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## Commissioners adopt hunting regulations for New Hope

By JANE B. WILLIAMS  
HERTFORD—A resolution containing a set of controversial hunting regulations was adopted for New Hope Township here Monday afternoon by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners after a lengthy morning discussion involving county land-

owners and hunters. The Board adopted a resolution to request that a bill be introduced in the 1986 General Assembly that would make it unlawful to hunt on or from the right-of-way of any public road.

The resolution, if signed as a bill, will also make it unlawful to

hunt with, or possess, a firearm, bow and arrow or dog on another's land without the permission of the owner or lessee of the land.

This act will apply only to New Hope Township and those portions of Parkville, Bethel and Hertford Townships which lie south or east of U.S. 17.

Pending passage in the General Assembly, this act will become effective September 1, 1986.

The Board acted on the resolution following comments from concerned citizens in at least two other meetings. During Mon-

day's meeting the Board was presented with 260 signatures on petitions from the affected areas, requesting that this action be taken.

As adopted, this bill applies only to a portion of Perquimans County, however, the Board did stipulate that any citizen living outside of that specified area that wishes to be covered by this action should make their request known to the County Manager's Office by March 3, 1986. At that time the Board will review the requests to determine whether or not there is enough interest to apply the bill county-wide.

Landowners present at Monday's meeting voiced their objections and concerns with hunters positioning themselves along state roads; while hunters argued that hunting from the roads' right-of-way was a safer practice than hunting from the woods and shooting towards roads and highways.

Former County Commissioner Bob Spivey told the Board that the New Hope landowners were seeking regulations to keep hunters without permission off of their land. "Nobody should be allowed to get in front of your house and discharge a gun," Spivey said, adding that it was not an uncommon sight in his community.

"The function of a highway is to travel down," Spivey said. "Right now there's nothing to keep us from having a shooting match on the highway." He emphasized that the landowners were not interested in stopping anybody from hunting, but added, "I do object to folks standing in front of my house firing guns."

Belvidere resident Archie Riddick encouraged the Board to adopt the resolution county-wide stating, "If you don't make it county-wide you're very probably going to have to sit with this problem again in a few years."

Commissioner Thomas Nixon echoed Riddick's statement saying, "We don't need to do this part-way," adding, "I've already faced this thing twice."

Nixon was referring to an earlier Board's action that made it unlawful to hunt from the right-of-way in Bethel Township.

Marvin Hunter, President of the Bear Swamp Hunting Club stated, "I think if this is what New Hope Township wants, then make it for that side of 17 and leave the rest of it alone."

Hunter argued that the bill would be better if it read "state maintained road instead of right-of-way. It's better to shoot from the right-of-way towards the woods than from the woods to the right-of-way," he said.

Hunter pointed out that property owners must pay taxes on their lands that fall within the state's right-of-way, stating that permission to hunt on a man's land should include that property.

Commission Chairman W.W. "Welly" White, Jr., stated that the act was designed to protect the county's landowners and legitimate hunters.

Spivey summed up his feelings saying, "A big part of the people hunt legitimately, but there's enough of the others to make it troublesome."

The Board will hold its next meeting on Monday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at the Perquimans County Courthouse.

## Rountree leads in discussion of roads

By JANE B. WILLIAMS  
HERTFORD—The state's newest Board of Transportation member, Earl Rountree of Sunbury, met here Monday with area residents and officials, who are concerned with the transportation needs in the northeastern sector of the state.

Following an informal meeting at the Hertford Municipal Building, sponsored by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, Rountree addressed a gathering of area political leaders and citizens at Gabby's Restaurant.

At the luncheon Rountree told the group that "we need more secondary road appropriations." He commented that this area is above the state average in unpaved roads and said, "we need more money."

Rountree said, "I think we all agree on U.S. 17. We need to improve 17 on down through the state." He further stated that "we can four-lane 17 from one end to the other, but we still get a dead-end at the Virginia Line. We need to place more emphasis on highway liaison."

Rountree favors assigning an agent to travel to Richmond, Va. and negotiate for the paving of the 11-mile stretch that joins North Carolina with 104 in Virginia.

Representative Vernon James commented that he had always given his support to highway funds, adding that, "If you look at areas of growth, you'll see that it always comes to places with good highways."

James favors a raised gasoline tax of three-cents per gallon to aid in the funding of road improvement projects.

Robert Thomas of Edenton, Vice-President of Jimbo's Jumbos, Inc., expressed his interest regarding the importance of Highway 17. "Highway 17 is the most important issue in this area, end of story," he said. Thomas added that it was time for the state to take the initiative and raise the gasoline tax, thereby letting the people that drive on the highways pay for the highways. He agreed with James that it was unfair for the elderly people in nursing homes to share the burden of road improvements through intangibles tax.



## Winter Fantasy

Last week's freezing temperatures, combined with a winter storm, briefly transformed the court area at

College of The Albemarle into a sparkling Fantasyland. Less than an hour later, the

feathery adornment had disappeared, leaving trees and shrubs to once again stand

starkly exposed to the barrenness of the season. (COA Photo)

## Four file for sheriff's seat in Perquimans

By JANE B. WILLIAMS  
HERTFORD—The number of candidates filing to seek the office of sheriff in Perquimans County doubled Monday as the filing period for the May Primary Election came to a close at noon.

