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Bursts of light

Over 500 people viewed the magnificent fireworks display presented by the Perquimans Jaycees July 4. The annual "Fourth" celebration drew crowds of people in spite of the high temperatures and threatening storms. Held at Missing

Mill Park, the event was termed "beautiful." For more on the Fourth of July celebration in the park, please turn to page 3. (Photo by Val Short)

Achievement testing shows higher scores in 1983 for Perquimans County students

By SUSAN HARRIS

Reports given to the Perquimans County Board of Education on student testing, TMH programs of excellence, summer feeding and the summer migrant and pay tuition program were all positive.

According to Paul Ward, achievement test scores administered during the past school year were up from previous levels. This upward trend began six years ago when Ward was employed by the board to oversee student testing.

Ward remarked that 22 test scores equalled or surpassed high scores from the previous year. "We're continuing to make progress," Ward told the board.

Superintendent Pat Harrell said the testing program goal is to exceed regional and state averages in every test area. Perquimans County has already achieved that goal in grades one and two.

"We're going to keep on keeping on," Harrell said.

Harrell told the board that the Trainable Mentally Handicapped program in Perquimans County was chosen as one of 30 Programs of Excellence by a state review committee. As such, representatives of the county school system will present highlights of the local program to other educators in Raleigh in September.

School Food Service Supervisor LaClaire Rogerson reported that between 650 and 700 children under the age of 19 are being fed in Perquimans and Pasquotank counties daily under the summer feeding program.

Rogerson said that all children in Perquimans County are fed free because more than 50 percent of the county's school enrollment is eligible to receive free or reduced lunches during the school term.

Twelve sites in this county and two sites in Elizabeth City are being serviced by 17 food service employees who prepare, pack and distribute the food daily.

Morris Kornegay, Director of Migrant Programs, outlined the Summer Migrant and Tuition Pay Program to the board. The program represents the first joint migrant project in North Carolina. Perquimans County has teamed with the Elizabeth City/Pasquotank School System.

A total of 51 students are enrolled in the 25-day program, 24 migrant and 27 tuition pay for whom the cost is \$40.

Kornegay praised the instructors who work in five areas: sewing, electronic math, art, reading (grades 3-8), and kindergarten through second grade self-contained programs.

The program employees chose as the session's theme, "To be all you can be." On display at the meeting were projects from the various components done by students in the first eight days of the classes.

Perquimans-Chowan District Conservationist Tony Short of the

Soil Conservation Service apprised the board of federal funds which may be available for flood control and drainage projects at Perquimans Union School.

Short told the board that approximately \$83,000 may be obtained, to which the county will add around \$7,500.

According to Short, blue prints for the project have been drawn and the specifications have been approved by the state Soil Conservation Service engineers.

The project is ready to bid when the funds become available, which should be after October 1, Short said.

The board approved negotiating with Southeastern Protective Covering Service to waterproof the auditorium at the high school with Chem-Treat, subject to warranty and price agreements.

Paul Ward reported on capital improvements taking place this summer. Ward has been filling in for Pete Howell who is on leave. Ward said that usual summer maintenance such as replacing windows, painting, fixing gutters, bleacher repair, lawn equipment repair and the like are underway.

County gives \$1,500 for transportation board meeting

By VAL SHORT

The Perquimans Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a \$1,500 donation which will help finance a meeting of the state Board of Transportation and the governors of both North Carolina and Virginia, scheduled in September.

The meeting is being sponsored jointly by the Highway 17 Association, the Pasquotank Committee of 100, the counties of Perquimans, Pasquotank, Chowan and Camden and the local chambers of commerce.

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox, member of the finance committee for the joint venture, requested a county donation during the Commissioners meeting Tuesday morning. Cox told the board the total cost of the meeting would probably be \$9,000.

Cox said the committee was requesting \$2,500 from Perquimans sources.

"This is something that will probably never happen again in our lifetime — having the two governors and the board (of transportation) here," said Cox.

"If you're going to do it, you need to do it so they'll remember it. If you have a mediocre meeting, they won't remember it and it won't help us any," Cox continued.

Cox told the board the meeting will begin Wednesday, September 14 and Perquimans will host a reception that evening at the home of Lucille Winslow on Front Street. Cox said approximately 160 people will be invited.

A joint meeting of the two governors and the highway board members will be held on highway 17 Thursday in Camden County beyond the new bridge, said Cox.

An open meeting with the two governors will be held in Elizabeth City Thursday night and Cox said up to 600 people were expected to attend. The three-day meeting will end

on Friday afternoon.

Sessions also discussed the problems with the Phase I water system with the commissioners.

In other business, the board:

•reappointed Durwood Reed as county finance officer for two years.

•discussed the brick walks to be constructed around the courthouse.

