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Disaster relief services are available for local tornado victims

FAYETVILLE, N. C. — Although the 13 one-stop federal and state

Disaster Assistance Centers which began operating in 14 North Carolina

counties Tuesday, April 3, are now closed, officials emphasized Monday

that victims of the recent tornadoes may continue to apply for aid through May 31.

Paul Hall, Federal Coordinating Officer, said the federal and state agencies called in to spearhead the recovery effort "are still in place and will remain until the job is done. For those tornado victims who were unable or did not have an opportunity to visit the centers, we will provide information on whom to contact."

One source of this information, Hall said, is the toll-free Disaster Hotline. That number is 1-800-682-2675. Operators are on duty from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. seven days a week.

In addition, a referral list of federal and state agencies has been compiled to enable tornado victims who have not visited the centers to apply for assistance. (The list for local victims is attached at the bottom of this story.)

Persons who have registered at the centers are now being visited by representatives of the appropriate agencies. These visits enable the agencies to determine losses and review program procedures.

The verifiers have been issued color-coded identification cards by the Disaster Field Office. Temporary Housing will be carrying green cards. Small Business Administration blue cards, and Individual and Family Grants white cards. Residents are reminded to ask to see the cards before admitting the verifiers into their homes.

Also, Temporary Housing continues to seek rental properties which may be used as homes for families whose homes are uninhabitable as a result of the tornadoes. Anyone with rental property is urged to call the Disaster Hotline.

The following is an Agency Referral List for Perquimans County:

Hertford, NC 27944
426-5802

Commission on Aging
Albemarle Regional Commission
P.O. Box 646
Hertford, NC 27944
426-5753

Community Action
Economic Improvement Council, Inc.
Cape Colony Airport Tower Building
P.O. Box 549
Edenton, NC 27932
482-4459

Consumer Protection
Consumer Protection Division
P.O. Box 629
Raleigh, NC 27602
919-733-7741

FmHA
ARPDC Building (Albemarle Commission)
Church Street Extended
Box 47
Hertford, NC 27944
426-5733

IRS
320 Federal Place
Greensboro, NC 27401
1-800-424-1040

Legal Services
Call Hotline at
1-800-682-2675

Mental Health
Albemarle Mental Health Center
111 East King Street
Edenton, NC 27932
482-7493

NC Division of Forestry
Forest Ranger
Winfall, NC 27985
426-5551

NC Division of Insurance
P. O. Box 26387
Raleigh, NC 27611
ATTN: Consumer Division
1-800-662-7777
919-733-2032

NC Department of Revenue
Room 201
216 South Broad Street
Edenton, NC 27932
482-3424

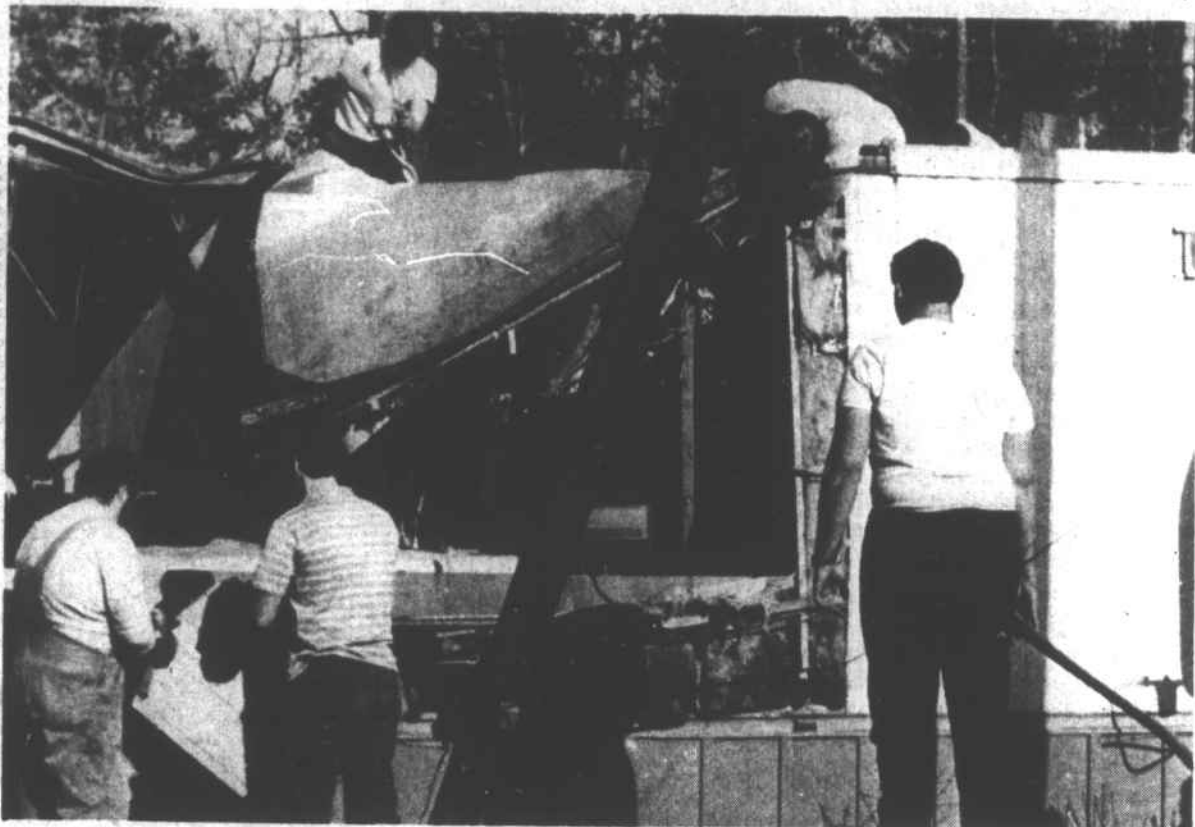
Salvation Army
906-4th Street
Elizabeth City, NC 27909
338-4120
Major Arnold Williford

