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Council considers annexation; public hearing set on ordinances

By SUSAN HARRIS

Extending the town's boundaries will be one topic of discussion at a special session of the Hertford town council to be held on May 25, it was announced at their regular meeting Monday night.

Although it was not brought up at the Monday night meeting, the town has in the past discussed attempting to annex land west of its present limits, bringing in FCX, Don Juan Manufacturing Company and Meads Trailer Park, a move which would substantially widen the municipal tax base.

The council plans to decide at the May 25th work session exactly what land they would include in the possible annexation attempt.

Also to be held on that night are two public hearings dealing with new town ordinances. The first hearing to be

held at 7 p.m. will deal with the rules and regulations of the new park and recreational facilities.

At 7:30 p.m., the council will hear from citizens on a proposed new ordinance to restrict the parking of tractor-trailer vehicles in residential areas.

Two new sites have been obtained by Mayor and City Manager Bill Cox on which to put signs welcoming visitors to Hertford.

One will be erected on Mrs. Mary Harrell's land approximately 300 feet from the present sign located at the south end of the highway 17 bypass bridge.

The second sign will be located on Mrs. Robert White's property, approximately 300 feet north of the present sign near Wynn Fork Courts.

The signs should be erected this week and the new locations will save

the taxpayers approximately \$114 per month.

City Manager Cox reported to the board that Durham Life Insurance Company, with which the town presently has its employee health insurance, raised its rates so drastically that the town will not renew its policy.

The council authorized Cox to get estimates from several companies in an effort to get the best policy available for the employees at a reasonable cost.

Cox also informed the board that the town needs a new riding lawn mower. Bids will be entertained on a 10-12 horse power mower with a 36 inch cut.

The council set May 17th at 7 p.m. as a work session to discuss the 1982-83 town budget.



Youngsters at Three Bears Day Care in Hertford watch two mother cats — born from the same litter — nurse their kittens — all born on the same day. Clockwise from far right, Free, Wendy Lane, Laura Bright, Jamie Haskett, and they are Jenni Davis, Greg Wendy Watson.

'Carolina Moon' fest a success for fast-improving band program

By TOM OSTROSKY

Folks in Perquimans County are probably just about partied-out after two local festivals in two weekends, but they managed to find enough time and energy to enjoy themselves at the "Carolina Moon Band Festival" put on by the Perquimans County Band Boosters Club last Saturday at the high school.

The band festival turned out "real well" according to band director David Ziembra. He figures approximately \$5,000 was made last Saturday, money that will just about cover the necessities for next year.

Along with booths, games, dunking machine, horse show, fish fry, and the always popular pie throwing, this year's festival program included some new events.

A jazz band festival with bands from Currituck High School, John A. Holmes, Gates and Manteo High School along with Perquimans participating. This is something Ziembra

hopes can become a part of the festival every year. "The people who heard it were pleased, and the bands that came liked it too," he said.

The day's program opened with another new event, a 5K "Run for the Moon" put on by the county Parks and Recreation Department. That event, according to PRD Director Mac Sligh, came out well also, with some 75 runners competing. Results of the race appear on another page of this week's newspaper.

This is the fourth year the festival has been conducted, and the first year it was done at the high school. If a festival like this can get a good start, it can be a big money-maker for the band.

"I was talking to the band director in Edenton," Ziembra said, "and he said the first year they had the Peanut Festival they only made about \$500. Last year they made about \$20,000."

Five thousand dollars may sound like a lot of money just to run a marching band, but Ziembra plans to present the Band Boosters with a budget for about \$4,000 of it that will only cover "the minimum stuff."

The cost of running a marching band makes the cost of the entire athletic department at the high school seem like peanuts. When it costs \$1,100 to buy three new drums, and uniforms go for \$125 a piece for 50-odd members, and it costs \$2,000 to send only a handful of the band members to camp, a \$5,000 budget disappears after three or four line items.

In addition, everytime the band makes a road trip, they have to take two buses for the people and a truck for the instruments, paying for the gas themselves.

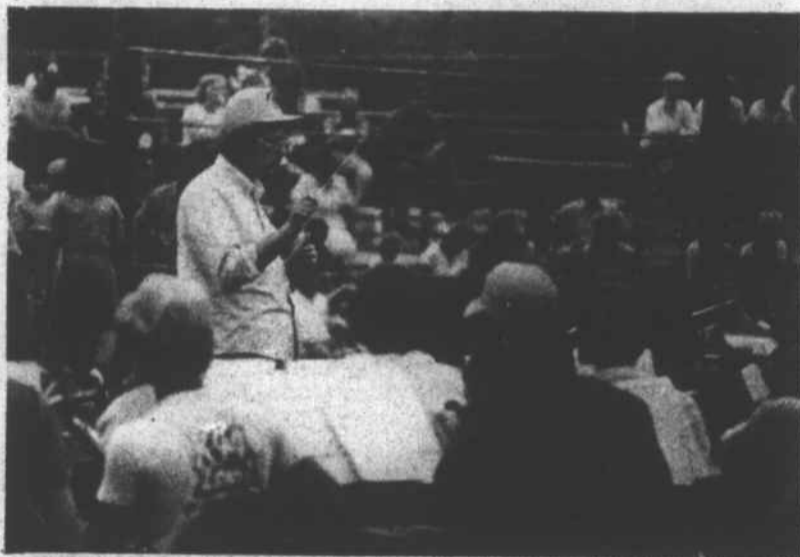
And let's not forget repairs for the instruments (new drumsticks cost in the neighborhood of \$20), and new

music (\$25 per song for the marching band, \$40-50 for the concert band).

