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Cold and breezy weather hit!

The Perquimans area finally got a break from rain and gloomy weather on Monday afternoon when the sun broke through the clouds. The sun shone most of the afternoon, and

the wind was gusting throughout the day. The flag at the municipal building is shown blowing Monday.

Commissioners accept proposed school facility needs survey as written by Board

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners and the Perquimans County Board of Education met jointly Monday night to discuss the proposed School Facility Needs Survey which must be submitted to the NC Department of Public Instruction.

Earlier this month the board of education held a work session in which they reviewed the needs of the county schools and developed a long range plan which calls for \$10 million dollars worth of renovation, construction, and updating of school facilities. The facilities needs were evaluated according to the guidelines set up by

the state in the survey.

The Board of Education met with the county commissioners Monday to get their approval of the survey, which was necessary before sending it on to Raleigh.

Both boards expressed concern Monday about funding for the long-range plan, but stated that they view the survey as an acknowledgment that the schools must be maintained and updated over the long haul to insure they remain in good condition and serve the county's needs. The School Facility Needs Survey is also viewed by both boards as way to make a continuing commitment to

education.

The County Commissioners approved the School Facility Needs Survey, and stated that they would do their best to assist the board of education in following through with the needs of the county's schools in the future.

The board also approved a plan Monday which may save the county as much as \$2000.00 yearly, and provide additional services for the blind. The plan provides that the Hertford Lions Club will take over the USDA Food Distribution Program from the Perquimans County Department of Social Services. Currently each food

distribution cost the county as much as \$1100.00 for which the county is reimbursed \$600.00 by the federal government. Under the new plan the Lions Club will distribute the food at the distribution site, and will receive the \$600.00 payment from the government. All monies received by the club will then be used to provide services for the blind in Perquimans County. Mr. Paul Gregory, Director of Perquimans County Social Services reported that several counties in the state have already instituted such a plan.

The board also adopted resolutions Monday evening in support of the ex-

School board reviews county test scores

The Perquimans County Board of Education learned Monday evening at their regular monthly meeting that out of 140 school systems in the state Perquimans County was eighth in high scoring in Algebra I testing which was done last spring.

Mrs. Jeannie Umphlett, reported to the board that teachers and school officials are extremely pleased with these results. The school system feels that both the teachers and students who participated in the testing deserve a great deal of recognition for the excellent scores.

Umphlett also reported to the board on the writing test scores which were given to students in grades sixth through eighth. The students scores proved favorable in the region and in the state according to Umphlett; however, writing is still a major element of concern in all grade levels. The importance of writing skill is being noted by school officials, and students will continue to receive the necessary skills to improve their abilities.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Howell, Mr. Billy White, and Mrs. Helen Hunter were present Monday evening to ask the board's permission so that the Athletic Boosters Club can install an outfield fence for the girls softball team at the high school. Permission was given for construction of the fence pending approval of High School officials, to insure they have no conflict with the band.

Mrs. Whitehurst, a vocational tea-

cher at Perquimans Union School was also present at Monday's meeting to make an appeal to the Board of Education to reconsider changing the name of Union School to Perquimans Middle School. Mrs. Whitehurst stated that she and other citizens of the county had graduated from Union School over the years, and that the school held many fond memories. She added that preservation of the school's name was extremely important to her and to other members of the community. The board took no action on her request, but did state they would again consider the issue.

Pat Harrell reported to the board that the Perquimans Union School construction project has been completed, and that the final inspection had been done. Harrell also reported that construction at Perquimans High School continues.

The board also discussed requirements for student attendance at the Academic Achievement Banquet. Several parents and teachers are concerned over differences in standards required for attendance at elementary and high school levels. The board stated they will review these policies and make a decision on any possible changes at a later time.

The board also reviewed a revised school calendar for 1986-87.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Please see revised schedule and calendar on page ten.

Zoning Board holds hearing

The Hertford Town and members of the Hertford Zoning board held a public hearing February 18th to consider the adoption of a zoning ordinance and map, and to establish extraterritorial jurisdiction within one mile of the town limits in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160-A-364.

Several members of the community and property owners affected by the proposal were present at the hearing.

The board listened to public input on the above issue, and accepted suggestions for alternative zoning from several of the property owners present.

The hearing resulted in no action being taken by the board. They will meet again and consider all the information before making a recommendation to the Hertford Town Council.

Copies of the proposed ordinance, and a copy of the map showing the area to be regulated and zoning district boundaries are available for inspection during regular business hours at the town hall.



Workman from the construction crew continue to pull pilings from the Perquimans River. The workman will be continuing the project until all the pilings and debris are removed from along the shoreline.

Commission formed to study policies and procedures

UNC Board of Governors Chairman Phillips G. Carson and State Board of Education Chairman Mebane M. Pritchett recently announced the formation of a Joint Committee of the two Boards.

