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Perquimans receives over \$1 million in grants

By JANE WILLIAMS

Community development efforts in Perquimans County received a boost last week when Governor Jim Hunt announced that the Town of Hertford has been awarded \$539,545 and the Town of Winfall has been awarded \$558,835 through the Community Development Block Grant Program for fiscal year 1983.

The grants to Hertford and Winfall are part of \$48 million in Community Development Block Grants announced by the Governor last Wednesday.

"Competition for these grants was very tough and you are to be commended for developing a plan which met the aim of the program — providing benefits to low and moderate income citizens by revitalizing their communities and

spurring economic development through more jobs," the Governor noted. The state received requests for over \$132 million.

The Town of Hertford had applied for an additional \$36,400 for local option activities to be spent outside of the target area. This funding was not approved.

The Town of Winfall had applied for approximately \$750,000 in funding. This amount was also cut back.

Governor Hunt described the programs value as "immediately evident", noting that the projects will contribute to continued economic growth and improving the quality of life in communities across the state.

The block grant funding in Hertford will be used to complete Phase 2 of the King Street Revitalization Project.

The proposed project is to rehabilitate 23 residential structures, acquire and demolish 11 residential structures, and demolish 3 commercial buildings. All of these structures will be reappraised before the project begins.

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox estimated that the project will take 15 months to complete and said that the work would begin as soon as the funds arrive.

The funding in Winfall will be used to upgrade housing in the King Street Target area.

Winfall Mayor Lloyd R. Morgan stated that there would be approximately 25 houses included in this project.

Morgan commented "I am glad that we have received this funding to

help our town. This is the third year that we (the town) have applied for this funding and the first time that it has been granted."

The Community Development Block Grant Program was designed by the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development in cooperation with local officials. The program is administered by the Departments Division of Community Assistance.

This announcement marks the second year that the state has administered this program. It was formerly administered by the federal department of Housing and Urban

Development (HUD). The program was shifted from HUD to individual states as part of the new federalism concept in 1982.

"The benefits of this program are primarily for those in low and moderate income brackets who have been hit hardest by the economic slowdown," Hunt said.

The projects consist of going into areas with sub-standard housing and bringing these structures up to standard. The funding is given on a basis of need. There is no charge to the property owners unless the property is sold before the fifth year after rehabilitation is completed.

In the event that the property is sold before this time, the grant must be paid back proportionately by the property owner.

The projects are expected to open up jobs throughout the state, created by work associated with development and rehabilitation.

Mayor Cox said, "I think that the Hertford project and the Winfall project are great assets to the County."

Neighboring Counties that received funding were: Pasquotank County, \$701,936 for Community Revitalization and Chowan County \$750,000 for Economic Development.

Commissioners purchase trucks for water department

By CINDY LEICESTER

Two new trucks to be used by the water department have been ordered. This was announced during a meeting of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, September 6.

One truck was purchased from the State Highway Shop at a cost of \$1,200. The other was purchased from Winslow Blanchard Motor Co. at a cost of \$8,502.44.

Approval was given for the hookup of Forestry Service monitors to the dispatch system. There would be no cost to the county for the hookup.

W. L. Tilley, Chairman of the Board of Elections, requested that space be set aside for use as an Election Board Office. It was noted that there is a room available next to the Soil Conservation Office.

The Board tabled making a decision until it could be determined if the space was needed by the Soil Conservation Office.

In other action, the Board agreed to ask the town to place two 10 minute parking signs in front of the tax office to allow people paying water bills and taxes a place to park.

The Board also decided to have a sign made, to be placed in the Court House Parking Lot, which would read for County Employees Only.

D. F. Reed Jr., presented a report on operational costs for the Perquimans County Recreation Department for the month of August. He also stated that a purchase order had been issued for a new ambulance; the cost of which will be covered by a grant.

It was also decided to advertise and request that individuals from Holiday Island who made application for water service on Phase II of the water system make application for a refund to the water department. Applicants should allow 90 days from October 1 for refunds to be allowed.

Approval was made for the placement of a marker on the Courthouse Green honoring Kilcocanen and Yeopim Indians.

The marker, sponsored by The Perquimans County 400th Anniversary Committee, will be dedicated September 15, which is Heritage Day of the Indian Summer Festival.

