

Loitering becoming problem in downtown Winfall

by JACK GROVE

A shooting in Winfall Wednesday night emphasized a problem-area for the town that highlighted a discussion by the Winfall Town Council at their regular monthly meeting Monday.

Winfall Town Councilmen probed possible remedies for the area, defined as near the post office. Mayor Lloyd Ray Morgan pointed out that the street alongside the building was being used as a parking lot.

The area is being used as a hangout for loiterers both day and night according to Morgan. He termed the situation so bad

that "residents of Winfall are afraid to go to the post office."

Placing no parking signs on the street alongside the building was one suggested remedy. Enforcement of the ban seemed to raise another obstacle. While it was suggested that the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department could be asked to provide enforcement, it was pointed out that the Sheriff Department's other responsibilities would probably preclude enforcement.

The shooting incident on Wednesday night took place in a building near the post office.

County Dog Catcher W. Ray White

appeared before the council to explain the county's stray animal program. White traps nuisance animals on the request of residents. He emphasized that complaints about stray animals should be made to the County Health Department (426-5488).

White said, "The county has a place to put a dog if you want to get rid of it." The county has an animal enclosure at the end of the road where Meads Trailer Court is located. Dogs should be deposited at one end of the enclosure and cats at the other end.

"Dogs are kept for as long as two weeks, especially when an animal looks

like it might be owned by someone," White said.

White told the councilmen that Winfall did, at one time, have a town ordinance concerning stray animals. Morgan indicated that a new animal ordinance would be included with the rest of the town ordinances that are being drawn up.

Several issues are pending before the council that cannot be resolved until annexation proceedings have been completed. The issues include zoning, an appointment to fill a vacancy on the council, and a petition being circulated by Winfall residents asking that their

electrical service be transferred from the Hertford utility to the Albemarle Electric Cooperative.

The annexation proposes to take into the town 500 feet on both sides of U.S. 17 and N.C. Highway 37 and extend the boundary some 800 feet near Union School. Some 300 to 500 acres of woodland bounded by the current town limits would also be taken into the town. Morgan indicated, however, that farm and woodland would not be taxed by the town.

Surveying and preparation of maps for the annexation cost the town \$922. A hearing has been set for March 9, 1981 for citizens' input on the plan. A map

showing areas to be annexed is on display in the town office. The purpose of the annexation is to bring all water lines within the town limits.

- In other business the council:
 - Heard that the waterlines and roads in Rivercroft are now the property of Winfall. Cost of the water lines was reported to be \$24,315;
 - Tabled a proposal by the County Commissioners for the Town of Winfall to contribute to the County Recreation Department;
 - Approved purchase of a replacement garbage truck;
 - Moved into a new meeting room in the fire station.

System for burning set

The Department of Natural Resources and Community Development today announced that a new permit system has been initiated in 13 eastern North Carolina counties to reduce the amount of smoke and air pollution problems from burning windrows.

The action was taken as a result of numerous citizen complaints in the fall of 1980 when smoke from land-clearing activities reduced visibility on highways and adversely affected daily activities in the area.

Dr. Neil Grigg, assistant secretary for natural resources, said the new permit system went into effect Feb. 5 in the following counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington.

"The purpose of this new permit system is to provide added safety and protection for our citizens by minimizing the amount of smoke in the atmosphere while allowing necessary burning. By controlling the amount of burning done in an area, we can better control the smoke and air

pollution problems," Grigg said.

"Individuals or companies wishing to burn debris from land-clearing activities will be required to obtain a permit from Division of Forest Resources personnel," Grigg said. "These permits will be required in addition to normal burning permits aimed at protecting against forest fires, but they will be issued by the same personnel at the same time."

The county forest ranger will inspect the windrows to determine the amount of material to be burned and the content of that material. The amount of peat in the material will be given careful consideration since it burns slowly and generates smoke over a prolonged period of time.

The ranger will then determine how much of the material can be burned, taking into consideration expected atmospheric conditions, distance to smoke sensitive areas such as towns, schools, hospitals, highways, rest homes and similar areas and the number of other burning windrows in the area. "What this boils down to,"

Grigg said, "is the greater the smoke dispersal, the more windrows or piles of debris can be burned. We feel that the Forest Resources personnel are in the best position to make those decisions, and we are confident that this system will prevent the kind of situation we had last fall when smoke became such a problem for everyone."

Grigg cited the following conditions under which a permit will not be issued:

- When the wind will not carry the smoke away.
 - When the prevailing wind is blowing toward towns or other smoke sensitive areas.
 - When the material to be burned is located within 1,000 feet of an occupied dwelling located in a predominantly residential area.
 - When there is too much dirt or organic soil mixed with the wood.
 - When too much heavy oil, asphalt material, rubber or other synthetic material has been added to the windrows.
- "In addition," Grigg said, "after the permit has been issued, burning must begin between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., and no combustible materials may be added."

The Division of Environmental Management delegated the permit issuing authority to the Division of Forest Resources. The two divisions worked together in developing guidelines for the new permit system.

"It is a logical action since Forest Resources personnel already work closely with landowners and since they already administer a burning permit system," he said. "People wishing to burn debris from land-clearing in the 13 affected counties will no longer need to obtain a separate permit from the Division of Environmental Management."

