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Mobile home park ordinance passed

Mobile home park owners and mobile home parks will now have to adhere to some strict regulations in Perquimans County.

This comes as a result of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners adopting a new mobile home park ordinance on Monday evening.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on Monday to review and listen to the public's questions concerning the ordinance which was recommended by the Perquimans County Planning Board.

After some discussion by members of the board and few questions from the hand full of citizens present the ordinance was passed unanimously by the board.

The new ordinance was passed with only a few minor changes as it was proposed by the planning board, and those changes involved the size of the driveways to be required, and changes in the wording of some of the passages of the ordinance.

The new ordinance is very specific,

and addresses issues such as registration of mobile homes in parks, approval conditions for mobile home parks, applications for construction of mobile home parks, and specifications for mobile home parks which are to be located in Perquimans County.

Although the new ordinance contains some strict requirements for mobile home parks according to Dick George of the Albemarle Commission, who helped the planning board develop this ordinance, the new ordinance is no tougher than ordinances currently in effect in neighboring counties.

The board stated on Monday evening that it is not their intention to prevent mobile home parks from locating in Perquimans County; however, the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners and the planning board hope to improve the quality of mobile home parks in the county through the use, and enforcement of this new ordinance.

School construction project put on hold

The Perquimans County Board of Education may have to wait a little while longer for their new office building and warehouse facility.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met with the Perquimans County Board of Education Monday evening to discuss the new office-warehouse building project which has been proposed for the Perquimans County School System.

Earlier this spring the two boards met and decided to jointly finance the construction of this new facility. At that time it was decided that the board of commissioners would contribute \$75,000.00 towards the project with the board of education providing \$125,000.00 towards the project, making the total monies available \$200,000.00.

It was the hope of the two boards at that time, and remains their hope that the new building would remedy the problem of office space currently facing both boards. However, the project may not be completed any time soon.

The building project which includes office space for the board of education, and warehouse space for food and other supplies was put out for bids this spring, and when the bids came in June and again in July they came in way over the budgeted figures. (Bids were received twice due to lack of bids on the first opening date.)

The boards met Monday and decided to split the project into phase I and phase II so that some action can

be taken to complete it.

The board of education stated Monday that the project was advertised twice in an attempt to get bids, but that only one general contractor, Roanoke Construction, bid on the job, and that their bid of \$295,000.00 was too high.

The board stated that the 11,000 square foot project apparently was too large for small construction companies, and too small for large construction companies.

The Perquimans County Board of Education stated Monday that they did not feel they needed one of the facilities more than the other, but that they would restudy their needs to determine which facility should be constructed first.

The board of education must now have new specifications drawn up for the two projects, and the process of advertising for bids will begin all over again. Following receipt of the new bids the board will make a decision on which project will become phase I to be constructed as soon as possible.

The board of commissioners voted Monday that all of the \$75,000.00 allotted for the initial project could be used for phase I, but stated they would not, and could not guarantee any funds for phase II of the building project.

With that thought in mind the board of education will proceed on making plans for phase I of the building project.

Commissioners meeting held on Monday night

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening.

Following a public hearing on the proposed mobile home park ordinance the board conducted the following business.

The board voted to give the Perquimans County Jaycees \$300.00 for the fireworks which were held on July 4th. The Jaycees were short approximately \$750.00 in paying for this year's show, and following donations by the Town of Hertford, and the Town of Winfall the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners donation will provide the additional funds needed.

The board also approved an agreement with the Forestry Service to provide services for the county at a cost of \$17,761.00. The county will be billed by the Forestry Service as needed.

The board also approved donations of \$500.00 each to both Skills, Inc. and Highway 17 Transportation Association.

Safety saturation begins

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The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles and the North Carolina Highway Patrol are gearing up to begin another series of motor carrier safety enforcement campaigns.

