

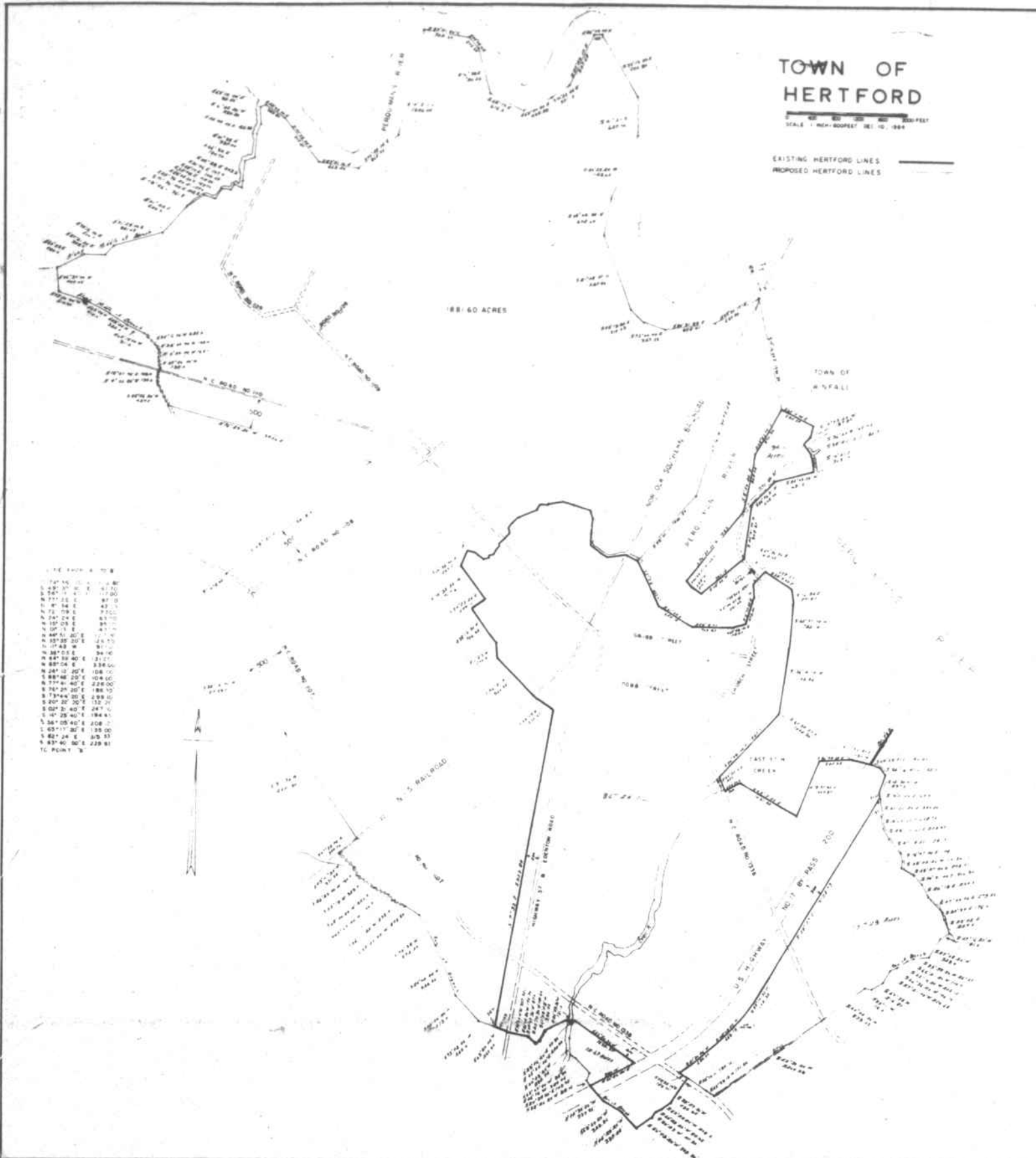
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Shown above is a reduced scale map depicting the proposed limits for the Town of Hertford if the planned annexation is approved. The current city limits are shown in dark lines, while the proposed limits are marked in lighter lines. A full scale map is available for inspection at the Town of Hertford Office on Grubb St.

Public hearings to discuss annexation: nursing home set

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Two public hearings are set for this week to discuss issues that are of general interest to many county residents.

The first hearing, to be held at 7:00 p.m. tonight (Thursday), is to discuss annexation action proposed by the Hertford Town Council. The second hearing, to be held from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Friday evening, is to solicit community residents' comments for a certificate of need for a proposed nursing home in the area. Both hearings will be held at the Perquimans County Courthouse.

The annexation hearing is the first of a possible series, set to discuss the proposed annexation of land surrounding the town, with the largest proposed areas to the north and west of the city limits. (See map at left.)

