

Letters From Our Readers:
Editor's Mailbag



Board urged not to raise taxes

I am sorry that I cannot be present at your budget meeting tonight. However, I would like to make a few comments on the proposed budget for 1979-80.

As you already know, I think that the county budget should be reduced to the point where a tax levy of \$1 per \$100 valuation would cover the county's needs. You know better than I that it can be done. More importantly, it should be done.

All of you were elected to office by the citizens of Perquimans County and agreed to represent us when you took your oath of office. Your decision now to reduce the tax rate would truly represent the feelings of the tax payers of the county.

I understand that all of you are under a great deal of pressure from the many heads of offices, departments and the superintendent of schools, all claiming they need every cent of their budget and can't possibly cut another penny from their proposals. And right here is the crux of the matter - they all appear personally, at your meetings to persuade, insist, cajole and demand more money for their departments and it becomes more and more difficult for you to hear that "silent majority" the taxpayers of the county, because they are not presenting their budgets to you.

On the contrary, they are relying on you to speak for them and that means among, other things, resisting the pleas and demands for ever increasing budgets.

You know of course, that no department head will ever voluntarily reduce his or her budget. Last year you raised the tax rate .05 per \$100 valuation. This year you propose to raise it again. You, gentlemen, are the only persons in the county that can stop that trend.

You simply have to say "we're not going to raise it again." I believe you should do that because it is sound fiscal policy and that would truly represent the feelings of the tax payers.

J.P. PERRY, JR.
306 Front St.
Hertford, N.C.

No respect shown at graduation

Last Friday night at the Perquimans County High School graduation exercises, I, along with several others with me, noticed the same outlandish behavior that is getting worse each year.

It is a pity that there are people who do not have enough common decency to show respect to the graduates and those involved with graduation (speakers, guests, singers, etc.). Every year they show the same disrespect and graduation is now at the point that most people dread going.

I know that it's usually hot and uncomfortable in the gym, but those are circumstances that we cannot change. Loud talking so others cannot hear, yelling at the graduates as they receive their diplomas, and leaving (in large groups) while someone is speaking (especially during benediction) can be stopped. I feel that if someone can't act like an adult human being, it would be better for all concerned if they would stay home.

I hope that next year things will be different and the class of 1980 will have a little more to be proud of. Give them the respect they deserve that other graduating classes didn't get.

Lynn Hurdle
Class of 1978
503 Castleton Ave.
Hertford, N.C.

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"Father's Day, Mother's Day — there's a difference?"

Permit officer gets training

Local Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) permit officers are receiving training for handling minor development permits in

designated Areas of Environmental Concern. The training is being held June 11-14, at the N.C. Marine Resources Center on Roanoke Island.

developers with projects in AECs, and other permitting responsibilities.

The training course is sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources' and Community Development's Office of Coastal Management. Permit officers must complete the course prior to the local governments issuing the CAMA minor development permit.

Coming events

THURSDAY, JUNE 14
Perq. Co. Jaycees.

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 8 p.m. in the Hertford United Methodist Church.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17
Snug Harbor Civic League will meet at 1 p.m. at the home of the President Cathy Mumm; please bring chairs. In case of rain, meeting will be held in Club House.

MONDAY, JUNE 18
Perq. Co. Bd. of Comm.
Perq. Co. Bd. of Education.

Memory Lane Senior Citizen Club will meet at Ext. Bldg. at 2 p.m.

Perq. Co. Social Service Bd. will meet in old Agriculture Bldg. 7:30.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19
Bel-Ch Hill Ladies Aux. Perq. Masonic Lodge will meet 8 p.m. Lodge Hall.

