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## Local Briefs

### Indian Summer Festival plans are underway

See the nationally acclaimed Perquimans High School Band and Choruses, the Chesapeake Flatland Cloggers, the Atlantic Fleet Navy Band, the Shriners String Band, and more at the Perquimans County Indian Summer Festival.

On September 15 and 16 normally placid Hertford will bustle with activity as they host the eighth annual fall festival.

Music, food, games, rides, side-walk sales and hundreds of dollars in prizes will be offered.

Mark your calendars, tell your friends. "Hertford", the place to be.

### Partners with Youth matches people pairs

By: Karen Dashiell-Ames  
ATTENTION: Resident of Perquimans and Chowan Counties. The Perquimans-Chowan Partners With Youth has launched its campaign to recruit youths, as well as volunteers, from your county.

As you may know, Partners With Youth matches adult role model volunteers with young people who range in age from 7 - 16 years. Volunteers spend four hours a week for the year with these children, working towards helping these children develop a better school attitude, to stay out of trouble and away from the Juvenile Court system, as well as developing a stronger relationship with the family.

Our goal is prevention, helping children to resist negative peer pressures, and to develop self-esteem that will help them to become a contributing part of society.

Since we've launched our campaign, the response from Hertford has been very good. Although the program has been in the area for some time, the community has not been as active. We are happy to say that we have quite a few children on our waiting list who are in need of a good volunteer. Although the children on our list are all males, female volunteers are also needed. Children are matched according to sex and race.

In the Edenton area we also have children waiting. Won't you please give a child four hours a week of your time? I guarantee both of you will feel good in the end.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call Karen Ames at 482-3939 Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., or write to Partners With Youth, P. O. Box 943, Edenton, NC 27932. Financial contributions can also be sent to this address.

Become part of a program operating for the community, in the community, by community members helping to fulfill a community need.

### Peoples Bank president gone

Rocky Mount—J. Marshall Tetterton, President of Peoples Bancorporation and Peoples Bank and Trust Company, has resigned to become associated with J.C.D. Bailey as President of Bailey Management Group. This announcement was made by Robert R. Mauldin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Peoples Bancorporation and Peoples Bank.

Tetterton joined Peoples Bank as President on October 1, 1985. Under his leadership, the assets of the Corporation have grown 72 percent from \$735 million in 1985 to, currently, \$1,268 billion. The Corporation's profitability has steadily improved during his tenure, and net income for each of the last five quarters has surpassed that of the previous quarter. This rise in earnings is due, in part, to the direction Tetterton has given on successful efforts to achieve higher levels of operating efficiency throughout the Corporation.

"I want to thank Marshall for the many contributions he has made to this organization. We wish him much success in his new endeavor," Mauldin commented.

"Mr. Tetterton will not be replaced, and his duties will be assigned to other members of top management," Mauldin stated.

## Six vie for two Hertford seats; no Winfall race

Six candidates are vying for two available seats on the Hertford Town Council. Voters will decide which two will represent them on the governing board from 1990 until 1994 on November 7.

Incumbents John Beers and Erie Haste will campaign against James Bonner, William "Bill" Glover, Vance Hoover and the Rev. John H. London.

Local businessman Erie Haste was the first to toss his hat into the political arena. He wants to stay on the board to be a part of the on-going process in which he has played a part over the last four years. Continuity and a good background in government give him the necessary tools to address the issues in Hertford, he feels.

Haste owns and operates Hertford Hardware and Supply Co., Haste Realty and City Marina with the assistance of his wife, the former Suzanne Towe. He has three children and two grandchildren.

John Beers is a 26-year veteran of the council. He sees his position as one of service, and says that he tries to do his best to serve all citizens of Hertford. "I've always felt that it was a challenge (to serve on the council),"

Beers said, adding, "I've enjoyed doing it."

Beers and his wife, the former Betty Jean Winslow, have two daughters and one grandchild. He is Parts Department Manager at Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co., Inc.

Keeping young people here is a big concern of Bill Glover. "I believe that Hertford, right now, is where Elizabeth City and Edenton were 10 years ago, demographically speaking," he said. Glover believes that the town must move forward now, and that he has the background and interest in the town to help make decisions to pave the way for positive changes.

Although he is not a native, Glover moved back here to his mother's hometown with his family in 1972, stayed until 1976, then left to go to college. When the opportunity to purchase a business presented itself in 1984, Glover and his wife, Lisa, returned to Hertford. They own and operate G & W Building Supply, Inc.

Vance Hoover wants to see a move toward youth involvement in government. "I would like to see more young people get involved with the town," he said. "The present council is doing a good job. I feel like there needs to be some changes made because within the next few years we will have an older council.

If we leave it like it is, then one day the older council will decide not to run, and you will have a newer council that doesn't know the 'ins' and 'outs'. The young need to learn from the experienced council and to help with the town business."

