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County School Board accepts microscopes

By SUSAN HARRIS

The Perquimans County Board of Education at its regular meeting Monday night accepted a donation of four microscopes for use in school labs from the North Carolina Marine Resources Center.

Rhett B. White, director of the Roanoke Island Center, presented the microscopes to the board, explaining how his department had unused microscopes on hand.

White informed the board that upon opening the Roanoke Island office, the former director and Marine Resources in Raleigh both ordered enough microscopes to begin operation.

The 30 extra microscopes were shelved for six years before they were used as a bargaining tool last year for the center's budget.

"You leave our budget alone and we'll give these microscopes to the public schools in eastern North Carolina," White said his department told the General Assembly.

Superintendent Pat Harrell sent in requests for the equipment, and was

recently informed that Perquimans County had been selected to receive four.

The microscopes costed \$225 each when purchased and would now cost over \$350.

School board chairman Clifford Winslow expressed the board's appreciation to the Marine Resources Center for providing the much-needed equipment to the county schools.

Harrell reported to the board that the school system is strictly enforcing the attendance policy set by the board stating that students who miss 20 unexcused days of school will not be promoted.

He told the board that many parents have exercised their right to appeal, but that no exceptions have been made, even though the policy will keep some students from graduating.

Coach Pat Morgan outlined some changes he recommended for the athletic field which were approved by the board.

The changes include refencing and repositioning the football field, and setting up permanent bleachers on the

present visitor's side of the football field for the home fans.

Morgan and some of the band boosters will do most of the work and the cost of the whole project is not expected to exceed \$500.

The board moved to accept no unsatisfactory settlement on the water damage at Union School and to withhold payment to the roofer until such an agreement is reached with the insurance company.

In other action the board:

- heard from Morris Kornegay the Chapter I and Migrant program outlines for next school year, and approved such.

- voted to support legislative action to refund sales tax on capital improvement projects to the county boards.

- decided to oppose state attempts to initiate a centralized payroll office.

- accepted the resignations of Carol Dyer, Barbara Berry and Hattie Riddick.

- approved sick leave and leave without pay for Pearl Farrow.



School Board Chairman Perquimans County School Resources Center at Roanoke Island. Clifford Winslow accepts a System by Rhett White, Director of the Marine microscope donated to the



Missing Mill Park will open on Friday, June 25 at 10 a.m.

Opening Announced

By SUSAN HARRIS

Missing Mill Park will be dedicated on Friday, June 25 at 10 a.m., Mayor and City Manager Bill Cox said in a telephone interview Friday.

Cox stated that the Honorable Walter B. Jones, Democratic Representative from the first congressional district, will be the guest speaker for the occasion.

Also on hand for the festivities will be Senator Melvin Daniels, Rep. Vernon James and Rep. Charles Evans as well as spokespersons from

the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, RC&D and the Coastal Plains Resources Commission.

When asked if the park will open unofficially before June 25, Cox answered, "Hopefully that will be done in the coming week."

He reported that there were only two or three minor details to be taken care of before the contractor could turn the park over to the town.

The public is invited to attend the dedication, after which refreshments will be served.

County Commissioners meet

By SUSAN HARRIS

The county water system was again the major topic of discussion at the county commissioners meeting Monday morning at the courthouse.

Ron Sessoms of Rivers and Associates, the engineering firm which designed Phase I of the county system, was present to discuss Phase II of the project.

Sessoms announced that all the plans and specifications for Phase II have been approved by the State Health Department, and that the commissioners should be in a position to advertise for bids within a week.

Mrs. DeAtley, a Snug Harbor property owner, addressed the commissioners concerning the poor

quality water that she received last weekend. Mrs. DeAtley brought to the meeting a jar of water which looked like river water, and according to Commissioner Marshall Caddy smelled like ditch water.

She also presented a baby diaper which had been washed in the water, and was a battleship gray color. William Stallings of the water department had provided a laundry additive to Mrs. DeAtley which took almost all of the stain out of the diaper treated with the agent.

Russell Chappell, water department supervisor, informed the board that his office had received word that a Snug Harbor property owner who spends weekends at his home located

on a dead end street near Mrs. DeAtley has been opening up the fire hydrant next to his lot causing sediment in the pipes to be stirred up, resulting in poor water along the line.

Chappell reported that he had attempted to locate the part-time resident, but was unsuccessful. The board instructed him to leave a note on the door of the home in question, requesting that the customer call the water department when his lines need to be flushed.

The board opened four sealed proposals which ranged from \$69,000 to \$137,500 from appraisal firms bidding on the tax revaluation project to begin July 1.

On a motion by Lester Simpson, the

commissioners voted to have county attorney John Mathews review the bids before awarding the contract to any of the firms. The announcement will be made at their next regular meeting.

In other action, the board:

- agreed to advertise for a new water plant operator to begin employment on July 1.

