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Facility does not meet requirements

New high school recommended by state board

By SUSAN HARRIS

The Perquimans County Board of Education Monday night heard Darrel Spencer, assistant director of the Division of School Planning in North Carolina, outline his department's findings during a facilities usage survey done in the county.

Based on student population projections, the survey recommended several changes to be implemented both in the long and short term.

The major concern cited in the report is replacing the 1924 structure at Perquimans High School. Because of its age and non-code construction, the survey team reported that the building is not suited for renovation.

The Board adopted the 1983-84 school attendance policy. Under the revised plan, a letter will be sent to the parents of any student having missed 10 days of classes. The letter will outline the student's excused and unexcused absences, and strongly

request that the parents go to the school for a conference.

Twenty days absent disqualifies a student for promotion or graduation.

A discussion of school fund-raising activities did not lead to a Board fund-raising policy.

Superintendent Pat Harrell compiled a report consisting of the types of activities and amounts raised by all four schools last year. Approximately \$16,800 profit was realized, not including the Band Boosters and Athletic Boosters, since these are not student organizations.

The Board asked that the principals be cautious when authorizing fund-raising activities.

Harrell informed the Board that the school mechanics are in need of two new pieces of equipment. Head mechanic William "Red" Elliott is gathering cost estimates on a 5-5/8 ton hydraulic lift and a one-ton transmission lift.

Although no funds were budgeted

for the garage, the Board felt that the request should be approved. The state recently allocated matching funds for such projects.

Some Board members commented on the outstanding job the mechanics have done, especially when considering that the Board has never budgeted for new equipment for that department.

Under capital improvement projects discussion, Harrell told the Board that the ceiling replacement at Union School will exceed the budgeted amount by over \$5,000. The project will cost approximately \$15,700.

The Board accepted a bid of \$2,736 from Mill End Carpet Shop to put down new carpet in the high school auditorium and to replace damaged carpet in the hallways.

Harrell also told the Board that some restrooms at Hertford Grammar School have been improved, and that the newest building

at that site is being painted.

The Board discussed insuring the school system's 16 computers valued at approximately \$40,000. Harrell said that replacement cost coverage would cost about \$350.

The Board asked Harrell to find out about all the requirements and restrictions of such a policy before making a final decision.

In other business, the Board:

*voted to insure the school buildings and contents with replacement cost coverage where applicable, through the State Board of Education at a cost of \$8,000.

*was presented with copies of the new curriculum guides for communications and math programs in grades one-12.

*accepted the resignation of Karen Ferrell effective August 17.

*received a workmen's compensation rebate of \$758 for non-claims.

*approved a leave of absence for Mary Fosky effective September 16.

*received a copy of the presentation on the TMH program in the county that will be shown at the Programs of Excellence conference Wednesday night.

Reorganization announced



JANE WILLIAMS

THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY has announced that Jane Williams, formerly Advertising Manager for the paper, will be filling the position of Managing Editor left vacant by Val Short who resigned last month.

Williams, who began her newspaper career with THE CHOWAN HERALD in Edenton, has worked with The Weekly for more than two years.

"I look forward to working with and for the people of Perquimans County in this new endeavor," Williams said.

Williams, a native of Chowan County, resides in Edenton with her husband, Terry, and their two children, Michael and Jennifer.

Pat Mansfield, who has been



PAT MANSFIELD

employed by The Weekly for four years as Circulation Manager, will be leaving her post to fill the position of Advertising Manager previously held by Williams.

"I'm looking forward to working with the merchants in this area, and using my artistic background to help them with their business," Mansfield said.

Mansfield resides in Chowan County with her husband, Bill, and their daughter, Betsy.

Ken Castellor, a native of Chowan County, has joined the staff of THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY as Circulation Manager and local sportswriter.

Castellor is a 1980 graduate of John



KEN CASTELLOE

A. Holmes High School in Edenton, and has attended The College of the Albemarle majoring in Business Administration.

Susan Harris of Hertford will remain on staff as a freelance writer. Harris will aid in the coverage of local meetings and will work out of her home on special projects for the paper.

Cindy Leicester of Hertford will continue in her position of typist/proofreader for The Weekly.

"We are fortunate to have people that are willing to give of themselves to help each other on our staff. We all look forward to the new challenges that have been given us," Williams said.

School Board reviews County facilities usage survey

By SUSAN HARRIS

The recently-completed Perquimans County School Facilities Update conducted by the Division of School Planning, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, provides the Board of Education with information vital to the long and short range planning of student and administrative housing in Perquimans County.

The survey team, which consisted of an educator, an architect and an engineer, visited all the school facilities, appraising their usage.

A new high school building to replace the two-story structure built in 1924 was the major need in the report, according to Dr. Darrel Spencer, assistant director of the Division of School Planning, who was on the survey team.

The school was placed in category IV, which the reports outlines as a facility which should be in use for only five or so years. Major renovation is economically infeasible, the report states.

It is recommended that the building only be maintained for health and safety until it can be replaced.

Until a new facility can be constructed, the report recommends moving special programs, such as Trainable Mentally Handicapped, to another school, and relocating the art program, which is upstairs in the old building.

The report states that "this program adds to the fire hazard of this building," due in part to the ceramic kiln and the combustible materials used in art classes.

The report applauds the Board for converting the King Street School to a high school vocational facility. It

further states, "the recent construction at the high school is well-planned and functional."

Another problem at the high school, according to Spencer, is that the bus garage is on campus. The survey team recommended moving the garage and expanding it at some future date. This was not a high priority change.

