

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

Volume 58, No.33

USPS 428-080

Hertford, Perquimans County, N.C. Thursday, August 17, 1989

30 CENTS

## Local Briefs

### Hertford Post Office sets 200th gala

The Hertford Post Office has a big celebration planned for Wednesday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m. honoring the 200th anniversary of North Carolina's statehood.

Town and county officials, Restoration Association members, Jim "Catfish" Hunter and other special guests will be a part of the historic occasion.

Sara Winslow will sing "The Old North State" accompanied by pianist Lyn Winslow. The Hertford Fifes and Drums will present a flag program.

Three television stations have promised coverage. Channels 10, 7 and 9 will send camera crews and reporters from their Tidewater, Virginia, Greenville and Washington stations. WTKR TV3 has also indicated that they will be in Hertford for the event.

The new statehood stamp, created by artist Bob Timberlake, will go on sale that day.

Mayor W. D. "Bill" Cox signed a proclamation declaring August 23 North Carolina Statehood Day in the town.



November 21, 1789

North Carolina

### EMC sets annual members' meeting

L. A. Harris, Jr., president of the Board of Directors of Albemarle EMC, announced recently that the EMC will be holding its annual meeting of members on Saturday, September 9, at 2:00 p.m. in Hertford at the Perquimans County High School. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m.

Members will be voting to elect three members to serve on the EMC Board of Directors. The following districts have one seat each up for election: District No. 1, Camden County; District No. 2, Chowan County; and District No. 4, Perquimans County.

A nominating committee met on July 11th and will be presenting the following to the members for election during the September meeting. The nominees are as follows:

District No. 1 Camden County  
Garry Meiggs - Incumbent  
George T. White (Tom)

District No. 2 Chowan County  
Thomas A. Bateman  
Paul C. Williams

Note-The incumbent Joseph A. Byrum is not seeking reelection.

District No. 4 Perquimans County  
C. T. Harrell (Tommy)  
Charles H. Mathews - Incumbent  
Manager Dorris B. White will be reporting on the EMC's 1988 financial condition. Mrs. White stated that members who register before 2:00 p.m. will receive a two dollar bill.

Albemarle EMC a locally owned controlled electric cooperative, serves 7,500 members in portions of five counties: Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck.

### Peoples Bancorp. applies to American Stock Exchange

Peoples Bancorporation announced recently that it has filed an application with the American Stock Exchange for the listing of its common stock and its 8 1/2 percent convertible subordinated debentures due 2005. Subject to approval, it is anticipated that trading on the American Stock Exchange will commence in late August, with the symbols PBK and PBKA.

## Fate of Buck House lies in hands of town zoning board

By: Joe Southern

After lengthy discussions between the town council and a prospective buyer of the Buck house Monday night, the zoning board was left with the choice of proceeding with condemnation or calling it off.

The prospective buyer, Brian Piontka of New York, presented his proposal for refurbishing the house on Market Street. He asked the council to stop condemnation proceedings so he could be assured his purchase would be worthwhile.

The council wanted assurance he would

make good his proposal to rehabilitate the house. Neither party could give the other what it wanted.

Mayor W.D. "Bill" Cox and the members of the council voiced support of Piontka's efforts but could not call off the condemnation proceedings. The owner of the house, Victoria Shovelski of Maryland, must call off her appeal of the condemnation procedure or the town must stop it.

The town cannot act until the zoning board hears Mrs. Shovelski's appeal. An obviously

