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County Commissioners to request hunting bill

By VAL SHORT

The Perquimans County Commissioners will request a bill from the state legislature prohibiting hunting from the highway right of ways in the Bethel area.

The action came at the commissioner's Monday night meeting in response to a petition from landowners from the Bethel and Harvey Point areas calling for a ban of deer hunting with dogs and trucks.

If the bill is approved by the legislature, all county law officers

will enforce the law which will affect the area east of Highway 17 from the Perquimans River to the Perquimans-Chowan county line.

Fred Pearson of Pearson Appraisals Inc. presented three proposals for property identification maps of the county.

Pearson said the maps would be helpful to county personnel as well as lawyers, real estate agents, and rescue and fire departments. He said the maps would indicate property owners, wetland, open land,

woodland, soil types and property lines.

The three proposals included mapping on aerial photographs, which would cost the county \$60,000; mapping on topographical maps at a cost of \$100,000; and mapping on ortho photographs for approximately \$160,000.

Pearson said a state grant is available for counties who use the ortho mapping.

The commissioners took no action on the mapping proposals.

The commissioner approved a four-lot subdivision presented by John Coston, chairman of the Perquimans Planning Board, subject to the completion of required certifications.

The property is located in the Bethel area near the Riverview Park and is owned by Lawrence Corpew.

New members of the Albemarle Area Development Association were approved by the commission. The members include: Joel Hollowell Jr., Bill Cox, and LuAnn Chappell, all

board of directors; Paul Smith Jr., agriculture committee, Patsy Miller, community development committee, and Ben Berry, economic committee.

Gall Hill of Humpty Dumpty Day Care in Hertford appeared before the board requesting the county take a greater interest in daycare in the area.

She said \$15 million in daycare funds had been allocated for North Carolina and she urged the commissioners to consider this when the new budget is discussed.

The commissioners approved the state personnel policy which will allow county employees to take sick leave, rather than annual leave, to stay at home with sick children.

The commissioners endorsed the resolution of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau Board of Directors to rid the county of Johnson grass. The commissioners agreed to contact the railroad and Department of Transportation to help eliminate Johnson grass from the roadsides.

Board will study high school plan

By VAL SHORT

Following a tour of the Perquimans County High School, the Board of Education decided to begin looking at the long range plan for the old high school building.

The board agreed the main building was in great need of repair. "Replacement is the only thing to do," commented board member Cliff Towe.

Among the repairs needed for the building is replacement of the roof, which would cost at least \$60,000, according to Superintendent Pat Harrell.

Harrell said, "It may be helpful to have a plan in case the economy turns around."

Board members also discussed a homework policy and decided to encourage teachers and principals to give students an "adequate" amount of homework.

Perquimans has not had a homework policy, according to Harrell. He said the consensus of parents he had met with was that "homework can be beneficial and can also be a waste of time."

The board discussed departmentalizing in the high school and agreed to "take a look at this." Board member Towe expressed the need for departmentalization in the school, especially if the school is going to grow.

Community Schools Coordinator Gladys Hall presented a report to the board on the Adopt-a-School

program, which she is implementing.

Hall told board members that she had secured around 50 volunteers for the county schools and the response to the program had been successful.

The purpose of the program, she told the board, is to get people involved in the schools and help them feel better about them.

"Anything you're a part of you feel better about," said Hall.

In other Board of Education business:

•The board approved participation in the Payment in Kind (PIK) program with farmland owned by the Board of Education.

•Harrell announced to the board that test results showed that asbestos could be found around the boilers and around a few pipes under buildings. He said a trace of asbestos had been found in a classroom at the King Street Building, which indicates no danger. He said another test would be made in case a mistake had been made.

•Harrell announced that pre-registration for kindergarten would be held March 4 to get an early indication of enrollment.

•Harrell told the board that the windows for Perquimans Union were being manufactured. He said the bus for handicapped students will hopefully be in operation this week.

•The board approved the employment of Rebecca Spivey as Artist in the Schools for one semester.



Framed with power lines and limbs, Edward Leicester takes advantage of the sunny

weather to perform a routine inspection of a line. Leicester is from Hertford and is an

employee of Carolina Telephone Company. (Photo by Val Short)

NCNB welcomes new vice president

O.B. Rawls has been named city executive for NCNB National Bank in Hertford, according to James E. (Jim) Mims, eastern area executive for NCNB.

Rawls, manager of the Washington Square branch of NCNB in Washington, will be taking on his new duties in March, Mims said.

A native of Washington, Rawls joined NCNB in 1977 as an adjuster in the Consumer Credit Department in

Washington and later served as a lending representative in that department.

Also during his career with NCNB, Rawls was a branch manager for NCNB in Tarboro.

