

Letters From Our Readers:

Editor's Mailbag



Comments on school issue

TO THE EDITOR:
Last week I submitted a letter to your publication which I do thank you for publishing, and after due consideration I find that you made a true statement in your editor's note. Your headline, "Board approved go ahead with funds on hand" was not in error. The headline I suggested could have been used better to headline an editorial in your paper. You pointed out in the editor's note that the \$500,000 was not matching funds. It appears to me that if two parties give equal amounts to a third party, they match.

Your reporting of the citizens' meeting before the Board of Commissioners was excellent work. As reported in your article, it states that the \$500,000 that the County Commissioners released to the Board of Education was not tax money. The Commissioners agreed with the delegation that this was in fact tax money from each of the taxpayers of our county routed through the various bureaucratic offices of our Federal Government. If a statement is made enough, the readers and listeners will accept it as fact. Revenue Sharing Funds are tax money.

The statement has been made to this person in the past week, more often than any other, "what can you do, they are going to build a school where they want it and there is nothing you can do about it or anyone else." Each time I hear this statement, I urge the speaker to attend the School Board meetings. I feel that our elected representatives will be responsive to any legitimate and sincere discussion brought before them.

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Quality education?

TO THE EDITOR:
The important factor in our local school problem is not where our children are taught or how beautiful the surroundings, but are they receiving a quality education?

If safety is a factor and improper heating is a problem and the athletic field in need of repair, then why has our board chosen to spend close to a million dollars to aim a new addition at the swamp? Spend to make what we have now safer and more efficient. Upgrade the quality of teaching. Stop adding expensive mistakes where the voters have said a plain NO. After taking some common sense measures, come back to the voters and parents.

A silent majority backlash has been long overdue.
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Thankful for truly great men

TO THE EDITOR:
Although only a little more than a month has passed since fire swept through Winslow Oil Company and threatened the safety of Hertford and its citizens, I can't help but wonder if one of us have already forgotten the tremendous job the firemen displayed on that day.

Often, the human trait of being less thankful than we should be causes us to overlook the many, many blessings we do have. One of our greatest blessings is in having men who are willing to put their lives on the line in order to save the life and property of a fellow man. And, even though the danger of that huge oil fire is now in the past, our respect, appreciation, and admiration should continue on for all firemen.

We should not forget so easily or so soon that the firemen of our area face immense danger every time the alarm sounds, and that time after time, these men risk their lives for our well being.

Please dedicate the following poem to all firemen, along with a continued thanks to them for being what they are...truly great men.

THE FIREMEN

We surely can't know, so can we possibly understand,
The thoughts and feelings that fill his mind and heart
Each and every time he suits up to take his stand
To battle a raging blaze cause by a tiny spark?

When exhaustion creeps upon him, where does he get the strength
To continue on in unyielding and remarkable performance?
When the hours stretch onward into almost unbearable length
Where does he get the courage and unbelievable reliance?

Exactly what are his thoughts as he faces the fire,
And, as he considers this could be his final fight?
What deep concern is there to back his selfless desire
To destroy a monster that attacks a peaceful night?

When the urgent alarm screams out in the day,
And when he must respond with skill and speed,
When his personal plans must be tucked away,
Where does he get the determination he needs?

When he's so close to the skin-parching heat,
And his heart is gripped by an icy chill-
How does he face the danger he has to meet?
Where does he get his constant will?

God must walk beside him every step of the way-
And clear his path by walking ahead of him-
And, God must stand behind him, and always stay-
Deep in his heart, and ever watchful above him.

GAIL P. GRIFFIN
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USE CONTRASTS
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Mrs. John Coston visited relatives in Hookerton on Saturday.

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Taking a look backward

MARCH 1940
By VIRGINIA WHITE TRANSEAU

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION ENJOY BEST YEAR IN DECADE: A stockholders' meeting of the Hertford Building and Loan Association was held in the courthouse on the evening of Feb. 14 and directors were elected. Officers of the association were all reelected at a meeting on the following Friday night. They are: A.W. Hefren, president; W.H. Hardcastle, secretary and treasurer; C.P. Morris and J.P. Perry, vice

presidents; and Charles E. Johnson, attorney. The building, savings and loan associations of North Carolina made the largest amount of loans during 1939 that they have in the past decade it was announced by Martin F. Gaudian of Raleigh, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Building and Loan League.

BLAZE DAMAGES ROOF OF H.T. BROUGHTON HOME: Fire damaged the roof of the H.T. Broughton residence on Church Street last Friday morning. The blaze originated around a

chimney and burned away several shingles before it was brought under control by the volunteer fire department.

LIONS CLUB WILL CELEBRATE FIRST ANNIVERSARY: E.H. HARDING WILL SPEAK: The Hertford Lions Club will hold its first anniversary celebration on Monday night, April 1, at the Community House on Grubb Street. Secretary Norman Trueblood today announced that Edmund Harding, the well-known humorist-philosopher-musician of Washington, N.C. had been

secured as the speaker of the occasion. The Hertford Lions Club was organized April 2, 1939 under the sponsorship of the Edenton Lions Club. L.N. Hollowell was elected president. There were 17 members at the time it was organized. The present membership is 28.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Boyce on Friday, Feb. 23, 1940, a son.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Mr. and Mrs. George Roach announce the birth of a son, George Thomas Roach Jr. on Thursday, Feb. 22, 1940.

Senior Citizens enjoy program

The Sickle Cell Anemia Puzzle highlighted the closing of a series of lessons on Iron Deficiency Anemia and Sickle Cell Anemia for the Hertford Senior Citizens Club Feb. meeting. According to Mrs. Laura H. Hudson, it was one of the most helpful and enjoyable series ever held. The series started in October and terminated with a follow-up Sickle Cell Puzzle and Quiz during the Feb. meeting. This series involved a variety of learning experiences and activities. As a result many of the eating habits of the senior citizens have changed.

The series of lessons were taught by Mrs. M.B. Taylor, Home Economics Extension Agent, representing North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

The officers for the Hertford Senior Citizens Friendship Club are as follows: president, Mrs. R.B. Gibbs; Vice president, Mrs. Anna

Holley; secretary Mrs. A.H. Drumgold; assistant secretary, Mrs. Alma N. Kingsbury; treasurer, Mrs. Eulah Riddick; chaplain, Mrs. Mary E. James; and Reporter, Mrs. Laura H. Hudson.

The club also selected some special committees:

Festival

Tickets go on sale March 1 for the fourth annual Virginia Pork Festival to be held on Wednesday, June 14 at the Greensville County Ruritan Club Grounds near Emporia, Va. from 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6 each and may be ordered from Virginia Pork Festival, P.O. Box 1001, Emporia, Va. 23847. The bearer of this ticket is entitled to all that he or she can eat of a dozen or more pork delights and side dishes while on the grounds as well as compete for ham and pork product drawings every thirty minutes during the Festival. The Festival is sponsored by non-profit local, civic and educational organizations.

Over 5,000 persons attended the 1977 Festival and another 500 were involved in its planning and preparation. All were pleased with its success and feel that it is well established as an annual event, bringing recognition to an industry that is worth nearly one-half billion dollars in Virginia alone.

Anyone interested is urged to purchase tickets early.

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74 Dodge Challenger, V8, AT, PS, AC.	71 LTD, 4-dr., V8, AT, PS, AC.	74 GMC, 4x4, V8, AT, PS, LB.
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