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Board Has Variety Of Items on Agenda

The Perquimans County Commissioners met on Monday in regular session with all commissioners present.

The first item of business was the reappointment to the Library Board of Etta H. Turner. Her two-year term will expire in October 1980.

Roofing bids for the Agriculture Building which houses the Social Services Department were discussed. Since the bids were incomplete, a decision could not be reached on the roofing issue.

A short discussion of budget concerns followed, but it was decided to table any budget matters until the following even-

ing when the first of several county budget sessions will be held. The first public budget hearing was at 8 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Allen Copeland of Copeland Communications, came before the commissioners to ask about renting space on the county radio tower for a community repeater. This community repeater would retransmit signals of mobile radio equipment and base stations of business concerns. The 500 foot tower presently plays host to two other such repeaters in addition to the county's mobile radio system.

Copeland learned that

he could rent tower space at a rate of \$.50 per foot of height above the ground and on a non-interfere basis with the Sheriff's Dept. broadcast antenna.

Floyd Matthews reported to the commissioners on the status of the continuing soil survey being conducted in the county. The survey is sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service with a federal grant. Matthews said mapping was 60 percent complete. The accelerated soil survey is about 50 percent complete near the three year mark of the six year program.

David Boyce, a resident of Matthews Acres,

presented a petition from residents requesting that State Road 1301 be accepted by the state for road maintenance. The commissioners passed a motion that requests the state to accept the road.

The County Water Works was discussed. The county presently has about 1,600 water customers. County Finance Officer, Durwood Reed suggested that the system might be run more efficiently and that ways be found to do so.

Wellie White reported that the Dispatch Board has appointed Sheriff Julian Broughton as supervisor of the dispatch system, reporting to the commissioners. He is to keep all records and see that all invoices are paid on time and see that all maintenance is carried out. The appointment was made for a 90-day trial period beginning May 1.

A letter was brought before the commissioners, received from State Representative Charles Evans. Evans requested that the commissioners support a proposed state law that would give Clerks of Superior Courts in rural counties certain authority in the absence of District Court Judges.

The court clerk would be empowered to do the following after a felony arrest has been made: 1) Conduct a first appearance hearing; 2) Appoint counsel; and 3) to set bond.

These duties would only be carried out by the clerk if a District Court Judge was not scheduled to hold court within 96 hours. At present, the sheriff is required to take a defendant to the nearest point in the judicial district where a judge is available. The bill was requested by the North Carolina Sheriff's Association.

The commissioners passed a motion to support the bill.

The last item on the commissioners' agenda concerned the vacant County Agent's post. Applications are currently being accepted for the position. It will be decided at future budget meetings if the county will be able to hire both a County Agent and an Assistant County Agent.

Following the meeting, the commissioners were guests at a luncheon given them by the County Extension Homemakers.

Demos Plan Convention

Archie T. Lane, Sr., Perquimans County Democratic Chairman, has announced that the county Democratic Convention will be held at 1:30 p.m., May 19 at the Perquimans County Court House.

All county Democratic Party officers will be elected at the convention. Also elected will be the delegates to the state convention.

"All Democrats are urged to attend," Lane said.



SWING THAT PARTNER — Square dancers from the "Harbor Lites" of Stug Harbor perform for the annual Hertford Volunteer Day. Church St. in front

of the court house was blocked off for the performance.

Time Should Be Allowed To Get Proper Numbers

Those people thinking about summer jobs and counting on getting a Social Security number before starting work, should know that they need to allow enough time to receive the number.

Many people may not realize that it takes longer to get a Social Security number than it used to. From six to eight weeks is the average time required.

At the same time, many employers will refuse to hire a person without a Social Security number because of the

potential record keeping problems it poses.

An employer needs the correct Social Security number to report the employee's wages for Social Security purposes.

Each applicant for a Social Security card must provide evidence of age, identity, and U.S. citizenship or residency status. The type of evidence and how it can be submitted depends on a person's age.

