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## A Long session for commissioners

In a lengthy five hour session, the Board of Commissioners met November 20 and heard from the newly formed North Carolina Water Resources Framework Study. With the state's growing need for comprehensive water resource planning, the study was set up to ensure that we continue to have enough water to meet our needs and also preserve the quality of our environment.

With the demand for water increasing every year, it was agreed that the study could benefit the community in years to come. It was pointed out by Steve Reed from the North Carolina Water Resource Planning Board that the public must be informed of what this means. Reed said, "Broad-based citizen participation is vital to the success of future planning efforts."

The Framework Study is the result of a year-long effort by scientists, engineers, planners, elected officials and other citizens from all over the state. It outlines the overall water resources situation in each of the major river basins. With the Framework as a guide, decision makers can view water problems and opportunities with better insight.

In other business, Bill Oetker representing the Alliance for Progress, was interested in what position the county would take on a computer project the six-county alliance is planning. Three of the six counties are committed to the data processing. The cost per county drops considerably with every county committed. The commissioners did not take any action at this time.

Jack Revelle of Edenton wished to study the possibility of establishing an FM radio station in the county. Revelle has investigated the possibility with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) and his attorneys will meet with John Matthews, Attorney-At-Law representing the county, to square away any legal matters. The study is in the earliest stages and it would be premature to draw any conclusions other than what was stated in the meeting.

Macon Johnson, owner of the White Hat Road subdivision, asked for help from the commissioners after splitting lots not in accordance with the Perquimans County Planning Board. Johnson met with the planning board November 16. He was told that the problems must be worked out with that board.

## Search continues for vandals

HERTFORD — Apparently driving around armed with an icepick, vandals the night of November 20 punctured tires on 14 cars including the patrol car parked behind the municipal building.

Chief Marshall Merritt said November 21, "I want them bad." There is \$100 reward for information leading to an arrest.

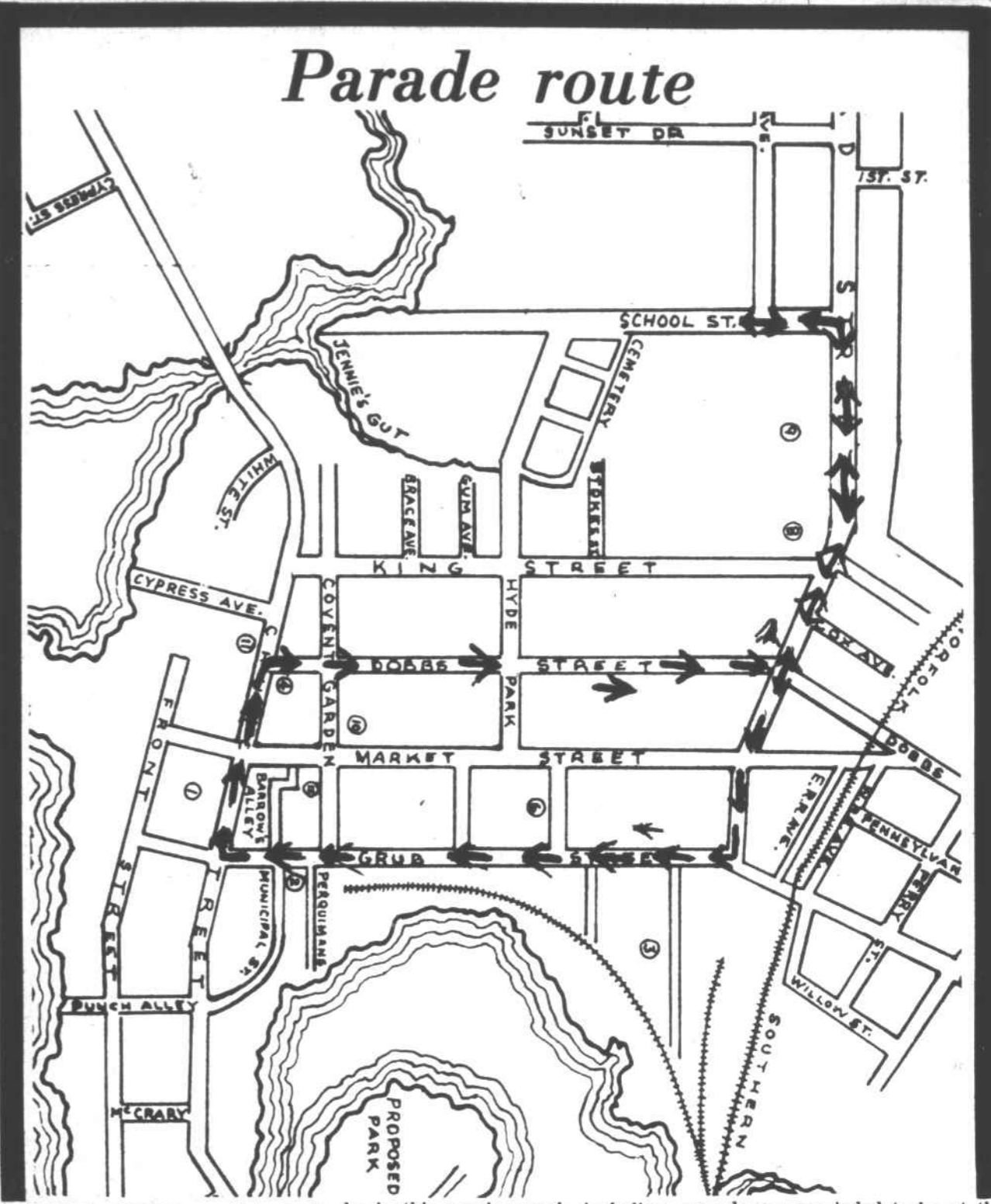
The vandalism was reported to the dispatcher at 9 p.m. by the Rev. Charles Bullard of the Hertford Baptist Church, 124 W. Market St.

