

# Several appear before Commissioners

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The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday night with all members present. Several individuals appeared before the Board.

The first was Charles Skinner Jr., chief of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department and County Fire Marshal. Skinner presented a report of fire activity in the county during the last calendar year. He asked that his report (which appears elsewhere in this edition) be recorded in the minutes in order to allow permanent record of fire department activity.

He pointed out that most calls come in between noon and 6 p.m. with the second heaviest shift being from 6 p.m. until midnight. Skinner also pointed out that of the 22 volunteers in the Hertford Fire Department, an average of 12 answer each call. "This I feel," said Skinner, "is an excellent situation. We feel pretty good that we do have better than half of the department responding to each call." Skinner also pointed out that an average cost to answer a fire call is \$329. He said the Hertford department was alerted and dispatched to 14 calls last year that were not the responsibility of the depart-

ment. This resulted, according to Skinner, is about \$4,200 of unnecessary cost. He explained that more careful review of the situation before dispatching units might alleviate the problem.

Skinner also discussed some problems with the county's central dispatch system. He said, "I think the majority of the dispatchers are doing the very best they can." He added, "We've got the best equipment money can buy and Perquimans County is looked to as a leader in central communication." The Board agreed to work with those involved to insure a smoother operation of the dispatching service.

Skinner also presented a report of his activities as County Fire Marshal explaining that the cost for the year was \$156,70. He said, "I think this is a low operation figure for the amount of effort put forward."

Skinner then discussed the need for group insurance coverage of firemen as opposed to having each department in the county purchase separate insurance. Board Chairman Lester Simpson authorized Skinner as Fire Marshal to look into this matter and report back to the board.

Skinner then expressed

the opinion of needing written agreements for mutual aid between fire departments. The Board asked Skinner to take this idea to the individual departments in the county.

Before moving on to other business, the Board heard a request from Skinner to establish a fire prevention code in Perquimans County. It was pointed out that such a code exists for the Town of Hertford. No action was taken.

Second to appear before the Board was Ms. Janice Fountain, representative of International Systems, Inc. That group, she explained, can be hired to research and apply for grants for its customers. She presented information concerning the business and its operation in an effort to have the county subscribe to its services. She explained that the firm has had 80-85 percent of all grant applications funded and these funds have been used for a variety of things from civic centers and highway improvements to swimming pools for recreational use and day care centers. The firm currently serves four counties and seven cities in North Carolina and is now seeking to add seven subscribers in the eastern part of the state. She outlined the services offered and explained that the county's fee for participation (based on population of 0-10,000) would be \$15,000 per year. That fee she explained would be refunded if International Systems, Inc. failed to secure at least that much in grant monies during the year. No action was taken, but the Board agreed to consider the proposal.

The Board also heard from Naomi Hester concerning the Albemarle Area Council on Aging ac-

tivities. She pointed to program involvements of the group and interaction with other agencies involved with services for senior citizens. Following her presentation, Ms. Hester summarized four points relative to the county. She said, first, "the agency is recognizing more and more that there seems to be strong support of senior citizens at the county level." A group of 12 senior citizens was present with her for the meeting. This interest she said might warrant a senior citizens' council on the county level.

Secondly, she pointed out, a need exists in Perquimans County and Region R for a homebound meals program. Her third point was the major problem related to lack of transportation for senior citizens. And finally, she said there is strong interest locally in the development of a senior citizens' center.

Budget was the next item on the agenda. Paul Gregoray, Gregory, Director of the Perquimans County Department of Social Services, presented the department's proposed 1978-79 budget to the board. The total budget for the year is \$1,278,469 of which \$181,578 represents county funds. This total shows a \$14,567 increase representing an 8.7 percent increase over last year. Gregory went through the proposed budget explaining unusual circumstances in any of the 13 budget areas. In action taken, the Board tentatively approved the budget as presented pointing out that formal approval had to come with the total county budget.

In other budget matters, the Board heard from Nancy Bailey representing the Museum of the Albemarle. Also present was Mrs. Donald Heatherington of

Hertford, Chairman of the MOA Board of Directors. Before presenting the request for Perquimans County, Ms. Bailey outlined some long-range plans of the museum including an effort to have the local museum affiliated with the N.C. State Museum of History. She outlined the benefits of such action. The museum's total proposed budget for 1978 is \$26,615. The request for Perquimans County is \$1,200. Ms. Bailey explained that budget expenses are up 8.4 percent over last year, but that the request to the counties are up higher than that basically due to the fact that the total funds requested of participating counties were not received last year. Approximately 7,000 people visited the museum last year, she said, and an estimated 315 people from Perquimans County were included of which 170 were students. While no formal action was taken, the Board agreed to consider the request and offered support of the museum and its program offerings.

The Board then went into executive session to discuss hiring and salaries related to the countywide water system.

In other action, Chairman Simpson read a letter from the Perquimans County Board of Education requesting five two-way radios to use on the schools transportation vehicles if the county has this extra equipment. The Board agreed to check with departments on hand concerning this.

