

# Weekly Perspective

## Looking back

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**LOCAL DRAFT BOARD REGISTERS 751 MEN IN 4th REGISTRATION:** It looked like election day around the Perquimans Courthouse all day Monday, as some 434 men, aged 45 to 65, trooped into the Courthouse to register in the fourth registration under the Selective Service Act. But the number at the Courthouse was only a portion of the men of the county. Altogether, the local draft registered 751 men in the county. Aside from the number registering in Hertford, 116 registered at New Hope; 44 at Major-Loomis Mill and 157 at Winfall. Rosser Brinn and Tom Perry were the first two men registered by the clerks at the Courthouse in Hertford.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:** Mr. and Mrs. Claude M. Long, of Hertford, Route One, an-

nounce the birth of a son, born Friday, April 24, 1942.

**B. C. BERRY MAKING BID FOR ASSEMBLY:** B. C. Berry, Adjutant of the Perquimans Post of the American Legion, and well known grocer of Hertford, is making a strong bid for the office of Representative for Perquimans in the General Assembly. Also, J. S. Blanchard, one of the county's best known residents and outstanding businessmen, is one of the six candidates in the race seeking the office of Representative in the primary to be held May 30th.

**ANNIVERSARY NIGHT LIONS PARTY DRAWS LARGE NUMBER HERE:** Approximately one hundred and fifty Lions, Lionesses and guests were present at the Third Anniversary Night Party, held by the Hertford Lions Club, at the Community House last Friday evening.



## My turn

MIKE McLAUGHLIN



After four or five trips without even a hint of success, I was beginning to think it wasn't so, that old cliché that goes "every dog has his day."

But on Saturday, I found out that even this young dog gets lucky once in a while.

The Reverend Ben Wolverton and I were walking down to the beach with our fishing poles slung over our shoulders, just after having been assured that we were wasting our time by a companion on our weekend retreat, Julian Winslow.

I was prone to agree with Winslow, since every time I had ever fished at the Outer Banks in the past, I had done little more than lose lures, feed the crabs with assorted cut baits, and exercise my casting muscles.

Dutifully, though, I threw out my first offering of shiny tin to the gods of the briny deep. Hardly had the Hopkins lure hit the water when my rod nearly bent double.

The long anticipated Blues blitz had arrived.

At first I couldn't believe it. "The line must be stuck," I thought, and tried to contain my growing excitement. But then I figured out that a snagged line doesn't pull back.

The first one got away, but by now Ben had hooked into a monster. He was yelling and screaming at me and I was yelling and screaming back at him. Then I saw that the surf was churning with what looked like baby whales.

I got so excited I lost all my coordination. It took me four casts to even hit the ocean again with my lure. But when I finally did, a landed one of the fish.

And I found out there is more to a blitz than just catching fish.

People act almost as frantic as the fish do.

Winslow, the sceptic, didn't believe Ben when he told him about the blitz on a trip to the cottage for some more tackle. Ben had to hold up a fish when he got back down on the beach, and with that, Julian was sprinting down to get in on the action.

Edward Griffin was at a wedding reception next door when he heard of the blitz. He reportedly raced into the bedroom, ripped off his Sunday best, and within seconds was on the beach with his fishing rod.

Other fishermen from surrounding cottages converged on the area, along with cameras, kids and dogs.

The surge was sweet but short. Noel's line broke and before we could get it fixed back up and in the water again, the fish were gone.

But we got six of them, enough to feed a big crowd and give us plenty to talk about.

The next morning I was back on the beach not long after sunrise hoping I'd get lucky again, hooked just like one of those giant blues. I didn't even get a nibble.

## Women's meet

The deadline is fast approaching for registration for the Governor's Conference on Leadership Development slated for Saturday, May 25, at the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission's building in Hertford.

Mandatory pre-registration, which must be received by May 10, is \$5 and will not only cover the cost of a morning coffee, but also a luncheon and a choice of two workshops out of a possible six topics.

Workshops topics include: Coping with Stress, to be directed by Lueta Sellers, a counselor at Perquimans Union School; Growing up Female, to be led by Winnie Wood, instructor at College of the Albemarle and candidate for the N.C. State Senate; The Media and Public Opinion, to be led by Dr. Tom Bowers,

associate dean of the School of Journalism at UNC-Chapel Hill; How N.C. Law Effects Women, which will be directed by Meyressa Schoonmaker, an attorney and a professor of law at Wake Forest University; How to Become Involved in the Political Process, to be directed by Rachel Gray, a District 19 Senator from High Point; and the Changing Structure of the Family, which will be led by Dr. Marie Johnson, professor of sociology at Elizabeth City State University.