The minister said after practice members of the choir went to the church parking lot to find their nine cars all resting on flat tires.

Merritt theorized that the vandals then went to the police station and circled into Church and Front

Streets, puncturing tires of five more cars.

Calling the incident "pretty senseless" the Chief said there had to be more than one person involved. One probably drove a car while another jumped out with an icepick. The Hertford Police are investigating one lead in the case at the moment.



PARADE ROUTE — Saturday's Christmas Parade in Hertford will begin at 2 p.m. Around 30 units will be in this year's march, including four musical units. Those in the parade are reminded to be at the high school by 1:15 p.m.

## Project operating

A pest management services project is in operation in Chowan, Perquimans, and Pasquotank counties. It is unique in that an economic evaluation component is plugged in.

The project, funded by Coastal Plains Regional Commission, is designed to provide pest management services to growers and for all major crops; to organize grower participants into a business cooperative; and to evaluate the economics of the services and the value of business provided.

Mike Williams is the pest management agent assigned to the project and Steve Riddick is the farm management specialist. They work under the umbrella of the county extension chairman as well as with Clyde Weathers, economist and John Van Duijn, entomologist, all of N.C. State University.

The project is unique in that while it is a pilot program growers on the

6,000 acres involved pay a portion of the cost for scouting and for nematode-soil sampling and analysis.

Riddick said all participating farmers are also involved in the farm business records program. "Through the project we will be able to evaluate the financial benefit obtained through pest management," he noted. "The project is designed to see if pest management is economically feasible."

Williams added that soil sampling and scouting will enable them to pinpoint problem areas and recommend corrective measures. In this light, he emphasized that this is an agricultural extension program which will give chairmen and agents more timely and accurate reports on conditions thereby allowing them to make more specific recommendations as to what farmers can do.

