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Additions to be Made in Water System

By TONY JORDAN

Rivers and Associates were on hand to help the county commissioners on "good problems" with the county-wide water system in the regular session. The "good problems" are how to spend money to be made by the system.

Rivers and Associates, engineers of the system, submitted their proposal Monday for use of \$52,000, a figure that Melvin Howell, County Supervisor of FmHA feels the county can spend at this time. FmHA has loaned the county \$1,500,000 at the beginning of the project.

Approximately half of the money, \$22,780, would go toward the Little River area, State Road 1328, if the plan is adopted. It was pointed out that this water pipe line was in the original plan, but was dropped because of trouble in obtaining a right-of-way.

used in the proposal is: \$14,440 to be used to run pipe line in River View Park, \$3,805 for pipe on Anglers' Cove Road, \$2,330 across Highway at the Y formed by Highway 17 and 37, to newly proposed medical center, and \$9,000 for Bulk Salt Tank System.

Roy Perkins explained to the commissioners the importance of the fiberglass tank that fits inside the present tank. The town of Winfall has already installed in their water system the bulk salt workings. According to Perkins, it eliminates corrosion and cuts salt usage considerably. "It will pay for itself in 6 to 8 months, at least in a year," Perkins said. He also noted that compared to the bag salt treatment, the way the county is presently operating, bulk salt is cheaper and takes fewer man-hours.

NO DECISION MADE ON BUILDING PERMIT CHANGE

No decision was made on whether

the commissioners would change the present \$1 permit for building dwelling and housing facilities in the county. Sam Long, County Electrical and Building Inspector told the commissioners, "It doesn't seem right that a man can build a \$1,000 house and pay a dollar and another man can build a \$100,000 house and still pay a dollar."

Long informed the commissioners that the counties of Camden and Currituck and the cities of Elizabeth City, Edenton and Plymouth are presently operating under this graduated systems.

According to Commissioner Marshall Caddy, public opinion has been expressed on this issue. "Before we make any decisions we need to discuss it more." The commission decided to wait until further meeting to come to some conclusion.

SUPPORT TO CASUAL CENTER

Gordon Williams, Director of Administrative Services at the Casual Center in Kinston, asked the com-

missioners for support in making the oldest state center for the mentally handicapped a Intermediate Care Facility.

Williams pointed out that nine Perquimans County people are in the center and only one is under ICF. The others are in "custodial care".

The commissioners agreed to support the center. If the North Carolina County Commissioners Association does not pass a resolution to aid the center in state funds, Perquimans County may be asked to spend approximately \$8000 for these handicapped Perquimans residents.

A letter was sent to the NCCCA to support the resolution that would make state funds available to the center. Of the 31 counties in which Caasual Center serves, 24 have agreed to support the work to make it ICF.

SPECIAL MEETING

Paul Gregory, Director for Perquimans County Department of Social Services, informed the com-

missioners of the renovation and work needed at the building on Dobb St. The state requires that the department must talk to only one client in a room at the time. Gregory said the staff needs more rooms.

In addition, leaks in the roof are apparent. Gregory noted that the heating and air-conditioning system can not last much longer. The commissioners felt a special session is needed to discuss the department's problem.

CETA REQUIREMENTS MAY CAUSE PROBLEMS

New CETA regulations may cause trouble for the county in continuing to be funded in the Title VI program. At present, six people in the county are employed in the program. The new regulations require that more money be spent for classroom or off-job training.

Ervin Bibb, problem shooter in CETA regulation, was present to help the group. He pointed out that each year the training aspect would

become more important. At present, \$42,492 of CETA money is received in the Title VI program in the county every six months. Ten percent of the money is to be used for training starting in April. By 1982, 22 percent is to be used for training and instructional learning.

A motion was adopted to table the issue for a review to be made before the next scheduled meeting.

