

Planning change may be needed

It appears that the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners will consider loosening its subdivision regulations slightly to make it easier, and less expensive, for the individual property owner to sell a single lot.

The only real change proposed by the county planning board is that the property owner could sell up to four lots from the same parcel of land without preparing a subdivision plat and appearing before the board.

This would save the both the planning board and the property owner some time, and would save the property owner some expense.

Regulations on lot size, highway access, and other such matters would still apply.

Any change in the subdivision regulations must be approached with caution, however. The regulations are designed to protect the consumer, as well as to protect the county from shoddy development.

The current tangle that the property owner encounters when he attempts to sell property, though, borders on the ridiculous and needs to be straightened out.

It isn't the fault of the planning board or the commissioners, but the red tape associated with the selling of property is enough to make the little man apprehensive about even selling a lot.

If the loosening of the subdivision definition will make matters simpler, it might be a good idea.

No public hearing has been set as yet on the matter, but if the change is found to be both legal and feasible, the public may get a chance to make its opinions known.

Looking back

COUNTY WELFARE SUPERVISOR TENDERS RESIGNATION TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Mrs. Ruth Davenport Blanchard, County Welfare Supervisor for the past five years, tendered her resignation to the board of County Commissioners at the meeting held last Monday. The resignation is effective the first of January, or as soon thereafter as a new supervisor is appointed to the position. In her letter or resignation handed to E. M. Perry, chairman of the board, Mrs. Blanchard expressed her regrets that she must leave Perquimans and thanked the members of the board for the cooperation they have given her during the years she has served as welfare officer. Mrs. Blanchard plans to join her husband, Lucius Blanchard, Jr., in Ahoskie, where he holds a position as editor of the Hertford County Herald.

JAMES R. WHITE IN NAVY: James R. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. White, has enlisted and been accepted in the United States Navy, according to a letter received by Mr. White from Commander Chandler of the Richmond Recruiting Office.

LOCAL BOY NOW WITH FORCES IN ICELAND: Friends and relatives of William Aulden (Red) Elliott, who recently joined the U.S. Army Corps, will be interested to know that he has arrived safely in Iceland, and it is reported by his mother, Mrs. Mattie Elliott, that he likes it fine and is getting along nicely.

SPECIAL MEETING OF TOWN BOARD: The Commissioners for the Town of Hertford met in special session on Wednesday night, for the purpose of passing an ordinance for the issuance of \$2,000 worth of bonds for the payment of repairs now being made to the water tanks at the Municipal Plant. The ordinance was so passed.

News briefs

Bradshaw to speak at Cove

Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Tom Bradshaw, will speak at the Albemarle Area Development Association's Annual Banquet, Tuesday, December 11, 1979, 7:00 p.m. at Angler's Cove Restaurant, Hertford.

According to Larry Davenport, President, the annual Banquet will provide an opportunity to recognize an outstanding industry or business in each county.

Communities will receive awards and recognition for development and progress in the area.

Tickets can be obtained at the Perquimans County Agriculture Extension Office from Marjorie Fields. The price of the tickets is \$7.00, which includes the social hour beginning at 6 p.m. and the steak dinner beginning at 7 p.m.

Nowell appointed

Governor Jim Hunt named Joseph W. Nowell, Jr. of Belvidere to the Marine Fisheries Commission. He replaces William M. Smith of Atlantic who resigned. Nowell will serve the remainder of Smith's term which ends June 30, 1980.

Nowell is a farmer and is chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners. He has served on

the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce and the local Industrial Commission.

The commission consists of 15 members, all appointed by the governor. Members serve for a term of six years. The commission is responsible for protecting, preserving and enhancing the commercial and sports fisheries resources of the state.

Squad honored

The Perquimans County Rescue Squad was honored recently for making the most outstanding call of a three month period.

The honor came at an Area 1 squad meeting held in Bertie County.

Perquimans County was recognized for a rescue in which a county man was taken to the hospital following a chainsaw accident.

nearly severed when another man, who was sawing in a tree above him, nearly fell from the tree, and dropped the chainsaw on Lane.

Lane was taken to John's Body Shop at the intersection of U.S. 17 and N.C. 37, and from there he was rushed to the hospital by squad members Jack Symons, Susan Chappell and David Peckham.

Lane has since recovered the use of his arm.



My turn

MIKE McLAUGHLIN



The small man stood in a corner off to himself, dressed in bib overalls and a plaid shirt, and with a short little hat crammed down on his head that looked like someone had sat on it.

At first glance he didn't look that bad. Sure his ears stuck out some, and his nose was a little sharp. But he didn't look any different from your average less than perfect human specimen.

That is until he stretched his lips across his face in a cheek-bone to cheekbone leer, then sucked up his mouth into a tight little knot with his lips poked out like a fish. I said to myself, "This guy has got to be at least the third ugliest man in the country."

