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Perquimans 400th committee plans meeting

The Perquimans County 400th Anniversary Committee has announced a public meeting to kick off planning for Perquimans County's participation in the upcoming four-year event.

The 400th is a national celebration commemorating the anniversary of English colonization of America.

The celebration will be headquartered in Dare County, home of The Lost Colony, but each county is being encouraged to participate with activities planned throughout the commemoration period, which

begins July 13, 1984.

The public meeting, scheduled Sunday, May 1 at 3 p.m. at the Perquimans County Courthouse, will feature Mrs. Lucille Winslow, who is the state liaison for the state committee.

Mrs. Winslow will present a brief explanation of the 400th celebration and its history and will outline statewide events planned for the commemoration.

The public meeting will be designed to get ideas and opinions of the county people, according to Mrs.

Jeanne White, chairperson for the Perquimans 400th committee. The meeting will also feature a discussion panel, made up of committee members and county representatives, who will answer questions and lead discussion about Perquimans' role in the anniversary.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Mrs. Winslow told members of the county 400th committee at its meeting Monday night, "the Governor has said this is going to bring economic boom to the state, but

unless we create some events that will attract people into this area, nobody's coming."

The Perquimans committee has at least two attractions planned for the 400th to be held during August 1984.

Committee member Anne Young reported that Jim "Catfish" Hunter had agreed to work with a baseball camp in August 1984. Young also added that Camp Cale, a Baptist youth camp on the Perquimans River, had been secured as a location for the camp. Sleeping, dining and recreational facilities are available

at the camp.

The Committee also hopes to sponsor a Quaker Friends meeting in August 1984 at the Newbold-White House. Quakers from throughout the country will be invited, according to chairperson White.

White told the committee that she and Mrs. Winslow plan to attend the annual Friends meeting in August to officially invite the group to Perquimans during the 400th.

The N.C. General Assembly has been invited to hold a legislative session at the Newbold-White House

in 1984.

The 400th committee may join the Perquimans Restoration Association in sponsoring the event, in which actual legislation will be enacted.

The committee is waiting for a response from the governor on the request.

The Perquimans Quilters Club has been asked to create a banner for Perquimans County which will be used in the opening ceremonies of the 400th celebration in Dare County. The banner will include the county's name and seal.



Andy White sleds down one of the few hills in Hertford, which just happens to be in his own back yard. For more Perquimans

snow photos, see pages 4 and 11. (Photo by Val Short)

Assaults reported by local police

Two Hertford men have been arrested and charged with assault on a female in two separate incidents, according to Hertford Chief of Police Marshall Merritt.

James Edward East, 26, who gave as his address 804 Edenton Road Street, Hertford, was arrested and placed in Albemarle District Jail after allegedly assaulting his wife March 24 at 1:15 a.m., according to Merritt.

Bond was set for East at \$200 and a trial date was scheduled April 6.

Also charged with assault on a female was Willie Garcia Felton, 28, whose address was listed as 110 King Street, Hertford. The assault allegedly occurred March 21, according to Merritt and Felton was arrested and charged March 28. He was released on his own recognizance and trial date was set April 6.

Four juveniles were charged in the March 19 breaking and entering of Hertford Grammar School, ac-

ording to Merritt. Because they are juveniles, the names were withheld, but Merritt said the oldest of the group, who is age 14, will be taken to court.

The others, who are ages 12, 11 and 7 have been directed to the criminal justice system to be handled another way, said Merritt.

Merritt said the break-in was witnessed by an adult and reported it to Hertford Police. The school was entered through a bathroom window, Merritt said and he reported approximately \$10 in merchandise was taken and recovered.

Ella May Stallings, age 57, whose address was listed as 608 Dobbs Street, Hertford, was charged with shoplifting, following an incident in the Super Dollar Store at Harris Shopping Center in Hertford. Merritt said she was cited to appear in court April 20.

During first week of Spring

Winter-like storm drops eight inches of snow on Perquimans

The winter-like snowstorm, which dropped up to eight inches of snow on Perquimans County Thursday and termed "freak" by many, has created further planting delays for farmers in the county.

According to Bill Jester, Perquimans County Extension Chairman, 7 to 8 inches of snow was reported around the county.

Jester said because of the snow, Perquimans has "gotten wetter." He said, with water standing in the

fields, "We're looking at a 20-day delay in planting."

"We'll be lucky to get into the field by late April, unless we get an extreme change in the weather," Jester continued.

Jester said that under normal conditions, county farmers are usually planting corn during this week.

Because of extremely wet weather conditions, the farmers have not been able to get into the fields at all.

The snowstorm also created other problems for approximately 400 families in Perquimans, according to Mrs. Alice White, acting manager of the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation.

The storm caused extensive damage, resulting in power outages throughout the area, said Mrs. White, but Perquimans was not as severely effected as other counties in the area.

The power outages were the result of lines downed and poles broken due

to the weight of the snow, said Mrs. White.

She said most electricity was restored in Perquimans by Friday and the last lines were repaired by Sunday.

"I consider us (Perquimans) very lucky," she commented, adding that Pasquotank and other counties received severe damage, due to the storm.

Hertford Mayor and Town Manager Bill Cox reported only two

households were out of service because of the snow. Cox said the town was "real fortunate" not to have received any damage to property, other than broken limbs.

Thursday's snowfall added more precipitation to the already above average rainfall received in the area.

Normal rainfall for March, reported by Bryan Eder, assistant state climatologist with N.C. State University, is 3.35 inches. Rainfall recorded through March 19 totalled

4.02 inches. Total precipitation recorded for the area since January 1 is over 12 inches.