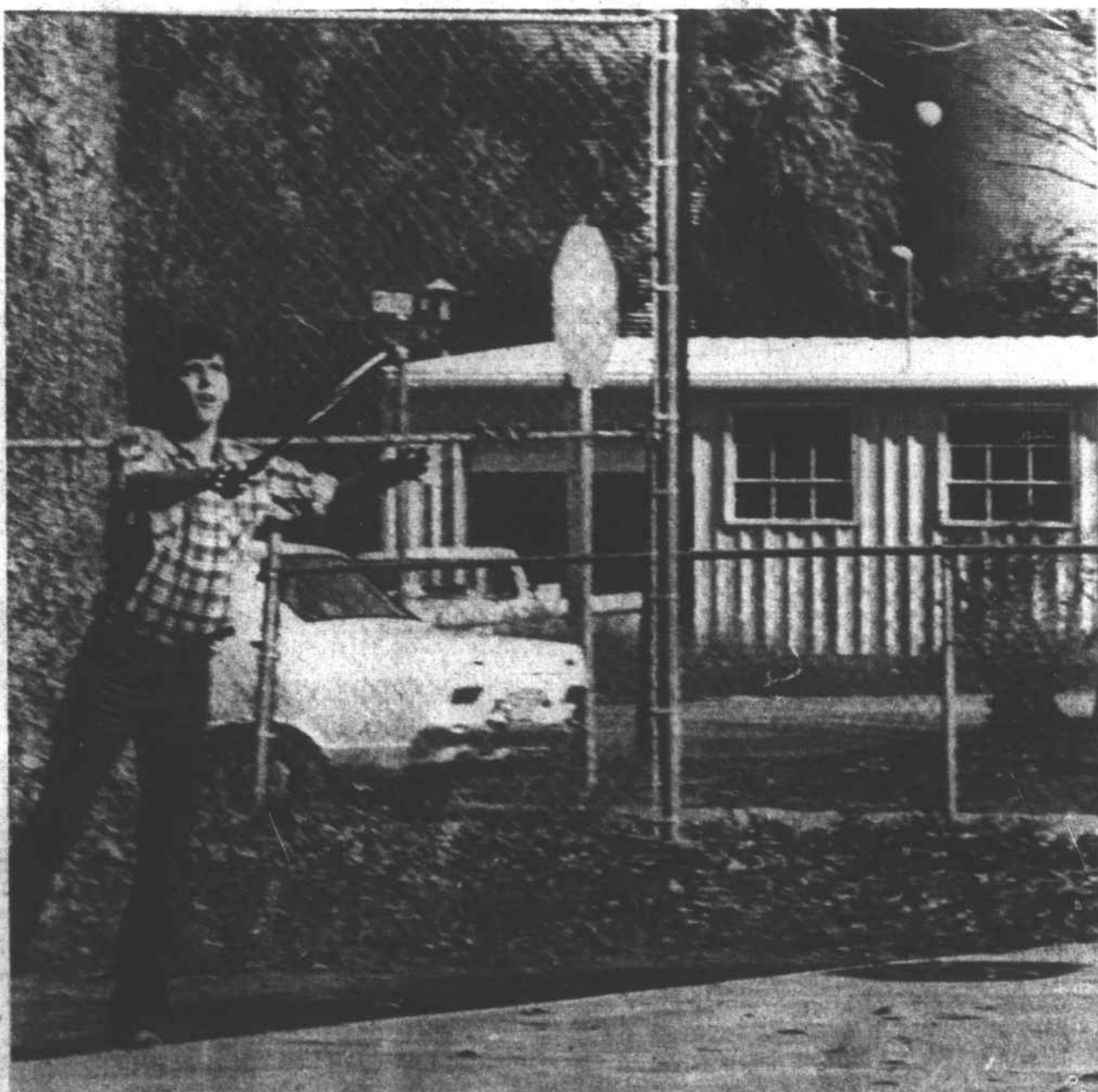
## 'Seal' underway

More than 200 people from across the state attended a luncheon at the County Club of North Carolina at Pinehurst in support of the 1978-79 Christmas Seal Campaign for the North Carolina Lung Association.