Perquimans Union School is described as a long-range facility which is suitable for renovations and improvements. The report states that thought should be given to moving all the county's fifth and sixth grade students to this school.

At present, 416 students are enrolled at Union, where the report says 700 or more could be easily handled. This year, 94 fifth and sixth graders are enrolled at Hertford Grammar School.

The library at Union is labeled inadequate in the report, as are the recently-improved dressing rooms and the administrative area. Needs listed are small rooms for remediation and tutorial programs, and storage areas.

Also, an additional home economics lab is recommended.

The Board is waiting for funds to work on the drainage problem outlined in the report.

Moving the TMH/S&PH classes to Union School was a report suggestion. Many needs were listed for these students, including a covered play area, a fenced play yard, a clothes washer and dryer, and an equipped kitchen.

By moving all the special classes to one school, the survey team feels that these students' needs can be better met.

Hertford Grammar School was also listed as a long-range facility. The report emphasized the need for an indoor physical education facility on the campus, as well as an adequate media center.

Perquimans Central School should have its present gymnasium converted into a media center as the Board of Education has given consideration to in the past, said the report. The present media center was described as "totally inadequate" for the school size.

The cafeteria and 1954 library/classroom addition are described as being long-range facilities. However, the 1937 building has many inadequacies which the report states would be expensive to correct.

Recommended in the report is shifting students from Perquimans Central, which is overcrowded, to Hertford Grammar as needed.

Eventually, the report suggests, Perquimans Central should be phased out and converted into offices for the school board.

At this time, a new bus garage could be constructed on the site, along with offices for maintenance, which now works from the garage facility.

At present, according to the report, the bus garage is an inadequate facility which poses a traffic hazard at the high school.

Years from now, the report projects that all K-3 will be housed at Hertford Grammar; all 4-8 at Perquimans Union; and 9-12 at a new high school. These changes will be due in part to an expected decline in enrollment.

Byrum joins local firm

By JANE WILLIAMS

Hal Byrum, a native of Colerain, recently joined the firm of Don Juan. Mr. Byrum replaced Stuart Anderson as plant manager.

Byrum began his career in the apparel industry with Ahsokie Manufacturing. His duties there included engineering, purchasing, inventory and order control and customer service. During his four year tenure, Ahsokie Manufacturing joined with 18 other manufacturers and formed the Kellwood Corporation, with annual earnings in 1982 of \$150 million.

Prior to joining Don Juan Manufacturing Byrum was employed at Hampton Industries in Kinston, where he held various plant manager jobs and acted as a trouble shooter manager for over a 19 year period.

Byrum worked his way through Chowan College where he received an Associate of Arts Degree in 1960. He served as Senior Class President, received the Silver Feather Award and was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges.

"With the upswing in business and

the sincere desire of the people in this area to 'make it happen', which is Don Juan's slogan, I feel that the future is very bright for this company and for Northeastern North Carolina. They are the greatest people that I have ever worked with."

Byrum and his wife, Peggy, reside in Elizabeth City. They have one son.



HAL BYRUM

Association enters Phase II of work

By MRS. J. EMMETT WINSLOW

The Perquimans County Restoration Association has entered a second and significant phase of its work at the Newbold White House.

During the Indian Summer Festival, Senator Melvin R. Daniels presented a check for \$25,000 to Albert Eure, President of the Association. This was a matching grant from the General Assembly, one of the few that could be made during this session.

In presenting the check Senator Daniels said, "I have consistently supported the work at the Newbold White House since it began in 1971. I consider that its place in the early government of our state merits our state support."

"It is not only the oldest house in North Carolina, but the only surviving meeting place of our proprietary government which began in 1663."

In accepting the grant, Eure told Senator Daniels that a matching grant of \$25,000 had already been given by Richmond, Virginia philanthropist, Irving H. Wainwright. Work will begin immediately on restoring the David Newby House, already on the site, as a site manager's house.

Secretary of Cultural Resources, Sara W. Hodgkins, whose department will supervise the work, spoke briefly at Heritage Day exercises at the House on September 15.

She said, in part, "The dwelling will continue to be designated the David Newby House, but will be restored in memory of Mr. Wainwright's wife, Harriet Frances Mardre Wainwright."

"Harriet Frances Mardre was born in Hertford, daughter of a prominent merchant, William Mardre and his wife, Pattie Elliott Mardre. In tracing her family history, Mrs. Wainwright learned that one of her fifth great-grandfathers was Abraham Sanders, owner of the Newbold-White House from 1726 to 1751."

"She was enthusiastic and consistent supporter of the Perquimans County Restoration Association's efforts to restore that house. Her

interest and support were shared and continued by her husband, Irving H. Wainwright."

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Above-Senator Melvin R. Daniels presents a check to Albert Eure, President of the Perquimans County Restoration Association while Mrs. J. Emmett Winslow, Perquimans Patriot, looks

on. Below-Betty Oxedine Mangum and Professor Adolph Dial unveil a marker in honor of Tribal King, Kilcocanen. (Photos by Jane Williams and Pat Mansfield)



Hertford P.D. issues warning

A black male, approximately six feet tall in his early twenties has been reported for trying to gain entrance into area homes according to reports to the Hertford Police Department.

The man has repeatedly gone to homes where he has asked to use the telephone. After gaining entrance into the home, he then asks for a glass of water and/or use of the bathroom. It has also been reported that in some cases he has entered homes without knocking.

Chief Marshall Merritt suggests that under no circumstances should you allow a stranger to enter your home. If you are approached by someone wanting to use your phone, offer to make the call for them, and then lock your door before going back inside. If you are approached by a person bearing the description given, notify the police department immediately.