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Run-off called in sheriff's race

By KATHY M. NEWBERN
Because one needed vote was not obtained, Perquimans County voters will be returning to the polls on Tuesday, May 30.

That one vote was needed in the three-way race for Sheriff of Perquimans County to give incumbent Julian H. "Little Man" Broughton the needed 50 percent plus one vote required to be declared a winner.

It was discovered, however, after official canvassing of the ballots on Thursday, that the voting results remained the same as reported Tuesday night.

In the May 2 primary, Broughton's 1,068 votes equaled exactly the total votes given his two opponents. Se-

cond highest vote-getter, Aubrey Onley, totaled 949 while G.T. "Tom" White totaled 119.

Following that Thursday canvas, Onley did request a run-off and that request was granted by the Perquimans County Board of Elections according to W.L. "Buddy" Tilley, Board Chairman.

Concerning the May 2 results, challenger Onley said, "It shows me that the people of Perquimans County are interested in their law enforcement." Onley described his showing in the primary as strong and added that he felt his support would increase in the May 30 run-off election.

Concerning the May 30 rematch, Onley said, "The main objective is getting the voters back out to the polls to vote that day." He also made the following general statement, "I appreciate the support I have received, and if elected, I intend to serve the people to the best of my ability."

Broughton made the following statement, "I appreciate the support I received May 2 and hope my supporters will turn out again on May 30 to give the needed additional support. I am sincerely interested in continuing to serve the county as its sheriff."

When questioned about his reaction to the closeness of the voting

and the necessary run-off election, Broughton had no comment.

Also facing Perquimans voters May 30 will be a run-off being conducted state-wide to select the Democratic candidate that will face U.S. Senator Jesse Helms in the fall. North Carolinians will decide at that time between John H. Ingram, currently N.C. Commissioner of Insurance; and Luther Hodges Jr., Charlotte businessman.

Board of Elections chairman Tilley reminds the voters that the polling places and times will remain the same in the May 30 run-off election.



JULIAN H. BROUGHTON



AUBREY ONLEY



PRE-ADDRESS DISCUSSION — North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt Jr. (seated left) discusses statewide volunteer recognition with Hertford Mayor Bill Cox prior to his address at the Thursday AADA luncheon. Standing, looking on, is AADA president Wayne Ashley. Additional pictures appear on page 10. (Staff photo by Kathy M. Newbern)

AADA hosts Gov. Hunt

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

"We're very fortunate to have in Raleigh a governor that is responsive to the people in North Carolina." That comment was part of an introduction by Wayne Ashley, President of the Albemarle Area Development Association, when the state's number one man was guest at an AADA luncheon in Perquimans County Thursday.

Receiving a standing ovation from the capacity crowd, Governor James B. Hunt Jr. discussed a variety of topics in his luncheon address.

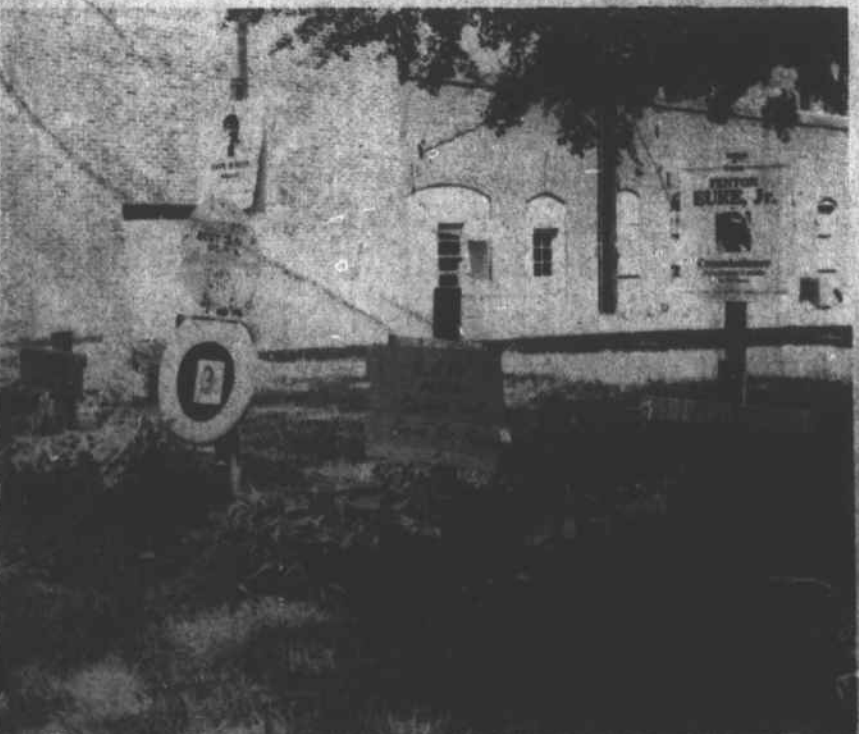
Hunt opened his comments with reference to the Office of Citizens Affairs, an agency he initiated to "get people involved in their communities."