He pointed out, however, that reports of violations of the new permit system will be turned over to the Division of Environmental Management for possible enforcement action. State law provides for a maximum civil penalty of \$5,000 per violation.

Individuals or companies wishing to apply for the new permits should contact their local county forest ranger. The Division of Forest Resources intends to provide same-day action on permit requests.



Open for business

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce was among the crowd on hand to help Dennis Hare open One Stop Auto Parts in the Harris Shopping Center

on Saturday. Pictured are: (left to right) president Fenton Eure, and Hertford mayor Bill Cox.

Andy Hare (Hare's brother), store employee Earnest Stone, Betty Hare and husband Dennis Hare, chamber

Senior director hired

The town of Hertford has hired a director of senior citizen activities for the county.

Pat Lorrick, a native of Winston-Salem, was selected for the post, which was funded through a 100 percent grant.

Ms. Lorrick hopes to increase participation at the senior center as well as bring in a few more recreational and educational programs.

She will also help out with some of the programs coordinated by center employee Pattie White.

Outreach will be another phase of Ms. Lorrick's work. She will be available for



Pat Lorrick

programs at nutrition sites, nursing homes and other agencies related to senior citizens.

Her major goal, though, is to get more senior citizens involved in activities. "Anyone with a talent they'd like to share, especially music," she said.

The center is open to all senior citizens.

Strange thieves

Nothing more than two truck doors are missing as a result of a Monday night breaking and entering that occurred at Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, located on Highway 17 Business.

According to Perquimans County Deputy Sheriff Joe Lothian, who investigated the incident, entry was made into both the main building and the warehouse.

Although he said all offices were entered, ransacked, and money was found scattered around, nothing was taken but two doors off of a 1974 Chevrolet pick-up truck, which was parked outside near the warehouse.

The sheriff's department has no suspects, but has requested that anyone with information related to the incident contact the sheriff's department.

"We would like anyone with information leading to the recovery of the stolen goods to call us," said Lothian, adding, "All information received will be handled in strict confidence."

Trial postponed

The murder trial of Okisko resident Arthur Throckmorton has been postponed until May to allow Perquimans County sheriff Julian Broughton time to recuperate from double bypass heart surgery.

Broughton is the prosecution's primary witness in the case dealing with the murder of Columbus Brothers, 39, of Route 2, Elizabeth City.

Brothers was shot at Mickey's Place in Chapanoke early Christmas morning.

A new trial date has been set for May 18.

Industrial

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There were several suggestions as to the kinds of industry that might be attracted to the county. These included food processing, modular home construction, and defense related firms that might spill over from the Norfolk area.

"What can we offer in the way of skilled and semi-skilled labor or training?" asked commission member Ed Nixon.

Nowell responded that if the jobs were

available the labor would be there.

Indeed, Cox maintained that it was a tailor-made labor survey that convinced Hertford Apparel, which recently closed its doors, to move to Hertford from Belhaven, N.C. several years ago.

Acquiring property options was another item of discussion, as was the need to meet with the industrial revenue bond commission further down the road.

The consensus of the commission was

that the climate is right in Perquimans County for some full scale industrial recruitment.

"It's better than it's been in a long time," said Hollowell.

Members of the commission are: Wayne Ashley; Bill Cox; Ed Nixon; Dewey Perry, Jr.; Fenton Eure, Jr.; Marshall Caddy; Joe Nowell; Jimmy Hunter; Joel Hollowell, Jr.; and Charles Ward.

Shooting incident occurs in Winfall

A shooting believed to have stemmed from a domestic dispute occurred in a Winfall establishment last Wednesday, according to the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department.

Winfall resident Dennis Warren sustained gun shot injuries allegedly due to the eruption of a quarrel between William Joseph "Lucky" Payton and his wife, Mary Ann, who own Lucky's Place, where the incident occurred.

Warren, shot in the right hip by a 12-gauge shot gun, was transported to Albemarle Hospital by the Perquimans County Rescue Squad, where he was later released, according to authorities.

Arrests are pending on further investigation, according to the sheriff's department.

Perquimans County Deputy Sheriffs Joe Lothian and Vic Lamb investigated the incident.

Murray Motor Parts merges

As of Jan. 1, Murray Motor Parts, Inc. of Hertford and Sunbury were merged with Murray Auto Supply, Inc. of Manteo under the name of Murray Auto Supply, Inc.

Murray Motor Parts Co. was founded in 1938 by Ralph C. Murray and Charles F.

Murray and has since operated continuously. Murray Motor Parts Co. became affiliated with National Automotive Parts Association in the mid fifties. Ralph Murray retired in 1957 while Charles Murray continued operating the business.

Murray opened a branch store in Manteo in 1961, which became Murray Auto Supply Inc. in 1972 when Fred Murray purchased that business from his father.

In April 1977, Brant Murray joined his brother Fred in

business and together they opened a branch operation in Kill Devil Hills. They opened a branch in Engelhard in 1978.

Charles Murray remains active in sales but will no longer have store management responsibilities.

DSA banquet set

The Perquimans County Jaycees will hold their annual Distinguished Service Awards banquet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, at Angler's Cove Restaurant in Bethel.

Social hour will be from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m., with dinner

immediately following.

Tickets for the dinner are \$6 and may be obtained from any Perquimans County Jaycee or Jaycette.

The public is invited to attend.

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