- voted to pay Keith Haskett \$22.50 in overtime for work done for the water department.

- approved a \$120 contribution request from the AADA.

- tabled discussion on repayment of a water feasibility study grant until the county attorney could review the request from the N.C. Department of Administration.

NEW HOPE CANDIDATES SPEAK ON THE ISSUES

3 vie for seat

By SUSAN HARRIS

Chappell: better schools

Although not a Perquimans County native, William Ray Chappell has lived here since 1955, and has married and raised his family here also.

Chappell says he is not totally against the way the county government is run now, but would like to see some changes.

"I'd like to see us work towards a better school system," Chappell stated. He has two children in public school in the county now.

Chappell said, "I'd like to see the volunteer fire departments in the county have a little more support from the county." He is a member of the newly-formed Durants Neck Volunteer Fire Department.

His experience managing money on his farm will be a helpful asset, Chappell believes, in making budget decisions on the county commissioners board.

One thing Chappell believes should be stressed to the public around budget time is that you have to be willing to pay for the services you expect. With everything else going up,

surely people cannot expect the cost of county government to stay the same year after year, he said.

"I think a five cents increase is very reasonable when everything else is going up 10-15 percent," Chappell stated of the decision by the county commissioners to raise the 1983 tax rate.

Chappell said that the budget must be in balance, and inevitably taxes must go up to accommodate the needs of the people.

Not one to become overly anxious, Chappell thinks about his positions before outlining them. He doesn't consider himself a born politician, just someone who can well represent the people in the New Hope precinct on the board of commissioners.

When not tending his farm, Chappell is involved with the Durants Neck Ruritans, is a member and director of the Durants Neck Volunteer Fire Department and serves on the board of directors of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau.

Jordan: better budgeting

Tony Jordan thinks Perquimans County needs to prepare for growth considering the projected revitalization of the economy that experts are presently proclaiming.

"I think the county's in a transition right now," Jordan said, adding that if the economy does indeed become more promising, there will be great opportunities for Perquimans County to grow and prosper.

Jordan would like to see more industry come to the area, so that people would have the opportunity to work closer to home. He feels that many county residents are forced to drive to Virginia to work that would have stayed at home had the jobs been available.

Industry would also widen the tax base, Jordan contends, and "keep money here in the county."

The school accreditation process will provide a great asset to attracting industry, Jordan feels, as well as enhancing the education of the county's young people.

Of his qualifications for office, Jordan says, "I feel like I can represent the people as well as anyone. My experience on the newspaper and my experiences around the county have made me

aware of the people's needs."

Jordan says he will make the effort to reflect the feelings of the people in the New Hope precinct in making decisions, rather than his own personal opinions.

He also said he would use the newspaper to inform the public of the work he would accomplish and of his voting record.

No major changes in county government would be sought by Jordan should he be elected, but he feels that the taxpayers' money should be spent with great caution.

Jordan said of the proposed tax increase for 1983, "I think five cents was a lot to raise the taxes. It shocks people when they see an increase of that much in one year."

A more conservative approach should be used, Jordan feels, as in raising taxes by one or two cents each year, rather than holding the line for a couple of years then having a big increase.

Born in the county, Jordan now farms with his father. He is active in youth organizations and has worked for several years in the little league and Babe Ruth programs.

He is also a member of the Young Farmers and Ranchers Association.

Dail: more open-mindedness

Some candidates for public office make big promises on the campaign trail that don't get fulfilled.

Lloyd "Flutch" Dail isn't one of those candidates. He stated that if he's elected to the county commissioners seat for the New Hope precinct, he'll have only one of five votes that will determine county policy.

His years as a board of education member provide valuable experience, Dail believes, in the workings of a governing body.

"I think in any decision that's made you should go into the meeting with an open mind," Dail said of the decision-making process of the board.

The discussion and presentation of many ideas is "the way to approach things" Dail stated.

But after deciding what he would view as the best position to take on an issue, Dail says he would stand firm. "I'll stick up for what I believe in," he commented. "I don't give up."

Dail believes that he has the experience and knowledge needed to make good judgements in voting on long range ideals. "I feel I'm as qualified to be one (a board member) as anyone," he said. Presently a member of the board of



Hoffpaur



Twine

PCHS Graduation slated for Friday

Approximately 120 students will be awarded high school diplomas at the Perquimans County High School graduation ceremonies to be held Friday night at 8 p.m. in Memorial Field.

Representative Vernon G. James will address the students upon their departure from high school.

Also to speak will be Deborah Jean Hoffpaur, valedictorian, and Ruth

Elaine Twine, salutatorian.

While attending Perquimans High, Hoffpaur has been involved in the French Club, Beta Club, math contest, and quiz bowl, and has been a graduation marshal and a library assistant in addition to her other activities.

Hoffpaur is the daughter of Anne

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