Social Security
111 Jordan Plaza
P. O. Box 1286
Elizabeth City, NC 27909
338-2268

Unemployment Assistance
(Economic Security Commission)
709 North Broad Street
Edenton, NC 27932
482-2195

Veterans' Administration
(U. S. Veterans' Administration)
251 North Main Street
Winston Salem, NC 27102
1-800-642-0841

NC Division of Veterans Affairs
(County Veterans Service Officers)
P. O. Box 254
Winslow-Blanchard Motor Company
Hertford, NC 27944
426-5654



STUDENTS HELP — Students from College of The Albemarle pitched in last week to help Snug Harbor residents cleanup damage caused by the devastating March 28 storm. Above, Student Senate president Jim Timmerman (left), Mike

Payment, and Chris Meekins remove debris from the ground-level, while COA student activities director Mark Helms and Tom Edmondson clear a damaged section of a trailer roof. Others assisting included: Kent Chapell, Mark Gregory

and David Milam of Hertford; Steve Leary of Edenton; Chris Krainiak, Joni Gray, Jim Knowles and Amy Steinert of Elizabeth City; and Currituck County residents Judy Jordan and David Mason.

Census report shows loss in local and state farm numbers

North Carolina farms declined in numbers and increased in size between 1978 and 1982, according to the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

Preliminary reports just released for the 1982 Census of Agriculture show 72,799 farms, compared with 81,706 in 1978. Land in farms totaled 10.3 million acres, an average per farm of 142 acres, compared with 135 in 1978. Total sales of agricultural products amounted to \$3.5-billion in 1982.

Preliminary reports from the 1982 Census of Agriculture show that the number of farms in Perquimans County decreased from 397 to 343 since the 1978 census. All land in farms totaled 86,376 acres in 1982, an average of 252 acres per farm. The Census Bureau defines a farm as any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or normally would have been sold.

Land from which crops were harvested increased to 68,275 acres since 1978.

The county's farmers sold \$24.3-million in agricultural products according to the reports. The 1982 sales figure represents an average of \$70,887 for each of the county's farms.

The census reports that \$16.1-

million or 66 percent of the total sales were for crops, while \$8.2-million or 34 percent of the total came from the sale of livestock, poultry and their products.

Preliminary data indicate that expenditures for feed for livestock and poultry were \$3.5-million; total farm energy costs were \$2-million; fertilizer costs were \$3.8-million; and seed costs were \$1.1-million.

Of the total farms in Perquimans County, 67 had gross sales of \$100,000 or more; 84 reported sales of less than \$10,000. Farms operated as sole proprietorships represented 86 percent of the total. In 1982, the average age of farm operators was 49.7 years. The proportion of operators reporting farming as their principal occupation remained essentially unchanged at 76 percent since 1978.

Data in the report for 1978 and 1982 are directly comparable for acreages and inventories. Dollar values have not been adjusted for changes in price levels.

Agriculture census data for the state of North Carolina revealed these facts:

•Of the total farms in the State, 8,999 had gross sales of \$100,000 or more, 39,528 reported sales of less

than \$10,000.

•The average age of farm operators was 51.7 years; 10,210 were under 35, and 32,874 were 55 or older.

•Women operated 4,498 farms or six percent of the State total.

•Fifty-five percent of the farms were operated by individuals or families as sole proprietorships, 7,094 by partnerships; and 1,228 by corporations of which 86 percent were family held.

