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Capt. Rohrer receives a letter of commendation, above, from Capt. John Linnon at last Friday's change of command ceremonies at the Elizabeth City Coast Guard Air Station. At right, Jean White, Perquimans County Register of deeds, chats with other Hertford residents who attended the ceremony.

Rohrer leaves as commander of strike team

By GINA JEPSON
Perquimans Weekly editor

Cmdr. Theodore Sampson replaced Capt. William N. Rohrer Friday as commanding officer of the Coast Guard's Atlantic Strike team.

Rohrer has served as the strike team's commanding officer for the past four years, and was a resident of Perquimans County.

Many friends of the Rohrer's attended the change of command, and Rohrer expressed his thanks to those present and to the people of Hertford.

'First', he said 'I thank the fine people of Hertford, who have been my very good neighbors and friends. You folks have accepted us as a member of your community and made us feel at home, even though we are transient residents. Peggy and I are grateful to have had such thoughtful friends and neighbors for the past four years.'

The Rohrer's will miss Hertford, but they're leaving will not go unnoticed. Both Bill and Peggy have been active in the community. They have made an impression on the town

which will not be easily forgotten.

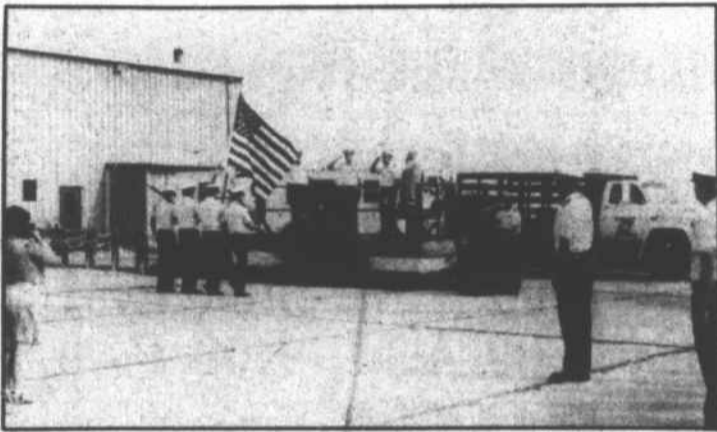
Peggy Rohrer was responsible for forming the soccer league at the county recreation department which has now expanded to include almost 60 children, and the whole family has been active in the scouting program.

Hertford United Methodist Church will also miss them. Peggy served in several capacities with the church according to Rev. Bissell including secretary to the church, Sunday school teacher for grades one and two, and led vacation church school. Jeff has been active in the music programs at the church, and Bill has served as an usher.

'The community will miss the Rohrer's' stated Mayor Bill Cox, 'They were both involved with the town activities. Their interest in scouting and in their church will also be missed.'

'Our loss will be Cleveland's gain' Cox said. 'We wish them the best of luck.'

Capt. Rohrer's new assignment will be in Cleveland, Ohio. He will be serving as Chief of the ninth Coast Guard District's Engineering Division.



Sanford to visit county

From staff reports

HERTFORD — Perquimans County Sanford for Senate chairman Terry Williams is urging a large turnout when former Governor Terry Sanford visits Hertford on Thursday, August 21, 1986.

Sanford, the Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate, will be at Lucille Winslow's home at 4 p.m., Williams said. This is Sanford's second visit to the Northeast since he became a Senate candidate last winter, and is one of the last legs of his 100-county summer tour.

Williams said Sanford's support in the area was strong.

'Gov. Sanford's support among



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... Winslow home is picked.

young people is especially encouraging," Williams said. "Many who know him as having been president of Duke University have learned that education was also his top priority as Governor.

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Historic house planning new center for visitors

By GINA JEPSON
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Newbold-White house is planning to construct a much needed visitor's center on the site, and a team of archeologists has been working for the past four weeks testing fields for artifacts near the highway where the center will be constructed.

The testing is being done to ensure that no significant artifacts will be destroyed by construction of the center, and during this testing the team uncovered a cemetery dating back to the seventeenth century. They have found no other significant items from the seventeenth, eighteenth, or even the nineteenth centuries during the testing, and have determined that construction of the visitors center would not harm any valuable resources from the period.