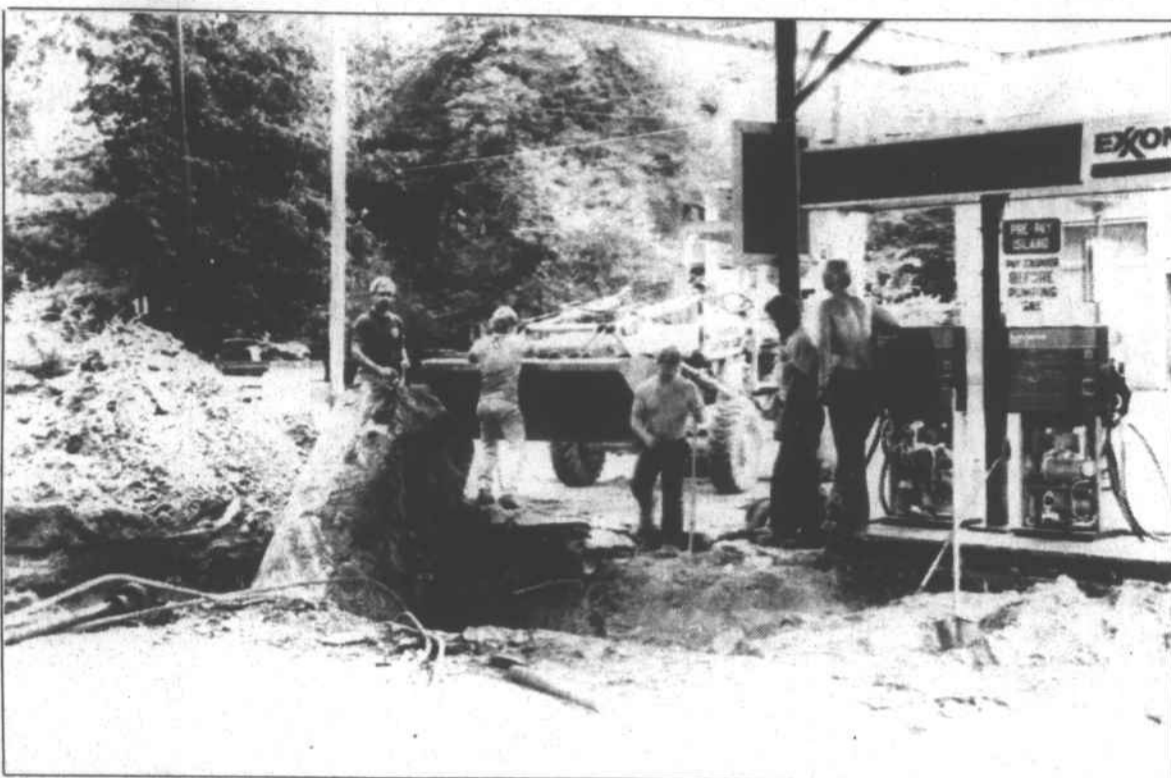
frustrated Piontka told the council he needed assurances the procedures would be stopped before he would close on the house and sink any more money into it. He did say it was his intention to start rehabilitation in September and to move in about a year later.

Cox said the council would gladly give Piontka the time he needed to close the deal on the house and start rebuilding, but that proper procedures had to be followed. Those procedures include hearing the appeal of the condemnation procedure by Shovelski before the zoning board Thursday night. A sched-

uled public hearing had to be held unless Shovelski calls off the appeal. If called off, the council would be cleared to delay proceedings long enough to give Piontka the time he needs.

After further discussion, the council decided to let the zoning board decide. Cox said the board has the power to decide if procedures should be continued, stopped or delayed. The council holds the ultimate authority on the recommended action by the zoning board.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building.



New environmental regulations require that older metal in-ground gas tanks be removed and replaced. Here a work crew removes a tank from Jimmy's Barbecue III in Hertford.

## Volunteers offer valuable service to the schools

By: Jeanie Umphlett  
Community-Schools  
Relations Coordinator

When school starts each fall, there are new staff members and new students for everyone to meet. Some of the new faces are not school employees or students, they are school volunteers.

The Perquimans County school system is grateful for the volunteers who continue to support our schools. The system could not afford to pay for the many hours of assistance volunteers offer; yet, all of the services volunteers provide are important.

School volunteers are imperative in helping to obtain the funds to sponsor the athletic program, Special Olympics, and the band program. The PTAs have been instrumental in providing funds to obtain additional supplies, materials, and equipment. Without these people, many of these important activities would not be available because of the amount of funds that are necessary to operate these programs.

Volunteers also may read to children, may help with bulletin board displays and demonstrate crafts and science experiments. They may help on field trips, in the library, sponsor after school programs, such as Odyssey of the Mind, and lecture on topics of their expertise. The list just begins to describe what volunteers can do for

children in our schools.

The Department of Public Instruction estimates that at least 165,000 citizens contribute their time to schools during one typical year. Together, their efforts equal more than two million hours of working for public schools and their students.

The number of volunteers in the schools has been growing since 1977 when the General Assembly passed the North Carolina Community Schools Act, mandating the promotion of citizen involvement in public schools. Only a handful of other states have such a legislative mandate.

As the number has increased, the type of person volunteering in the schools has changed as well. Volunteers include working parents, retired people in the community, business and government leaders and non-parents.

Scheduling is more difficult for such a cross section of people, but when volunteering schedules can be creative, more people are able to contribute. Working parents, for example, couldn't spare an entire morning to work in their children's school, but they might be able to come on their lunch hour and read with children.

