

Weekly Perspective

Our view

Straighten up and fly right

The Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission in Hertford has been rocked with criticism in recent weeks, both from staff and member governments.

And while ARPDC director Robert Whitley blames the failure to complete three land use plan updates on inability to attract a qualified planner, the failure to complete contracted services does not cast ARPDC in a favorable light.

Combined, these kinds of problems tend to undermine the credibility of what could be a tremendous asset to the Albemarle region, a strong planning agency.

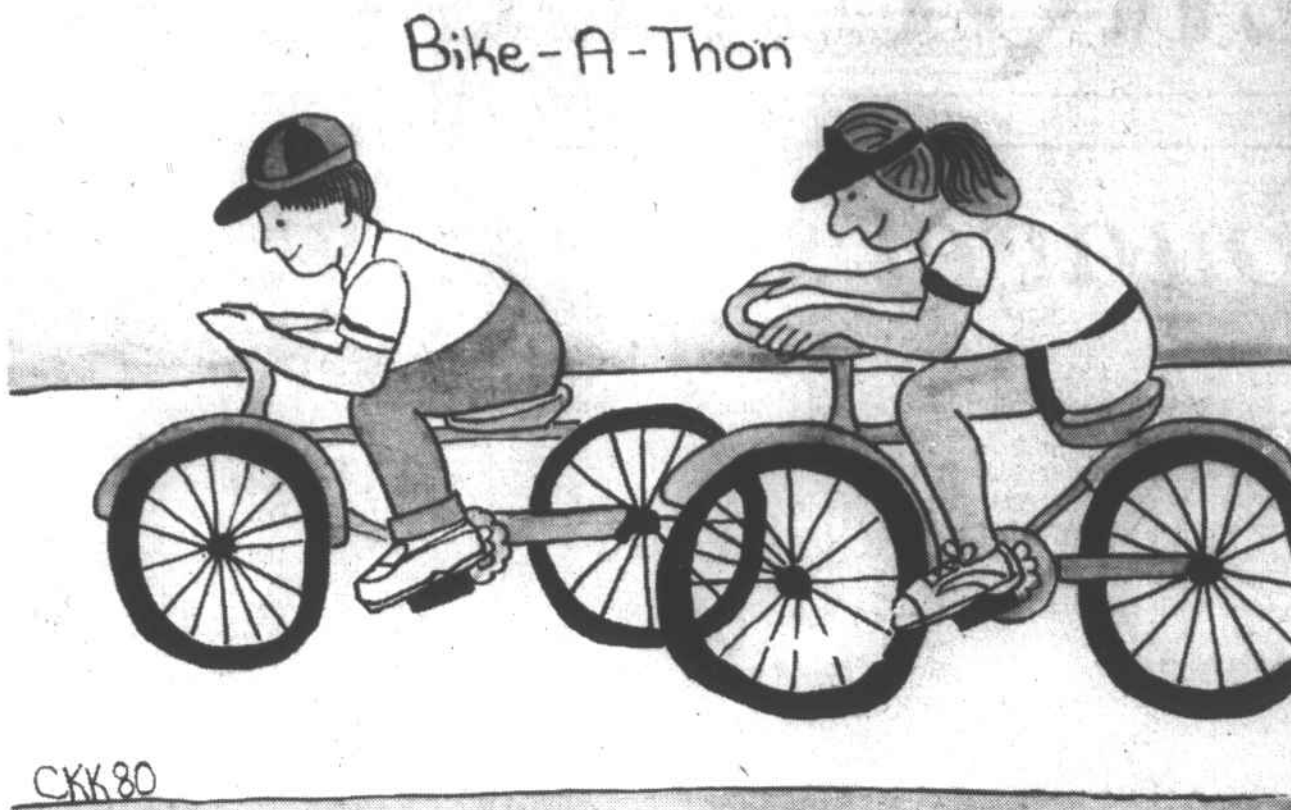
Allegations by staff members should be in-

vestigated by the ARPDC governing board, and if verified, they should be corrected.

This could well mean some changes in staff. Whether those changes came in the directorship, or in other positions would be up to the board to decide.

The current amount of dissension, however, has created an unworkable situation at the ARPDC central office.

We must get the planning agency back on track to prevent further waste of our tax dollars, and to get some payback in the form of services for our investment in an expensive facility and staff.



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Looking back

By VIRGINIA WHITE
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FOURTEEN WHITE MEN LEFT FOR INDUCTION CENTER WEDNESDAY: Fourteen white men left Hertford Wednesday for an induction center, where they will undergo physical examinations before being inducted into the Army. The men were: Alfred Dail, Sidney White, Clarence Overman, Talbert Pierce, Julian Powell, James Hobbs, Woodrow Stallings, Claude Chappell, Thomas White, Obed Chappell, Spurgeon Lane, Emmett Umphlett and James Ambrose.

