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Powell-Roberson files appeal

State's decision to allocate home in Perquimans challenged

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
Following a public hearing in Perquimans County earlier this year a certificate of need was granted to Powell-Roberson, a Rocky Mount based firm, to construct a nursing home facility in Gates County by the Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency (HSA).

The decision of the HSA was overturned on April 1 by the Division of Facility Services of the Department of Human Resources, who granted a certificate of need to Unifour Medical Management, Inc. for the construction of a 78-bed Brian Center in Perquimans County.

The granting of the certificate

of need to Unifour Medical Management for a Perquimans County home distressed residents of Gates County and Powell-Roberson, who in turn petitioned the N.C. Department of Human Resources for a hearing to review their decision, thus creating concern for local residents as to the final outcome of the state's decision.

The hearing is tentatively slated for December, but local officials feel that the county's support of Unifour Medical Management and their plans is imperative if the county is to be selected as the site for the nursing home.

Petitions voicing support of

the facility are being circulated throughout the community. The petitions, which are available at the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce office and the Hertford Municipal Building, will be sent to the Department of Human Resources to be considered in any proceedings relating to the allocation of nursing home beds in Perquimans or Gates Counties.

If the allocation is left with Unifour Medical Management, Inc., their plans are to construct a 78-bed facility in Perquimans County that will create approximately 70 jobs for area residents. The facility will also add to the county's tax revenues.

During their regular business meetings on Monday night the Winfall Town Council and the Hertford Town Council each passed a resolution of support for Unifour Medical Management and their plans to construct a home in Perquimans County. The resolution is on the agenda for action by the Perquimans County Commissioners for their July 15 meeting.

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox voiced his support of the project adding, "I feel that there is 100-percent support in Perquimans County for the project, but we need at this time to show it."

In a telephone interview on Tuesday Ben Setzer, executive

vice-president of development for Unifour Medical Management in Hickory said, "We are very pleased that the state certificate of need department approved our application to build a facility for Perquimans and Gates Counties. We look forward to working closely with these communities in the construction and development of this facility, as well as future operations."

"We are a proven health care company, who has provided nursing home care to North Carolina residents since 1972. Providing nursing home and health care is our only business

and we are dedicated to proven high quality care at all of our facilities. It appears to me that these factors stood out over the other applications in the state's decision to approve our company."

"We appreciate the outstanding support we have received in the communities and will need continued support from the citizens of Perquimans and Gates Counties in this upcoming appeal."

Small presides over Court

Henry Russell Mallory, Jr. was sentenced to seven years in the North Carolina Department of Correction after he pleaded guilty to the charges of felonious possession of stolen goods during the July session of the Superior Court at the Perquimans County Courthouse with the Honorable Herbert Small presiding and Kenneth W. Patterson prosecuting.

Other cases heard included: Christopher Scott Dance who violated his probation, a 12-month sentence was imposed.

Thomas James Clauson was dismissed of the charges of reckless driving and attempt to elude arrest and was given a six-month suspended sentence and four years supervised probation for Misd. Possession of marijuana, no operators license, and stop sign violation. He was fined \$75 plus the cost of court.

Ammelle Anderson Charlton pleaded guilty to exceeding a safe speed and was given a five-day suspended sentence for one year and fined \$25 plus the cost of court.

