

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Head Start Week Slated

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox reminds the public that National Head Start Week will be observed May 11 through the 14th and invites them to take part in the week's activities.

Perquimans County Head Start organized in 1970 and was located at Hertford Grammar and Central Grammar School. In 1971 — the program moved to Perquimans County Union School.

The program has served 168 children and 336 parents. Head Start main objective is to provide learning activities that will promote the child's growth mentally, physically, morally, emotionally and socially. Main emphasis are placed on the child's nutritional and health needs.

There are five staff members: Mrs. Modlin, Mrs. Joyce G. Felton, Mrs. Lena Gillian, Mrs. Ann Vaughn and Mrs. Nellie Spruill.

Special thanks to the members of the Board of Education and other interested parties who shared in making Perquimans Head Start what it is today.

### National Head State Week Activities

- May 11th — Closing Exercise — 3 p.m. Union School.
- May 12th — Open House — Union School (all day)
- May 13th — Children's Program — 8 p.m. — Union
- May 14th — Social Hour — Hill Crest Garden, 8 p.m.

## Delay In Mailing

There was a delay in the mailing of questionnaires concerning land use planning in Perquimans County. The question sheets were not mailed until Monday due to some unforeseen problems. Citizens should have received these by now and again they are encouraged not to throw them away, but to fill them out and return them in the self-address enclosed envelope.

For any family that did not receive one of the questionnaires, there are pick up points throughout the county where these can be obtained. They are: Belvidere — Layden's Supermarket, Parkville — Morgans Service Station in Winfall; Bethel — Bethel Market; New Hope — Durants Neck Post Office; Town of Winfall — Morgan's Service Station; and in the Town of Hertford — Bill Cox's office and the County Agent's office (Richard Bryant).



SPACE CENTER VISIT — Two units from the NASA Space Center at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Va. similar to the one shown above will be visiting the schools in the county next week, May 11-16. In connection with the visit, one of the moon rocks will also be on display in the schools and to the general public.

## Space Center Units To Visit Schools And Moon Rock To Be Displayed Here

Students and the general public in Perquimans County will have a unique opportunity next week. One of the moon rocks will be in the county May 11-16. The rock is being brought here from the LBJ Space Center in Houston, Texas. The rock will be taken to the county schools and at times will be on display at the courthouse in Hertford for the public to see. The rock will be placed under 24-hour security.

The moon rock visit is part of a NASA Space Program to be taken in the county schools during next week. Two units from the NASA Space Center at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, Va. are being brought to the county. One of the units will be located at Perquimans Union School during the entire week where the public as well as students are invited to come. The other NASA unit will travel to the other schools. On Monday, it will be located at Perquimans Central Grammar, on Tuesday at Perquimans High, on Wednesday and Thursday at Hertford Grammar School and the Friday schedule will be announced later.

In the units, visitors can view demonstrations, hear lectures, see slide presentations and exhibits, obtain pamphlets and other printed information and ask questions.

In connection with the space center units visit, it is tentatively planned to have a

rocket building class in the afternoon for 25 students and teachers in two different locations. If all goes through, a count down will be held and the rockets launched on Friday. Again, the public is invited.

Also coming with the moon rock and space units will be two speakers, Ransom S. Ritter, Jr., Associate Manager of the Visitor Center at the Hampton, Va. base and James V. Miracle, a teacher at Oklahoma State

University who works with the NASA research program.

According to Pat Harrell, both of these speakers will be available to talk to any civic group or club in the county during the days here. But clubs who would like to have one of these men come visit, must inform the assistant superintendent no later than 5 p.m. Friday so a schedule can be arranged. The phone number is 426-5227.

## Honor Students

A Honor Roll Elnora Rose, Terry Cobb, Jackie Overton, Claudia Winslow, Mary Bryant, Cynthia Hendren, Theresa Spruill, Earl Lane, Carolyn Felton, Nancy Long, Dale Kendrick, Pattie Riddick, Rita Byrum, Charlotte Downing, Sheila Parker, Paula Perry, Debbie Harrell, June Jordan, Olga Simpson.