People 18 or over applying for a card for the first time must apply in person at the Social Security office.

To establish age and

citizenship, persons should bring an original (not photocopy) birth certificate or church record of birth or baptism. If neither of these is available, another document may be used if it shows the date of birth or age.

A second record, such as a driver's license, voter registration, passport, or marriage record, is also needed as evidence of identity.

People under 18 may apply for a card either in person or by mail. They can call and ask the Social Security office to send them a copy of the application form SS-5. The same proof of age and identity is needed as for people over 18.

All applications are sent to the Social Security central office, checked against existing records, processed, and the cards are sent directly to the person applying for the number.

The Elizabeth City Social Security office is located at 111 Jordan Plaza next to Southgate Mall (phone 338-2161) and is open 9 to 4:30 weekdays.

Local Man Held

Waymar Billups was arrested late Monday afternoon in New York City by special agents of the FBI on a fugitive warrant for inter-state flight to avoid prosecution. Billups, a Hertford native, offered no resistance at his arrest.

Billups is a suspect in the armed robbery and shooting of Isaac Lowe at his residence, 212 S.

Edenton Rd., Hertford, last Feb. 19. Lowe suffered one bullet wound in the face, one in the neck and one in the face during the robbery.

According to Hertford Police Chief, Marshall Merritt, the police department developed the information on March 21 that led to the arrest warrant in the case.



BANQUET — Lion Claude Brinn was Toastmaster for the 40th Anniversary Banquet of the Hertford Lions Club. At the banquet, Archie T. Lane was

honored for his 40 years with the club. Lane is the only remaining charter member of the Lions Club. The banquet was held Thursday evening.

Council Hears Reports On Hertford ABC Sales

The Hertford Town Council met Monday night with all councilmen present. Cecil E. Winslow reported on sales in the Hertford ABC store. April sales for 1979 were \$31,010.65 compared to \$31,304.80 for 1978, a decrease of \$294.50.

Mayor Cox announced that the County is turning Title 6 (CETA) over to

the town. This will enable the town to have 20 people for jobs from June 1 to September 31. He said that there were many jobs to be done, such as cleaning up the back lot and Hollowell Oil Co. property. He stated also that Billy Wooten will employ some of the people for the Recreation Department. Qualifications are

that employees must be under a specified income, and unemployed for 12 months.

A request was made from the Band Boosters Club asking for funds for uniforms for 95 members. No direct action was taken until the next meeting.

The Board expressed support of Chamber of

Commerce's concern over "rip-offs" encountered by merchants, as reported in the Perquimans Weekly two weeks ago. Two other ordinances were noted: there is an ordinance prohibiting bicycles on the sidewalk; anyone who is not an established businessman must have a peddler's license."

Home To Be Opened On Tour

By LUCILLE WINSLOW

Cove Grove, owned by the Joshua Skinner descendants, is an unusually impressive coastal plantation house. It shows both the boldness of the Greek Revival and the delicacy of the Federal period. Its builder, Benjamin Smith Skinner, acquired small tracts of land beginning in 1818 to form Cove Grove Plantation.

About 1830 he built the mansion which has been owned by Skinners ever since. (A tradition says he wished to provide his wife, Elizabeth, with a dwelling like that of her father, Col. James Leigh of Land's End. Another tradition claims Col. Leigh himself built Cove Grove for his daughter.)

Benjamin Skinner was a prominent planter, a patron of education, and

was also the virtual founder and principal supporter of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in Hertford.

Cove Grove is listed in the "National Register of Historic Places" as "A large transitional Federal-Greek Revival plantation house in an undisturbed wooded setting on Old Neck Road, an early road lined by a number of plantation

houses." Its nearest neighbors are Riverside, the ancestral Winslow house, and the James Leigh Skinner home, owned by Benjamin S. Skinner's son.

Guides will tell visitors to the house all about it on May 23 when the Museum of the Albemarle tour members may visit it from 1 to 6 p.m.



Cove Grove To Be Open On Public Tour