Hoover lives with his wife, the former Phyllis Bundy, and her son, Jason. He is a parts supervisor for Division I with the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Jim Bonner wants to see the town turn around so that it attracts tourists, industry and residents. He said the town seems to be in a period of condemnation, rather than growth, and that disappoints him. "That really isn't what I expected from Hertford," said the native, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Alan Bonner. He feels that people should be coming in and fixing up what he termed the "quaint and beautiful" buildings and homes in Hertford. Bonner himself returned here one and one-half years ago.

"People shouldn't have to leave to get a decent job..." he commented. He feels that Hertford has the potential to attract business and people, and he wants to work toward those goals.

The Rev. John H. London, pastor of the

First Baptist Church, says that the councils have done an excellent job over the years, although there is room for improvement. "I think I can do an even better job," he said.

His employment is one reason London feels that he can be a help to the council. As a minister, his schedule is more flexible than someone either in business for himself or who works certain hours each day.

He feels that the town needs voting wards to ensure representation from all segments of the community, and would work towards that goal. He also sees the need to separate the office of mayor and city manager, although he thinks W.D. "Bill" Cox has done a good job in both areas. He feels that even more could be accomplished with additional personnel.

#### Winfall

Winfall voters will not be faced with making the choices Hertford voters must make in November. Running for the three seats there are the three incumbents, Mayor C.W. "Bill" Bartlett, William Ray Miller and Shirley Yates. No other citizens expressed a desire to state that municipality during the filing period.

### Lions aid Social Services with distribution

Perquimans County will receive butter, cornmeal, all-purpose flour, honey, peanut butter, dry beans, canned pork, raisins and egg mix for distribution in August. The Hertford Lion's Club will begin the distribution at 9:00 a.m. on August 22, 1989.

It will be conducted at the Ice Plant, Grubb Street, in Hertford and will be available to all income eligible households in Perquimans County. A rain date has been set for August 23, 1989. Households having four or more members should bring a helper with them to assist in carrying the food to their car.

All households who will not be able to pick up their commodities may use a representative for this purpose. The commodities card or application must be

signed in the correct places for this to be acceptable. No household will be allowed to pick up food for more than themselves and one other household as representative. There will be no exceptions.

There will be two lines at the distribution site. The second line will be for the handicapped and/or disabled WHO ARE PRESENT AT THE DISTRIBUTION to pick up their food. A doctor's note, stating the disability, must be provided. Again, there will be no exceptions.

Cars may not be driven into the distribution area. Please remember to park only in authorized parking areas as the Hertford Police Department will be patrolling the area.

Applications may be obtained

from the following agencies beginning August 10, 1989: Department of Social Services, Health Department, Economic Improvement Council, Catholic Social Services, Senior Citizen Center and the Open Door Ministries at the Ice Plant.

The Commodities Distribution Program is available to all eligible persons without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, handicap, or political beliefs. Information about regulations against discrimination and how to file a complaint may be secured from the N. C. Division of Social Services, 325 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, N.C., or from your county department of social services.

The income criterion are listed below:

HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME MUST BE BELOW LEVEL OF APPROPRIATE SIZE HOUSEHOLD

Household Size	Per Year	Per Month	Per Week
1	\$ 7,774	\$ 648	\$150
2	10,426	869	201
3	13,078	1,090	252
4	15,730	1,311	303
5	18,382	1,532	354
6	21,034	1,753	405
7	23,686	1,974	456
8	26,338	2,195	507
Add for each additional household member	\$ 2,652	\$ 221	\$ 51

### Legislature funds massive highway program

Perquimans to receive over \$22 million in improvements

Raleigh—Driving from one end of North Carolina to another is just about to get an awful lot easier—thanks to the General Assembly.

The Legislature has just passed a 13-and-a-half-year, \$9.1 billion roads package that will create a 3,600-mile four-lane Interstate Highway System, build 207 miles of urban loops around seven North Carolina cities, and pave 10,000 miles of secondary roads throughout the state.

The package is the largest highway construction program the state has undertaken and revenue to support it will come from a number of sources: an additional tax on gasoline, a titling tax on new and used motor vehicles and title fee increases.

Monies going into the newly-created Highway Trust Fund will also come from revenue generated by the retirement of highway refunding bonds and interest on the Fund.

The highway package includes the completion of the four-lane projects on US-17 from the Virginia line to the South Carolina line and on US-158 from Winston-Salem to Whalebone. Perquimans County can anticipate \$22.46 million in improvements.

The additional 5.25 cents per gallon gas tax will cost the average driver traveling 10,000 miles per year and getting 20 miles to the gallon an additional \$26 in tax per year. The gas tax increase went into effect on August 1.

If that same North Carolinian buys a \$15,000 car (new or used), the recently-enacted titling tax which replaces the two percent sales tax on motor vehicles with a three percent use tax—will rise from \$300 to \$450. The new use tax applies to the value of the vehicle less any trade-in allowance and goes into effect October 1.