Eighty-eight percent of the farmers owned all or part of the farms they operated; 40,919 were fully owned; 23,184 partly owned; and 8,696 were operated by tenants.

Single copies of the preliminary state and county reports may be obtained for \$1.75 and \$1.50 each, respectively, prepaid from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Price for entire set is available upon request.

The Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina, Inc., is offering to sell the historic plantation house, Stockton, in Perquimans County. The property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The foundation will sell Stockton to a buyer willing to rehabilitate the house subject to protective covenants.

Stockton is the only known tripartite house in North Carolina in the Greek Revival style. Built about 1840 by Josiah T. Granbery, Stockton was the seat of a 900 acre plantation. The house was named for Commodore Robert F. Stockton, noted for his actions in the Mexican War. Mr. Granbery represented Perquimans County in the House of Commons in 1835 and 1836 and served as a counselor of state from 1858 to 1860.

The house has one-story wings flanking a two-story central block four bays deep. Particularly striking is the full Doric portico with four columns. The interior has a large central foyer with the single room wings on each side. These rooms contain the original woodwork. Rear doors exit from each parlor onto porches that extend the length of the central two-story block.

The living room and kitchen are downstairs in the central section, and four bedrooms are upstairs. The enclosed stairway ascends from a hallway behind the foyer. Floors throughout are of five inch wide pine board.

Small Business Administration
Disaster Field Office
P.O. Box 70119
Fort Bragg, NC 28307
919-436-2060

Temporary Housing
Disaster Field Office
P.O. Box 70119
Fort Bragg, NC 28307
919-436-5455

Individual and Family Grant
1 Dobb Street
P.O. Box 107
Hertford, NC 27944
426-7373

American Red Cross
200 Hiland Park
Hertford, NC 27944
426-7648
Ms. Gene Sawyer

ASCS
County Office Building
512 South Church Street

N.C.'s First Lady to visit county schools

Mrs. Carolyn Hunt, wife of North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt, will be in Perquimans County on Wednesday, April 18 to speak on the importance of volunteers at each of the county schools.

Mrs. Hunt was invited to the county by Anne Young, a member of the Youth Advisory Council for North Carolina, and will be honored at a reception at Mrs. Young's home at 510 Pennsylvania Ave., Hertford, from 2:30 until 4:30 that afternoon. The public is invited to attend.

The public is also invited to Perquimans County High School for a 1:00 assembly that will be addressed by Mrs. Hunt.

Mrs. Hunt, a former elementary teacher, lists her primary interest, outside of her family, as volunteerism. Realizing the importance of adult volunteerism in the schools and with youth, she spends a great deal of time working

as a volunteer in the Wake County school system.



MRS. CAROLYN HUNT

Historic Stockton House offered for sale

Stockton is located on N.C. State Road 1329, one and one-half miles south of the Woodville community. It is approximately 10 miles west of Elizabeth City.

The 3200 square foot house on 2.5 to 2.75 acres can be purchased for \$30,000. It will be sold subject to

protective covenants to be administered by the Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina, Inc. The restrictions will allow the buyer flexibility in the use of the property, while protecting the structure from demolition, inappropriate exterior alterations or

insensitive additions.

Those interested in buying Stockton should contact J. Myrick Howard or Larry D. McBennett, Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina, Inc., P.O. Box 27644, Raleigh, N.C. 27611-7644; telephone (919) 832-3652.

Town of Hertford to enact civil laws

The Hertford Town Council unanimously approved a motion on Monday night to re-write certain town ordinances, making them a civil offense instead of a criminal offense.

The ordinances that will be affected by this new decision are the town's parking ordinance, dog ordinance, and town tag ordinance.

The new ordinances will go into effect on April 15, 1984.

Before these new ordinances were effected, individuals charged with violations of any of these ordinances were charged with a criminal violation. After the 15th this will change to a civil offense.

If an offender elected not to pay his fine he would currently be tried in criminal court and could be made to pay up to a \$50.00 fine and/or serve 30 days in jail. The new fine under the civil ordinance code will be ten dollars, and will be paid to the Town

of Hertford Clerk. Individuals not paying their fines within the 72 hour limit will be taken to civil court.

The ordinances covered under this action were drawn up by the Hertford Police Department and Walter Edwards, Jr., attorney for the Town of Hertford.

The ordinances prohibit allowing a dog to run at large within the city limits, prohibit parking violations in areas restricted by signs, and require that all persons living within the city limits display a town license tag on all vehicles.

Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt said that the police department had not been strictly enforcing these ordinances because they were waiting for the ordinances to become decriminalized. "We will begin vigorously enforcing these ordinances after the effective date," he said.



THE STOCKTON HOUSE