Last year the Eastern Lung Association's Christmas Seal Campaign raised approximately \$97,000. This money was used to fund such programs as workshops, health fairs, school programs, patient services, scholarships, research and other projects that are essential to the health needs of local communities. However, this year's

Christmas Seal Campaign is running several thousand dollars behind last year's efforts.

Mrs. M.B. Taylor, of Hertford, Board Member of the Eastern Lung Association said, "Our worthwhile programs are imperiled this year by the lack of contributions. It is imperative that we join together to support the fight to prevent and control lung disease. This is why it is important that the people of this county support the Eastern Lung Association's Christmas Seal Campaign."



The local people saw some new faces dotted around the community this past holiday. Doug Gaines, from the Virginia Military Institute and guest

of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray of Hertford, decides to practice on his tennis swing at the Hertford Recreation Center. He is the friend of the

Murray's daughter who is now teaching in Virginia. (Staff photo by Tony Jordan)

## Berry named

Ben Berry, Assistant Cashier of Peoples Bank and Trust Co. in Hertford, has been named by the Young Bankers Division of the North Carolina Association to coordinate the activities of Project TELL (Teach Economic Literacy Lectures) in Perquimans County. Project TELL is the primary public service effort of the Young Bankers Division.

The statewide program was developed by the Young Bankers Division in cooperation with the State Department of Public Instruction. Project TELL makes available the experience of young bankers as resource people for classroom lectures on economic subjects. It is designed to supplement economic education programs offered through the public school system.

Each county representative is provided a kit of approved classroom lectures on economic related subjects, but flexibility of presentation is one of the chief assets of the program.

"We encourage all of our representatives to work closely with the teachers and try to deal with whatever economic related subject they feel will be most helpful as a supplement to the courses they are teaching," said Benjamin A. Wilson, Jr., of Fayetteville, president of the Young Bankers Division.

Project TELL was originated by the Young Bankers Division in 1963, and is rapidly gaining recognition for its contributions to the improvement of economic literacy among the young people of North Carolina.

## Eastern and Regional EMS meeting held in Hertford

HERTFORD — More than 100 people from the Emergency Medical Service Regional Council as well as the Eastern Carolina Emergency Medical Service Board of Directors were the first to tour Hertford's newest building, the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission Building located just outside of the town. Each group held their November meeting there last Wednesday.

Ted Plum, assistant director of ECEMSS, Inc., was the speaker for the regional EMS meeting. Plum brought the council up to date in matters pertaining to the 1203 Federal Grant Process and urged the council for their continued support and cooperation.

Those representing Perquimans County were Talmadge Rose, Board member; Marsh Massey from the Health Department; Seymore Chap-

pell, H.B. Miller, Emmet and Jeanette Elmore from the Perquimans County Rescue Squad; and Rita Ernst, ARPDC secretary.

In other business, the regional council sent a priority list and justifications for each item to Raleigh for review in hope for possible state funds. Fourth on the list of 11 items, is a Hazardous Material Training Kit costing \$100. The Hertford Fire Department

has formed a Hazardous Materials Response Team. The team is being prepared to instruct in Handling Hazardous Material Incidents for fire departments, rescue squads, law enforcement, or other emergency service units in the ten county region.

First on the priority list are three mannequins to aid in teaching local people of artificial respiration. In order to reduce death, the council

adopted a project to teach the course to as many as possible in the region. In May of 1977, 38 individuals were certified by the North Carolina Heart Association as CPR instructors. The problem has been securing an adequate number of mannequins for the course. The Heart Association advises a ratio of one mannequin for every five students.

EMS is making major strides to serve this rural area due largely to

the local agencies and departments. Bill Underkofler, ARPDC advisor from the Office of Emergency Medical Services, remarked after the meeting of the region's "pull together spirit". "In the two years that I've been associated with EMS what seems remarkable is the unselfishness of the counties. If someone needs something, everyone is glad to see them get it. The needs of the ten counties always come first."