Perquimans County Schools were closed Friday because of Thursday's storm. According to Superintendent of Schools Pat Harrell, Easter vacation will not be effected by the snow day. A make up day will be announced later by the county Board of Education.

School buses resumed their routes and classes were back to normal by Monday morning, however.

Good news for Holiday Island property owners

By JACK GROVE

Property owners at Holiday Island can look forward to another year without a raise in their lot assessments.

A crowd of some 200 ratified the fiscal 1983-84 budget, presented by the Holiday Island Property Owners Association's budget and finance committee on March 20.

The budget projects receipts and expenditures for the coming year at \$255,958. Assessments will remain the same as last year, \$162, for residential lot owners and \$217, for camping lot owners. Campers pay an additional annual flat fee of \$35 for electricity and \$20 for water.

The budgeted assessment receipts are \$221,000, up from \$196,000 a year ago. This reflects an increase in property owners from 1,737 to 1,781.

Ollin Sykes of the Edenton accounting firm of Timberlake and Sykes, termed the community's financial situation as "the best I've seen it." Sykes has worked with the Association's books since 1975.

He went on to say "the Association's cash position is the best it has ever been."

General Manager Forest Myers reported on some of last year's major expenditures and commented on the current and future financial picture.

Major expenditures of \$35,400 include: \$11,500 for road repairs; \$5,300 for upgrading swimming pool number 2; resurfacing of the tennis courts at \$5,300; refurbishing comfort stations, \$3,200; and repair of underground electrical wiring in the camping sections, \$3,400.

Myers reported a marked im-

provement in past due assessment accounts and pointed out that, for the first time ever, 100 percent of budgeted assessments for fiscal year 1982-83 had been received.

Seven lots have been deeded to the HIPOA by property owners in lieu of past debts, Myers reported. He also said that four have been re-sold. The money has been placed in a building fund for new additions to the clubhouse.

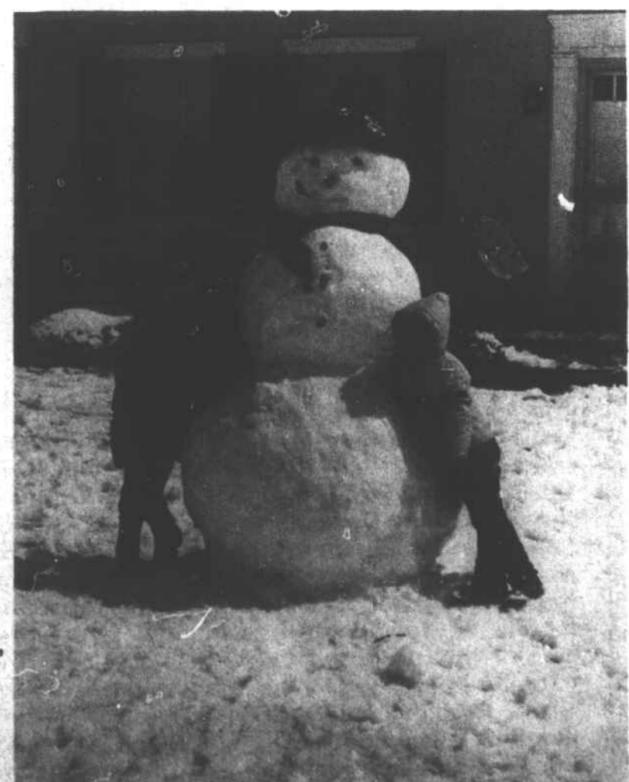
Myers said there were some 40,000 communities across the United States with property owners associations like Holiday Island. Of these, only about 25 percent have any reserve fund at all. He urged that the community's reserve fund of \$51,000

be maintained and expanded.

In his remarks to the Association, Sykes indicated the importance he attaches to a capital reserve fund. "What should it be? If this Association had \$200,000 to \$250,000, you would be in good shape. Preserving fixed assets is probably the most important thing you could do," he said.

Without any comments or questions from the floor, the budget was approved by a secret ballot of 106 for, two against, and three unmarked ballots.

Al Lewis, president, closed the meeting by saying, "It makes you feel good that you are giving us this confidence."



Ryan and Jason Willis, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Willis of Hertford, proudly pose with their own version of Frosty, the Snowman. Snowmen popped up throughout town following Thursday's snow, which dropped eight inches over Perquimans. (Photo by Val Short)

Winfall Police to enforce dog ordinance

Winfall's dog ordinance is not new to the townspeople, but according to Chief of Police Joe Lothian, the ordinance will now be enforced.

Lothian said enforcement of the ordinance is a result of reports of dogs in the area killing domesticated livestock. He said complaints had also been made about dogs running loose and turning over trashcans.

According to the ordinance, pet

into effect June 8, 1981 by the Winfall Town Council, dogs will not be allowed to run unleashed on the streets of Winfall or upon the property of others.

The ordinance also states: "Any person keeping within the corporate limits of the town one or more dogs, which by prolonged and habitual barking, howling, or whining cause serious annoyance to neighboring

residents and interfere with the reasonable use and enjoyment of the premises occupied by such residents, shall be guilty of maintaining a nuisance."

Lothian said he wanted to stress that according to North Carolina laws, owners are liable for the actions of their dogs.

The ordinance further states that violation constitutes a misdemeanor.

Lothian said dogs picked up will be impounded.

"If worse comes to worse, some may have to be destroyed," he continued.

The police chief invites anyone with questions concerning the ordinance to talk with him at the Winfall Police Department. He said copies of the ordinance are available upon request.