FARMERS ASKED TO HAUL ON AN EXCHANGE BASIS: Virtually no more rubber is in sight for tires...The shortage of tires, gasoline and repair parts will become more serious...a truck is just as good as its weakest tire...

When the day comes that there is no more rubber available for civilian users, permission to buy will mean nothing. Farmers must cooperate and pool their trips.

Do your hauling on an exchange basis. Arrange with your neighbors to exchange trips. Do all your hauling, so far as possible, on that basis.

Form a little group on your road to do this on a systematic basis. Pool your loads. It is most important.

LOCAL GIRL AWARDED NURSE'S SCHOLARSHIP: Miss Anna Penelope Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tucker, who was graduated May 30 from the University of Maryland Hospital, was awarded the Edwin and Leander M. Zimmerman scholarship offered each year to a member of the graduating class of the school. The scholarship, a \$50 prize, was awarded for excellence for practical nursing and for displaying the greatest interest and sympathy for the patients.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brinn announce the birth of a son, born Sunday, June 7th, 1942, in Norfolk, Va.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Mr. and Mrs. Nat White, of New York City, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Mrs. White before her marriage was Miss Mary Lou Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Perry of Front Street, Hertford.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Born to Mr. and Mrs. Maryland Boyce of Chapanoke on Thursday, May 28, 1942, a son.

Letter.....

Thanks for help

Editors, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY:

How important our volunteers are. My thanks go out to the people who helped clean up the baseball park last Saturday morning. They were: Ben Thach, Thurman

Whedbee, Larry Corporew, Ronald Boyce, Bill Newbern, Gene Appleton, Gill Underwood, Worth Dale, Jr., Jimmy Godwin, and about 30 of the ball-players. Billy Wooten, Director Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Department

Ah! the great joys of beach camping

My turn

NOEL TODD-McLAUGHLIN



a tent full of Cub Scouts prone to periodic fits of hysterical laughter on the other.

I have seen bumper stickers reading "Stuck in Duck." Now I know what they mean.

June is neither the time nor the place for such dialogue. Nature can't hear you for all the racket.

But that's where we found ourselves the first of June. Right there in Duck, sandwiched between a Winnebago complete with eight-track sound system on one side, and

But our camp site was not without its good points. We were, after all, convenient to the facilities. They were right across the road. And let me tell you, there's nothing like the continuous and perpetual flush of a toilet to make you feel close to nature.

The experience was not totally without merit. I discovered their claim only guaranteed sanctuary within a two foot radius. So if you sit close enough to let the citronella drip all over you, the bugs won't come near.

learned many things last weekend.

First of all, I learned not to attempt any meal that has to be cooked. Even red meat braised over an open flame loses some of its appeal when laced with sand.

Lesson two. Do not douse yourself with sticky bug repellent in the middle of the day. If the bugs are biting, let 'em. It's much better than baking bicycloheptene dicarboximide into your skin.

Nor should you rely on those bug repelling torches. Upon reading the fine print, we

very nice, long dinner one night, lingering not so much over the grilled cheese sandwiches as the air conditioning. It was also a treat to be able to shut your mouth without hearing grit.

We also discovered the joy of hotel gazing. That's when you drive past all the motels and pick out where you're going to stay on your next trip.

If I sound completely disheartened, I'm not. We did, after all, get sunburned. And that's what everybody goes up there for isn't it?

Restaurants have never been such a treat. We had a

Small grains exhibition set

An exhibition of a measured crop performance trial of small grains will be conducted at the Albert Eure farm near White Hat on Monday afternoon, June 9.

The trial, conducted by North Carolina State University's agricultural research service, includes wheat, barley and oats.

County extension chairman Bill Jester will be on hand at the test plots from 3 to 5 p.m.

Jester said that among the more promising varieties in the testing is Roy, a recently released wheat variety from

N.C. State University, and several of its sister varieties yet to be released.

The performance tests are conducted under controlled conditions that provide growers with a fair comparison of varieties, said Jester.

Farmers will be able to observe problems with weeds, time of maturity and other agronomic considerations.

They will also be able to "look at new varieties that offer more yields," said Jester. "Growers need to look at the opportunity to double crop," he said.



Sun & sand, Hertford style

Diane Lane and Margie Nixon took their kids out for a little

sun and fun at U.S. 17 by-pass beach on a recent sunny day.

The kids are Jay and John Nixon and Tracy and Brant

Lane.