And sure enough, he was. Right backstage at the Band Booster's Variety Show I had run head on into the third place winner in the National Enquirer's ugly contest.

This guy was ugly enough to break mirrors at a glance, and if he finished third, they probably don't let the first two places out in public. Might be dangerous.

Walter Miltier is his name, and the 66 year old gentleman got into the ugly business purely by chance.

A friend who had seen his faces brought him an entry blank for the contest and he entered and won.

The third place honor netted him a round trip ticket to Philadelphia and \$50 cash money. There followed a brief flirtation with notoriety as Miltier appeared on the Mike Douglas show and made faces at a Suffolk race track.

He said the facial contortions are not hard to produce, but if you've got any teeth, forget it.

"You'd be surprised how flexible the human face is without teeth," Miltier said. To prove it, he bulged out his eyes, squatted at the knees and proceeded to produce the most hideous face I've ever seen.

A peanut inspector by trade, Miltier said he learned to make faces by practicing them in a mirror while soaking his false teeth.

Mostly he does it for fun, and he mixes in a little philosophy with his performance.

"Some people are ugly by choice," Miltier said, "and some people can't help it."

He said there are thousands of people walking the streets who are ugly as sin and don't even realize it. Miltier, though, has chosen to be ugly and nobody gets a bigger kick out of his faces than he does.

His wife, on the other hand, isn't that tickled. His antics embarrass her, and when there are faces to be made, she stays at home.

And there's one more drawback. Those faces are as painful to make as they are to look at.

"I made faces for two and a half hours at the Suffolk race track and by the time I got home I couldn't hardly eat supper 'cause my jawbones were so sore," Miltier said.

He was paid \$20 for his appearance at the race track but said that if the band boosters offered him anything he would turn around and give it right back.

"Maybe Walter Miltier isn't such an ugly fellow after all," I thought to myself... You sure couldn't prove it by looking at him, though.

Letters to the editor

Boycott of J.P. Stevens

Editors, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY.

Local 505 of United Paperworkers International Union, employees of Union Camp Corporation, Franklin, Virginia, urges all of its members and concerned citizens to join in the boycott of J. P. Stevens Company products.

J. P. Stevens Company has a long history of illegal activities. Since 1963 they have been found guilty of 136 violations by the National Labor Relations Board. This is more violations than any other company in United States history. Some of the violations include threat of reprisals, interrogations, discriminatory discharges, coercion, wage cuts, refusal to bargain, threatening union supporters, spying and many others.

As of 1975, Stevens paid its North Carolina workers on an average of \$54.67 (31 percent) less per week than the average United States production worker, although on the consumer level there is no significant difference in prices when compared to other textile manufacturers.

Help us win the fight against J. P. Stevens Company. Please don't buy their products sold under these names and labels: Utica, Tastemaker, Fine Arts, Meadowbrook, Snoopy (comic strip character), Gullistan, Forstmann, Yves St. Laurent, Suzanne Pleshette, Dinah Shore, Angelo Donghia, Cacharel, Ava Bergmann and Hardy Amies.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Dan S. Clements
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Suffolk, Va. 22434

We think it is wonderful that there is a band in the school now, but why after all of these years is the Marching Unit getting the brush-off?

We noticed as we were watching the Thanksgiving Day parades on T.V., most of the bands were led by majorettes. These were some of the biggest bands in the country. As the Marching Unit and the band are two separate organizations, why couldn't the Marching Unit still perform?

La Claire Rogerson deserves an awful lot of credit. She has worked hard all of these years. She has done so many things for the kids that were not included in her job. It hasn't been an easy job, as there was an awful lot of responsibility involved.

Maybe people will wonder how we know about all of these things. We were two of the parents that were involved when the Unit was organized, and were involved for four years.

We've always had a special interest in the Unit and are very sad and disappointed that they will no longer represent our town and county.

Bill & Jessie Cox
Hertford, NC 27944

Review of the weekend

Editors, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY:

People of all ages lining the streets of Hertford—laughter, children beaming, grownups excited—this was the scene Friday, Nov. 30 at 4 p.m. as the annual Christmas Parade sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees got under way. The schools, civic organizations, churches and other groups supported their efforts by participating with quality floats showing creativity, keeping with the theme, performance, and good overall appearance. Long hours and hard work by the Jaycees and the participants made it all possible. From the remarks I have heard, viewers were not disappointed!

Perquimans County High School auditorium approximately three-fourths filled—anticipation by the audience—excitement by some of the performers—this was the scene Saturday night at 8 p.m. as the Band Boosters Variety Show was about to begin. For the very small price of \$2, there was entertainment for everyone, whatever their taste. The money goes toward buying uniforms for this very talented group of young people, under the direction of Mr. David Ziemba. If you haven't heard them, you really have missed a treat. They captured first place in the float division here on Friday, and first place in the float division in Edenton on Sunday. That speaks for itself!