Snow Hill Whitehat Homemakers Club.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20
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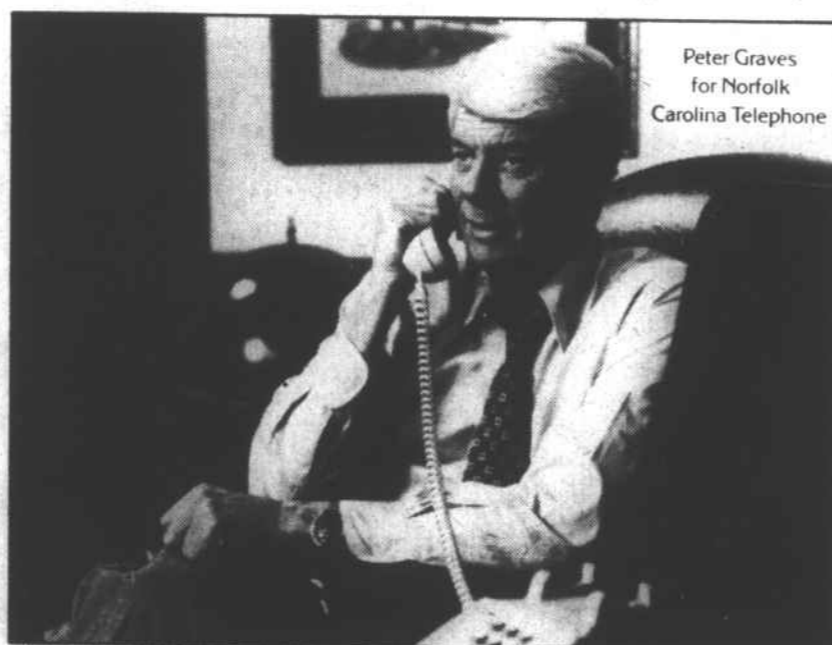
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NOTICE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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We accept applications continuously, but cut-off is June 18. For detailed information contact Marshall Merritt, Chief of Police.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 1979-80

PROPOSED BUDGET

BASED ON AN ASSESSED VALUATION OF \$100,000,000

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners, at their regular meeting on Monday night, June 18, 1979 at 8:00 p.m., will hold a public hearing concerning the proposed 1979-80 County Budget which is shown in summary below.

The first portion of this meeting will be dedicated to budget matters, both General and Federal Revenue Sharing.

Any citizen shall have the right to provide oral and written comments and suggestions concerning all budget matters.

GENERAL COUNTY FUND: Consisting of the following Accounts:

Commissioners	\$ 8,577	Fire Depts.	\$ 15,460
Elections	6,818	Health	37,153
Finance	13,112	Medical Examiner	1,620
Tax Dept.	63,141	Social Services	233,120
Reg. of Deeds	35,997	Extension Services	29,587
Public Buildings	141,427	Veterans Services	2,866
Sheriff's Dept.	67,700	Library	24,700
Rescue Squad	18,000	Non-Departmental	34,250
Jail-Prisoners	28,225	Conservation-Forest Serv.	30,540
Emergency Dispatch	36,380	Dog Warden	6,792
TOTAL REQUIREMENTS:	\$ 910,141	REVENUE: Tax Levy @ .48	\$ 480,000
		Other Sources	430,141
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 910,141
DEBT SERVICE FUND:	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS: \$ 122,000	REVENUE: Tax Levy @ -.02	\$ -0-
		Other Sources	122,000
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 122,000
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND:	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS: \$ 54,602	REVENUE: Tax Levy @ .02	\$ 20,000
A.F.D.C. and G.A.		Other Sources	34,602
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 54,602
SPECIAL TAX-Indust. Development	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS: \$ 2,000	REVENUE: Tax Levy @ -.02	\$ -0-
		Other Sources	2,000
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,000
SPECIAL TAX-Revaluation Reserve	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS: \$ 18,000	REVENUE: Tax Levy @ .015	\$ 15,000
		Other Sources	3,000
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 18,000
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUND:	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS: \$ 170,505	REVENUE: Tax Levy @ -.02	\$ -0-
		Other Sources	170,505
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 170,505
COURT FACILITIES FUND:	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS: \$ 3,800	REVENUE: Tax Levy @ -.02	\$ -0-
		Other Sources	3,800
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 3,800
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS: \$ 64,000	REVENUE: Tax Levy @ -.02	\$ -0-
		Other Sources	64,000
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 64,000
GENERAL SCHOOL FUND: Local	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS: \$ 645,785	REVENUE: Tax Levy @ .015	\$ 365,000
		Supplement Levy @ .10	120,000
		Other Sources	160,785
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 645,785
SUMMARY	SUMMARY	SUMMARY	
CAPITAL OUTLAY (Schools)	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS: \$ 175,500	REVENUE: Tax Levy @ .10	\$ 100,000
		Other Sources	75,500
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 175,500
WATER SYSTEM FUND	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS: \$ 301,065	REVENUE: Tax Levy @ -.02	\$ -0-
		Other Sources	301,065
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 301,065
		TOTAL REQUIREMENTS:	\$ 2,427,398
		REVENUE FROM TAX LEVY @ 1.10	1,100,000
		REVENUE-OTHER SOURCES	1,327,398
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,427,398

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Jeanne C. White, Clerk
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners