

# Talk of millions overwhelms board

Talking in terms of millions and billions in savings over the next 20 years for Hertford and 35 other municipalities thinking of buying shared interests in CP&L generators was mind-boggling for Hertford town councilmen Monday night.

Savings in the year 2003 are projected at \$120 million for Hertford alone, and \$1.5 billion for the 36 communities.

"\$1.5 billion dollars and 36 towns, put that one in your computer," Councilman Eric Haste exclaimed. "In 1967 I couldn't even say a billion dollars."

"In 1967," Mayor Bill Cox recalled, giving a base for some of the known facts from which the projections are drawn, "I

sat on this board and approved an electrical bill for less than \$5,000 a month. Now we approve \$75,000 to \$85,000 each month, an increase of more than 100 percent a year.

Councilman Jessie Harris countered, "We must be talking about Hertford (Conn.), not this little town of Hertford."

But Hertford it is and moving toward making the large savings a fact, the board agreed meet with agency consultants for an ABC understanding before giving their final approval to the undertaking. A meeting will be scheduled August 12th to include other area municipalities.

# Commissioners

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amendments are going to be required..." but Painter then presented a formal prepared resolution required for approval by the board.

The resolution was left in the hands of a divided commission for further study and action. "I would be going against my oath of office if I approved this thing," Commissioner Simpson said. Also weighing the disadvantages of the program throughout the hour-long discussion was Commissioner Gaddy. Seeing the "advantages to the individuals in the county" of foremost concern were Commissioners Ward and White. Also encouraging compliance was Cos Jackson, new county resident visiting the board to hear the discussion. Mrs. G. W. Jordan was another

visitor, representing the board of governors for Snug Harbor.

In other business, the board

- Opened sealed bids for 11 acres of county owned property at the old county home, receiving the highest bid of \$18,051 from Paul Smith.
- Opened sealed bids for the county fuel contract, which was awarded Reid Oil Company for low bid of \$1.0662 on No. 2 oil. Winslow Oil Company also bidding \$1.189.
- Authorized Commissioner White to order equipment for the Durants Neck Fire House, reported nearing completion.
- Appointed Charles Skinner Jr. to the Jury Commission and reappointed Joe Nowell, board chairman, to the Albemarle Area Development Association Committee.

# Soybean contest announced

Bill Jester, Perquimans County Extension Chairman and Rural Development Panel Chairman announced that the Rural Development Panel will sponsor a county soybean yield contest in 1981.

"Any Perquimans grower who produces three acres or more of soybeans is eligible to enter the contest. The portion of a field entered must be a minimum of three acres and one continuous area with four straight sides, each at least 100 feet long," said Jester.

Jester indicated that to enter, a producer needs to contact either Tommy Riddick, ASCS Representative at 426-5802; Tony Short, Soil Conservation

Service Representative at 426-5545, or W.R. Jester, III, Perquimans County Extension Chairman at 426-5428.

One of these individuals must be present at the measuring, harvesting and weighing.

A first and second place plaque will be given to the winners. The plaques are provided through the efforts of the Hertford Lions Club.

Jester indicated that it is helpful if the grower blocks out the plot he wants measured and have the combine and truck ready.

All entries in the county contest are eligible for North Carolina Soybean Production Contest.

# Parksville wins championship

On July 22, the Parksville team won the Little League Championship for the third year straight, beating the Hertford team three out of five games.

Staley Colson, pitcher for Parksville, pitched the winning games with two shut-out games. Colson received the most valuable player trophy for the Parksville team.

Steed Griffin, Steve Greenwell, Chris Leroy, and Reggie White.

Freddie Colson and Thomas Wade Stanton are the coaches with Horace Cohoon as the director. Tony Miller and Trent Griffin are bat boys.

All Stars picked from the Parksville team were Staley Colson, Mark Stanton, Jarrod Bacuss and Scott Miller as an alternate.

A picnic was held for the team on August 2, at the home of Crafton Matthews, Jr. in honor of teams victorious season. Thirteen players and their families attended. The team presented Freddie Colson with an appreciation plaque with their names on it for the five years he has coached.

# Food stamp obligations

A Federal law requires the 600,000 food stamp recipients in North Carolina to report changes in their circumstances to the Department of Social Services immediately. Paul Gregory, Director of the Perquimans County Department of Social Services says only certain changes fall within the Federal requirements.

For example, Gregory states that if a client finds employment, changes his address, or has a change in the number of people in his household, he should notify the Food Stamp Office within 10 days. This will ensure the household of receiving the number of food stamps to which they are legally entitled. In some instances, it is to the client's benefit to report a change. If a house-hold mem-

ber's income stops or decreases, the whole family may be entitled to an increase in the number of stamps received monthly.

"There is a State-wide push to cut down on the number of food stamps erroneously issued," states Gregory. "One of the ways to accomplish this is by making each recipient aware of his/her rights and responsibilities." At the time of certification, each household is given a Change Report Form, along with a self-addressed envelope. When a change occurs, the forms should be completed and returned to the Food Stamp Caseworker. Changes may also be reported over the telephone or by making a personal visit to the Food Stamp Office.



Allen Lassiter, Hertford vacuum cleaner salesman, is shown in the midst of students as they follow his instructions on the use of a vacuum cleaner. Learning the important household skill are, above from left, Jeanine Mullen, Marcus Forehand, Radford Combs, Ariena Honeyblue, and Tiffany Silvester.



Janet Lawson, right, models the robe she made during the Migrant Summer School, while Miss Gay Howell checks out the final details with volunteered assistance from young Lisa Winslow, center.

# License plates to be replaced

Beginning Aug. 1, all license plates in the series numbering AAA-101 through JAY-999 will be replaced by the N.C. Department of Transportation's Division of Motor Vehicles.

The license plates will be replaced when the owner's vehicle registration expires.

"We are replacing these 1975 license plates because these are the oldest plates and many of them are faded and illegible," said Motor Vehicles Commissioner Elbert L. Peters Jr. "It will take 12 months to replace all the license plates in this series."

Of the 406,000 renewal cards mailed to vehicle owners for August license plate renewals, nearly 135,000 were mailed to motorists who will get their license tags

replaced. (License plate renewal cards for vehicles that will get new tags will not have the license plate numbers stamped on them.)

The old license plates do not have to be turned in to receive the new plates, which will be issued at no additional charge.

Vehicle owners who are getting a new plate will receive one similar to the one they now have. The "First in Flight" license plate, which was recently approved by the General Assembly, will not be available to those who are replacing their 1975 license plates until the current supply of plates runs out. The new plates are expected to be available within the next year.

New "month" and "year" validation stickers will be given to motor vehicle owners who receive new license plates. The "month" sticker is to be placed on the left side of the plate and the "year" sticker goes on the right hand side.

Motor vehicle owners who are not issued new license plates during the August renewal will only receive new "year" validation stickers. The month sticker is permanent.

Validation stickers and license tags may be purchased in person from one of 115 license plate agencies across the state or by mail from the motor vehicles division in Raleigh as soon as motorists receive their license plate renewal cards.

Drivers who renew in August will pay a 12-month registration fee and will not

need to register their vehicles again until August 1982.

"Early this year we changed to a new vehicle registration system which 'staggered' license plate renewals throughout the year," Peters said.

"This new system is allowing us to provide more efficient service to the state's motoring public."

The annual license plate renewal fee for a car is still \$16, Peters noted.

"Motor vehicle owners should check their license plate renewal cards for the fees they will pay, the license plate expiration and renewal dates," Peters said. "Motorists whose license plates expire in August have until Sept. 15 to renew, but are encouraged to renew by August 31."

# Pressure canner saves kwh

The pressure canner can save you plenty on the electrical costs of canning tomatoes.

Dr. Nadine Tope, extension food conservation and preparation specialist at North Carolina State University, has

calculated those costs, to the penny.

In recent tests, Dr. Tope established that tomatoes and peaches canned in a pressure canner used one kilowatt-hour (kwh) of electricity per load, while the boiling water bath used 6.5 kwh.

"It adds up and people can a lot of tomatoes," Dr. Tope says.

To illustrate the point, let's calculate the cost for a bushel of tomatoes, yielding 15 to 20 quarts.

According to Dr. Tope, it would take

about three canning loads or batches to can the entire bushel.

According to Carolina Power and Light, the cost of residential electricity this summer is about five cents per kwh.

In the pressure canner, you would use a total of 1.5 kwh at five cents apiece, the total is 97.5 cents. It's a large difference.

And, as Dr. Tope notes, "People in North Carolina can hundreds of bushels."

Dr. Tope reported that there was little difference in texture or flavor between foods done in the pressure canner and the boiling water.

"Just don't do pickles in the pressure canner," she says, "the high temperature would probably soften them."

# Vacation driving tips save in fuel costs

With the arrival of this summer's vacation season, energy efficient driving is once again an important part of getting away for less.

While gasoline supplies are expected to be adequate through the summer driving season, prices are up over last year. According to the Carolina Motor Club, the average price of gas May 20th was up

19 cents over the same time in 1980.

However, many drivers could beat that price increase simply by driving more efficiently. Surveys show that a careful driver can get up to 30 percent better gas mileage than an average driver simply by following a few simple rules:

- Plan trips. City driving takes about twice as much gas as expressway

driving. For long trips, use a route that will take advantage of better expressway mileage.

- Try to refill only when down to a quarter of a tank of less. The extra weight of a full gas tank pulls down gasoline mileage.
- Drive at a steady moderate speed. Most cars get about 20 percent better gas mileage at 55 miles per hour than at 70.
- Avoid unnecessary braking. It takes more gas to accelerate than to maintain a steady speed. By watching traffic ahead, a careful driver can avoid braking and save the energy it would take to accelerate back to cruising speed.
- In cars with manual shift, run through lower gears gently and quickly and use the more efficient upper gears to pick up speed.

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# FmHA has new offices

Farmers Home Administration has relocated to new offices in the ARPDC building on Church Street Extd. Formerly located in the County Office Building on Edenton Road Street, FmHA opened at their new location last Friday, July 31.

For some time, the offices in the County Office Building had been overcrowded with personnel, desks, and file cabinets. It is hoped that the move will provide a better atmosphere and working conditions for FmHA clients and personnel.



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