My thanks to the Jaycees and the Band Boosters Club for sponsoring the events this past weekend. The leadership shows how much they really care about helping young people reach their potential. They deserve our whole-hearted support in each event they sponsor. I call it WORKING TOGETHER FOR PROGRESS!

Sincerely,
Marjorie Fields
County Agr. Extension Secretary

Thank you extended to the marching unit

Editors, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY:

As the Perquimans County Marching Unit will no longer be performing, we would like to say a special thanks to the people that helped organize the unit 17 years ago.

La Claire Rogerson, Kitty Nowell, Dave Halleck, Anna Harmon, Betty Beers, the late Mr. E. C. Woodard, Mr. J. T. Biggars, Larry Aydtlett of the Chamber of Commerce, Janice Boyce, and there are others who worked long hard hours, gave their time and talents, and didn't receive any pay for years.

None of these people had any children in the unit. They did this because they were interested in our youth, as we did not have a band to represent the school at this time.

The unit has marched in parades such as the Lions International in New York and Atlantic City, New Jersey, performed in Raleigh for the late President Lyndon Johnson, at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington D. C., in the Citrus Bowl Parade in Florida, numerous times in the Oyster Bowl parade in Norfolk, Va. and in Christmas parades in many towns in Eastern North Carolina.

The Unit has always represented our town and county in such a way that we were always very proud of them.

Food stamps use increasing

RALEIGH — Major changes in the food stamp program that took effect in January and March of this year have resulted in a 68 percent increase in the number of low-income people in Perquimans County participating in the program.

In July 1979, there were 1,279 residents of the county participating, compared to only 763 in July 1978. The total value of the stamps issued in July 1979 was \$36,803.

Even with this increase in participation, there are still

3,303 people in the county who are eligible for the program who are not participating based on estimates from the Division of Social Services of the N. C. Department of Human Resources.

Many changes have taken place in the program this year as a result of food stamp reform legislation enacted by Congress in 1977.

John Kerr, chief of the Food Assistance Section of the Division, cited two changes:

The elimination of the requirement that people have to pay a certain amount of

their money in order to get a larger amount of food stamps became effective on January 1. Participants now receive a smaller amount of stamps at no charge.

Lowering the eligibility level to the federal poverty level on March 1 had little effect on the number of recipients in North Carolina because the vast majority participating already had very low incomes.

Kerr said that statewide there were 510,375 people participating in the program in July 1979, compared to only

375,011 a year earlier. This was a 36 percent increase.

"We still have 490,725 people across the state with incomes low enough to qualify for food stamps, based on estimates by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, who are not participating," Kerr said.

The total cash value of food stamps issued statewide in July 1979 was \$18.5 million. He estimates that over \$300 million in food stamps will be issued during the current state fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1980.

Competency scores

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Winslow said. "We need to do more than we're doing, but unless it's approached properly it could stir up a hornet's nest."

"Homes and churches haven't been doing their jobs and it's spilled over into the school system," Winslow said. "Preventive measures are important but hopefully some classes can be set up to deal with the moral aspect."

There was, however, some indication that the curriculum had been handled responsibly by those who compiled it.

Board member George

Baker said he had looked over the curriculum guide and had not found the topics included to be offensive.

Concern was expressed, however, over whether or not the material was to be presented in sexually segregated classrooms.

Harrell said that male and female students are already separated for health classes.

The general consensus of the board members was that the curriculum guide, distributed to the board in October, needed further study before a decision could be made as to whether or not to adopt it.

Property values are set for county

A comprehensive list of personal property values was approved at the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners meeting on Monday morning.

The values, which will be used to compute county taxes, reads as follows:

Cars-average retail; Trucks-average retail; Boats-low value; Outboard Boat Motors-low value; Inboard-Outboard Boats-low value;

Farm Tractors-book value for year and make; Farm Equipment-book value for year and make; Utility Trailers-\$50.00 to \$150.00, and C.B. Radios-\$25.00 to \$50.00, Base C.B. \$100.00.

Household & Kitchen Furniture: 10 percent of the value of the house, 10 times the monthly rent or \$150.00 per room.

Livestock: Cattle, Beef-\$150.00; Cattle, Dairy-\$200.00; Bulls, Registered-\$250.00; Bulls, Not registered-\$150.00; Calves-\$75.00; Sheep-\$10.00 and Goats-\$8.00; Top Hogs-100 lb. to 240 lb., 30 cents per pound or \$50.00 each; Feeder Pigs-60 lb. to 80 lb., \$25.00 each; Large Pigs 80 lb. to 180 lb., \$40.00 each; Sows

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