The purpose of the committee will be to assure collaborative planning between the two Boards as they address the recommendations in the recent report of the Task Force and to submit to the 1987 Session its recommendations for improvement in policies and procedures for preparing

teachers for North Carolina's public schools.

The creation of the Joint Committee is another step in the series of actions by the State Board and the UNC Board of Governors over the past six years to work together to strengthen the public schools. The Task Force report called for creation of such a committee to assure stronger cooperative efforts on the part of the two Boards.

Joint Committee members from the Board of Governors are B. Irving

Boyle of Charlotte, the Rev. E.B. Turner of Lumberton, Charles Z. Flack, Jr. of Forest City and Dr. J. Earl Danieley of Elon College.

Members from the State Board of Education are Dr. Prezell R. Robinson of Raleigh, Mrs. Norma Turnage of Rocky Mount, Dr. James B. Chavis of Pembroke and Mrs. Cary C. Owen of Asheville.

The new committee, to be co-chaired by Boyle and Mrs. Trunage, will begin its work in late February. The four UNC Board members on the

Joint Committee and two of the State Board of Education appointees, Dr. Robinson and Mrs. Owen, were members of the 21-member Task Force.

In announcing the Joint Committee, Carson and Pritchett called for renewed support of their plans for improving teacher education programs in the state. They pledged that their respective Boards would continue efforts to strengthen the education of North Carolina's teachers.

Town of Winfall plans anniversary celebration

WINFALL—Residents of this municipality are busily preparing for a daylong celebration in honor of the town's 100th birthday.

The actual date of the town's incorporation was March, 1887; but, in hopes of warmer weather, the event will be celebrated May 16, 1987 at Perquimans Central School.

Festivities will get under way at 10:00 a.m. with the arrival of local and state dignitaries, including the reigning Miss North Carolina. There will be crafts, historical displays, live entertainment, games, for young and old, and plenty of good food.

In honor of the historical significance of the event, townsfolk will dress in the attire suitable for the town's beginning. Men around the area are asked to put away their ra-

zors until the event to compete in the "Best Mustache Contest."

In addition to the planned celebration, festival planners are busy compiling information for a book of history about the town and its early citizenry. Anyone having any information or photographs that they would like to share with the town is asked to contact Cheri Williams at the Winfall Town Office.

Mark your calendar and make plans to bring your family to celebrate 100 years of history with Winfall on Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Perquimans Central School.

All proceeds from the event and book sales will be donated to the Winfall Volunteer Fire Department.

Precinct meetings set

The Perquimans County Democrats have scheduled their first precinct meetings since Democratic victories in last November's election.

The precinct meetings, to be held at regular precinct polling places, are scheduled for March 5 at 8:00 p.m.

County Democratic Chairman John London encouraged all registered Democrats to attend. "Senator Terry Sanford's victory last November proved the Democrats are back," Terry said. "People once again are proud to say they're Democrats. We want all Democrats to attend these meetings, whether they're party regulars, or whether they just want to get involved with the party again."

Chairman London said that precinct meetings are the most basic ingredient for Democratic success.

"The precinct level is where all policy-making begins," London said. "The more that people get involved in precinct meetings, the better the party can represent the views of all Democrats."

At the March 5 meetings, Democrats will elect precinct officers for the next two years and will choose delegates to the April 4 County conventions.

Precincts also will have the chance to pass resolutions on political and public policy issues.

For more information, please call the Rev. John London at 426-5093.

Man arrested and charged with break-in at Woodard's Pharmacy

A perquimans county man has been arrested and charged with breaking and entering and larceny in a robbery which occurred Sunday, February 22nd.

Andre Blanchard, age 27, 204 King Street, Hertford, N.C. was arrested Sunday and charged with a robbery that took place at Woodard's Pharmacy.

At approximately 4:36 a.m. Sunday morning Officer Tim Spence was checking on Woodard's Pharmacy in downtown Hertford when he heard a noise on the roof of the building. Spence suspected a break-in was in progress, or had just taken place and called for assistance from Chief Merritt.

While waiting for back up assistance in the alley, behind the pharmacy near the rear entrance, Officer Spence observed the suspect leaving the roof of the building. The suspect was ordered to halt, and at that time Chief Merritt arrived on the scene. The suspect was then ordered to come down off the roof of the pharmacy

and taken into custody. Upon searching the suspect a large quantity of drugs was seized.

It was later determined that the drugs were missing from Woodard's Pharmacy. Chief Merritt estimated in an interview that the drugs seized from the suspect have an estimated street value of approximately

\$20,000.00 dollars.

Chief Merritt also stated that this arrest culminates an investigation involving several break-ins throughout the county at the offices of Dr. Robert Lane, Hertford, Dr. Neil DeNunzio, Winfall, and Woodard's Pharmacy, Hertford which have all occurred in the past several months.

According to Merritt all of these cases involve the same M.O.

The case investigation also revealed that a quantity of cocaine had been consumed by the suspect while upon the premises of Woodard's Pharmacy.

The suspect is currently in jail awaiting his first court appearance.