Hanging out downtown

Too much noise, residents say

Talmadge Rose came before the Hertford Town Council Monday with a complaint about the number of young people gathering nightly at the One Stop Service

June is rec month

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox has proclaimed the month of June Recreation and Park Month in Perquimans County.

The proclamation is in keeping with the national designation from the National Recreation and Park Association.

The proclamation emphasizes the important role leisure activities have on a community, and urges all citizens to participate in the programs offered by the Perquimans County Recreation Department during the month of June.

Station on the corner of Church and Grubb.

Rose said that the activity was making it difficult for those living in the vicinity to sleep at night.

"I know it's been going on for a long time but it seems to be getting out of hand," said Rose.

Council member Jesse Harris suggested erecting a no-trespassing sign on the premises, citing such a warning as a solution to a similar problem in Edenton.

Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt said that Dennis Hare, proprietor of the One Stop Service Station, had given him permission to "run people off," of the lot, but that Hare had indicated that he did not want a no-trespassing sign erected on his property.

Merritt added that the situation was difficult to control. "We can hear them as we're approaching, but once

we get there, they're quiet," said Merritt, "and if we don't know who's making the noise we can't make an arrest."

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox directed Merritt to ask Hare if he would reconsider allowing the placement of a no-trespassing sign at the One Stop.

According to town attorney William Bentley, repeat offenders could be prosecuted for trespassing if warned.

In other business, Merritt reported that a total of 71 arrests and citations had been issued by the police department during the month of May.

Of those citations, 15 were written warning tickets against parking to the left of the curb in the business district. Merritt also said he had given numerous verbal warnings against the illegal left-curb parking.

Merritt had previously been

instructed to direct attention to left-of-curb offenders after a citizen's complaint that lack of enforcement was creating a safety hazard.

Bentley reported that he was still waiting for the North Carolina Attorney General's response concerning the town's present gun ordinance.

The ordinance, which allows the shooting of firearms on one's own property as protection against obnoxious birds and animals, was questioned several months ago when a town resident cited two incidents of firearms being shot into his house.

Cox updated the progress on Site B of the waterfront park, which includes boat ramps and a dock, predicting completion of the site in the near future.

He said that all but two ramps had been poured, and that the remaining sections would be poured toward the end of the week.

Social security aids husbands

by LEE WALLIO

For some men, the good old days were when women were in the kitchen and the workplace was the exclusive province of males.

Others are happy to note that those days are as outdated as the Mole T.

This is because they are quite literally reaping the benefits of the work of their wives.

About 73,000 men in the U.S. are currently receiving Social Security benefits as widowers, fathers of minor children, husbands, or disabled widowers on their wife's work record under social security.

This is partly the result of a 3-year-old Supreme Court decision that men no longer had to prove they were dependent on their wives in order to receive benefits as a husband or widower of a retired, disabled, or deceased working woman.

While the decision did not exactly open a floodgate of Social Security benefits to men, it has made it easier for those, who for some reason do not qualify for a benefit based on their own work, to get Social Security based on their wives' work.

Benefits may be paid essentially on the same basis that they are paid to women.

A man can receive a retirement benefit on his wife's record at age 62, if his wife receives retirement benefits.

He can get a survivor's

benefit at age 60 if his wife died after working long enough under Social Security.

He may qualify for a disabled widower's benefit, if he becomes disabled between 50 and 60 years of age.

A widower's benefit will generally end if he remarries before age 60.

Benefits continue, however, if he marries a person getting checks as a widow, parent, or adult disabled in childhood.

A widower's benefit will continue if he remarries after age 60.

However, many men would otherwise qualify for a benefit based on the work of a wife have earnings that exceed the Social Security annual earnings limit.

In 1960, you can earn \$3,720 without affecting your Social Security benefits if you are under 65. At 65 and older the limit is 5,000.

Earnings above the annual limit reduce the benefit \$1 for every \$2 of earnings.

A husband's benefit is generally reduced by the amount of any pension based on federal, state, or local government employment not covered by Social Security.

More information about Social Security benefits for husbands and widowers is available from the Social Security office in Elizabeth City at 111 Jordan Plaza next to Southgate Mall, open 9 to 4:45 weekdays. Phone 2161.

Band day nearing

The second annual Band Day, set for June 14, will kick off at the Hertford Saddle Club Show Ring at 10 a.m.

The day-long event will include a horse show, performances from school bands, a disco dance contest, and a variety of games ranging from a dunking machine to a greased pole climb.

Crafts, plants, toys, and miscellaneous items will be on sale all day.

Persons wishing to drop off toys or crafts to be sold at Band Day may do so at any of the county schools, at the Hardware in Hertford, Peoples Bank, also in Hertford.

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