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Hearing planned on hunting ban

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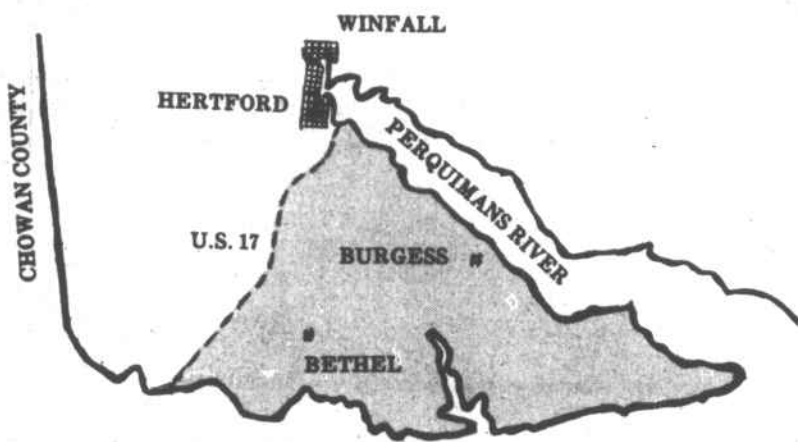
The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing soon to decide whether to ban deer hunting with dogs or from pickup trucks over a portion of the county.

County officials haven't set a date yet for the hearing, but expect it to be sometime early in January.

In order for the board to ban certain types of hunting, they must adopt such a resolution that then has to be approved by the state Wildlife Commission and the General Assembly. The General Assembly will meet in January.

hunters compound the situation by being rude and occasionally threatening when approached by land owners. Most of these hunters are from out of the county, say land owners.

Charles Phillips, who helped draw up the petition in Bethel said, "I knew one fellow who said they tore down 200 yards of electric fence. They drive through a wet field and cut tracks half-a-knee deep. They turn their dogs loose in a soybean field, and when you say something to them, they give you a hard time. How would they like it if I turned eight or ten cows loose in a corn field."



The shaded area on the map indicates the area where the county will decide whether to

ban deer hunting with dogs or from trucks.

In order for the board to pass the resolution, they must first hold a public meeting. If the board adopts the resolution, and it is approved by the state, deer hunters will be prohibited from hunting with dogs or from pickup trucks in the area east of U.S. 17 between Chowan County line and the Perquimans River (the area of Bethel Township), effective next hunting season.

Still hunting for deer and hunting of other animals would be allowed. Chowan County has a similar ban over the area east of U.S. 17.

The issue came before the board when citizens of the Bethel and Burgess-Harvey Point areas presented two petitions to the board last week asking that the ban be adopted.

Though the board usually avoids limiting the extent of such a popular sport as deer hunting, the feeling of board members seems to be in favor of adopting the ban, unless they receive a great number of objections from the public.

According to some of those who drew up the petition, about 95 percent of the large land owners and renters in that township signed the petition. Though board members have heard many complaints from all over the county about hunters, a few of them during public board meetings, this is the first time a petition has been brought before the board.

The land owners in the area, many of them hunters themselves, complain that deer hunters drive trucks and run dogs through their fields, digging ruts and breaking fences.

Usually they hunt without permission of the land owner, and very often they hunt on posted land. Some

Phillips, a member of the Bear Swamp Hunt Club, added, "I wish I could stop it without banning hunting (with dogs). When you take away something it's hard to get it back. But I can't think of any other way."

Phillips said he doesn't have many problems with county residents. "You can go to the people in the community. But the people outside of the community just leave, and your stuck with it."

Another Bethel man who signed the petition but asked not to be identified said, "They'll talk nasty to you right quick. It doesn't take them long to get started. They know what they're doing is wrong."

