

County Asked For Funding

The County Commissioners met Monday evening to discuss topics ranging from renovation of the Social Service office space to resignations of county employees.

Paul Gregory, social service director, discussed renovation plans for the Social Service office space in the Agriculture Building. He reported that the Social Service Board has requested an additional \$15-20,000 (over and above the \$25,000

already budgeted) for renovations to provide for present and projected future use. In a related matter, the commissioners moved and passed a resolution to increase by \$5 the amount Social Service Board members receive for attendance at their meetings (from \$20 to \$25.) Agriculture Stabilization Conservation committee member Floyd Matthews presented a re-



WHO'S THAT IN THE PINK SUIT? — While the identity of the Bunny at the left remains a mystery, other participants in the Jaycette Easter Parade are well known: left to right,

Wendy and Jamie Hudson, Lindsey Riddick, Leary and Clint Winslow, Tawanda and Buck Nixon, Denise and Tripp Brown, Tony McCotter and Celeste Chilton.

Hearing Is Slated

On September 18, 1978, the North Carolina Utilities Commission issued an order instituting an investigation into the causes of the high cost of retail electric service furnished by Virginia Electric and Power Co. (Veeco) to its retail customers in North Carolina. Veeco was ordered to furnish data and file a report with the Commission. The Utilities Commission has scheduled this matter for hearing for this area on Wednesday, April 25 at 11 a.m. at Knobbs Creek Recreation Center, 200 E. Ward St., Elizabeth City. This hearing is for the receipt of any testimony from public witnesses.

not come under the jurisdiction of the North Carolina Utilities Commission. He is attending the hearing because "whatever concerns Veeco's retail customers would be representative of A.E.M.C. customers' concerns." The Commission is exploring the differences in retail rates to the customers of Veeco, Duke Power, and Carolina Power and Light.

Brown stated that a settlement had been reached between Veeco and the A.E.M.C., effective December 28, 1978, concerning a proposed wholesale power rate increase by Veeco and opposed by A.E.M.C. last fall. Final approval on wholesale rate increases rests with the Federal Energy Resources Commission in Washington, D.C. which has not given final approval to the Veeco-A.E.M.C. settlement.

Librarian Gets Post In Oxford

Perquimans County Librarian Wayne Henritze has resigned effective April 30 to take over the directorship of the Richard H. Thornton Library, the public

library of Granville County in Oxford, N.C., and its three branches. According to Henritze, "although I am well pleased with the Perquimans County Library and its excellent staff, professional and personal ambition dictates that I accept the new job." Henritze came to Hertford and assumed his duties as county librarian in January 1977. He is a member of the Hertford Fire Department and the Hertford Lion's Club.



He is a graduate of Oglethorpe College in Atlanta, Ga. and of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science of the University of Tennessee. Henritze will assume his new duties in Oxford on May 1.

The commissioners received the written resignation of County Agriculture Extension Chairman Richard Bryant "with regret." Bryant is leaving county service with a disability retirement.

Also announced was the resignation of County Librarian Wayne Henritze who is taking a library post in Oxford, N.C.

County residents are asked to note that night meetings of the County Commissioners, effective May 1, will begin at 8 p.m. instead of the present 7 p.m.

Damage Was Heavy During Home Fire

The smell of charred, damp wood hangs heavy in the air as you approach the fire-damaged home of James and Linda Boyce. The fire occurred Tuesday, April 10 at 9:45 a.m.

The fire, believed to have originated in the utility room, caused extensive damage to the

kitchen, utility room, downstairs bathroom and den with heavy smoke damage to the rest of the house, furnishings and personal belongings.

No one was home at the time of the fire. Boyce, a Hertford policeman, is currently attending the Police Academy in Elizabeth City. Mrs. Boyce is employed at Chowan Hospital and their sons, Carlton, Elmer, and Robert, were in school.

Mrs. Boyce said that friends, neighbors and their church have been most generous in assisting them in their

time of need with, among other things, gifts of clothing. The boys said that their teachers also have been quick to offer assistance.

Destroyed in the fire were all of officer Boyce's uniforms. The fire also melted his badge and badly damaged his pistol, pistol belt and walkie-talkie.