Keynote speaker for the event will be Miriam Johnson Dorsey, Executive Director of the Council on the Status of Women.

For pre-registration material and further information, contact Mrs. M.B. Taylor at 426-5445, or Bonnie White at 426-5211.

## Letters...

### County students praised

Editors, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY,

Last week I had the occasion to go to Perquimans High School on an emergency mission.

A group of Union students were in the process of entering the school, and the halls were full when I barged in interrupting the flow of traffic.

No one knew me or why I was rushing in, yet these young people moved aside, assisted me in finding the office and the library and

were courteous and considerate in every respect.

It was my first opportunity to go into our local high school and I was certainly impressed with the reception I got.

The students were orderly, well-mannered, and neat in appearance. We hear so much criticism of schools and young people, but we can be proud of these Perquimans County students.

Sincerely,  
Betty Crawford  
Hertford

oldest continuing project and also our most successful because we feel we have been able to provide a real service to our town and county.

For the past few years, Swindell Funeral Home has almost single-handedly taken care of lending items, collecting money, and most of the "work" necessary to keep the project going. For this reason, we have decided to sell our interest in the Loan Closet to Swindell's since they are better equipped to provide this service.

We want to thank the Perquimans County Commissioners for their generosity to us in the past, and also the many, many people who have made donations of money and

equipment so that this service may be continued.

We are grateful to Swindell Funeral Home for their help in the past and commend them for continuing the Loan Closet under their auspices.

We feel sure that the community will support Swindell Funeral Home as they have the B.P.W. Club in this endeavor.  
Hulda Wood, for  
The Hertford Business and Professional Women's Club

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** To whomever sent in an unsigned letter to the editor: There is no charge for printing letters to the editor. However, no letter can be published without a signature and address. Please come by the office to pick up your money.

### BPW loan closet

Editors, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY,

In 1950, under the leadership of Mrs. D. M. Jackson, the

Hertford Business and Professional Women's Club started "The Loan Closet for the Sick". This has been our

## Exclusive waterfront subdivision approved

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners granted final approval to an 18 lot riverfront subdivision in a meeting last Monday.

Called River Croft, the subdivision is being developed by owners Robert Hollowell and W.M. Knight.

Deeds will be restrictive, and will require the construction of homes of a minimum of \$50,000 homes on lots of some 1800 square feet.

The subdivision is located in Winfall, directly across the Perquimans River from the town of Hertford, off the U.S. 17 By-pass.

The commissioners also moved to insure that someone is on duty at all times to answer emergency calls for the county water department.

Board members say they have received complaints from persons who have called for assistance and gotten no response.

The most recent complaint came from commissioner Marshall Caddy, who burst a small water line while plowing, and could find no one on duty to shut it off.

In other business, the commissioners approved a budget request for the Soil Conservation Service for \$6,000, the same as last year.

/moved to extend deadline for receiving bids on county insurance to July 21;

/decided to base its 1980-81 county budget on a 92 cents per \$100 valuation tax collection rate because of the

## Hollowell fund raiser Friday

A pig picking fund raiser for First Congressional District candidate Joe Hollowell will be conducted Friday Night, May 2 at the Perquimans County Office Building (ARPCD) in Hertford.

economic situation (last year's base figure was 95 cents);

/and changed its meeting time from 7:30 to 8 p.m. to compensate for Daylight Savings Time.

## Corn planting

### So far so good for Perquimans County farmers

Despite a slow start, Perquimans County farmers say that corn planting was completed this year on schedule, and reaction was mixed on whether or not this year's corn crop will be a profitable one.

"Not all of my corn's up, but what's up looks good," said Ed Nixon. Nixon has increased his corn acreage 5 percent over last year, to some 200 acres.

He started planting corn on April 15, and would like to have gotten into the fields a week earlier, but a string of good weather helped compensate for early rain delays. "A good season and I won't be able to tell the difference," he said.

