

**DECLARES PATCH WEEK** — Hertford Mayor Bill Cox is shown signing a proclamation declaring the week of Feb. 5-11 as Patch The Pony Week locally. Looking on is Jeannie Umphlett, Patch The Pony Chairperson for the Perquimans County Jaycettes. (Staff photo by Kathy M. Newbern)



## Patch The Pony Week activities announced

Patch The Pony Week will be celebrated in Perquimans County Feb. 5-11.

Patch The Pony is a project conducted by the North Carolina Jaycettes concerning child safety against strangers. In conjunction with the state sponsorship, the Perquimans County Jaycettes will be sponsoring Patch The Pony activities locally during Patch Week.

The major emphasis of Patch The Pony Week will be the showing of a film featuring the symbol whose slogan is, "Nay, Nay From Strangers Stay Away." The film will be shown to all kindergarten through fourth grade students in Perquimans County. It emphasizes three points: that children should not get in automobiles with

strangers, that children should not accept presents, candy, or anything else from strangers, and that children should not follow strangers anywhere.

The film will be shown to children on Monday in the day care programs offered by Mrs. Maxine Cherrix, Mrs. Amos Stone, and Mrs. Margaret Ann Williams. Then, on Thursday, children at Hertford Grammar School will see the film, and it will also be shown to students at Perquimans Central Grammar School on Friday.

Marshall Merritt, Hertford Police Chief, will also visit the two schools to talk about the subject in conjunction with the film showing.

On Friday, a special wrap-up to the week-long

activities will come when a real pony, representing Patch The Pony, will visit both schools.

All students viewing the film and participating in the study of awareness of strangers will receive a certificate for participating and a Patch coloring puzzle.

Cooperating with the Perquimans County Jaycettes in their effort to inform children of the danger in talking to strangers is Pat Harrell, Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools and the school principals.

Parents interested in finding out more about Patch The Pony may contact Jeannie Umphlett, Patch The Pony Chairperson for the Jaycettes.

## Bethel Market hold-up reported

A robbery occurring Wednesday around 6:30 p.m. at Bethel Market resulted in the theft of \$340.

Mrs. Doris Crandell, co-owner with her husband, Mervin, was alone in the store located on Snug Harbor Road when two masked men, one armed with a rifle, confronted her.

She said the armed man carried a rifle with a telescopic sight and wore a stocking mask. The other wore a ski mask. The taller of the two was the only one

who spoke and in her words, "he had an educated voice."

The man ordered her to take all the money from the register, put it in a sack, then lie on the floor.

Mrs. Crandell reported that throughout the confrontation, the man kept the muzzle of the rifle about one inch from her body.

Reportedly the two men had parked at a church near the store, watching it until the woman was alone.

## Complete EMT course

Completing the 81 hour Emergency Medical Technician Course are the following 18 students. The course was given at the Perquimans County Rescue Squad Building.

Herbert Nixon, Odie Gilstrap, Helen Timms, Cecil Timms, Betty Swindwell, Marion Haskett, Donna Willis, Margaret Stowe, Robert Richards, Christopher Peckham, Ernest Little, Brooks Hart, Talmadge Lawing, Dorothy Sams, Alvis Jordan,

Talmadge Rose, Barbara Rose, John Danchise. Coordinator was Bill Underkauffer. A special thanks goes to H.B. Miller, Dan Berry, and Elden Winslow for preparing the students for the practical Exam.



## Thursday's high winds overturn mobile home



**COUPLE TREATED FOR INJURIES** — Winton and Clara BuBois, residents in this overturned mobile home at Miller & Meads Trailer Park on Rt. 1, Hertford, were treated for minor injuries at 5:30 a.m. Thursday at Chowan Hospital in Edenton. Following the incident, Mrs.

DuBois suffered a spontaneous abortion and her husband received stitches in his knee. The mobile home was overturned by high winds, recorded up to 96 miles per hour, occurring Wednesday night and Thursday morning. (Staff photo by Kathy M. Newbern)

## Highway program approved

**RALEIGH** — The North Carolina Highway Improvement Program, calling for highway construction expenditures of approximately \$313 million annually in five of the next seven years, was given formal approval recently by the State Board of Transportation.

The program, a project-by-project schedule of road building across the State, received approval by the Board at its regular monthly meeting in Raleigh.

Transportation Secretary Thomas W. Bradshaw Jr. said the update of the continuing program "emphasizes the major need for East-West highways to connect our ports to the Piedmont and West. It reflects Governor Hunt's insistence on a forward-looking program that will contribute to the State's economic growth and to the quality of life our people want and deserve."

The Secretary commended the Board and department staff members for what he termed "months of dedicated work developing a program that will benefit all citizens of North Carolina."

The Highway Improvement Program is a planned and programmed course of highway construction that balances anticipated revenues against estimated project costs through 1984. The update approved recently is required annually to add new projects and account for fluctuations in revenue and costs.

Projects are selected for the program on a basis of long-range studies, previously approved projects, local support, statewide need and relative benefits to the greatest number of people.

Current needs for the State's 75,000-mile highway system have been placed at \$7 billion. The seven-year program just approved will make available approximately \$2 billion to begin addressing those needs. The program reflects increased revenues resulting from passage of the \$300 million bond issue in 1977. Bond money in the amount of \$60 million will be fed into the Highway Improvement Program and the Secondary Roads Program in each of the next five years.

The new program also reflects views and suggestions expressed by local officials, community leaders and interested citizens in a series of 14 public meetings held last summer, one of which was held in Hertford.

Bradshaw said public input into the programs has been significant in influencing Board decisions on a wide variety of projects.

"Our meetings across the

State," he said, "clearly indicate that the people want transportation progress that creates economic opportunities. This is totally compatible with the Governor's balanced growth concept, and it is the premise on which decisions were made in developing this program."

Bradshaw said another series of public meetings will be scheduled in late spring or early summer to hear suggestions for consideration in next year's update.

The Secretary stressed the fact that all projects already in the program and all projects suggested for inclusion this year were studies closely by Board members and Department staff professionals.

As approved, the program's projected annual expenditure from normal revenue sources and bond issue funds will provide \$75 million for interstate projects, \$122 million for rural highways, and \$32 million for urban highway improvements.

Funds totalling \$43 million will be made available this year through four special programs. These include: Appalachian Program, improvements to routes in western counties for the specific purpose of stimulating economic growth (\$6 million); Bridge Replacement Program, to replace or repair functionally obsolete bridges throughout the highway system (\$20 million); Federal Aid Safety Program, to eliminate high-hazard locations and make other safety improvements throughout the highway system (\$10 million); and Federal Aid Off-System Program, to provide federal funds for improvements on routes not included in the federal highway system (\$7 million). Of North Carolina's 65,371 highway miles, 17,016 miles are included in the Federal Aid System.

In addition, the State's Secondary Roads System will benefit from the expenditure of approximately \$41 million during 1978.

Bradshaw cited a variety of newly-approved projects reflecting the East-West orientation of the new program. Of specific interest locally are the following approved projects:

U.S. 64 — Rocky Mount to Tarboro, construct four-lane divided highway, \$26 million;

U.S. 64 — N.C. 171 to Plymouth, widen two-lane highway to four lanes, \$13 million;

U.S. 264 — Wilson County line to Farmville Bypass, widen to four-lane highway, \$13 million;

U.S. 264 — Farmville Bypass to Greenville Bypass, widen to four-lane highway, \$13 million.

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