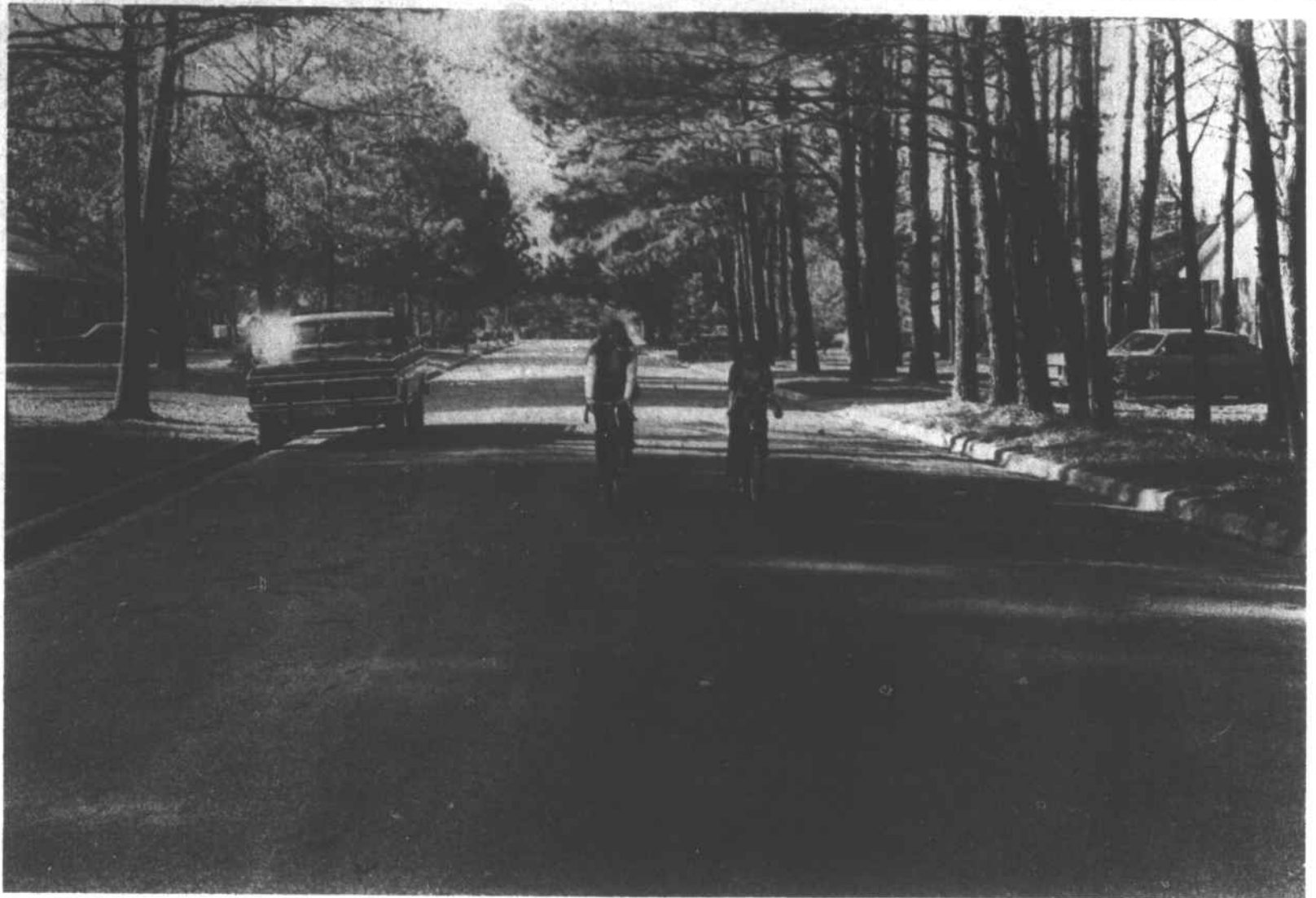
"Anybody who would talk that crazy will shoot at anything. If they see a deer, they'll shoot at your house or at the road, they don't care."

"I don't mind hunting," he added. "I'll let people still hunt in my woods. But these guys are rough characters."

This week
Local residents offer up
New Year's resolutions.
Turn to page three.

Weather
Partly cloudy and colder,
with a chance of showers
through Saturday. Highs in
the low 50s, lows in the low
30s.





Just like spring

You would think it was May rather than December, but the recent warm weather had Teresa and April Shallock riding bikes in their shirt sleeves.

Year in review

County shows progress in development

By VALSHORT

The year 1982 is about to come to a close and it's time once again to review the year and reflect on its events.

Looking back on the headlines, it was a good year for industry, education and community development in Perquimans County. Tragedy struck all too often and farm prices were down, but community spirit and high yields prevailed.

Perquimans County saw new industry in 1982 with the opening of DiJop Sportswear, manufacturer of blouses, in Hertford. New businesses, such as One Stop Convenience Mart, Mr. "G's" Diner, Seajay's, Jimmy's Barbecue, Winfall Mini Mart and BeLo Market opened during the year.

A Committee of 100 was organized to help attract new industry to the area. Erie Haste was elected as the organization's first chairman.

Accreditation of the four county schools and the County Office by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools highlighted the year for the Perquimans County Schools. Also, the Tri-County Career Center received endorsements from Governor Jim Hunt and State Superintendent Craig Phillips and it began seeking funds.

Students in the gifted and talented program at Perquimans Union published a sequel to the award-winning "Yoepim Moon," which was entitled "Kiskitano Sun." The book tied for first place in the TarHeel Junior Historian competition.

New computers were purchased by

the county to expand the computer program and Perquimans High School. The North Carolina Marine Resources Center donated four microscopes to the Perquimans County Schools.

In the 1982 California Standard Achievements Tests, students in grades 1 through 9 scored above average.

The year 1982 was successful for the Perquimans Marching Pirates, directed by Bandmaster David Ziemba. The band participated in three parades and five contests and received a total of 15 awards, two superior ratings and two excellent ratings. Six of the awards were first place.

The Marching Pirate band has grown in three years to include 82 members with a total band membership of around 200.