But Nixon maintained that even with a good growing season it would take a price increase to \$3.25-\$3.50 per bushel (currently some \$2.35, new crop) for farmers to get back on their feet.

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland should have initiated a set aside program to compensate for damage to the export market by the Russian grain Embargo, Nixon said.

As it is, there appears to be little or no upward pressure on the grain market.

Nixon said that a good yield could overcome the price problem but not the losses farmers incurred in a poor growing season last year.

Winfall farmer Ned Nixon agreed with the pessimistic view of the grain market. Nixon expects to plant 1500 acres of corn this year in fields across the county.

"It's going to take some big yields to make any money this year," said Nixon. He said he has his Perquimans County corn planted and glancing heavenward, and added "from now on it's up to somebody else."

Figuring all your expenses,

you have to have 100 bushels of dried corn an acre to break even," Nixon said. The county average, he said, is from 110 to 115 bushels, one of the highest in the state.

Prices are stronger for corn than soybeans this year, Nixon said, and the only reason more acreage isn't being converted to corn is prohibitive cost.

The key to a good season is no big rains, Nixon said.

Moody Harrell, though, was more optimistic about the coming farm season. "Providing a good weather season, I think corn is going to make us some money this year," Harrell said.

Harrell said he tries to base his corn planting on a 2:1 ratio to soybean prices. "Right now corn is tearing that two to one ratio all to pieces," he said.

He said that farmers are switching more fields over to



Park backers

Town and soil conservation officials gathered Monday morning to formally authorize construction of Site B of the long-awaited waterfront park. From left-right are: Ronnie Feaster, RC&D coordinator; T. Erie Haste, Jr., Hertford

town council member; Bob Griffin, representative of the contracted firm, T.D. Eure Construction Company; Tony Short, district conservationist; Billy Winslow, council member; Hertford Mayor and City Manager, Bill

Cox; Howard Capps of Howard Capps and Associates in Elizabeth City; John Beers, council member; and Bud Burton, representative of T. Edwin Moore Architectural Company of Raleigh. (SCS photo)

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A parking area, designed to accommodate 12 vehicles and trailers, will be graded with four inches of compacted gravel.

According to Hertford Mayor and City Manager Bill Cox, construction is to begin within 20 days of last Tuesday. "The contract allows 102 working days," said Cox, "so the projected completion date will be in six to eight weeks."

Although the entire park was projected to be completed by the summer of 1979, bidding delays have plagued the initiation of construction.

And because the cost of construction has skyrocketed from 30-40 percent since the plan was conceived, the park has been scaled down and

redesigned to fall within the original budget of approximately \$208,000.

The revised waterfront park plans include the elimination of bulk heading, a boat basin, and a multi-purpose court from Site A, which consists of some 4.7 acres located behind the recreation department's building on Grubb Street. It is anticipated that this portion of the park will include picnic tables and shelters.

Site B was scaled down to provide capacity equal to the existing ramp.

Both Sites A and B of the waterfront park are being coordinated by the Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District, chaired by Floyd Matthews, along with the town of Hertford.

## crime control

### Input sought

In an effort to generate interest in the establishment of a committee to help prevent crime in Perquimans county, M. C. Teague, of the North Carolina Department of Crime Control met with a handful of citizens in the courthouse Monday morning.

After outlining major crime problems and areas throughout the state, Teague talked about how crime had risen in rural areas.

Some 77 of North Carolina's 100 counties are considered rural, and according to FBI statistics taken between 1970 and 1975, a 169 percent increase in violent crime, and

309 percent jump in property crimes have occurred in communities with a population under 10,000.

Teague said that a crime prevention committee, which also includes the Community Watch program, would help eliminate some of the rural crime increase.

"Such a committee would give citizens an organized way to look at problems and solutions," said Teague.

Those interested in participating in a Perquimans County crime prevention committee should contact Sheriff Broughton at 426-5615.

## Spring fling plans continue

The Perquimans County Arts Council will sponsor a "Spring Fling" on Sunday, May 18, from 1 p.m. until 6.

The event, set for the recreation park in Hertford, will feature art of all kinds: music, painting, craftwork, ceramics, dance, etc.

Any Albemarle craftsman is invited to show his or her work. There is a \$3 exhibition fee, but no percentage of profits from merchandise sold will go to the Arts Council.

For further information, contact the Perquimans County Recreation Department at 426-5665.

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