•discussed purchasing a mower for the county.

Winfall child struck in Thursday accident

A seven-year-old Winfall child received only head injuries after he was struck by a car on highway 37 in Winfall last Thursday.

Germaine Warren, son of Early Warren, was accidentally struck while walking south on 37 with two companions.

According to Winfall Chief of Police Joe Lothian, the accident occurred about a block north of the Winfall Post Office near the intersection of Louise Street and highway 37.

Lothian said the child darted

Friday after the final session of the board.

Five members of the newly formed Perquimans Nursing Home Committee were approved by the county commissioners.

David Gilbert, Sylvia Langley, Eugene Rountree, Louise Barber and Addie Hoffer were appointed to the committee, which has been established by state law as a "second check" along with the Department of Social Services for local rest homes.

"We don't really need it in Perquimans County — we have such good rest homes in the county," said Paul Gregory, Social Services Director.

Gregory told the commissioners that all members were involved and interested in the rest homes in the county and would provide good leadership.

The committee will report directly to the state Division of Aging. Terms for the members will be set by the division on a one or two year rotation, said Gregory.

The commissioners agreed to send letters to the members confirming their membership.

Ron Sessions, of Rivers and Associates, the engineering firm which is handling Phase II of the county water project, told the board that the water system will be operating this fall.

"I'll go ahead and stick my neck out and say it," Sessions said.

Sessions reported that 75 percent of the water pipe had been laid and construction on the plant is scheduled to begin soon.

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Alcoholic beverages seized

Winfall police raid results in one arrest

By VAL SHORT

A Winfall woman was arrested Friday night following a raid conducted by the Winfall Police Department at Hat's Place on River Street.

Hattie Miller Harrell, 65, who listed her address as Belvidere Street, Winfall, was arrested and charged with possession of alcoholic beverages for sale without being licensed by the state.

She was also charged with not having a privilege license to operate a business and with violating the Winfall town zoning ordinance.

According to Winfall Chief of Police Joe Lothian, several cases of beer were seized as well as some Canadian whiskey and "liquor-related paraphernalia."

Lothian said three trashcans and one feed sack full of empty beer cans were also found.

No arrests have been made in

the July 3 break-in at the Willard Copeland residence in Winfall.

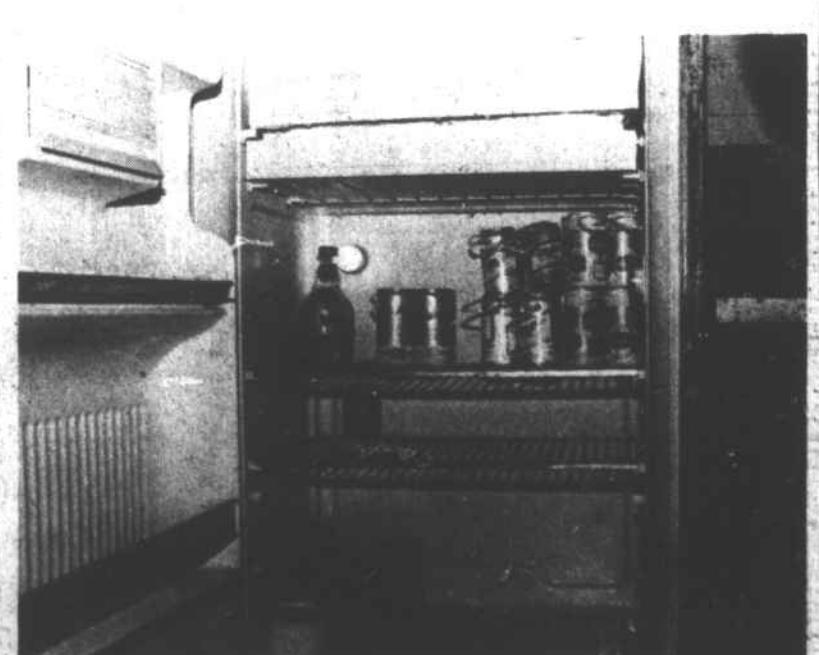
Lothian said vandalism was reported and nothing was taken. He said no one was at home at the time, but Copeland's son returned that evening to find the home had been broken into.

The investigation is continuing, said Lothian.

William "Big Red" Jones, 38, of King Street, Winfall, was arrested and charged July 2 with driving under the influence and driving without an operator's license.

Jones was arrested on the same charges again July 4, according to Lothian. Jones is now in custody at Albemarle District Jail. Bond was set at \$900.

Joseph Warren Manning, 32, of Route 2, Hertford, was picked up on a 24 hour commitment for public drunkenness, according to Lothian.



Seized during a raid in Winfall Friday night were several cases of illegal beer. A Winfall resident was arrested. (Photo by Robert Morris)

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