. Both families live in Woodland Circle in Hertford.

July Fourth — Fun For All

July Fourth should prove to be a fun day for citizens of all ages in the county with the planned Hertford celebration to kick off the Bicentennial.

According to Hertford Mayor Bill Cox, the following activities have tentatively been planned:

A parade sponsored by the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department has been scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Chairmen for the events are Sid Eley and Parker Newbern. Some of the units to be included in the local parade are: a horse drawn 104-year-old coach owned by Lib Thach, the Perquimans County Marching Unit, the Hertford Fifes and Drums,

decorated bicycles, costumed citizens, members of the local horse clubs, and the American Legion color guard. The decorated bikes entering and finishing the parade route will be judged by the local American Legion Post and prizes will be awarded. Also, along the same lines, the Hertford Business and Professional Women's Club will be awarding prizes for the best colonial costumes worn during the July Fourth celebration. The BPW Club will also be holding a morning bake sale.

When the parade ends at Perquimans High School, the Perquimans County Jaycees will take over with contests and games for

the young and old. Some of the events scheduled include a sack race, three-legged race, wheelbarrow race, a dunking booth, a pie eating contest, and a duck booth and fish pond for the younger set. The Jaycees will also have hamburgers, hot dogs, lemonade, iced tea and ice cream for sale.

A softball game sponsored by the Lion's Club under the chairmanship of Jimmy Byrum is set for 2 p.m. at the high school.

An evening fish fry sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. also at Perquimans High.

There will be a horse show

beginning around 1:30 p.m. sponsored by the Perquimans Horse and Pony Club at the club ring site about four miles west of Hertford. There will also be a show sponsored by the Hertford Saddle Club at their ring site beginning around 1 p.m.

The July Fourth activities will be ended with a fireworks display on the Perquimans River sponsored by the American Legion to be held around 9 p.m.

With all the activities listed above, residents of the county along with out-of-town friends and relatives can expect a grand ole time with plenty of fun on July 4th.



CONCERNED OVER CRIME — N.C. Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmisten told members of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission that he was concerned over young people involved in crime today. Edmisten was guest speaker at the ARPDC meeting held Friday night in Edenton.



NEW ARPDC OFFICERS — New officers of the regional commission sworn in by Rep. Vernon James at the Friday night meeting included (l. to r.): T.R. Spruill, chairman; Lester Simpson of Perquimans County, secretary-treasurer; and John Bell, vice-chairman. (Newbern Photos)

Regional Commission Meets; New Officers Take Oath

By KATHY NEWBERN

North Carolina Attorney General Rufus Edmisten told a crowd of about 160 people that young people involved in crime is the thing most crucial in his mind at the fourth annual meeting of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission (ARPDC) Friday night.

The meeting held jointly with the Albemarle Area Development Association was held at the Jaycee Building in Edenton.

Highlights of the meeting include the installation of new ARPDC officers and the presentation of the Duke of the Albemarle award.

William B. Gardner, outgoing chairman served as master of ceremonies and presented awards.

Sen. Melvin Daniels introduced Edmisten, guest speaker for the evening. Among his comments, Edmisten praised the work that is being done in Raleigh by Sen. Daniels and Rep. Vernon James. He said, "It's no picnic up there (Raleigh) now. Last week was a very agonizing week. Programs had to be cut that help the people. Education was cut and I think that's bad."

Edmisten added that his years have taught him that the decisions need to be made on the local level. "I am thoroughly against centralization of government," he said. He encouraged those present to speak up about what is wrong today. He commented, "Especially a group like this should never

say that citizens are helpless because if you can't do it, who can?"

Concerning crime and young people, Edmisten urged the public to "help

that young person from ever taking that first step." "To start with, let's don't cut down on education. Ignorance breeds contempt and lawlessness."

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