Ron Sessoms, engineer of Rivers and Associates, gave a status report on the new wells for Phase II of the water system and discussed a right-of-way to the new well sight. No decision was made.

Suggestions were also made regarding ways to improve the condition of the water in the present system. Work was begun immediately.

Floyd Mathews presented a Resource Conservation and Development Plan for Perquimans County to the Board.

School year opens smoothly

By SUSAN HARRIS

Perquimans County School Superintendent Pat Harrell told the Board of Education Tuesday night that the 1983-84 school year opened smoothly last week, with no problems reported except the heat.

Harrell said 1,692 students are enrolled in the county's four schools, 30 more pupils than the state's projected 1,662. According to Harrell, there is a possibility that the state will fund an additional one-half to one full teaching position when the attendance report for the first ten school days is reviewed.

"Another teaching position would help to alleviate classrooms which exceed the maximum suggested number of pupils per room," Harrell said.

The Board took no action on a proposed amendment to its previously established attendance policy for the school year. The amendment would require the parents of students who frequently miss school to attend a conference at the school.

The Board voted to table a decision

on the amendment until the principals could be consulted.

Another policy under review is the fund-raising policy. At its next meeting, Harrell will report to the Board the amount of money made by school-related fund-raisers last school year. The Board will decide what type of fund-raising activities will be allowable.

The Board voted to proceed with plans to construct public restrooms at the high school athletic complex. Materials will be purchased by the Board. Labor will be contracted.

Harrell told the Board that there is no asbestos in any classroom or in any student area in any of the county's school buildings. The only asbestos in any school facilities is wrapped on boilers and pipes. Harrell was authorized to get prices on asbestos removal.

The Board decided to negotiate with Mill End Carpet Shop to replace the carpet in a damaged area in the hallway at the high school, and to install carpet in the aisles and across the front of the auditorium.

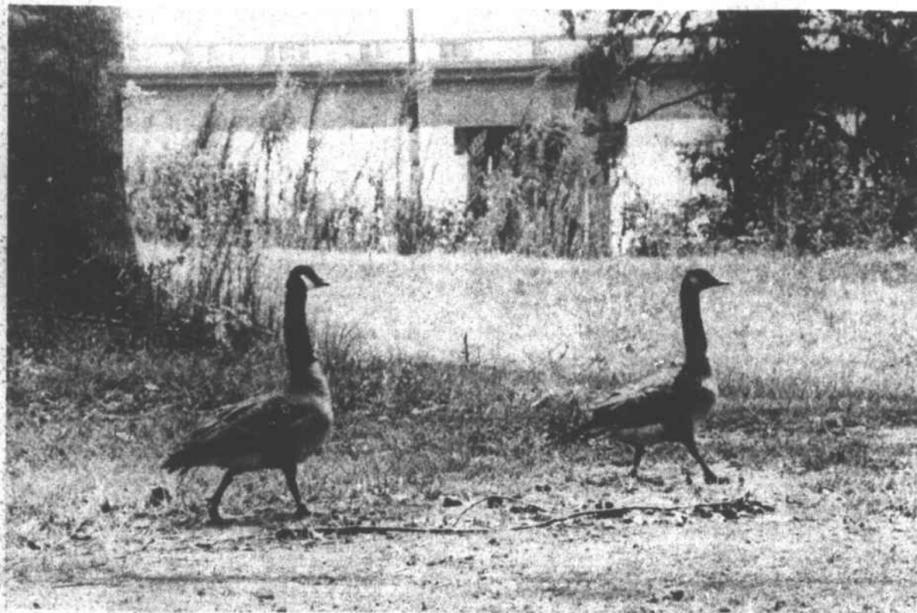
The Board discussed the installation of ceiling tile and insulation in one wing at Union School by Basnight and Co. No action was taken.

Harrell announced that both the Level I and Level II TMH programs in the county will receive Program of Excellence Awards at the state conference this month. The governor will present the 30 awards to be given.

Mary Jones was approved for employment as a part-time aid to assist with an emotionally handicapped child.

A contractual agreement with Gates County Schools was approved. The agreement will allow a Gates County teacher's aid to transport three TMH students to Perquimans for participation in this county's program.