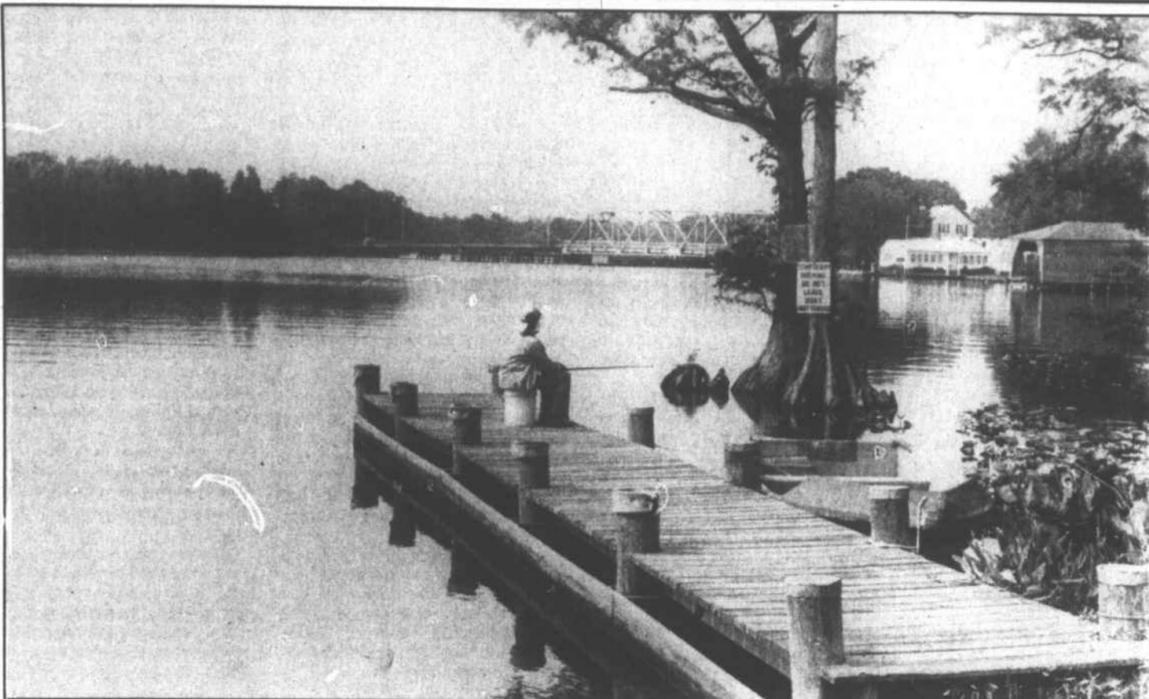
The 10-week enforcement program will be held at 16 locations across the state between July 13 and September 15. The campaigns are a joint effort by the two agencies, and they serve to increase motor carrier safety in the state.

During the program, a team of highway patrolmen and DMV enforcement officers will work together

to patrol heavily trafficked routes. Their highway patrolmen will stop trucks that are tailgating, speeding or committing other obvious moving violations.

The drivers will then be directed by the patrolman to a nearby location where the trucks will receive a thorough safety inspection conducted by the DMV enforcement officers.

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles William S. Hiatt said that previous campaigns have highly effective. "Governor Jim Martin has made highway safety a top priority of his administration, Hiatt said.



Taking it easy!

Pictured above a Perquimans County resident takes it easy by fishing in the Perquimans River near the Hertford municipal building late Monday afternoon.

Police report several incidents in the county

The Hertford Police Department has reported several incidents which have occurred in the county throughout the month of July.

On July 3, 1987, Melton Grove Baptist Church in Winfall was broken into.

According to reports a window air condition was removed from one of the church's windows so the robber could gain entry into the church.

Following an investigation by the police department, Joseph Coston, a black male, age 24, admitted to a sheriff's deputy that he removed the air conditioner.

Coston was arrested and charged with the break-in. The air conditioner was recovered in the woods adjacent to the church.

Coston is currently out of jail on bond. He had his first appearance in court on Wednesday, July 22nd.

The Hertford Fire Department and the Hertford Police Department have also completed an investigation which has resulted in two arrests.

On July 11, 1987, the Hertford Fire Department was called to respond to a fire at 32 of Meads Trailer Park. They responded and following their investigation the Hertford Police De-

partment was brought into the case because arson was suspected by the fire department.

After a joint investigation by the fire department and police two suspects were arrested.