Although some Hertford Councilmen view the annexation as a "long overdue expansion," they have been slow to state in public the purpose for annexation at this time.

The dominant reasons that have surfaced for the project have been that of adding to the population base of the town, which is a determining factor in receiving state and federal monies for various projects and the potential for industrial development of some of the land sought in the annexation act. Currently, there is little land available inside the corporate city limits for development.

The proposed plans for the project are to extend the northwest side of the city limits, following the Perquimans River behind land owned by Preston Stevenson, following the slew behind Frank Roberts' property and coming east of the Little League Ball Park. The proposed line will then cross the highway and follow it east for 500 feet.

The line will then go back to the Nine-Foot Road, traveling south and crossing Ballahack Road, turning east and taking in 500 feet south of the Ballahack Road to the railroad track.

The line will follow the swamp line/drainage line from the railroad track, east to the present city limits line and cross U.S. 17 Business at the present line.

The line will cross U.S. 17 By-Pass at the present line, and join with the west boundary of the Warner Madre property. The line will then follow the Freeman Long east property line to the T.S. White property line, following that line to the Perquimans River.

The second hearing, involving a proposed nursing home to be built in the area, is being sponsored by the Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency.

The agency has proposed the construction of a 78-bed nursing home facility to serve Perquimans and Gates Counties, and has set the hearing to solicit comments on the proposal, as well as on the three companies that have submitted a request to construct the facility.

Two of the proponents, Autumn Corporation and Unifour Medical Management, Inc. have obtained property leases in Perquimans County for the possible construction of the home, and the third proponent, Powell-Roberson Enterprises has obtained a lease in Gates County.

Each of the companies that have chosen sites in Perquimans County have indicated that they would hire the personnel to man the home locally, creating as many as 75-80 potential jobs in the community.

Wreck claims lives of four residents during holidays

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

CHARLOTTE—The lives of four Hertford residents were claimed last Thursday afternoon when a trailer broke loose from a dump truck and crashed into their car while family members in another car watched on Interstate 85 just north of

Charlotte.

Victims of the tragic accident were James Percelle Skinner, 52; his wife, Hattie James Skinner, 49; and their grandson, Jamien Skinner, 5, all of Hertford. Ronell Brothers, 24, the fourth victim in the accident

died later at Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

A fifth passenger in the vehicle, Lisa Skinner, 24, mother of Jamien, was listed in critical condition at Charlotte Memorial.

According to police reports, Carl Clark, who was driving

behind the Skinner car, stated that he saw plastic construction barrels flying through clouds of dust as the trailer careened across the median. Clark added that the trailer made a leap and went straight at the Skinner car, jumping broadside and hitting the car dead center.

A police spokesman said that a second car of family members, including two of the Skinners' daughters, saw the accident as they followed the car.

The Skinner family was returning from a holiday trip to Atlanta, GA. where three of the Skinners' six children reside.

The initial police investigation indicated that the trailer was jarred loose from the truck, which was traveling south on Interstate 85. The trailer darted across the highway into the northbound lane. Skinner slammed on brakes to avoid the collision, leaving skid marks 17 feet long up to the point of impact. Estimates are that the trailer was traveling 60 mph and the Skinner car was traveling 50 mph. The speed limit on the highway is 45 mph, due to construction work underway on the road.

Clon Matthew Burleyson, the driver of the truck, was charged with three counts of misdemeanor death by vehicle and an equipment violation. Bail was set at \$4,000.

Joint funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at Perquimans County High School by the Revs. J.H. London, Jr. and Butler Sharpe. Burial was held in Cedarwood Cemetery. Stallings Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a blimp???

Yeap, the White-Westinghouse Blimp has been a familiar sight around the tree-tops of Perquimans County

recently. The warm weather and gentle breezes that have dominated the weather lately seem to provide an

excellent opportunity to test the unique air craft. (Photo by George Wilmore.)

Edwards named

Ralph G. Edwards, a native of St. Petersburg, Florida, assumed the duties of advertising manager for The Perquimans Weekly this week, announced Jane Williams, managing editor of the publication.

Edwards, who is retired from the United States Coast Guard, has ten years experience in retail sales in the Albemarle area.

"We are excited about the addition of Mr. Edwards to our staff," Mrs. Williams stated; "We are certain that his sales and retail expertise will be a great benefit to our customers

and our company."

"I'm looking forward to the challenge of the advertising field," Edwards said. "After many years in marketing and promoting products, I welcome the opportunity to incorporate these skills into a broader area," he said.

Edwards, who resides in the New Hope community with his wife Sylvia, is a member of the New Hope United Methodist Church, where he is active in the choir. Among his many interests and hobbies are fishing and horses. The Edwards' have two children and twin grandsons.



RALPH G. EDWARDS