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Hearing held to discuss bombing range expansion

More than 100 residents of Perquimans County and the Albemarle area gathered last Wednesday at the Albemarle Commission Building for a public hearing set by the Federal Aviation Administration on the expansion of airspace restrictions in area waters.

The Navy presented those citizens present with their proposed plans to expand airspace in the Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds, a plan which is a revision of a 1985 plan, which received much public opposition.

Those areas, which are being considered for expansion, include the area in the Albemarle Sound, the "Palmetto Target". This area is very close to Holiday Island and Snug Harbor, and extends from Drummond Point located in Chowan County to the Intracoastal Waterway just off of Perquimans County's Durants Neck.

The target in the Pamlico Sound, "Stumpy Point Target", is located in the north end of the sound.

The Navy told those citizens present, Wednesday, that they had gone over their airspace needs, addressed some of the public concerns in their earlier plans, and felt that it was necessary to expand airspace to provide more area for pilot error.

By adding additional space to the bombing range, pilots would not have to take such a sharp turn heading into the bombing range targets. According to the proposal proposed by the Navy, the additional airspace would not only provide more safety for pilots, but also would limit the noise because the pilots would use less power in making their target runs.

The Navy has stated that the Dare County range at Stumpy Point needs

to be expanded for the pilots to have an opportunity to work with lasers and guided missiles.

Many of the residents at Wednesday's meeting expressed great concern over the Navy's proposal. Area residents stated they were concerned about the use of laser weapons, safety for boaters, and other pilot's safety.

The revised plan presented Wednesday calls for reduced restricted airspace over Harvey Point, and the Navy has also indicated that they will do away with low-level training routes that are currently in effect for that area. In 1985 the Navy's proposal called for restricted airspace over the Holiday Island area, the Navy's new plan has reduced part of that original proposal.

Navy officials told the gathering that restrictions, which begin at the water level, will not affect local boaters, and the Navy will raise the floor to 100 feet. The Navy also acknowledges that there is a need for additional radar coverage in the area, and they are considering that fact.

The Navy did assure the gathering on Wednesday that they are making every effort to use a limited amount of airspace, and that they will work with the public to improve the use of airspace in the area.

Area residents, who gathered at Wednesday's meeting, were also joined by officials of the North Carolina Attorney General's office. State officials are considering filing a lawsuit that would prevent the Navy from expanding airspace in the area, due to the fact that all environmental and economic concerns have not been addressed by the plan.

Council under fire Monday

The Hertford Town Council came under fire Monday concerning the salaries, and duties facing the Hertford Police Department.

Joe White, a resident of Hertford, and former member of the town council came before the council on Monday to state several concerns about the police department.

"Our local policemen's salaries are too low," said White. White added that he felt the police department was also understaffed, and that the council should take more aggressive action in raising salaries, providing additional manpower, and doing whatever was necessary to provide Hertford with the best police protection possible.

White told the council on Monday that Hertford has and is experiencing a significant increase in drug traffic, and that he feels something must be done to eliminate these problems.

White went on to say that he realizes the department is currently short-handed, but he added that if the council would pay the policemen a decent salary it would encourage them to stay, and to do a better job. White added that decent salaries might also entice more qualified applicants to apply for positions with the department when they became available.

All of the councilman addressed White's allegations on Monday, stating they were very concerned with the drug problem in Hertford, and that over the past several years they had tried to raise the salaries of policemen a respectable amount, which would be in line with surrounding communities.

They also stated that they are very concerned about allegations by White that policemen may not be doing the best job they can due to their pay.

Mayor Bill Cox thanked White for expressing these concerns and said that he certainly saw Mr. White's point, but that he knew Mr. White was certainly aware of problems facing the council on this issue, having been a former member. Cox stated that the council has attempted to raise the salaries each year, but due to limited revenues the council could only do so much.

The town council and Mayor Cox stated to White and others present on Monday that they would certainly consider raising policemen's salaries in the upcoming budget, and that they would also continue to do the best they could to ensure proper and the best police protection possible for the citizens of Hertford.

The town council also instructed the town attorney on Monday to draft a new town ordinance, which would allow police to give people who litter in Hertford their choice of a \$20 ticket or four hours of community service picking up trash.

The council hopes that by ticketing people they will make them more aware of littering, which is becoming

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New Beta club members inducted!

The Perquimans County High School Beta club inducted its new junior members last week at a ceremony held at the high school on Wednesday evening. New members inducted included: Andrea Bass, Dawn Benton, Nancy Boynton, Tracie

Brown, Deborah Coston, Danny Hollowell, Jennifer Kraft, Cornelius Mack, Ryan Overton, Derrick Rogers, Paula Stallings, Carl Terranova, Tisha Turner, Christy Waters, and Lori White.