Renay "Jackie" White, and Claude Michael Barrington, occupant of the trailer, were both arrested.

The incident occurred following a fight between the two parties. Following the fight White apparently set fire to the trailer and stabbed Barrington in the neck with a kitchen fork. Barrington then struck White's 1976 Pontiac Bonneville with a pole, and struck White in the mouth and face with his fist.

White has been charged with second degree arson and assault, and Barrington has been charged with assault and injury to personal property.

Both parties are out of jail on bond. Their first court date was held on July 22nd.

The police have also reported an incident which occurred in the county on July 12th and 13th.

The incident began at Southern Shores Beach when Jerome Reid, and a girl friend, Linda Twine, were fighting. According to police reports

Wilbert Jones became involved in the disagreement and the two men began fighting. Following the two men's fight Jones alleges that Steve A. Stepman, and Wadell Harvey became involved. Jones reports that Harvey attempted to cut him with a knife, and that Stepman hit him with a baseball bat.

The incident then moved into Hertford where Stepman reported that Jones struck his car with a bat causing \$200.00 in damages.

The incident then moved to Wynne Fork Court where Officer Harvey of the Hertford Police Department reported that a vehicle driven by Delma Marcel Lee, of 319 Market Street, Hertford, pulled up and that Lee jumped from the vehicle carrying a small hand gun which he fired at Jones. Several shot were fired, but Jones was not hit.

Senior Patrolman Tim Spence reported on Monday, July 20th that all of the suspects involved with this incident were arrested. Lee was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill, Jones has been charged with injury to personal property, and larceny which was an outstanding warrant held by

the police department, Harvey and Stepman have both been charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

All of the men are out of jail on bond awaiting trial.

The police have also reported that one lady has been arrested and charged with assault in case that took place in Winfall, North Carolina.

The Perquimans County Rescue Squad was called to White Street in Winfall. When they arrived Geraldine Holley reported that Carrie Floyd had struck her in the mouth causing extensive damage. The incident apparently took place as the result of an argument over a telephone bill and some statements made by Holley to Floyd.

Floyd was arrested and charged with assault, she is out of jail on bond awaiting a trial date of August 19th. Ms. Holley was treated at Albemarle Hospital and released.

The Hertford Police Department has also requested that residents refrain from defacing the property located at the intersection of Edenton-Road Street and Market Streets in Hertford across from the Little S & R store. The police department will be enforcing any and all city ordinances and state violations that apply.

Local man stabbed six times in Chapanoke

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Department has reported that a stabbing took place over the weekend.

According to Sheriff Joe Lothian, Joe Louis Walker, of Route 4, Hertford, NC was stabbed this past weekend.

Walker was stabbed while patronizing a local night spot in the Chapanoke area, Mickey's Place.

Walker who was stabbed six times by an unknown assailant. He was treated and released from Albemarle Hospital following the incident.

An investigation by the Sheriff's Department into this matter is continuing.

The Sheriff's Department has also reported that 40 more marijuana plants have been seized in the county

making the total number of plants seized some 60 plants.

The Sheriff's Department is continuing their servaliance of the county, and they expect to seize additional plants as they reach the peak of the marijuana growing season.

The Sheriff's Department is also seeking information from county residents regarding losses of commercial fishing equipment from the Perquimans River recently. Items such as crab pots, crabs, nets, and other items have been taken. Any one with information relating to these items is asked to call the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department at 426-5615.

Any one found to be stealing these items will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Partners with youth elect new officers for the year

At their July 14 meeting in the Old Courthouse at Edenton, the Perquimans-Chowan Partners With Youth Board of Directors, accepting the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, elected their new officers for the 1987-88 year. The new officers and Board of Directors are: President (Class of 1988) Chief F. Marshall Merritt, Chief of Police, Hertford, NC 27944; 128 N. Church St., Hertford, NC 27944; 426-5587 (W) 426-5321 (Dis.); Vice President (Class of 1989) Robert Moye, Teacher, Exceptional Children, D.F. Walker School, Edenton, NC 27932; Rt. 2, Box 344, Edenton, NC 27932; 482-4906 (H), 482-3213.