The family is staying temporarily at the home of Mrs. Boyce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darbis Copeland of Tyner. No final estimate of damage has been made by their insurance company.

Arrest Is Made Following Raid

A midnight raid at the home of Leslie Wilson, Jr., 54, 319 Stokes St., in the Hertford Housing Authority development, resulted in the arrest of Wilson and confiscation of liquor, cigarettes and sodas.

Armed with a search warrant, Police Chief Marshall Merritt, Patrolman James C. Boyce and Patrolman Robert K. Morris went to the residence on Saturday night acting on information that an illegal operation was being conducted on the premises.

Wilson was charged with possession of tax-paid whiskey for sale; possession of malt beverages for sale; and failure to obtain a privilege license to sell cigarettes and soft drinks. He was released in his own recognizance by Magistrate Broughton T. Dail, Sr.

Youth Charged After Car Chase

Sometimes the law enforcement officer is at the right place at the right time - or from the lawbreaker's standpoint, the wrong place at the wrong time. This was the case at 11:45 p.m., Thursday, April 12.

Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt was north-bound on Church St. at Grubb when he saw a south-bound vehicle sideswipe a parked van, continue through the intersection and pick up speed down Church.

Patrolman Robert L. Harvey and Deputy Sheriff Victor Lamb assisted in the chase which ended with the suspect's vehicle wrecked in a ditch on Balahack Rd.

The driver of the fleeing vehicle was a 16 year old who was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol; hit and run-property damage; driving 70 mph in a 35 mph zone; and failure to stop for a blue light and siren. The

Leaving Post

Richard H. Bryant, the NCSU campus for 25 years of service with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

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He was honored last month at an awards banquet during a conference of extension workers on

Jaycees Elect New Officers

New officers of the Perquimans County Jaycees were elected at the regular monthly meeting Thursday, April 12.

and Stallings. Copeland is from Winfall and Stallings is from Belvidere.

Elected were Thomas L. Riddick, President; Edward Byrum, Administrative Vice President; Ray Winslow, Internal Vice President; Parker Newbern, External Vice President; Gregg Biggs, Recording Secretary; Richard Copeland, Corresponding Secretary; and Bobby Harrell, State Director. Elected to the Board of Directors were: Steve Lane; Billy Layden; Billy Nixon; Edgar Roberson; Kelvin Roberson; Allen Lassiter; Frank Brown; and Kenny Stallings.



FIRST ANNUAL FIELD DAY — annual field day for exceptional youngsters participating in the first children display their awards.

Change Noted In Meet Date

The Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission, ARPDC, has announced that their next meeting, scheduled for April 19, has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 26. The reason for the change is due to the scheduling of Democratic Precinct meetings also set for April 19.

Children Get More Than Token Awards

The first annual field day for exceptional children was held on Wednesday, April 11 at Perquimans Central Grammar School. One hundred-twenty children from the ages of five through 18 participated. The events included the 50 yd. dash; 220 yd. dash; softball

throw; standing broad jump; running broad jump; bean bag toss; and walking race. Fourteen of these children will travel to Greenville to participate in the North Carolina Regional Special Olympics on April 28 to be held at East Carolina University.

Jeanie Umphlett and Billy Stallings are directing the Perquimans County Special Olympics program. Mrs. Umphlett expressed "great appreciation for the support of the school system, the Coca-Cola Co., and the Perquimans County Jaycees and Jaycettes."

Meeting Changed

The Superintendent of the Board of Education, Pat Harrell has announced that the Board of Education meeting which had been scheduled for April 16 has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 26 at 8 p.m. in the Superintendent's office.

Elements Fail to Halt Spirits During Parade

Despite the bad weather, there was a good turnout of 150-200 participants at the Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Department.

Winners of the Easter Egg Baskets were: Amy and Michael Lavezzo, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Lavezzo, Jeff Lightfoot, son of Joseph Lightfoot, and Patricia Moore, daughter of Pauline Moore.

In the 0-5 age group the children who found the most eggs were: Tiny Hayes, daughter of Vadesa Hayes and Stephanie Stallings, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thach.



PRIZE WINNING EGG-HUNTERS — Happy youngsters display their prizes won at the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Perquimans County Recreation Department held at Hertford Grammar School.