Although both Hertford and Winfall were denied their \$500,000 Community Block Development Grants to revitalize the King Street areas in each town, the Missing Mill Park in Hertford was completed and dedicated in June. Special guests for the dedication included Congressman Walter B. Jones and State Soil Conservationist Coy Garrett.

The park was a joint project of the Town of Hertford, the Soil Conservation Service RC and D program and the Coastal Plains Resources Commission.

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce sponsored the very successful three-day Indian Summer Festival which featured farm exhibits, craft booths, games, music, dancing, historical re-enactments. The festival, which hopefully will become an annual event, brought people in from surrounding counties and states and was designated as a great success by the Chamber.

Another successful festival was the annual Extension Homemaker's Festival of Skills, which included over 30 crafts and food booths. Held

this year at the White's Boarding House, the Festival of Skills drew over 900 participants during the two days.

In 1982 Don Juan, Bay Branch Extension Homemaker Club, Pool's Grove Church, Anne Young and Suzanne Haste were among volunteers and organizations in the county who received Statewide Volunteer Awards by Governor Jim Hunt.

Kimley Horn and Associates recommended in their transportation study that four-laning U.S. Highway 17 through Perquimans County should be a middle-priority for the state's highway program and four-laning the Hertford By-pass should receive low-priority.

The county water system was deluged with problems during the year, but the \$1.22 million Phase II water project was begun.

The county recreation program saw changes in leadership with former director Mac Sligh accepting a position with the Walterboro, South Carolina Recreation program. Bobbi Veon of Elizabeth City was appointed to fill the director's post.

The Recreation program received the endorsement of the county people in the referendum held in November. The voters decided in favor of a county-funded recreation program.

The voters also re-elected Welly White as county commissioner, Clifford Winslow, Board of Education and Julian Broughton, sheriff. Also elected were County Commissioner William Wray Chappell, Mac Nixon, Board of Education, State Senator Melvin Daniels, State Rep. Vernon James, and Congressman Walter Jones.

The Perquimans County Extension Service hosted the 1982 4-H District Activity Day in which over 650 4-H members from 17 area counties participated.

The Newbold-White House received a William and Mary pine chair, dated around 1690. The chair was purchased by the Guild of the

Museum of the Albemarle Friends for \$364. The chair is part of the growing collection of period furniture at the state's oldest house.

In the area of agriculture, corn prices were down, but County Extension Chairman Bill Jester reported record breaking corn yields of 200 bushels per acre and over this year.

The Perquimans County Soil Survey was released which provides valuable information to landowners, farmers and industries.

Sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service, the soil survey was completed last year.

Tommy Harrell was recognized this year for the highest soybean yields in the county with 58.95 bushels per acre.

Tragedy struck in Hertford when the car driven by Charles Scott Williams was hit by a train on Grubb Street. The home of Barbara and Ed Nixon was destroyed by fire and the community succeeded in raising over \$10,000 for the family.

FHA interest rates for farmers dropped in 1982 to 11.5 percent and Hertford residents received a 15 percent cut on their utility bills. Hertford customers also received portions of the \$19,000 refund the town received from VEPCO.

Names in the news in 1982 included Fire Chief Charlie Skinner, who retired after six years as the Hertford Fire Department leader. Mary Smith Lane celebrated her 100th birthday and Hertford Mayor and Town Manager Bill Cox was named chairman of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission.

State Attorney General Rufus Edmiston spoke at the annual Democratic Banquet and Mary Harrell was inducted as the new president of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

Four Perquimans Weekly columnists published books during 1982. Jean Winslow, Chris Kornegay and Edna Wolverton combined their talents in "Inside Out." Ray Winslow co-authored "The Historic Architecture of Perquimans County" with Dru Gatewood Haley.

Wayne Ashley, former vice president of Bank of North Carolina, was sentenced to five years in prison, five years suspended and five years probation for embezzlement of bank funds and falsifying bank records.

The year 1982 has swiftly come and gone and has brought many changes to our lives. But time seems to heal the wounds of tragedy and misfortune and accentuate the memories of happiness and success, which leaves us hopeful for a better year ahead.

School board holds meeting

The Perquimans County Board of Education adopted several school policy and capital improvement motions during its most recent session Tuesday of last week.

The board approved a motion to allow parents and students over the age of 18 access to student records on request. Personnel files on employees will only be kept for three years, rather than five. In addition, the board endorsed a resolution by the N.C. Association of School Administrators in appreciation to state teachers.

In capital improvements, School

Superintendent Pat Harrell announced that the state Department of Transportation has agreed to construction at the intersection of U.S. 17 Business and N.C. 37 in Winfall. The intersection, considered dangerous for bus traffic, will have separate access from U.S. 17 and N.C. 37, with a triangular median strip between them.

The board will decide at their next meeting, January 3 at 4 p.m. at Perquimans Union School, which firm will replace the windows at Union School, and how the board will fund the project.

A farmer near Belvidere gets the last of his soybeans in before it rains again.