

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

Volume 36, No. 23

USPS 428-080

Hertford, Perquimans County, N.C., Thursday, June 5, 1980

20 CENTS

## Tentative budget set, tax rate up a nickel

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners approved on Monday a finalized draft of the 1980-81 county budget that totals \$2,457,075 and would add five cents to the county property tax rate.

The budget document is available for public inspection at the Register of Deeds office in the courthouse, and a public hearing has been scheduled Monday, June 9, at 8 p.m. to obtain citizen comment on the matter.

Included in the proposed budget is \$1,173,000 in local tax revenue based on a tax rate of \$1.15. The remainder of the

budget is funded from other sources.

Up some \$30,000 over the present year's budget, the proposal includes no stipend for the recreation department that is presently jointly funded by the county and the town of Hertford.

The recreation department had requested \$20,000 from the county, and it was suggested on Monday night that the money would come from revenue sharing funds not yet in the hands of the county.

Commissioner Welly White, however, argued that the department needed a more definite commitment. "They

need a firm figure, an obligation," he said.

But a commitment was not forthcoming.

"I'd like to see them get together and stick up for what they say," said commissioner Lester Simpson. "When they came in here they said they needed some money to get started and they wanted to be self-sufficient."

There is a movement afoot, however, that would make the recreation department even more dependent on the county for funding.

The Hertford Town Council is expected to meet with the

commissioners on Monday and ask them to increase their share in the department's expenses next year.

In another matter, the commissioners reversed themselves on an earlier decision and reduced the fee from \$50 back to \$15 for restoring water service to a customer who has had his water turned off because of a delinquent account.

No action was taken on a bill to be presented in the short session of the General Assembly that would require that a hunter have written permission in his possession

when hunting on another person's land.

The bill would also require that any rifle above a .22 would have to be fired from eight feet off the ground.

First district representative Charles Evans had sought support for the bill.

The commissioners also responded to a request for information from the Woodville Water Association, which has been forced through a petition by customers to take a vote on whether or not to remain independent.

A copy of the county water system's by-laws will be sent to the association, along with a

message that if the county purchases the system, Woodville customers would pay the same rates and receive the same services that other county water customers receive.

Representatives of the system had met with the board at a prior meeting to receive information in the event that the association is forced to sell out on a vote of its customers.

The commissioners also promised to "support whatever Woodville does to upgrade its system" in the event that it does not sell.

In another matter, the commissioners agreed to pay a \$304 bill for expenses connected with the recent Governor's Leadership Conference, but not without some comment.

"Minnie B. Taylor has presented me with a bill which I have not paid because frankly, I didn't know anything about it," said county finance officer D.F. Reed, Jr.

The size of the bill came as a surprise to the commissioners and initiated some response. "Next time I'll know how to say no," said Simpson.

Finally, the commissioners met with a group of Snug Harbor and Holiday Island square dancers who wanted to fix up the county-owned Blanchard Building for conducting classes and dances.

While they were sympathetic to the plight of the square dancing group, the commissioners said the building is presently being used for storage, and will eventually be renovated.

In addition, county attorney John Matthews issued an opinion that because the group wishes to remain segregated, it could not legally be allowed to use public property.



### 75 pedal for cystic fibrosis

Approximately 75 Perquimans County cyclists entered the Jaycee's Bike-A-Thon for cystic fibrosis on

Sunday, and the eight-mile event took its toll on many of the riders. Michael Stallings

(l) seemed to have some difficulty reaching the pedals on his giant tricycle, while Doug

Church's problem was more mechanical in nature—a near flat tire. Although no final

count was available as of press time, Jaycee president Doug Umphlett estimated

funds raised to be "around \$2,000." (Photos by NOEL TODD-McLAUGHLIN)

## PHS graduation set for June 11

Perquimans County High School will graduate some 112 students at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, in the school gymnasium.

School principal William Byrum described the number of graduates as "slightly down" from previous years, and added that he anticipated a larger graduating class next year.

Commencement speaker will be Dr. James Howard Jackson, professor of Business Education and Office Administration, Virginia Commonwealth University,

Richmond, Va.

Valedictorian for the 1980 graduation class is Charles Shelton Skinner. Class salutatorian is Charles Michael Bullard.

Marshalls for commencement exercises are: Juniors — Rene Bowser, chief; Lynwood Winslow, and Eddie Pierce.