Local coalition formed on substance abuse

Efforts are now being made in Perquimans County to acknowledge the fact that we have a drug and alcohol problem, and that something needs to be done about it.

On November 5th, twenty-one concerned citizens, students, parents and related agency personnel met at the Perquimans County School Administration Building to discuss the

issue, so as to become more aware of what we are facing.

Wallace Nelson, a member of the Governor's Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Youth, informed the group that counties all over the state of North Carolina are being encouraged to form community coalitions to deal with drug and other abuse problems in their area. These

coalitions are learning more about their area's unique problems, and are beginning to make an effort to deal with those problems.

Substance abuse is not just a problem for the schools or families to deal with. Substance abuse is a community problem, and only a community-wide effort by all concerned citizens will even begin to turn this problem around.

Also during this meeting Anne Flippen, ADD (alcohol and drug defense) contact for the Perquimans

County Schools spoke on the problem, and its affects on children in grades five through eight here in Perquimans County. Four local students were present and expressed their concerns about this problem.

Plans were also made at the meeting to gather again to discuss this issue. The group will meet on November 30, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. A place will be announced later in the paper.

All parents and concerned citizens are urged to attend. Your support in this matter is greatly needed.

Perquimans County eligible for relief

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners learned on Monday that Perquimans County Farmers can qualify for disaster relief funds.

According to Stan Winslow, County Extension Director, because Perquimans County is adjacent to Chowan and Pasquotank Counties which have been declared disaster areas, Perquimans is also eligible for aid.

The disaster aid would offer programs to farmers including feed programs for livestock producers, and low interest loans if they meet the criteria.

Stan Winslow stated on Monday although Perquimans is eligible for the disaster relief it may cause a sense of "false hope" because it is very difficult to meet the criteria established.

Winslow told commissioners that he felt local farmers would have the best chance at qualifying for the feed programs, but that he suggested they check with the local ASCS or FmHA office for more information on the programs available.

The commissioners also learned on Monday that C-4 Media Corporation will be sold. C-4 Media, the local cable company which has been providing cable services to the area for just over a year will be sold to U.S. Cable Television Group, L.P. in January, 1988.

According to Mike Adamchak of C-4 Media Corporation deregulation has made the sale of cable properties in North Carolina very profitable and

C-4 received another for the cable properties they couldn't refuse. Adamchak stated that C-4 Media had been very aggressive since they took over providing cable for the area, and that he did not expect customers to see any change with the new company.

Joe Lothian also came before the board on Monday to discuss providing electricity for the firing range in Winfall. The Sheriff would like to have lights installed at the range so that it could become an up to date facility for officers of the area to qualify on. Updating of the facility will include placement of targets, and installation of a small area for a house sweep. Currently the officers must go to either Chowan or Pasquotank counties to qualify on a firing range.

After much discussion by board concerning the noise element with night firing they granted the request dependant upon approval by the Winfall town council who currently holds a lease on the area.

Under other business the board discussed the following: • Installation of a security light at the Blanchard Building • Register of Deeds supplemental retirement funds • The board granted a resolution of a showboat line coming to the area • Set a public hearing November 30th to review the land use program • The board also discussed funding briefly for the school system including critical needs monies, and CBA money.

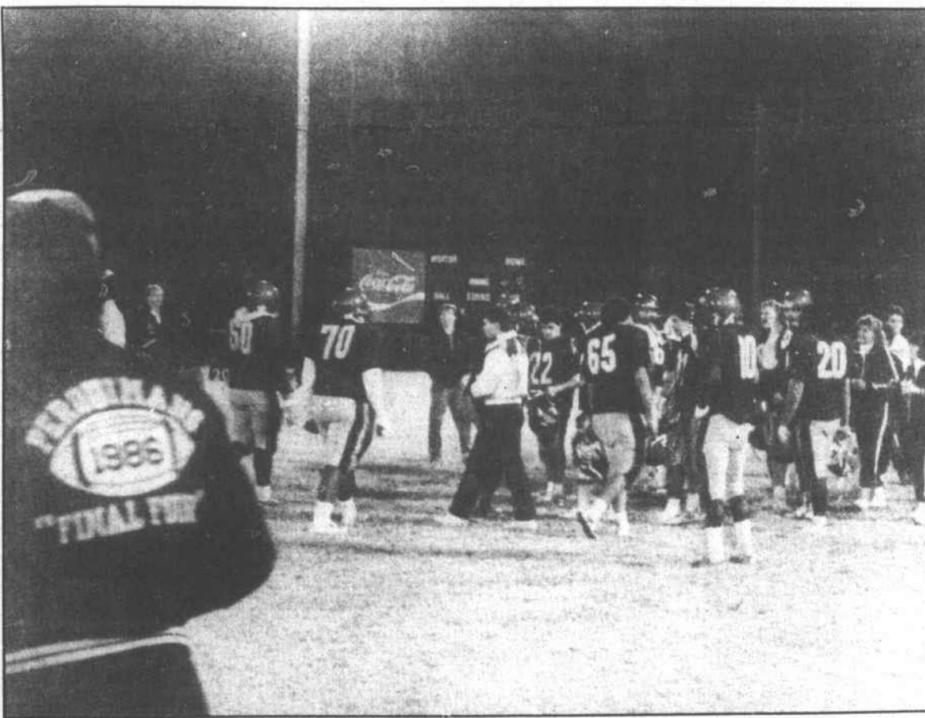
Open House is set for high school in Dec.