Winfall Police Chief Joe Lothian and B.F. "Ben" Shively joined incumbent Julian "Little Man" Broughton and Donald Riddick in their quest for the office. Each of the four candidates are democrats.

Lothian, age 35, is currently employed as Chief of the Winfall Police Department, and has served in that capacity since the department's inception in 1983. Prior to that time Lothian was a deputy with the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department.

Shively, age 50, is an independent general contractor. He resides near Hertford.

Riddick, age 37, is a self-employed building contractor. He has made a prior unsuccessful bid for the office of sheriff.

Broughton, age 59, is seeking his sixth term of office. In addition to his duties as sheriff, he is also the owner-operator of the Hertford Bus Station.

Perquimans County's Clerk of Superior Court, Jarvis Ward, has filed for re-election to that post. The democratic candidate faces no opposition in his bid for re-

election.

A race for the District One County Commissioner seat has developed for the November General Election. Incumbent W.W. "Welly" White, Jr., a democrat, will be challenged in the fall by Republican Candidate

John L. Jennings of Snug Harbor. Neither candidate will face opposition in the primary election.

District Two Commissioner William Wray Chappell (D) faces no opposition in his bid for re-election.

In the non-partisan Board of Education race, Clifford S.

Winslow, the board's chairman, will be unopposed in Belvidere Township.

In the New Hope Township, incumbent Mack Nixon has filed for re-election to that seat. He will be opposed by Walter L. Leigh, an area minister.

## Perry makes bid for House of Representatives

By JANE B. WILLIAMS  
HERTFORD—Perquimans County resident Shirley Elliott Perry filed Friday to seek the Republican nomination for the North Carolina House of Representatives. Perry, a 1985 GOP convert, is the only republican seeking election to the House in the First District.

Perry stated in an interview Monday night that her decision to seek elected office was based on her belief in a strong two-party system.

Perry conveyed that, at present, she felt that there is no two-party system in the First District. "I'm serious," Perry said of her intentions; "and I want to be taken seriously."

Perry and her husband, Rudolph, reside in Belvidere.

Following the recent decision of Representative Charles Evans not to seek re-election to the General Assembly, a large field of democratic candidates have entered the political arena to claim one of the two First District seats.

Representative Vernon James, a democrat from Pasquotank County, has filed to retain that seat.

Other Democratic candidates seeking a nomination in the May Primary for the House of Representatives are: Manteo Town Commissioner Harry Schiffman; Elizabeth City minister Audie V. Simon; R.M. "Pete" Thompson of Chowan County; S.A. "Sam" Walker, Jr. of Currituck County; and Winnie Wood of Camden.



SHIRLEY PERRY

## Local officials discuss feasibility of 911 emergency number for county-wide dispatch

By JANE B. WILLIAMS  
WINFALL—At the suggestion of Winfall Mayor Lloyd R. Morgan county and municipal officials met last Tuesday night to discuss the possibility of offering a nationally publicized three-digit telephone number for emergency calls in the county.

Linwood Langley, the 911 Coordinator for Carolina Telephone of Tarboro, met with the group to explain the concept of the emergency number program which was established nationwide in 1988.

Langley pointed out that in a crisis situation the 911 number

provides easier access to emergency service agencies in the county. "The number is much easier to dial than a seven-digit number," he said. "It can be dialed by those individuals who can't see well, and children can remember a three-digit number in case of an emergency."

Langley stated that the telephone company's central office equipment in the three major exchange offices serving Perquimans County (426-Hertford; 297-Piney Woods; and 264-Woodville) could be modified at a minimal cost to provide the required dedicated lines into the Perquimans

County Dispatch Office.

The cost to the county for subscribing to the 911 Emergency Service Number in the Hertford exchange area would be \$49.19 per line, per month. (The same costs as a local business line.) The monthly fee for the Piney Woods exchange would be \$193.15, and the Woodville exchange would cost \$172.15 per month.

The service would eliminate the need for a separate emergency telephone number for the county's rescue squad, fire departments, forestry service, sheriff's department, as well as the Hertford and Winfall Police

Departments.

The county already works on a central dispatch office, so no additional costs would be incurred for changing to a single-emergency dispatcher for all emergency services.

Langley also pointed out the advantages of a dedicated line for emergency situations. Currently we are on an EAS network which provides a limited number of circuits going into and out of an exchange office. With a dedicated line, the calling party from a 264 or 297 exchange will be able to reach the 911 number even when all of the 426 exchange circuits are in use.

A discussion of costs differences ensued following Langley's presentation, with local officials asking County Manager Randy Keaton and Terry Daniels, CT&T District Commercial Manager, to look into current costs on all emergency lines handled through the Perquimans County Dispatch Office.

Morgan, Jack Symons, a Winfall Councilman, and W.W. White, Jr., chairman of the Perquimans County Commissioners, each expressed a hearty interest in the proposal if it was deemed to be financially feasible able the total cost differences are ascertained.