

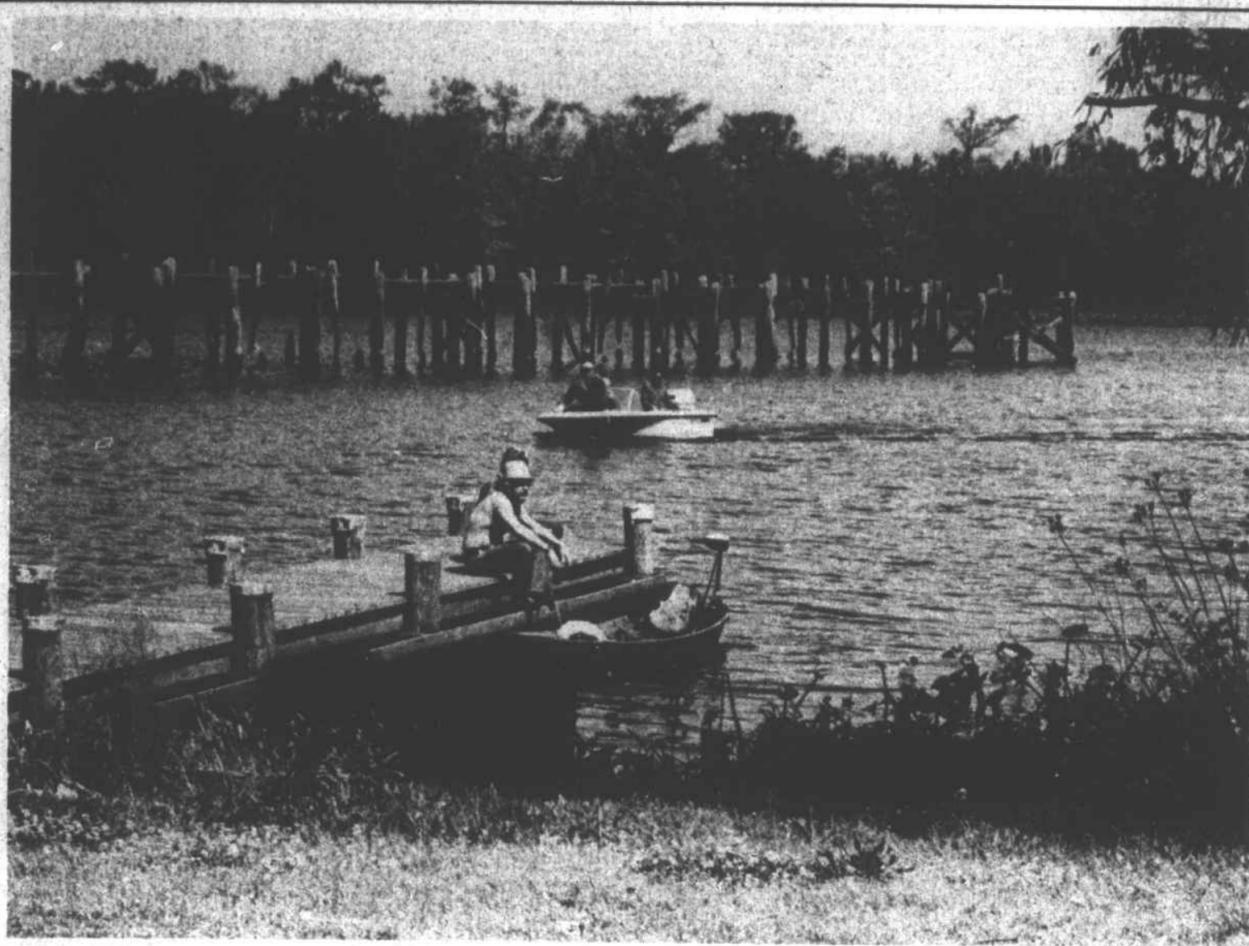
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Relaxing on the River

Tuesday morning provided the perfect atmosphere for relaxation

along the banks of the Perquimans River. The weather was warm and

the sun was bright inviting county residents to the docks located behind the

Municipal Building in Hertford. (Photo by Jane Williams.)

Winfall Council effects rate-hike for water department

By JANE WILLIAMS

Effective July 1, 1984, residents of Winfall will realize approximately a 20 per cent increase in their water bills.

The rate increase will be the first for the town in more than two years, and is projected to raise most residence bills by \$1.50 to \$2.00 per month.

Currently the water rate for Town of Winfall customers is \$5.00 for the first 3,000 gallons and \$1.20 per thousand gallons after 3,000 gallons. The new rate will be \$6.00 for the first 2,000 gallons and \$1.25 per thousand gallons after the initial consumption is reached.

Winfall Mayor Lloyd Ray Morgan stated that the town "has not been making anything off of the water department due to the rising cost of water treatment. We felt that we had to have a rate increase at this time to offset rising prices of chemicals used to treat water for consumption."

