

*With new tax revenue*

## County schools could receive funds for capital needs

**By VAL SHORT**  
The Perquimans Schools could receive \$67,000 in new funds if the county implements the one-half-cent sales tax approved July 21 by the North Carolina Legislature. Projected on last year's revenue, the county allocation of funds would be \$167,700. Upon hearing this during its meeting Monday, the county Board of Education approved a resolution in support of the additional sales tax and voiced their support later at the

Perquimans Board of Commissioners meeting. Under the bill, tax money will be disbursed on a per capita basis. County commissioners had a choice of raising the local sales tax following either a public hearing or county referendum. Perquimans Commissioners set a public hearing on the tax issue August 15 at 7 p.m. at the county courthouse. In its resolution, The Board of Education requested all county revenue from the tax increase be

earmarked for construction and be used in a capital reserve fund for future school construction. Forty percent of the county funds must be allocated for schools. In other action, the employment of four teachers and one aide was approved by the board members during the Monday meeting. Approved to teach agriculture at Perquimans High School was Harrell Thach of Hertford, a 1982 East Carolina graduate in social studies. Superintendent of schools Pat

Harrell told the board Thach would be required to take at least six credit hours per year for certification in agriculture. Approved as fifth grade teacher at Perquimans Union was Lisa Talley, a graduate of UNC at Wilmington. Wanda Jones, a Sampson County native, and a N. C. Central graduate, was approved for the fifth grade position at Hertford Grammar. For the math-science position at Perquimans High School, Robin Ward was selected. She is a graduate

of The University of South Florida. Also approved for employment included a Chapter 1 aide at Central School, Brenda Harrison, and two lunchroom workers, Louise Lamb and Diane Trotman. The board approved the continuation of the general liability and professional legal liability insurance for all employees. Harrell announced a \$2.5 million state program which will allocate one teaching position in each county for a new and innovative math,

science, or computer science class. Harrell also announced the Programs of Excellence Conference in Raleigh, in which the Perquimans exceptional children's program will be one of 30 in the state to receive recognition. Also at the meeting, Paul Ward presented a report of capital improvements made during the summer. Improvements included waterproofing, painting radiators, roofcoating and wiring.



Catholic Social Services Sister Barbara Gerwe, left, and Jane Kolb, right, received certificates of appreciation from the Albemarle Commission for

their contributions to the area. Both will be leaving Hertford to pursue other positions. Sister Barbara will be working at Seton Center in

Emmitsburg, Maryland. Sister Jane will assume a parish ministry in Lynchburg, Virginia. Presenting the awards were Bill Cox,

center left, Albemarle Commission chairman, and Lee Riddick, area aging administrator. (Photo by Val Short)

*Local thefts reported*

## Wreck injures three

**By VAL SHORT**  
Three people were injured following an accident which occurred July 23 at the intersection of U.S. Highway 17 bypass and Church Street in Hertford, in which both vehicles were totaled.

According to Hertford Chief of Police Marshall Merritt, Anthony Jerome Banks, 22, of Route 3, Box 643-A, Hertford, was cited for failure to yield the right of way in the accident.

According to the report, the accident occurred around 6:45 p.m. when a 1972 station wagon, traveling north, driven by Banks, turned into the path of a southbound 1974 sedan, driven by Franklin D. Spruill, 38 of Virginia Beach.

Treated and released from Chowan Hospital were Banks and two passengers in his vehicle, Ronnette Smith, 15, and Theresha Smith, 10, both of Wynn Fork Court, Hertford.

Patrolman Robert Harvey investigated the accident.

In other investigations, an 11 year-old juvenile was arrested and charged in the larceny of a motor bike, taken from the shop of James Roosevelt Burke of Stokes Drive, Hertford.

According to Merritt, Burke was repairing the bike before it was reportedly stolen. The bike, which

has been recovered, was valued at \$50, said Merritt.

A coat valued at \$104 was taken July 23 from Whites Dress Shop in Hertford. According to Merritt, the size 6 coat was discovered missing around 2 p.m. Merritt has a suspect in the case and the investigation continues.

Over \$40 was reported missing from the cash register of the Little Mint in Hertford, July 26. Merritt's investigation revealed that no forcible entry had been made.

No arrests have been made and the investigation is continuing.

In other police investigations, the following reports were made:

- \$10 was reported stolen from the concessions at the Hertford Fire Department.

- Locks on the coin boxes at the car wash at Harris Shopping Center were broken and \$3:50 was stolen.