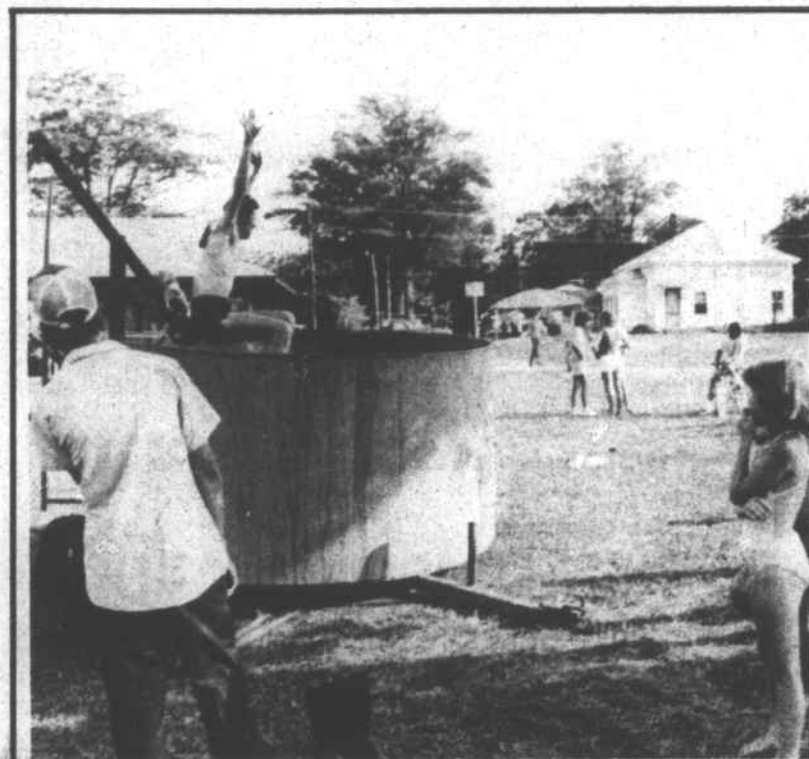
William Lee Walker, Jr. pleaded guilty to failure to stop for blue light and siren, failure to drive on the right half of road, no operators license and driving while impaired. His charges were consolidated for judgment and he was given a six-month sentence suspended for two years and was fined \$200 plus the cost of court.

William Edward Skinner pleaded guilty to misdemeanor breaking and entering and was sentenced to seven months in the North Carolina Department of Correction and was also fined \$100 plus the cost of court.

Nathan Curtis Trueblood was found guilty by jury of the charges of felonious possession of stolen goods. He received a 12-month sentence in the N.C. Department of Corrections. An appeal was entered.

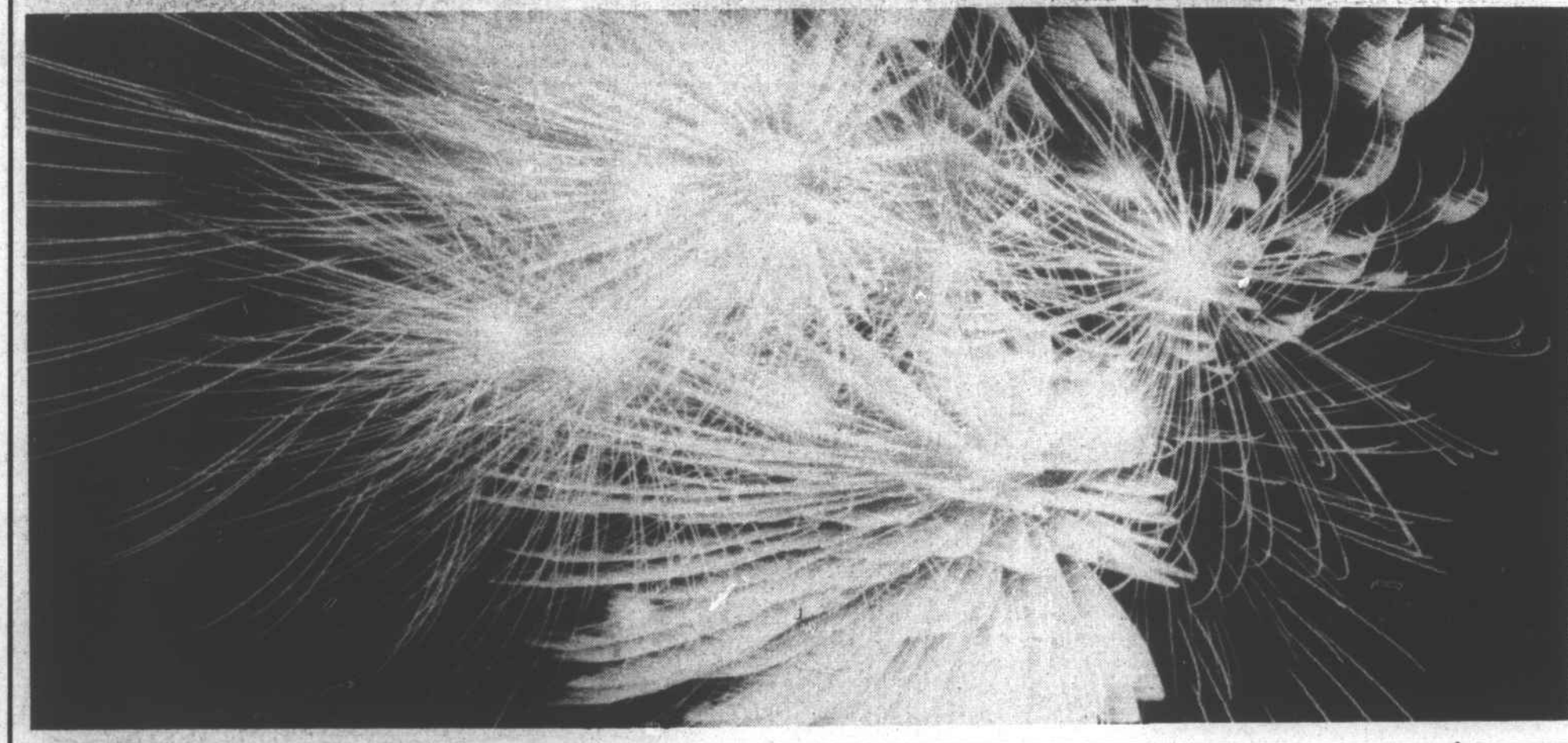
Dempsey Kato Mallory agreed to plead guilty to second degree burglary while dropping charges of arson. He was sentenced to 16 years in the North Carolina Department of Correction.