SUBDIVISION MEETS REQUIREMENTS

Leslie Narron was present to get complete approval of the subdivision he and Billy Harrell are beginning. A right-of-way and a question of the road were the only objections of the commissioners in the last meeting.

The commissioners voted to accept the disclosure statement presented. The Planning Board has already approved. The Health Department will inspect the site in the near future. There was some question about the private road by one of the commissioners.

The remainder of the money to be



NEW COURTHOUSE ENTRANCE—The Perquimans County Courthouse has recently received a face lift. The sidewalk and entrance has been renovated to appear as it

did years ago. One citizen who uses the front door very often, Sheriff Julian Broughton, is shown above enjoying the beautiful front. (Staff photo by Tony Jordan)

Open House Set At Fire Station

Being able to lend a helping hand is the key to any small town's prosperity. Another quality is its citizens' willingness to share in the endeavors of work throughout the community. One group which certainly exemplifies this quality is our Hertford Fire Department.

The fire fighters will be holding open house in the newly built fire station located on Grubb St. for all those sharing the unwelcome task of helping fight the Winslow Oil Company fire.

According to Fire Chief Charlie

Skinner, the fire department will be serving crackers and soup on Sat. Feb. 10 a year and a month after that historical day. Open house will be from 4 to 8 p.m. crackers and soup being symbolic of what was served to the fireman on Jan. 10, 1978.

Fireman Sid Eley will present a slide show of pictures taken at the scene of the fire, worst in the history of the town.

Captain Skinner invites all of those who helped in any way to join with the fireman for soup and conversation.

Deadline Nearing

In addition to being cold February may also be a costly and worrisome month for many North Carolina motorists, according to the Division of Motor Vehicles of the State Department of Transportation.

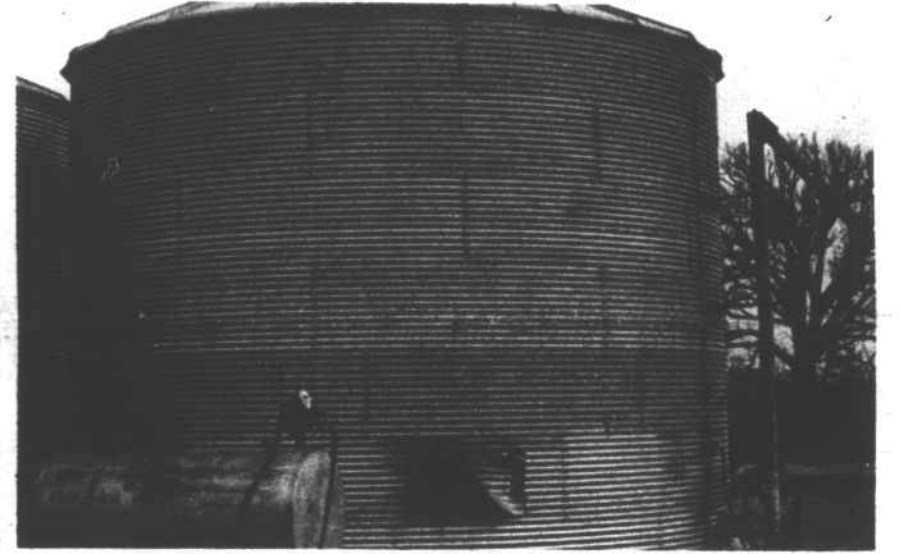
The vehicles department reports that during the first two weeks of registration renewals about 200,000 fewer license plates and stickers had been sold, compared to the same period last year. Sales began Jan. 2, and will end at midnight on Feb. 15. License plates and stickers may be purchased after that date, but motor vehicles not displaying the 1979 numbers will be in violation of the law.

Owners who have not received a

1979 renewal card should notify the motor vehicle division immediately by telephone at (919) 733-6505 between 8:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. A renewal card will be issued and mailed to the vehicle owner.

Failure to display the 1979 stickers and plates by midnight on Feb. 15 is a misdemeanor. Conviction of this offense may result in cost-of-court fines, which are \$27 in most cases.