- A gray 10-speed bike valued at \$50 was reportedly stolen from the Crescent Drive residence of Tripp Brown.

- A \$75 value bicycle was reported missing by Cindy Biggs of Woodland Circle.

- O. B. Rawls of 213 Dobbs Street reported the theft of a 26-inch Murray bicycle valued at \$60 with a child's seat on the back.

## County commissioners hear more water department problems

**By SUSAN HARRIS**  
Russell Chappell, Perquimans County Water Department Supervisor, told the county commissioners at their meeting Monday night that his crew found two homes receiving water without paying while reading meters recently. James Banks and Curtis Shambry had their water service discontinued after it was discovered that sometime between the January meter reading and the July reading both had used water that was unpaid for. Banks had a faulty meter, according to Chappell, and the pipes were plumbed to take the water straight from the county lines to his residence.

### Vandals drain water

Vandals opened a fire hydrant at Rivercroft last Wednesday night, completely draining the Winfall water system. "If we had had a fire, we would have been in bad shape," said Winfall Chief of Police Joe Lothian.

### This week

It's blueberry season. See page 3 for details.

### Weather

Lows in the 70s with highs in the upper 80s and low 90s.



Curtis Shambry, who rents a mobile home in Southern Shores from Isaac Lowe, had used 792,000 gallons of water from the January meter reading until the July reading. Chappell said he had paid for about 2,000 gallons per month. Shambry said he knew there was a leak in his pipes, and had told Lowe about it, although nothing had been done. The commissioners voted to turn the matter over to county attorney John Matthews. Diane Riddick presented the commissioners with a letter of complaint concerning her recent bout with unclean water. Riddick said because of the water, she had ruined a load of white clothes, had

who is investigating the incident. According to Lothian, 100,000 gallons of water was drained from the Winfall system, leaving residents without water for several hours. Two other fire hydrants were reportedly opened in the New Hope area of the county, according to Russell Chappell, county water supervisor. Chappell said he was assisting the Perquimans Sheriff's Department in the investigation. "We already have several leads," Chappell said. Chappell said the fire hydrant adjacent to Steve Perry's house was seen running around 10 p.m. Wednesday and another hydrant was reported open near Berea Church. Chappell said he and workers from the water department checked other hydrants in the county until after 2 a.m. "We didn't lose that much water," Chappell commented. The county system provided water to replenish the Winfall system all day Thursday, according to Chappell.

thrown away the beef tips she was cooking, and had emptied a large swimming pool she was filling for her child. The bill amounted to \$28.81, which also included the purchase of five gallons of distilled water her family used during the three days of unclean water. Riddick also requested that \$10 be

## Perquimans recreation director resigns

**By VAL SHORT**  
Although Bobbi Veon is happy about what lies ahead in her pursuit of new horizons in education and career, she is sad about leaving Perquimans and her position as head of the county recreation program.

Veon recently resigned as director of the Perquimans Parks and Recreation Department to pursue a masters degree in sports medicine at Elizabeth City State University. She will also work full time as recreation supervisor with the Elizabeth City recreation program. "You really get attached to the people around here. Everybody has been so friendly. I really hate to leave," said Veon. Veon's resignation was effective July 29, but she is working another week "to tie up loose ends." She is scheduled to report to work in Elizabeth City August 2. School starts for Veon August 28. Veon, a 1981 graduate of the University of North Carolina in recreation administration, came to Perquimans last December from the Elizabeth City Parks and Recreation Department. She

followed Mac Sligh as director of the county recreation program. Her greatest accomplishment, said Veon, has been expansion. A new soccer league, more basketball and softball teams, and tennis court improvements are all examples of growth in the county recreation program, according to Veon.

A project Veon will have to leave behind will be the benefit supper set August 20 at Missing Mill Park. The supper is a project of the county recreation advisory committee, and the proceeds will be used for tennis court improvements. "I've really enjoyed being here. The hardest part will be leaving the friends I've made," said Veon.

Veon issued thanks to her coworkers: "They all have been fantastic to work with. They've done everything they could to make this department work. I couldn't ask for better people to work with," she said. Of her community support, Veon said, "I really appreciate everyone's help and cooperation. The sponsors have been really good to us. Everytime I needed

someone, someone in the community would volunteer." "And softball season would never be the same without being at Union field," she added. Applications for a new director were accepted through August 1, and interviews will begin this week, according to Hertford Mayor and Town Manager Bill Cox. Cox said a selection committee will choose a new director as soon as possible.



Bobbi Veon

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