In other business:
•Salaries were approved for non-certificated personnel.
•Substitute teachers were approved.
•A contract for DEC evaluation service was approved.



These two Canadian Geese have adopted Perquimans County as their new home. Reportedly, they have raised

eight goslings. Hopefully, hunters will concentrate on migrating flocks and will let these "home birds" continue

to increase their numbers next year. (Photo by Pat Mansfield)

Wide variety of entertainment scheduled for summer festival

Betty Oxendine Mangum, Director of Indian Education for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, and A. Bruce Jones, Executive Director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs have accepted an invitation to participate in the Indian Summer Heritage Dan during the "Tribute to native Americans" on Thursday, September 15.

The day's activities will begin at the Newbold-White House, located on the Bethel Road, near Hertford, at 10:30 a.m. There will be music by the High School Band, under the direction of David Ziemba.

Mangum will speak on "Indian Awareness" at the special event. She will also visit the schools in Perquimans County and talk with students.

Born in Pembroke, N.C. located in Roberson County, she is a Lumbee Indian. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Pembroke State University and a Master's in Education Administration from North Carolina Central University. She has also studied at North Carolina State University and the University of Western Michigan.

She is a member of many professional organizations among which are the North Carolina Association of Educators, National Education Association, Association of Childhood Education, Consortium of state for upgrading Indian Education, Delta Kappa Gamma and Phi Delta Kappa.

Jones will take part in a presentation on native American Culture, telling of the life-style, government, religion, and other facets of the Indian way of life when the English came to the New World during the Roanoke Voyages.

A native American of the Lumbee Tribe, Jones is an educator by profession, with a Master's degree from George Peabody in Nashville. He has served as a member of the National Congress of American

Indians, as President of the Governor's Interstate Indian Council, and in many other leadership roles. He has been Executive Director of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs since 1976.



Indian Summer Festival

They will be joined in their presentations by Secretary Hodgkins of Cultural Resources, and Adolph Dial, Director, Department of Indian Studies, Pembroke State University.

At 3:30 that afternoon, a marker honoring Kilcocanen and the Yeopim Indians will be placed on the Court House lawn.

Perquimans County records show that on March 1, 1661, Kilcocanen, King of the Yeopim Indians, sold land to George Durant, pioneer settler of the Albemarle. The Yeopim Indians befriended the white settlers in many ways, without which aid, they might have failed as did the colony on Roanoke Island.

Jeanne C. White, Chairman of the Perquimans County 400th Anniversary Committee says, "Our Committee feels that before we begin the commemoration of the coming of the English, we should pause and pay tribute to those people who were already here. So, we are honoring them during this Native American Heritage Week."

On Friday and Saturday, September 16 and 17, entertainment will abound.

The Missing Mill Park and the Courthouse lawn are the two places to be to see and hear a wide variety of

singing, dancing, and music playing.

After a day of sales galore at the local stores, Rev. Rendal Cosand will perform on the vibraharp on the Courthouse lawn along with guitar and fiddle music with singing provided by Rev. W. A. Renfrow and Rev. Charles H. Stevenson.

Beginning at 5:30 at the Park there

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Car clips telephone pole

Four people were injured Thursday, September 1 in a two car accident in Hertford.

A 1966 Chrysler being operated by Formon Vernon Brickhouse of Gum Street in Hertford, after coming to a stop at the intersection of King and Church Streets, was struck from behind as he attempted a left turn onto Church Street.

Striking the Brickhouse vehicle, was a 1966 Mercury being operated by Washington Vernon Lyons of King Street. After coming to a stop behind the Brickhouse vehicle on King Street, the Mercury accelerated rapidly and struck the Chrysler a glancing blow, and continued on, striking a telephone pole across the street, breaking it in half.

Injured in the accident was Ella Mae Brickhouse, wife of Formon Brickhouse and a passenger in his car. She was transported to Chowan Hospital, by a relative where she was treated and released.

In the Mercury, two passengers, John Stewart of Market Street, and Les Wilson Jr., of Stokes Drive, were also taken to Chowan Hospital and were treated and released.

No charges have been filed.



Three people were treated and released from Chowan Hospital after this two car

accident last Thursday morning at the intersection of Church and King Streets in

Hertford. (Photo by Pat Mansfield)