

LOCAL NEWS

Local briefs

VITA training workshop set

The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is designed to offer free income tax assistance to handicapped, disabled, low income or elderly persons through trained volunteers.

Albemarle Commission is planning a training session for anyone interested in becoming a trained volunteer who can assist persons with their taxes.

The training will be held in Hertford at Albemarle Commission on Tuesday, January 15, Wednesday, January 16, and Thursday, January 17, 1985 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The training will be conducted by a qualified instructor, Allen Turner of

Elizabeth City.

Anyone attending this training workshop, passing the test and becoming a VITA worker, will be responsible for publicizing the place they can be reached in order to provide the income tax assistance. This place could be nutrition sites, libraries, private homes, etc. We will offer you posters and other information on other forms of publicity.

Please call 426-5753 as soon as possible to sign up for the training. There is a limited enrollment for the class. Please ask for Ruth Mengel, Darlene Harrell or Lee Riddick when calling.

Holiday deadlines set

Early deadlines for news and advertising have been set for the December 27th and January 3rd editions of The Perquimans Weekly due to the Christmas and New Year holidays. The deadline for each of these editions will be

at 5:00 p.m. on Friday prior to each publication.

The deadline for news and advertising for the annual Christmas Edition on Thursday, December 20th will be at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17th.

Reames takes honors

The first annual country music award show for the state of Virginia was held on Sunday, November 4 at Chrysler Hall in Norfolk, Virginia.

The Virginia Country Music News Magazine, sponsored a seven-hour combination of honors and entertainment which the staff selected nominees after traveling the state listening to bands and singers.

More than 25 categories were covered, involving some 120 entertainers. Barbara Jean Layden Reames, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Layden of Belvidere, was present at the

award show along with her family where she took the honors of third-place for the Best Traditional Country Music Female Vocalist for the state of Virginia.

Barbara Jean has lived in Virginia for four years with her husband Bobby "Muskrat" Reames who was also honored at the show walking away with first place for Best Instrumentalist of their year on the steel guitar.

Presently, Barbara Jean is the lead vocalist in her band "Barbara Jean and the Band of Gold" who regularly perform at Bully's in Virginia Beach.

Jaycee Women celebrate

The anniversary of the chartering of the North Carolina Jaycee Women was celebrated November 17-19 at the Mid-Year Convention of the North Carolina Jaycees and Jaycee Women hosted by the Greensboro Jaycees and Jaycee Women.

During the weekend event an Anniversary Luncheon was held honoring past presidents of the North Carolina Jaycee Women.

Mrs. Gosnell is currently serving as President of the United States Jaycee Women. The current President, Paula Turlington of Lexington, presented a brief history of the North Carolina Jaycee Women over the past 10 years and recognized their growth and accomplishments.

Following the luncheon a balloon life in honor of the event was held and 500 helium balloons were released. Each balloon contained information about the North Carolina Jaycee Women.

The weekend meeting also included the Mid-Year Awards presentations and Board of Directors meeting of the North Carolina Jaycee Women.

Attending the events from the Perquimans County Jaycee Women Chapter were Jeanie Etheridge, president, and Kay Winslow, past-president.

During the awards presentations the Perquimans County Jaycee Women received

many awards for outstanding individual performances and club services. The club was recognized as second in their state division.

The North Carolina Jaycee Women is a leadership training/community service organization with over 100 chapters statewide. For information about the Perquimans County Jaycee Women contact President Jeanie Etheridge at 426-5959.

Health Hints

Early diagnosis and treatment of diabetes aids in preventing blindness

(Editor's Note: In the interest of preventing blindness, the Edenton Lions Club has released the following information in conjunction with their Diabetes Education Program.)

Diabetes is the leading cause of new blindness in the United States. It is estimated that three percent of all adults over the age of 55 have diabetic eye disease.

Anyone who has diabetes can develop complications in the eye which, left untreated, can go on to blindness. While good control of a person's blood sugar (and blood pressure) are important in preventing eye problems, it does not guarantee that these complications will not occur.

People with "latent" diabetes or diabetes controlled by diet can develop the eye disease and go on to blindness.