In other action the Council:

• Approved an ordinance to adopt a Planning and Zoning Board. Three

members were selected to serve on this Board, they are William Bartlett, for a three-year term; Terry Williams, for a two-year term and Curtis Stallings for a one-year term.

Met with Steve Player of L.E. Wooten and Company to discuss the progress of the town's Community Development Block Grant Program.

Actual construction on the project which will include properties on King St., Louise St., White St., Cathryn St., and Macon St. is expected to begin in about 90 days.

One or two families are expected to be re-located during this project, with 32 to 35 dwellings to receive assistance, along with street improvements within the project boundaries.

A second public hearing date for the project was set for May 28th at 7:00 p.m.

• Voted to amend the minutes of their April meeting, and withdrew the decision to place no parking signs on Nixon St.

Church honors Wright

The Administrative Board of Hertford United Methodist Church has announced that Sunday, May 20, 1984, has been designated as Caroline Wright Day.

A reception honoring Miss Wright, organist and choir director for the church, for twenty-five years of service will be held in the Church Fellowship Hall from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

In addition to her duties as organist and choir director for the church, Miss Wright has also directed many church concerts and dramas throughout the 25 years that she has been associated with Hertford United Methodist Church.

Miss Wright attended Greensboro College where she received a Music Education degree. From there she went on to Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and received a Master of Music Degree.

Before coming to Hertford she taught public school music in Zebulon and Oak City, N.C. and began church choirs in both cities, fulfilling an early vow in her music career to work for Christ at every

opportunity.

Miss Wright is the daughter of Mattie Newbold Wright of Jarvisburg, and the late Charles A. Wright.

The public is invited to attend the reception on Sunday afternoon.



CAROLINE WRIGHT

Corrections suspended and placed on special supervised probation for one year. He was ordered to pay a \$160 fine and costs. He was instructed to surrender driver's license to Clerk of Superior Court and not operate a motor vehicle until his driving privilege is restored. He is to successfully complete the A. D. E. T. School and pay fee for said school. Defendant is to surrender himself to the Sheriff of Chowan County at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 11, 1984 and remain in custody until 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 13, 1984 and do so for a total of four weekends until he has served a total of seven days. He is to pay the jail costs.

against Welch.

Willie L. Wooten, Jr., alias Billy Wooten, who was found guilty of an attempted crime against nature in March received a prayer for judgement to be continued until Wednesday, May 16, 1984 at Pasquotank County Superior Court in Elizabeth City at 2:00 p.m.

In other action the court:

• Found Willie Rodgers Brooks guilty of driving under the influence. He was given six months at Albemarle District Jail, suspended and placed on supervised probation and ordered to pay \$200.00 fine and cost of court. The defendant will be evaluated at Albemarle Mental Health Center for his condition of alcoholism and is to cooperate in such treatment.

• Found Andre Blanchard guilty as charged for the felonious possession of marijuana. He was given two years at the North Carolina Department of Corrections and credit for time served in jail awaiting trial.

• Michael Archie Wilson, charged with felonious larceny and possession was sentenced to three years in the North Carolina Department of Corrections; suspended and placed on supervised probation, fined \$50 and cost. Must make restitution in the amount of \$50 to Kenny Felton for damages and reimburse the State of North Carolina for his court appointed State of North Carolina attorney fees.

• Found Steven Corey Pierce guilty as charged for driving with license revoked. He was sentenced to 60 days in the Albemarle District Jail. Commitment to issue November 1, 1984 at 10:00 a.m.

• Found Wilbur Lee Jones guilty of resisting arrest. Sentenced to six months in the Albemarle District Jail with two years unsupervised probation and ordered to pay \$50 fine and cost of court as well as reimbursing the State of North Carolina for court appointed attorney fees. He must be on good behavior during the period of unsupervised probation.

• Found Francis Patrick Jones guilty as charged for reckless driving. Sentenced 30 days in Albemarle District Jail suspended, and one year unsupervised probation. He was fined \$25 and cost of court.

• Found Fenton Donnell Royle guilty of speeding 98 mph in a 45 mph zone. Sentenced 30 days in Albemarle District Jail suspended on condition that he pay a fine of \$45 and costs.

• Found Ronnie Newby Owens guilty of driving while impaired and sentenced to eight months in the North Carolina Department of

activity. The information was turned over to the county social services department who made a preliminary investigation of the case and turned their findings in to the District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney's office in turn asked that the Hertford Police Department conduct a criminal investigation which led to the arrest of, and later a grand Jury indictment

voting power is equal among the towns that we won't have to pay an equal share of the expenses with the larger towns," asked Councilman John Beers.

Beers stated that "it would be nice if we could have equal voting power, but we can't afford to have to share the operational costs equally."

Hertford Town Attorney Walter Edwards said that the resolution looked reasonable at face value, but that he would need to have an opportunity to study it, along with previous statutes before advising the council whether or not to sign it.