A-B Honor Roll Steven Casper, Sue Green, Phyllis Moore, Marjorie Perry, Linda Spruill, David White, Connie Arnold, Janice Hunter, Teresa Layton, Thomas Rountree, Teresa Smith, Cheryl Moore, Clifford Towe, Karen Hoogerland, Jo Anne Mads, Brenda Walton, Cynthia Johnson, Sharon Riddick, Lynn Hurdle, Mary Hurdle, Reginald Stepany, Cathy Newberry, Janet Riddick, Ann Ward, Tyrone Hill, Dennis Smith, Homeria Jenette, Bernell Garrett, Teri Copeland, Paige Elliott, Phillip Harrell, William Harris, Tyrone Spellman, Beth Swindell, Suzy Towe, Beth Winslow, Julie Samuelson, James Smith, Clyde Elliott, Marty Davenport, Jeanette Jones, Carol Felton, Andy Harvey, Wayne Tarkenlon, Cindy Gossage, Bill Berry, Brenda Blanchard, George Bowser, Teresa Stallings, Ellen Perry, Susan Banks, Deborah Lowe, Mark Cummings, Cheryl Skinner, Tony Jordan, Rita Rogerson, Michelle Boyce, Venetia Vaughn, Peggy Stallings, Sandra Wiggins, Mary Beers, Deborah Saunders, Donna Baker, Cathy Evans, Oliver Felton, Ruby Felton, James Nixon, Cathy Riddick, Susan Rogerson, Priscilla White, Ruthie Ward, Marvin Riddick, Danny Meads, Cheryl Stallings, Dorothy Wills, Janet Rountree, Martha Coston, Darlene Riddick, Debbie Meads.

B Honor Roll Roger Nowell, Gwen Whidbee, David Scaff.

## Hertford Man Allegedly Stabs His Two Children

By KATHY NEWBERN

Robert Cecil Harrell of 316 King St., Hertford, a black male age 35 was arrested Thursday, May 1 by Hertford Police Chief B.L. Gibbs and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill. The charge was made when the police department investigated a phone call they received and found Harrell's two children in the home both with stab wounds.

Harrell's 8-year old son, Robert Harrell, Jr. had been stabbed in the neck and his 9-year old daughter, Claressa

Harrell had been stabbed once in the side and once in the back. Both children were found by the Police Department and the Perquimans County Rescue Squad in the bedroom. The girl was reported to be lying on the bed in a pool of blood.

When the police arrived, it was reported that Robert Harrell was standing in the living room. After being read his rights, Harrell allegedly said he did not know what happened but told the officer to handcuff him and lock him up, according to a report by Chief Gibbs. The Chief

reported that he asked Harrell where the weapon was that Harrell allegedly used and Harrell pointed to a butcher knife approximately six inches long lying on a table in the living room. The knife was covered in blood. Chief Gibbs reported that later Harrell said he and his children were playing bad guys and good guys and that he (Harrell) was the good guy and his children were the bad guys. According to the police report, Harrell allegedly put a plastic bag over each child's head, tied

backs and then stabbed them.

Both children were taken by the rescue squad to the office of Dr. Robert Hodgson in Hertford where they received treatment. At press time, both children were reported to be in very good condition. Robert Cecil Harrell was also taken to Dr. Hodgson's office and then to the Medical Clinic in Elizabeth City to undergo psychiatric tests.

Harrell is being held in Tri-County Jail in Pasquotank County and is scheduled to go on trial in Perquimans County District Court on May 14.



E. FRANK STEVENSON, JR.

## Stevenson To Speak Here Mon.

E. Frank Stevenson, Jr. will present a program on Community Development and Restoration Monday, May 12 at 8 p.m. at the R.E.A. Building.

The Hertford B.P.W. Club is inviting other Civic Clubs and interested citizens of the community to meet with them for this program.

Stevenson is well known in Eastern North Carolina for his interest and work in historic preservation, redevelopment and industrial development.

## Coastal Area Management: Guarding Natural Resources

Coastal Area Management: Guarding the Natural Resources

The natural resources and the people of an area are the only true measure of the wealth of the area. Unfortunately, only the ocean and the wisdom of the people are a certainty. All of the other natural resources are subject to the weather, the will of God, and the whim of man.

Since natural resources are so important to the economy and lifestyle of the coastal area, the Coastal Area Management Program addresses itself to the proper use and management of all of the resources of the 20 counties. After all, when resources are used up or destroyed, they are gone forever.

For several years it has been necessary to acquire a permit before altering or developing many of the water-related areas of the eastern counties. Permits are necessary for dredge and fill type activities as well as bulkheading against erosion, waste discharge, and other types of alterations.

Above all, this is for the protection of water quality because the estuarine waters are breeding grounds for the fish which supply much of the income of the coastal area.

Since these inland waters feed the economy and the people of our state, destroying or polluting breeding waters can create a health hazard or economic problems. In addition, the

quality of the water affects the attractiveness of an area for future development.

While protection of water quality has been a major emphasis and will continue to be important, there are other natural resources that will be increasingly important to the people of the coastal area and the state. The Coastal Area Management Act recognizes the special needs of these resources.