Rawls attended Washington High School and earned a bachelor of science degree from East Carolina University in 1975.

A past president of the Washington Jaycees, Rawls has been active on the Washington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the City of Washington Board of Adjustments, the Salvation Army Board and the Washington Rotary.

Rawls received the Outstanding Young Man of America Award in 1979 and 1980 and the Jaycees Presidential Award of Honor in 1977 and 1979. He has been a member of the North Carolina Army National Guard since 1970.

He is the son of Mrs. Mable Rawls and the late Mr. O.B. Rawls Jr. of Washington. Rawls is married to Mary Litchfield Rawls, also of Washington.

NCNB National Bank expanded into Hertford through its merger in December of last year with the Bank of North Carolina.

Public meeting planned for 400th kick off

Lucille Winslow, of Hertford, will lead a discussion panel at a public meeting that will kick off the Perquimans celebration of America's 400th anniversary.

The meeting will be held sometime this spring at the ARPDC building, according to committee chairman Jeanne White. Mrs. Winslow, who is the state liaison subcommittee chairman for the America's 400th Anniversary committee, will be featured on the panel of speakers.

Although the state celebration will not officially begin until April 27, 1984, the Perquimans committee plans to get the community involved very early.

Former Yankee pitcher Jim "Catfish" Hunter has agreed to

sponsor a baseball camp in August 1984, according to committee member Anne Young.

Also among plans of the Perquimans committee is to sponsor a Quaker Meeting in August 1984, open to Friends from throughout the state and country.

According to White, the committee is hoping the North Carolina General Assembly will hold a session at the Newbold-White House in 1985, in commemoration of the 400th and also to reenact governmental meetings held at the house in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries.

The College of The Albemarle will offer adult education courses on the history of the Indians and also the Roanoke voyages, according to Mrs. Winslow. She said 1986 would be the year of the Indian. "We hope that by 1986 we will have a better understanding of the Indians," she said.

"The whole point of the celebration is to set the record straight about our history and to renew our pride," Winslow stated.

Events planned by the state 400th committee for the three-year

celebration include a flotilla of sailboats from Elizabeth City to

Roanoke Island July 14, 1984. Also scheduled will be an invitational cruise, recreating the Richard Grenville voyage in North Carolina, in July 1985 and in 1986 the Ralph Lane voyages through Perquimans and Chowan will be recreated.

An international tobacco exhibition will be held in Greenville, according to Mrs. Winslow. Area schools will participate in an Elizabethan Rendezvous, which will emphasize life in Elizabethan England.

The Commission also approved an Employment and Training Advisory Committee proposal to extend an existing carpentry training course at College of The Albemarle from 26 weeks to 36 - 39 weeks.

The original ETAC proposal called for a new training course, but McClees explained that by extending the existing program, the students would become more qualified.

The Commission voted to hold its March quarter meeting at the Soundview Restaurant in Washington County. Hobart Truesdale from First Colony Farms will be the guest speaker.

Hertford police report theft

The investigation is continuing in the February 14 theft of a stereo at Roses in Hertford.

According to Hertford Chief of Police Marshall Merritt, no arrests have been made. He said the theft was reported at approximately 3:30 P.M. by Katherine Nelson of Roses.

Mrs. Nelson told police that a Rhapsody Jumbo AM-FM stereo

cassette recorder, valued around \$160, was taken from the store.

Merritt said no one in the store had seen the suspect's face, but clerks described the suspect as a black male of medium build, wearing a black cap and leather jacket, blue jeans and white tennis shoes.

Merritt said the suspect was last seen running south on Covent Garden Street by a store em-

ployee.

A 14-year-old youth was arrested and charged with shoplifting Sunday after a padlock, valued at \$2.29 was reported stolen by Jerry Boone, manager at the Super Dollar in Hertford.

The parents were notified and the suspect has been released, according to Merritt.

Committee accepts Dijop request

The Perquimans Committee of 100, now chartered and organized, held a meeting last week to "kick off" efforts of the group to encourage industrial development in the county.

The 44 member group was organized last September as an independent group which will work cooperatively with the county's Industrial Development Commission in bringing new business to

Perquimans County.

At the meeting last Wednesday night, the committee agreed to the request by Dijop to help the company expand and employ more people, according to committee secretary Becky Winslow.

Plans were made for the committee to locate an industrial site in the county, she said.

In addition to Winslow, officers of

the Committee of 100 include Eric Haste, president; Jan Sprull, second vice president; Barbara Nixon, assistant secretary; Paul Smith, treasurer; Joe Towe White Jr., assistant treasurer; Roy Reed, chairman of Industrial Development; Stuart Anderson, chairman of existing development; Paul Smith, membership chairman; and Ed Nixon, vice chairman.