The development of laser surgery has given eye doctors a tool to halt or at least delay the onset of blindness in the majority of people with diabetic eye

disease. There are two types of diabetic eye disease which affect the retina and are treatable by laser.

The retina is the layer of nerves in the back of the eye which sends "the picture" of what we are seeing to the brain. If you think of the eye as a camera, the retina is the film.

In the first type of retinal disease (background diabetic retinopathy) damaged blood vessels at the back of the eye leak fluid which cause swelling and eventually destroy the vision.

In this type of retinopathy patients will often notice that their vision has become blurred. People with diabetes should therefore check their vision in each eye themselves from time to time.

This can be done by covering first one eye and then the other while looking at a familiar scene, such as out the front window. Any blurring of the vision in

either or both eyes should be reported to their eye doctor. In the second type of diabetic retinopathy new blood vessels grow into the center of the eye.

This type of retinopathy will often progress towards blindness without giving the patient any symptoms. That is, vision may remain very good until the disease has progressed to a late stage in which treatment is more complicated and less successful.

For this reason, any one who

has diabetes should be seen yearly for a dilated eye examination, whether they are having difficulty with their vision or not.

The most important factor preventing blindness from diabetes is early diagnosis and treatment. While the laser provides a valuable tool, halting or slowing the onset of blindness, it cannot restore vision which has already been permanently damaged.

COUNTY PROPERTY FOR SALE

The Board of Commissioners of Perquimans County hereby requests sealed bids for the purchase of the following property:

- One Adler Electric Typewriter
- Two Remington Manual Typewriters - Long Carriage
- One Royal Manual Typewriter
- One Remington Rand Adding Machine
- One Underwood - Olivetti Adding Machine
- One 3M Copier Model 732
- One 3M Copier Model 257
- Two Vinyl Reclining Chairs - White
- Twelve Light Fixtures - Assorted

All items will be sold in their present condition (as is) and may be seen by contacting the County Manager in the Perquimans County Courthouse. Separate bids must be submitted in writing to the County Manager on or before 10:00 A.M. January 7, 1985. The Board reserves the right to reject all bids.

Perquimans County Board of Commissioners
By: Randy Keaton
County Manager

Obituary

FEREBEE
RUDESHEIM, GERMANY — Sp. 4 Karlynn Ferebee Sr., 25, died November 21 at his home in Germany from carbon monoxide poisoning, along with his wife Sp. 4 Edith Annette Walker Ferebee and son, Karlynn Ferebee II.

Ferebee was a native of Winfall and had been stationed at the U. S. Army Base in Bad Kreuznach, Germany. He is the son of Edward and Helen A. Ferebee of Edenton.

He attended and graduated from high school in Brooklyn, New York. He was a Specialist Fourth Class in the U. S. Army.

He is survived by his parents Helen A. and Edward Ferebee Sr., both of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Carolyn Loretta Buggs of Hampton, Va., Mrs. Edith F. Fayall of Amityville, N. Y. and SSG Gwendolyn D. Ferebee of Camp Springs, Md.; three brothers, Edward Ferebee Jr. of Jamaica, N. Y., SSG Junius C. Ferebee of Fort McPherson, Ga., and SP/5

Michael Ferebee Sr. of Fort Ritchie, Md.; two foster sisters, Mrs. Minnie H. Foster of Brooklyn, N. Y. and SSG Darlene H. Baker of Hopkins, S. C.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 3 at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Hertford by the pastor, the Rev. J. H. London Jr. Burial followed in the Rogerson Family Cemetery in Winfall with military rites conducted by a Fort Bragg Military Unit.

Stallings Memorial Chapel, Hertford, was in charge of arrangements.

NOTICE

The Town of Hertford will have their 1983-84 Audit Presentation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1984, on Tuesday, December 18, 1984, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building Meeting Room.

A copy of this audit is available for public inspection at the Hertford Town Office.



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To The People of Perquimans County and the public officials who have helped us launch our new business in Hertford.

We look forward to a long and happy relationship, as a business and as private citizens, with the people in this community.

We would also like to extend our wishes for a Happy Holiday to each of you.

Thank You,
Hans and Jenny Harnisch
Proprietors of the Gingerbread Inn and Bakery