During the next few months while local citizens and local government officials are concentrating on the production of land use plans, the Coastal Resources Commission must consider areas that are either fragile or culturally significant. This is a lengthy process that involves nominating categories of areas, designating interim areas, and finally designating permanent Areas of Environmental Concern.

Here is the list of categories of land that the Coastal Area Management Act asks the Coastal Resources Commission to consider: coastal wetlands;

estuarine waters; watersheds; capacity use areas where water is being fully used; prime forestry land; national or state parks or forests; public recreation areas wildlife refuges or management areas; lands that contain rare forms of geologic formations;

historic sites; waterways; and excessive erosion areas such as sand dunes,

beaches, and floodplains. These are the types of land that the Coastal Resources Commission is studying. Many of these categories will soon be designated as Interim Areas of Environmental Concern.

An Interim Area of Environmental Concern is just that — temporary. These areas will be studied further and presented at public hearings in each of the 20 coastal counties. After this deliberate screening process, some of them will be formally designated by the commission as permanent Areas of Environmental Concern. Even so, the entire list will be reviewed every two years to delete or add areas.

After interim areas are designated this summer, a developer must supply written notice to the Coastal Resources Commission at least 60 days before undertaking any land-disturbing activity, within one of these areas. Once the permanent areas are designated next year, any land-disturbing activity will need a permit.

The new permit system will be one of the major advances in managing the natural resources of the coastal area. When it goes into effect next year, the permit system will allow a form of "one stop shopping" for development permits. Right now there are a multitude of state agencies that are controlling different activities in the coastal counties.

## Editorial From The Perq. Marching Unit

I represent a very unique organization: an organization comprised only of girls who represented this county at least eleven times out of town, as well as several times in Hertford, over the past eight months. This organization is the Perquimans County Marching Unit.

During its thirteen-year history, the Unit has represented Perquimans County numerous times, venturing as far as New York City to do so. From the first Marching Unit formed in 1962 until the present one, money has been raised yearly for uniforms, a bus, trips to Atlantic City, New

Jersey and New York City, New York — in addition to the amount needed for instructional fees, bus repairs, gas (not furnished by the school), and other items such as drums and insurance.

The funds for these needs were raised due to the efforts of the girls themselves, with much help and support from their parents. Aid does not come from Perquimans County by way of county funds or the school system. The only link between the Marching Unit and the school system is the fact that the girls attend Perquimans High; therefore the girls

practice there, and perform for Pirate football games — a service to the school.

We, as a group, have been faced with an important fact: we must have a new bus at a tentative cost of \$10,000.00. The old bus has been repaired repeatedly, and we are now at the point that a new bus is not a luxury, but rather a necessity.

It is at this time that we call on you, the people we represent on numerous occasions, to come to our aid. The Parents' Club plans to get a charter, making all donations tax-deductible. We ask your support of our fund-raising projects,

including a May 10th bake sale, a June carwash, and our annual calendar drive. The girls are not asking you to GIVE us \$10,000.00; we are willing to work for it. We will serve club suppers, provide entertainment — perform innumerable services to obtain the much-needed money.

We call upon you as individuals, clubs, and businesses, to help the Marching Unit to keep on both in the county and out. Without your support, we cannot survive.

SUSAN ROGERSON  
RT. 1  
HERTFORD, N.C.

## Happy Mother's Day

As a salute to the mothers in Perquimans County, the poem is printed below to wish them all a Happy Mother's Day on Sunday, May 11. The poem was written by the second and third grades at Hertford Grammar School, N.C. Spence's classroom and was submitted to this newspaper by Deanne Ashley:

MY MOTHER

My mother is very sweet  
She keeps me clean and neat.  
She loves me oh so dear  
When I need her she is always near.  
All day she toils about the house.  
When the baby is sleeping, she tiptoes and creeps just like a mouse.  
She likes to go shopping to buy what we need  
If she spends too much money then daddy is not very pleased.  
What would I do without my mother?  
She is far far above all others.



GRAND OPENING — A ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the grand opening of Hertford FCX last Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Participants shown above are (l. to r.) Bill Cox, Hertford Mayor; A.S. Warren, assistant director of relations and distribution; Jimmy Wooten, FCX manager of region I; Lee Waters, manager of Hertford FCX; Lester Simpson, chairman of the Perquimans County Commissioners; Marvin Wiggs, operations supervisor of Region I-A; Howard Williams, assistant manager of Hertford FCX; and Ed Nixon, president of the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce. (Newbern photo)