The current two percent sales tax has a \$300 ceiling;

the new three percent use tax will have a \$1,000 ceiling for four years. The use tax ceiling will rise to \$1,500 July 1, 1993.

Under the new title tax, all North Carolina residents will pay both a tax and a fee when applying for or transferring their motor vehicle title. The minimum tax due at the time of title transfer—including gifts, inheritance and divorce decree—is \$40. The fee for vehicle titles will increase from \$5 to \$35 August 15. 00-00 0189

The \$300 ceiling for the two percent sales tax on boats and aircraft rose to \$1,500. In October, the sales tax on rental cars will rise from two to eight percent.

In addition, the legislation passed will put \$335 million generated by the higher vehicle tax toward an average six percent raise for all teachers and state employees, as well as into the next two yearly installments of the Basic Education Plan.

The \$335 million will go into the General Fund for the next two years. After that, the monies generated by the vehicle tax—less \$170 million—will go into the new highway construction fund. The \$170 million remaining in the General Fund will replace monies lost to it by rescinding the sales tax on motor vehicles.

The new law creates the Joint Legislative Highway Oversight Committee, 16 legislators appointed by the Speaker and the President Pro Tempore to monitor and review both the new Trust Fund and the existing Highway Fund.

The bill also directs the Department of Transportation to study the idea of tolls on ferries, roads and bridges.

The Highway Trust Fund is to be abolished and all tax and fee increases made by the legislation are to be repealed when all contracts for Trust Fund projects have been let and sufficient revenue has been accumulated to pay for them.

### Blaze destroys Winfall residence Monday night

A Monday night blaze heavily damaged a Winfall home.

The Winfall Fire Department received a structural fire call at 9:48 p.m. Upon their arrival on the scene, firefighters found the dwelling heavily involved with smoke, with significant flames in the kitchen area.

According to Winfall Fire Chief Wayne Winslow, the house had been remodeled, and was very tight for an older structure, which helped to stop the flames from advancing as rapidly as they would have in many older homes.

The two-story home on Highway 37 in front of Winfall Mini-Mart was owned by Milton Phthisis, Jr., who resided there with his wife and child.

Firefighters strapped on air packs to enter the dwelling, and also set up smoke ejectors.

Winslow said that the estimate of damages stands at \$20,000 from the fire, smoke and water harm. He said that the entire kitchen will have to be replaced, along with furnishings in most of the house.

The Hertford Fire Department also responded to the call. Winslow said that his department has an agreement with Hertford that Hertford will automatically answer a structural fire in his coverage area.

Traffic control was provided by the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department and the Hertford Police Department.

Some members of the Hertford squad were still at their station after answering a 7:15 p.m. call from Brian Center when the alarm sounded. Hertford Fire Chief Edgar Roberson said that the nursing home's alarm was a result of a faulty smoke detector.

### Postal Service honors North Carolina's 200th anniversary of statehood

A dramatic, new commemorative stamp celebrating the 200th anniversary of North Carolina's statehood will be issued August 22 in Fayetteville, the site of the 1789 Convention which formally created North Carolina as our nation's 12th state. The 25-cent stamp will be dedicated in a public ceremony at 11 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, corner of Bow and Ann Street.

On August 23, post offices throughout the state will hold second-day ceremonies honoring North Carolina's statehood. Ceremonies at the Hertford post office will begin at 11 a.m. with stamps, flags and dignitaries. Other activities throughout the day will include special guests, entertainers and balloons.

A special postal cancellation will also be available at the post office. The post office will carry retail items featuring the stamp design.

In Belvidere, the Belvidere Home Makers Club will decorate the lobby, emphasizing the dogwood. From 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., displays will be set up and refreshments will be provided. Mrs. Blanche Matter, a stamp collector, will have her stamp collection on display.

Winfall Postmaster Hallie B. Lane will have activities in that post office also.

The stamp itself features delicate white bracts of the dogwood, North Carolina's state flower, spotlighted against a rich black background.

The stamp was created by Bob Timberlake, a North Carolina native and one of the South's most accomplished and honored painters.

The statehood stamp is the second of three issues to be dedicated in the Tarheel State this year. Two America the Beautiful post cards—The Seashore, issued June 17, in Cape Hatteras, and The Woodlands, to be issued August 26, in Cherokee-complete the 1989 North Carolina philatelic tour.

Twenty years before settlers reached Jamestown and more than 30 years before pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, the first English attempts at colonization in America were established on Roanoke Island in present-day North Carolina. The settlement included the Lost Colony, whose founders, including Virginia Dare, the first English child born in the New World, mysteriously disappeared between 1588 and 1590.

Although North Carolina was next to last in voting for union, it had been the first colony to officially call for independence from England in 1776. Early votes cast in the debate for Constitutional ratification failed, typical of North Carolina's proud heritage of independence.



County commissioner chairman Lester Simpson presents Jeanne White, former board secretary, for her years of dedication.