The cemetery was pretty much an unknown quantity stated Micheal Hartley who is heading up the dig at

Newbold-White house. The archeologists first learned of the cemetery from passages in the will of Julianna Laker which dates back to 1735. Mrs. Laker's will states that she had an association with the cemetery, and indicates her interest in keeping the cemetery cared for properly. The will indicates that her mother, husband, and other friends were buried at the cemetery. Documents and oral reports from people on the site at the turn of the century also indicate that there was a cemetery located on the present site of the Newbold-White house.

In the early 1970's a ditch was cut on the property and the workers cut through a burial plot stated Hartley, this confirmed that there was a cemetery on the property. The team has now uncovered what they believe to be the original cemetery in its entirety.

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From staff reports

The Hertford town council approved plans for upgrading of the town's waste treatment plant at a public meeting held at the municipal building Monday night.

The new plan which was reviewed by engineers from F.T. Green and Company of Raleigh calls for the upgrading of the facility which currently produces 300,000 gallons of treated water daily. Under the new plan the plant will produce approximately 400,000 gallons of treated water daily.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$397,500.00, with the town's share to be \$175,000.00 of the total amount. The remainder of the \$397,500 will be paid by state and federal funds.

Fifty-five percent of the total cost will be paid with grant monies, and the remaining 45 percent will be financed through bonds issued by the town.

Application for funding from the

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Town council approves waste treatment plan

Festivals of Skills coming Sept. 6

From staff reports

The Sixth Annual "Festival of Skills" sponsored by the Perquimans County Extension Homemakers and Agricultural Extension Service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, 1986, at the Albemarle Commission (ARPDC) Building, located on Church Street Extended — right off Highway 17 South By-Pass, Hertford, N.C.

Hours for the show, which features arts and crafts from all across North Carolina and some parts of Virginia, are from 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. and will include many craftsmen who have appeared in previous years.

Betty Harrell, a scissors artist, of Edenton will have her many designs of Scherenschnitte at reasonable prices.

Ruby and Claude Long of Greenville will be returning with their winning display of sculptured lampshades and wooden accessories

ideal for decorating your home or giving for gifts.

Midge Stuller who is closer home from Snug Harbor has been busy creating dolls, ducks and pillows, among many other handmade items using her sewing skills.

Jerry and Nikki Matthews of Portsmouth, Virginia have a line of wood-crafts including small furniture, bears, some familiar and old favorites as well as new items.

Dick Manns' wood craft should be exciting as he features benches, stools and many functional and decorative items.

The amazing Emily Harrell of Hertford has been expanding her line of Armenia needlelace and will have many great items, too irresistible not to buy in order to admire, use and and give.

Myrtle Jordan of Hertford who can delight of her 85 years will amaze us

Ruby and Claude Long of Greenville will be returning with their winning display of sculptured lampshades and wooden accessories ideal for decorating your home or giving for gifts.

with doll clothes and wood craft featuring primitive horse carts, plows and wagons of days past made by her husband, age 89.

There will be many exciting miscellaneous items that will fill the Bethel Extension Homemakers, Holiday Island Extension Homemakers, Belvidere Extension Homemakers, Pooles Grove Extension Homemakers, and Memory Lane Senior Citizens booths. You'll be surprised at what they have to offer.

For those who are hungry, the event promises to be a veritable

feast. Booths will be set up throughout the building, featuring homemade apple or peach jacks, cakes, pies, and many other items to delight the taste buds.

Also, lunch and snacks will be served during the seven hours of festival time. This year the menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade pimento cheese sandwiches, and goodies.

Handmade and handcrafted will be the order of the day. Plan now to join the annual "Festival of Skills" — Saturday, Sept. 6. Admission: Adults — \$1, Students — 50 cents.



Archaeologists are working at this graveyard.

Ceremony will open new annex

From staff reports

An official ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for Hertford's new municipal building annex will be held Friday, Aug. 15 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m..

The public is invited to attend.

The new structure houses both the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, and the police department.

The annex was completed earlier this summer at a cost of \$42,000.

Officials said the new complex will allow more room for the police department and the utility department.

Various community and government leaders are expected to be on hand for the ceremony.