The parallel between money spent on sports and money on bands doesn't stop there. Directing the band can be a lot like coaching a sports team. "I've been called 'coach' many times," said Ziembra. He has just finished tryouts for next year's squad, and looking down his roster he finds he graduates only four seniors while picking up a lot of talented eighth graders.

He keeps his eye out for good "team captains," and thinks he has found a few. "If I did anything right, I picked good student leaders," he said.

Entering into his third year with the marching band, Ziembra looks forward to the best one yet. "I really think we will have the best band in the area next year," he said. "They have gotten there faster than any band I've ever had."



Several band members paid \$35 for the chance to hit (below) they got their money's worth. Above, Director David Ziembra with a pie at the pie-throwing auc-



Experience the key in Winslow's campaign

Serving his sixteenth year on the Board of Education, fourteenth as its chairman, Clifford Winslow has been a lot of places with the county school system.

"I've seen a lot come and a lot go, and a lot of changes," said Winslow, who is running for his seat in the June 29 election, "and I can honestly say that we are providing a better education in Perquimans County than ever before. Some people don't agree with that, but I know it's true. We're providing more for all children, from the handicapped all the way to the gifted and talented students."

He believes that a great deal has been done during his term, and he has



Winslow

"no apologies for my past, I served well.

"I think with my experience and some good ol' common sense I can provide the educational leadership this county needs," he said.

Perhaps the biggest thing to come along in the schools is the accreditation work, for which Winslow was "thrilled."

Along with his experience on the local board, Winslow admits to a few connections. From his position as past president of the state School Boards

Association and District I representative of the federal relations network for the School Boards Association, he has taken county school issues from Raleigh all the way to Washington, D.C., pulling on the coats of Governor Jim Hunt, Senator Jesse Helms, and various other state and federal officials.

"It's the way to get things done," said Winslow, a Whiteston farmer who is also active in the Quaker meeting. "You've got to buttonhole people. Sometimes it pays off, sometimes it doesn't."

Over the last few years, he has tried to push the governor to support the Tri-County Career Center, for which Winslow is chairman of the steering committee. The governor has lent his support, along with \$25,000 in state grants to perform the prospectus for the project. "This (the center) has greater potential for opportunities than this area has ever known before."

Lack of money has stalled completion of the center for the moment, just as lack of money has stalled a lot of things. Budgeting the county's school money will become a larger issue — both this year and in the future — than it probably has ever been.

This year the school board has proposed cutting a few positions out, something Winslow hated to see but felt had to be done. "It's tough to tell a

person they don't have a job anymore, and yet we still need that person," he said.

"We really had to trim (the budget) this time," he added.

A serious money problem in the next few years will be the school buildings themselves, particularly the old high school building. The board has been criticized in the past for "letting the building go," but Winslow believes the board did what was best at the time. Hoping for passage of a school bond referendum, he said they didn't want to spend money on a building that would soon be torn down.

But the bond proposal was turned down, "a sad day" said Winslow, and with interest rates as they are, another such referendum would be unrealistic. So the county is left with a school in need of a great deal of repair and very little money to do it with.

The board has proposed a reserve fund to save up for large capital outlays, something Winslow believes is vital or the schools "will get caught short." They have also pushed for a statewide one-cent sales tax, part of which will be used for schools.

Being able to stretch the county's dollars over all those expenditures is something Winslow thinks he is best qualified for. "With my experience I can provide good leadership in how best to spend our tax dollars and to get the greatest benefit out of the taxpayers' money. If I didn't believe that, I wouldn't give this job a second thought."

Spivey gets involved

For a candidate for elective office, Ken Spivey of Belvidere seems fairly humble concerning the reasons he's running for the Perquimans County Board of Education.

"I like to try my hand at it," he said. "I think I can do some good."

Spivey, 41, pastor of Piney Woods Friends Meeting for the last five years and a part-time carpenter, is running for Clifford Winslow's seat on the school board in the June 29 election. With the burden of being a newcomer to local politics, Spivey is running on the strength of his energy and concern for local education.

A resident of the county for nine years, he said that he "wants to get involved."

"I'm not all that familiar with the workings of the school board," he admits. "The only way you can do that is to get involved. But I think I can help provide a better quality education in Perquimans County."

Spivey has two children of his own at Perquimans County schools, a son who is a freshman in high school and a daughter who is a third grader at Central Grammar. He has a master's degree in

Christian Education, which he believes gives him a "better understanding of children and what makes them tick."

And he also believes that there is much that can be done in the county school system. "From what I can understand," he said, "Perquimans County used to be up near the top (in education) and now it's down near the bottom. I think there is plenty of room for improvement."

He cites a few simple examples off the top of his head, for instance the high school credit given for weightlifting is "ridiculous," and some of the money spent on extra reading programs for children is illspent. "If a teacher can't teach kids to read and write, she has no business in the classroom."

Concerning his opponent, Spivey has nothing but admiration. "Clifford Winslow has done a mighty fine job on the board," he said. "He's a good friend of mine, but he just so happens to be the man I am running against. I told him the other day that may be the best man win. I just want to be given a chance to serve the county."

This week
Hertford Grammar GT student publish a book of poetry. Turn to page three.
Weather
Fair today, with partly cloudy skies tomorrow and chance of thunderstorms Saturday.