The motor vehicles department urges motorists to take advantage of the next several days to purchase licenses to avoid the last minute rush, which likely will result in long lines of people.



Lucky Cartwright's Grain Bin

Tragedy Averted

A near tragedy was averted Jan. 23 when a Perquimans County Rescue Squad team answered a call to help free Lester Whidbee, 22, of New Hope. Whidbee was trapped in the middle of a corn bin in the Woodville section of the county.

Upon arrival, Keith Haskett and Helen Mae Murray found the man buried to his mouth in corn, with every move threatening his envelopment. Workers at the scene had erected barriers of plywood and tin to shore up the corn.

Haskett said as soon as they arrived they threw the oxygen tank to Whidbee who had been trapped in the bin for nearly two hours.

According to Whidbee, he went in to the bin to break up large hunks of molded corn so it would not clog up the auger getting the corn out of the bin. It was then his pant leg was grabbed by the auger. Whidbee said after that it "happened so fast."

With an axe, a hole was cut into the side of the bin. The inner door was forced open with other tools. After shoveling out the corn until it descended to waist-deep, Whidbee was pulled out with no apparent physical harm to his lower extremities.

"We knew there was a way to free him, but for about a half hour we were genuinely frightened for Whidbee's life," Haskett said.

Changes in Perquimans Weekly Staff Announced

Mrs. Jean Winslow of 106 N. Front St., Hertford, has been appointed general manager of The Per-

quimans Weekly. She joins Tony Jordan as news editor and Mrs. Paige Eure in circulation who have been on the newspaper's staff for some time.

The present staff members have formed a team to reorganize and expand services, both in advertising and news coverage, to residents of Hertford and Perquimans County.

Mrs. Winslow replaces Ray Ward who was general manager for the past six years. Ward resigned to operate his own grocery business in Hertford which he purchased recently. During his years with the newspaper Ward developed many friendships and established a cooperative spirit for the staff and community.

In her new role with The Perquimans Weekly Mrs. Winslow will be responsible for advertising and will assist in all phases of the newspaper operation. In general management Mrs. Winslow will rely on cooperative efforts of the entire

phases of the operation in addition to each's respective responsibility.

Mrs. Winslow is the wife of Julian E. Winslow Jr., president of Winslow Oil Co. She is a graduate of Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va. and is active in the North Carolina Colonial Dames. She is an active member of the Perquimans County Rescue Squad and is a member of

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Her hobby is gardening.

Jordan joined the newspaper staff several months ago as a reporter. In the reorganization Jordan will be the news editor and will be responsible for the news content of the newspaper. Jordan and other staff members are involved in a personal development program to upgrade skills.

Jordan's improved service will include expanded news coverage of events in Hertford and Perquimans County and more depth reports of activities which affect the lives of

NEW HOURS SET

In order to better serve its readers, the Perquimans Weekly will be open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Deadline for personals, features, and news that has already happened will be Monday at noon for the Thursday publication. Other news will be accepted until Tuesday at 10

The Perquimans Weekly readers. He is presently establishing regular news beats which will include all public and volunteer organizations in the town and county.

Jordan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jordan of Rt. 3, Hertford. He graduated from Perquimans County High School and attended Louisburg College and College of The Albemarle. He is a member of Mt. Siani Baptist Church.

Mrs. Eure joined the newspaper staff in May, last year. She has worked primarily in distribution of the newspapers and will assume responsibility for all circulation in the new team concept. Each staff member will assist each other in remodeling the weekly newspaper to provide the best news and advertising product possible, and to expand distribution to as many readers as possible.

Mrs. Eure is the wife of Burt Eure of Rt. 3, Hertford. She graduated from Perquimans County High

Methodist Church. Her hobbies are cooking and ceramics. She likes and participates in local sports.



Paige Eure



Jean D. Winslow

Tony Jordan