Linwood Barcliff pleaded guilty to the charges of driving while impaired and no operators license. He was sentenced to nine months in the North Carolina Department of Correction.



Enjoying the Fourth

Perquimans County residents turned out in mass for the county's annual July 4th celebration sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees. An afternoon of games and fun was highlighted by a tremendous fireworks display over the Perquimans River at Missing Mill Park on Thursday. (Photos courtesy Edward Leicester and Jimmy Godwin.)



Hertford Council address extra-territorial land use

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
Hertford Town Council members addressed the question of extra-territorial jurisdiction Monday night, discussing the rights of the municipality to govern the zoning regulations of properties within a one-mile cir-

cumference of the city limits. Bill Dunn, with the state regional planning office out of Washington, N.C., met with the council and suggested guidelines to use when setting up extra-territorial zoning. Dunn told the council that it is

"not good to zone land that you won't receive benefit from in the next five to ten years." He also pointed out that extra-territorial land would gain the town no additional tax revenue, nor would the town be responsible for providing city services such

as water, sewer, police and fire protection to those areas. "You only have zoning control over the land," Dunn said.

Dunn pointed out to the council that the benefits that could be derived from the method of zoning would be that the town would be able to control growth just beyond the corporate city limits. If the town elects to zone the extra-territorial limits, building permits for those properties would have to be issued through the town.

To exercise extra-territorial rights the council will have to display publicly a map setting out the area, and showing the proposed zoning regulations for that area. After the completion of the map a public hearing must be held to allow citizens within the extra-territorial district an opportunity to voice their opinions prior to final action by the town.

Council members seemed to be in agreement that the extra-territorial boundaries should fol-

low natural boundaries, possibly using the boundaries that were proposed under the town's original annexation plan last year.

The council agreed to work together to outline distinct areas that would be involved in the project, and instructed Dunn to schedule a time with his department that a map could be drawn depicting the area.

Cooper appointed

Wendell Cooper has recently assumed the duties of assistant area specialized agent in pest management, filling the vacancy left by Stan Winslow, who resigned in April to take over the chairmanship of the Perquimans County Extension Service.

Cooper, a graduate of Virginia Tech, is not new to the pest management program according to Winslow. He worked with the program in 1983 as a scout during the summer, and returned in 1984 as a scout supervisor and assistant manager.

The purpose of the pest management program is to provide crop scouting and soil sampling services. Agents then offer treatment recommendations and fertility recommendations based on the information gathered from these services.

The program, now in its seventh year, is affiliated with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service. It is organized as a non-profit, farmer-owned co-operative under the name of Farmer's Pest Management Services Co-operative.



WENDELL COOPER

Volunteers sought

Nominations from Perquimans County are being sought for the 1985 Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards Program.

Two categories of volunteers will be awarded in this years program; an outstanding individual volunteer will be honored from each county, along with an outstanding volunteer organization.

Anyone wishing to nominate

an individual or group for this award program should write a formal letter of nomination, including a brief description of the nominee's volunteer work, the name, address and phone number of the nominee as well as their own. Nomination should be sent to Mayor Bill Cox or Council member Randy Keaton at the following address: Hertford, N.C. July 22, 1985.