In action taken, the Board approved a motion to transfer by means of a contribution the funds in the capital reserve school building fund and turn this over to the Perquimans County Board of Education.

# Board of Education meets

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session Monday night with all members present.

First on the agenda was discussion of budget preparation for 1978-79. The Board expressed the idea of having several special budget meetings to review the budget prior to admitting it to the County Commissioners for approval.

In other fiscal matters, the Board discussed investment of capital outlay funds. No action was taken.

In personnel matters, it was agreed that school principals would meet with the Board on two days in April to review faculty and to make personnel recommendations.

The Board also approved the employment of Rosa Modlin as an aide in the special education program at Perquimans High School.

The Board then went into executive session on

several personnel matters with no action taken.

In program areas, the Perquimans County Community Schools program was discussed as well as how the local program would tie-in with the six-county Alliance for Progress Community Schools project.

The Board also discussed requirements for graduation and diplomas and whether or not these requirements are to be determined by the local board or the state.

Information concerning non-promotional data was presented to the Board as recommended from the state department.

In action taken, the Board approved a community based alternative program to work with students with discipline problems, truancy, indifference to school, etc.

A status report on the field house project at Per-

quimans High School was presented. It was pointed out that the architect has plans well underway and the Board is hopeful that plans will soon be complete and ready for Board review.

The Board also heard a status report on Phase I of construction-renovation at Perquimans High School. The architect, it was explained is proceeding with plans. Phase I will consist of both renovation and new construction. That new construction will be adjoining the present library building and will include some new classroom areas. Renovation to the present library building in order to tie it in with new construction is also planned. Another area of renovation outlined in Phase I is to the gymnasium and agricultural area. This should include dressing rooms in the gym and classrooms in the shop area. Some new expanded library areas are also planned.

# Police report recent activity

The Hertford Police Department has released the following arrest for this week.

## ARREST

Michael Wayne Spivey of 132 Market St., Hertford, (Age 21) was arrested on March 15 at 8:45 a.m. by Chief Marshall Merritt and Patrolman J.R. Logan on charges of breaking and entering and larceny of Hertford United Methodist Church and breaking and entering and larceny of Pitt Hardware and possession of stolen property.

The break-ins occurred on March 11 at the Methodist Church and

March 15 at Pitt Hardware. Stolen from Pitt Hardware was \$542.34 in merchandise that has been recovered, and \$97.04 of church property was recovered.

Trial date has been set for the May term of Superior Court.

Spivey was taken before District Judge Grafton Beamon on March 15 for a first appearance. Judge Beamon set bond at \$500. Spivey could not make bond and is presently in the Albemarle District jail. He has a court appointed lawyer, Walter Edwards Jr. of Hertford.

# Yearly fire report

Charles Skinner Jr., Chief of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department, presented the following report of activities for 1977 to the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners in their regular meeting Monday night.

The department answered 39 calls in the county during the year, 24 in Hertford, 8 service calls, and 3 out of county calls.

During the year, the following calls per township were answered: Parkville - 17; Bethel - 9; New Hope - 7; Hertford - 5; and Belvidere-Nicanor - 2.

Mutual Aid response was given to the following by the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department during 1977: Intercountry - 8; Winfall - 5; Bethel - 4; Belvidere-Chappell Hill - 3; N.C. Forestry Service - 1; N.C. Highway Patrol - 1; and Elizabeth City - 1.

The following is a breakdown of the type of

fire calls answered during the year: 23 dwellings of which 3 were a major loss, 4 mobile homes of which 3 were a major loss, 4 commercial buildings, 3 related to farm equipment, 4 farm structures, 10 vehicles, 14 grass and woods fires, 1 false air alarm, 1 chemical related fire, and 8 service calls.

At the meeting, Skinner also presented a report of his activities for the year as County Fire Marshal.

During the year, Perquimans County Schools were inspected three times, 8 nursing homes were inspected; 5 foster child homes were inspected, 1 elderly nutrition food center, 1 day care home, 1 Headstart center, and 4 civic club meetings were attended to present fire safety programs.

He also assisted the Bethel Fire Department to secure department rating.

# Comedy scheduled

"The Fourposter", a warm and tender comedy about the joy and trauma of marriage by Jan de Hertog, will be presented at College of The Albemarle on April 7 as the final event of the COA Community Lyceum's 1977-78 series.

Jerome U. Rhees, Lyceum chairman, said today that Stage Two, a division of Fedyszyn Associates of Norfolk, Virginia, will stage the production at COA's gymnasium. Stan Fedyszyn, well known Tidewater

theatrical figure, directs the sensitive comedy. He is the artistic director of the Norfolk Theatre Center and produces the Stage Two series.

The theatrical company produces professionally performed intimate theatre and offers a repertoire of five shows of which "The Fourposter" is included.

Lyceum subscribers will be admitted to the performance by membership card. A nominal charge will be made for general admission.

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