The Perquimans County Board of Education has announced that they will be holding a Christmas concert and open house at Perquimans County High School on Sunday, December 13th beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Craig Phillips, North Carolina's Superintendent of Public

Schools will be on hand for the event, which will include brief comments by Dr. Phillips, concerts by the PCHS band and chorus, and tours of the building. Light refreshments will be served.

The public is invited to attend.



Members of the Camden Bruins and the Perquimans Pirates shake hands Friday evening following a 10-6 Camden win. The win by Camden dashed play-off hopes for Perquimans.

Pirates defeated by Bruins Friday

The Pirate's hopes to make the play-offs were dashed Friday evening as they lost 10-6 to the Bruins of Camden High School.

The Pirates finished their 1987-88 football season 3-7 overall, and 3-4 in the conference after losing four of their last five outings.

Coach Bill Flippen stated Friday that the fact that Friday's game gave each team a possibility to make the play-offs added something to Friday's contest, which might have otherwise been an ordinary game between the schools.

"If the play-offs weren't at stake," said Flippen "this would have been an ordinary game."

The Bruins had trouble handling the Pirates up front, but they managed to control the ball game both offensively and defensively.

Camden achieved 192 yards on 39 carries, while the Bruins held the Pirates to just 84 yards.

Coach Flippen gave the credit to Camden on Friday. "They were a better team up front than we were," said Flippen. "We just couldn't hold our blocks," he added.

There was little action in the first quarter of Friday's game with both teams remaining scoreless. Going into the half however, Camden led the ballgame 10-0 on touchdowns made by Harris, Chamblee, and a

field goal scored by Williams of Camden.

Late in the third quarter, Perquimans seemed to come alive when Darnell Mallory intercepted a Camden pass. Mallory returned the ball to the Pirate's own 41 yard-line for a 59-yard run, which ended with a 19-yard touchdown run by Mike Thatch early in the fourth quarter. The Pirates missed the two point conversion, and the score was 10-6.

The Pirates failed to score again, and the season ended for Perquimans.

Coach Flippen stated on Friday that he wanted to thank all fans for their support throughout the season.

FmHA farm borrowers need to certify conservation compliance

FmHA FARM BORROWERS NEED TO CERTIFY CONSERVATION COMPLIANCE

Hertford—Farmers who apply for loans made or guaranteed from the Farmers Home Administration must certify that they are in compliance with certain soil conservation requirements related to highly erodible and wetlands, according to Melvin E. Howell, County Supervisor.

"The 1985 Farm Bill prevents farmers from receiving benefits from USDA programs, including FmHA loans, unless they are in com-

pliance with conservation procedures relating to 'highly erodible' and 'wet' lands," Howell said. Before FmHA can complete the processing of a loan application, the farmers must contact their local Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service County Office and complete the necessary certification form.

The certification form to be signed by the applicant asks three basic questions dealing with cultivating highly erodible land not farmed before; wet areas converted for cropland since December 23, 1985; and

future plans to convert wetlands. Howell said, "farm borrowers who take the necessary certification actions now will not be delayed in receiving their spring crop loans. However, failure to take action could delay the delivery of FmHA loans and the USDA benefits. For additional information please call (919) 426-5733 or visit the County FmHA Office at County Office Building, Church Street Extended, Hertford, N. C. FmHA is an equal opportunity lender.

WEATHER

Weekend Forecast

Area forecasters are calling for cooler wet weather this weekend.

Temperatures will feature low temperatures in the mid to upper 60s. High temperatures will be in the upper 60s and low 70s.