Secretary (Class of 1988) Rosemary Lewis, Director special Education, Edenton-Chowan Schools, Edenton, NC 27932; Rt. 2, Box 47K (Home) P.O. Box 206 (Work), Edenton, NC 27932; 482-4436 (W); Treasurer (Class of 1988) Dr. J.H. Horton, Dentist, Edenton, NC 27932; 101 S. Oakum St., Edenton, NC 27932; 482-3414 (W) 482-4104 (H); Class of 1988, Rev. Henry A. Bizzell, Jr., Pastor, United Methodist Church, Hertford, NC 27944; 207 W. Market St., Hertford, NC 27944; 426-5467 (W) 426-5236 (H); Class of 1989, Hazel Elliott, P.O. Box 296, Edenton, NC 27932; 482-7441 (W); Director, Dept. of Social Services, King St., County Office Bldg., Edenton, NC 27932, and April Lane, Real Estate Agent, The Rich Company Company Edenton, NC 27932, 305 S. Granville St., Edenton, NC 27932; 482-4968 (H) 482-7484 (W).

Also, Class of 1989, Dr. Richard

Newby, Professor, Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC 27909; P.O. Box 1051, Elizabeth City, NC 27909; Sister Helen Scalton, Catholic Social Ministries, Albemarle Regional Office, Hertford, NC 27944; P.O. Box Hertford, NC 27944; 426-7717; Class of 1990, June Britt, Economic Improvement Council, Edenton, NC 27932; P.O. Box 531, Edenton, NC 27932; 482-7346 (H).

Rev. Ralph I. Epps, Pastor, United Methodist Church, Edenton, NC 27932; 102 Terry Avenue, Edenton, NC 27932; 482-2289 (H) 482-3269 (W); Mary Rhea Gardner, Social Services Department, Edenton, NC 27932; P.O. Box 296, Edenton, NC 27932; 482-7441 (W); Keith Renner, Social Services Department, Edenton, NC 27932; P.O. Box 296, Edenton, NC 27932; 482-7441 (W); S. Bland Terry, Edenton Marina, Edenton, NC 27932; 203 Hobbs Drive, Edenton, NC 27932.

Also, James White, Deputy Sheriff, Chowan County, Edenton, NC 27932; Terry Williams, Sales Representative, Jimbo's Jumbo's Inc., Edenton, NC 27932; P.O. Box 145, P.O. Box 145, Winfall, NC 27985; 426-7698 (H) 482-2112 (W).

And Jeanie Umphlett, Director of Exceptional Children, Perquimans County Schools, Hertford, NC 27944; 2 senior high school students, 1 Perquimans and Chowan Counties, in September.

Besides the report of the Nominating Committee, the Board heard the report of the Fund Raising Committee concerned with participation in

the Indian Summer Festival at Hertford September 12th. Baked goods will be the main item at the Partners With Youth booth. A raffle is also scheduled for later in the year.

Dr. Nadeau, Executive Director, presented his report on program process. As he noted, the program is moving forward but needs the continued help of the Perquimans and Chowan communities in the search for volunteers and in giving financial support.

Baseball coach named

The Perquimans County Board of Education met on Monday evening with Bill Meekins, newly elected representative to the State Board of Education.

Members of the board discussed and reviewed upcoming education legislation with Mr. Meekins, and had the opportunity to get to know his feelings on those issues facing the State Board of Education as well as the legislature. All members of the board felt that this time was extremely productive, and that they had a good exchange with Mr. Meekins.

The board also discussed the high school construction project on Monday evening. The board is trying to finish up the project. According to Superintendent, Pat Harrell, the project is in the final stages with a few minor problems which are left to be resolved.

Harrell and the board of education

have also announced the new baseball coach for Perquimans High School. Mr. Phil Woodell, a native of Perquimans County, he played baseball at Perquimans County High School, and also at Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, North Carolina.

Mr. Woodell other duties will include teaching elementary physical education, and assisting with girl's basketball at Perquimans Middle School. The board hopes to continue a strong baseball program under Woodell's leadership.

The board also met with the board of commissioners on Monday evening. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.