Harris continued to urge members of the council to act on the resolution immediately and put his recommendation in the form of a motion. Joe Towe White, Jr. seconded the motion and after further discussion by the council the motion passed.

In other action the Council:

• Accepted a bid from Johnson-White Insurance Company for \$8,771.00 for liability insurance.

• Passed an ordinance allowing members of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department and Perquimans County Rescue Squad to display those tags in lieu of Town of Hertford tags on their vehicles.

• Accepted the resignation of Sr. Patrolman Michael G. Jastelum from the Hertford Police Department.

• Met with Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt in executive session to discuss personnel matters.

While in executive session Merritt told the Council that he was no longer considering himself a candidate for sheriff in the next election. "The reason that I have made this decision is that I think it is in the best interest of the Hertford Police Department," Merritt said. "I wish to continue to serve the people of Hertford in my present capacity."

Superior Court hears lengthy docket

The Honorable Elbert S. Peel, Jr. presided over a heavy case load in last week's session of Perquimans County Criminal Court.

Charlie Leroy Welch of Hertford was found not guilty of first degree rape of a minor child.

Welch was brought up on charges after a routine physical examination of the child at the Hertford Medical Clinic showed evidence of sexual

Council discusses power agency costs

By JANE WILLIAMS

Exorbitant fees paid to attorneys and consultants by the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA) met with majority disapproval Monday night during the monthly meeting of the Hertford Town Council.

Jesse Harris, a Hertford businessman and Town Council member who serves as the town's voting member on the NCEMPA Board, accused the agency of gross overbilling for attorney and consultant fees during the past year.

Harris told the Council that a law firm that handled a bond issue for the agency received \$17,000 last year, and is budgeted to receive \$180,000 this year for the same job.

He also stated that the agency had spent \$4-million in consultant fees during the past three years.

"Consultant fees for the agency are going as high as \$50,000 to \$100,000 a month, and it's just plain ridiculous," Harris said.

Harris stated that the problem with the agency stemmed from larger towns, such as Washington and Greenville, having a larger voting power than the smaller towns that comprise the 32 member agency.

Harris stated that "four towns control the voting on every issue that comes up, and the little towns are defeated before they ever get a chance to vote."

Currently voting power is handled on a share-basis, with the towns having a larger interest also having a greater voting power than towns with a smaller interest invested into the company.

Harris proposed that the town sign a resolution requesting that each of the 32 towns have an equal vote. He said that a lot of the smaller towns were signing this resolution that "very simply asks for one vote for one vote."

"What concerns me is that if the

Heirloom spoon returned to county by Colonial Dames

A solid silver serving spoon with a provenance which traces it back to 18th century Perquimans has come home again. In the fall of 1983, Mrs. E. M. Todd, President of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames, XVIIIth Century and Mrs. Walter Spaeth, Third Vice-President, General, National Society of Colonial Dames, XVIIIth Century, visited the 17th century Newbold-White House near Hertford, NC. They were so delighted at the painstaking detail used in the restoration of the house that they decided to recommend that Colonial Dames, XVIIIth century, assisted in furnishing it.

In making the recommendation that the North Carolina Chapter, Colonial Dames XVIIIth century, adopt furnishings for the Newbold-White House as its Four Hundredth Anniversary project, Mrs. Todd said, "It is fitting that our organization adopt this project because this 17th century house is the 1st remaining meeting place of North Carolina's proprietary government (1663-1729). All of the lower and higher courts also met here. George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, preached here in 1672, marking the beginning of organized religion in the state."

Mrs. Henry Rood, of Greensboro, NC, born Frances White, of Hertford, NC, then made a presentation of the solid silver serving spoon, to be taken back to Perquimans as the first gift from the North Carolina Chapter, Colonial Dames XVIIIth century. Mrs. Rood then traced the provenance of the spoon.

"If you will examine the spoon you will see that it is well-worn," Mrs.

Rood stated, "And if you will look at the back, you will see a large 'N', with a 'T' and 'S' underneath that 'N'. She also explained that the North Carolina Museum of History had tentatively identified the silversmith as one Samuel Roberts whose mark was the same as the 'SR' on the spoon. Family records show that Thomas Newby received a certificate for his

marriage to Sarah from his Quaker Monthly Meeting.

Thomas and Sarah Newby's daughter, Sarah, married Josiah White, an ancestor of Frances White Rood, and it was through that line that the heirloom was returned to the Newbold-White House. Mrs. Rood is also related to the builder of the house, Joseph Scott, through her mother, and to another owner, Abraham Saunders, through her father.

An 18th Century spoon has recently been donated to the Newbold-White House by Frances Rood, a county native and member of the Colonial Dames. The spoon belonged to Thomas and Sarah Newby, former occupants of the house. The top photo shows the engraving on the handle of the spoon. (Photo by Ken Castelleo.)