Using this local involvement as a

theme throughout his remarks, the governor also discussed, at length, industry, economic development, transportation, and public education.

In the area of economic development, the governor said, "Last year was our all time record of economic development." He then cited several statistics supporting this statement and explained that already in the first quarter of this year, industry investment is above last year's figures.

Then, discussing industry in the eastern part of the state, Governor Hunt pointed out that certain qualifications are necessary for an area to be considered by industry looking to locate. He explained that the eastern part of the state often



POST PRIMARY MISCHIEF — When the sun came up after last Tuesday night's midnight vote tally, Perquimans residents found a little post primary mischief on the courthouse lawn. All unsuccessful candidates had been "laid to rest." When town and county officials were questioned as to the identity of the "grave-diggers," all responded with a bewildered smile. (Staff photo by Kathy M. Newbern)

does not qualify, but added on a positive note, "The key thing when attracting new industry, new jobs, in a community is the attitude of the people." He added that public schools are "critically important" in making an area attractive to industry and cited specific examples of industries selecting North Carolina due to that factor. He added, "The community that makes an industry feel welcome is the community that's going to win that industry."

Hunt then turned his remarks to road improvements in the Albemarle area and cited the passage of the \$300 million road bond referendum in November as a boost to this effort. He cited specific improvements and construction dates for several local projects including U.S. 17, U.S. 158, and NC 12.

Then, making a personal address to those present, Hunt said, "I don't think there's any place in the state that has more dedicated, committed leadership than eastern North Carolina does." He added, "This section of the state needs to share in more of the progress." Hunt also pointed out that during the year and a half he's been in office, a large number of his appointments to various agencies and state-level organizations have been citizens from the Albemarle area.

In bringing his comments to a close, the governor said, "I think there's one common thread that runs through all this. That's the idea of partnership. We feel alienated a lot from our federal government, don't we? But it's our country, and we love our country."

Following his local address, the governor then traveled to Elizabeth City where he visited the Museum of the Albemarle and the College of the Albemarle. That evening he attended a banquet and made an address to a large crowd at Elizabeth City State University.

Board of Education notified of assistance

The Perquimans County Board of Education has been notified of approval for Federal assistance for current expenditures under Title I of Public Law 874, as amended, which provides financial assistance for schools in federally affected areas.

Announcement of the approved

application came recently from Congressman Walter B. Jones. Approval was made by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Office of Education.

Certified for immediate payment to the board is \$10,530.47 with \$23,440

being the tentative entitlement for fiscal year 1978.

Additional payments will be subject to adjustments as may be required by actual data in place of estimates, and by availability of funds.

No injuries in accident

There were no injuries although some damage did result when a one-vehicle accident occurred around 11 p.m. Sunday according to a report from investigating trooper Y.Z. Newberry.

The incident occurred 11.4 miles north of Hertford on rural paved road 1208.

Chris Deloan Hicks of Rt. 1, Box 211, South Mills, was traveling north on the road, ran off on the east side

in a sharp curve coming to rest in a large drainage ditch.

An estimated \$300 damage was done to the early model car. Hicks was charged with traveling too fast for conditions.

County firemen to be honored

During Volunteer Day observance on Saturday, Fenton Eure Jr., local active Ruritan, announced that the county's three Ruritan clubs would be honoring some special volunteers on June 15.

At that time, the clubs will sponsor a steak supper guests of honor being

all firemen in Perquimans County.

The dinner will be a special salute, Eure said, to all the firemen who volunteer their services year round and a special thank you for their outstanding work during the Winslow Oil Company fire.

The dinner will begin at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Perquimans High School. Eure estimated over 200 will be in attendance.

The sponsors are the Bethel, Durants Neck, and Parkville Ruritan clubs.



TOO FAST FOR CONDITIONS — Considerable property damage resulted from this mishap in Belvidere Monday around 11:30 a.m. According to investigating trooper

Y.Z. Newberry, a car driven by Joshua Alma Perry of Sunbury was heading south on NC 37, ran off the road on the west side going into White's Service Station parking lot

and then came to rest after striking the self service gas pumps. Perry was charged with driving too fast for conditions. Estimated damage to his car was \$600.



PART OF \$4,000 DAMAGE — Shown here is part of the estimated \$4,000 damage done to the self service pumps during the mishap. The pumps were owned by J.H. Conger and Son of Edenton and were on the property of Mrs. Maude Winslow's store, known as White's Service Station. The incident occurred nine miles north of Hertford at the sharp Belvidere curve intersecting rural paved roads 1118 and 1002. (Staff photos by Kathy M. Newbern)