Sophomore marshalls are Dianne Jordan and Deborah Hoffpaur. Representing the freshman class is Paige Hollowell and Sheila Perry.

No baccalaureate services will be held.

### For schools

## Capital outlay plan approved

A modified capital outlay plan has been adopted by the Perquimans County School Board that concentrates on redesigned vocational facilities at Perquimans High School.

The action was taken in a meeting on Monday night, at which schools superintendent Pat Harrell presented plans that would give all of vocational programs at the school expanded classroom-lab areas, and would include a new metal building to house the auto mechanics program.

A new construction program is slated to begin at the high school this fall, and Harrell said that it was felt that improvements should be made for old program facilities while making room for construction.

"We did not feel we could ignore the old programs," said Harrell, of agriculture, mechanics, and drafting classes that had been carried out in cramped quarters.

All of the programs will be grouped together in a wing of the King Street Building, with the new metal building, projected to cost some \$60,000, on the Edenton Road Street side of the building.

The capital outlay budget amounts to \$154,400 and the commissioners have also made a commitment to

provide an additional \$31,000 to the schools from future revenue sharing funds when needed, according to Harrell, and board chairman Clifford Winslow.

The high school athletic program (football in particular) will also receive some money in the coming year for improved facilities.

Locker-rooms at the back of the gym will be converted for use as dressing rooms at a cost of \$10,000, and public restrooms will be constructed at the football-baseball field that can eventually be expanded to include a field house.

Science lab renovations are also in store at Perquimans High, with a laboratory-classroom combination slated for biology and chemistry, and another for physical science.

There will also be an addition to the Perquimans Union Cafeteria for commodity storage at a cost of \$4,500, \$6,000 for energy conservation at school buildings, and \$7,900 for miscellaneous projects, along with \$40,000 in other expenditures.

The plan hinges on approval of the 1980-81 by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners.

## Summer migrant program to be conducted again

Parents of those children eligible for the summer migrant program met at Hertford Grammar School on Wednesday to hear a presentation from the program's coordinators and teachers on parent involvement.

The presentation was similar to one the teachers will present to Fayetteville educators in June.

Because of the national attention given the county's migrant program at the regional Migrant Education

Workshop in Philadelphia last summer, the Perquimans contingent has been invited to appear in Fayetteville.

The migrant program is a federally funded project designed to help those children who have relocated frequently due to their parents' occupation.

"It's for transients — those students who may fall behind in academic achievement because of the constant moves," said Gay Howe, summer migrant project coordinator, who is also a

migrant instructor at Hertford Grammar during the regular school year.

A migrant is defined by law as one with an occupation in farming, fishing, or forestry.

In order to qualify for the program, a student must have moved into the school system from another county or state, and his parents must meet the occupational requirements.

Students are served for five years in the migrant program beyond their first year in a community. According to Miss Howell, the U.S.

Congress made this provision to help "those who would be settling out" of the migrant stream.

During the regular school session, the Perquimans County migrant program serves some 120 students. Forty-five of these students are served in the area of mathematics at Hertford Grammar and Central Grammar schools. The remaining students, all high school age, do not attend a special class, but records, including immunization,

academic, and attendance information, are kept.

Miss Howell explained that it was up to the individual county to determine what area would be encompassed in the migrant program. "In Perquimans County, Title I meets the needs of the language arts and reading, so the migrant program was delegated to math," she said.

But the summer migrant program is all inclusive, covering a wide range of subjects including reading, math, art, music, and physical

education. "We feel it is a very well rounded program," said Miss Howell.

Instructors for the summer migrant program, all returning from last year, are John Lavezzo, art; Emma Lawrence, reading; Caroline Lavezzo, music; Parthenia Hill, mathematics; and Carolyn Rogers, physical education.

Other migrant staff members include Charlene Overton, who keeps all migrant records, and Estelle Felton, Community Service

Aid, who serves as a liaison between family and school. Morris Kornegay is the migrant director.

Last summer's migrant program received wide acclaim because of the extensive parent involvement. Parents had input in the programs, made a scrapbook on the summer's activities, and participated in weekly open house sessions in each subject area.

Perquimans County's migrant program enjoyed the

highest percentage of parent involvement in the state, according to Miss Howell.

And this summer's migrant program appears as though it will follow last year's success. "We're looking for 75 percent of the eligible boys and girls to participate in the summer program," said Miss Howell to the parents gathered Wednesday. She added that in the three summers of the migrant program, only one student had dropped out because of lack of interest.