For information about volunteering in Perquimans County schools, please contact the Community-School Relations Coordinator, Jeanie Umphlett, at 426-5741 or any school principal.

## Sunday fire injures two children

A mid-afternoon fire Sunday injured two young children in their home in the four-mile dessert area.

Winfall, Hertford and Inter-county firefighters responded to the call which came around 3:30, according to Winfall Assistant Fire Chief George Roach. Roach said that the home was believed to be owned by Donna Lamb Stevenson, but that it was rented at the time of the fire. It is unclear whether the parents of the one and two-year-old children who were taken by ambulance to Albemarle Hospital were at home when the blaze started.

The renters' names and the condition of the children were unavailable at press time.

## Perquimans convicts drunk drivers

Not only is it very unsafe for you, your passengers and other travelers if you drink and drive, driving while impaired in Perquimans County is a good way to find yourself in court.

According to recent statistics compiled by the N.C. Department of Transportation, Perquimans County led the state with a 100 percent DWI conviction rate. Of the 26 cases that went through Perquimans courts in 1988, all were found guilty. Polk County achieved a 99 percent conviction rate, while Pasquotank and Ashe counties recorded 98.7 percent rates.

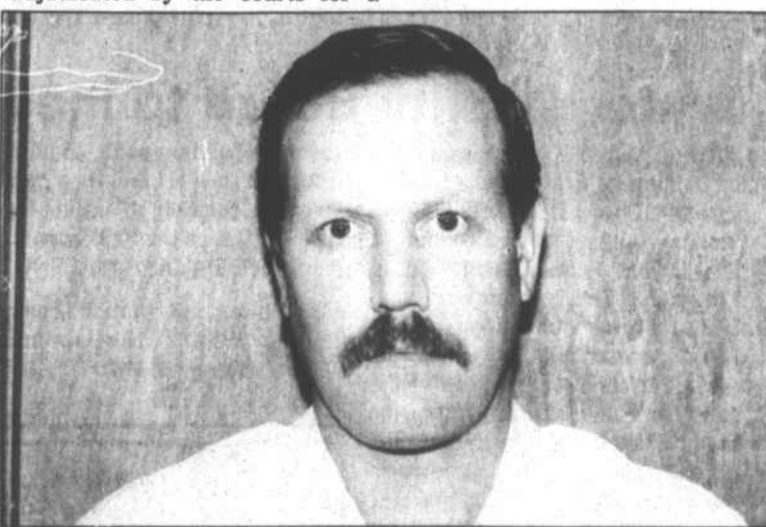
Statewide, 89 percent of all motorists prosecuted for driving with a blood alcohol concentration of .10 or more were convicted by the courts in 1988.

According to the report, 30,236 motorists were convicted during that year of driving with a blood alcohol content .10 or more. A total of

3,737 drivers, or 11 percent of those whose cases were adjudicated by the courts, were acquitted of driving while impaired with a BAC of .10 or more.

Conviction records are based only on the number of DWI cases adjudicated by the courts for a

blood alcohol level of .10 or more. Bond forfeitures are counted as convictions for the purpose of driver license revocations. Not included in the statistics are cases in which defendants registered a BAC of less than 10 percent.



Police Captain Brad Krause was sworn in last Monday.

### Governor endorses grant

## County may receive athletic field funds

Raleigh—Gov. Jim Martin recently announced nine local governments have been recommended to receive grants totaling \$300,330 for outdoor recreation projects under the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Program.

The grants include one for \$38,500 to Perquimans County for the initial development of a 7.87 acre site in Winfall, which will include two athletic fields with fencing, lighting, backstop and dugouts, restroom facilities and a parking area.

A 26-year old program which has pumped more than \$59 million into state and local recreation agencies in North Carolina, LWCF has involved 777 recreation projects for local government units in 94 of the state's 100 counties.

"LWCF funds have been used by the state and local governments to develop a permanent legacy of parks for current and future generations to enjoy," Martin said.

Grants awarded as part of the

LWCF Program are 50-50 matched with local funds. The grants supplement local and state dollars to provide expanded outdoor recreation opportunities to the citizens of North Carolina.

"These funds will improve and create additional recreational facilities for our citizens," Martin said. "And I'm pleased, since quick start-up and completion of these projects is required, there will be an immediate infusion of dollars and jobs in local economies."

Grant recipients were chosen on the basis of competitively rated applications which described the proposed activities to be undertaken. Factors considered in the rating process include project need, program planning, site considerations and administrative capability.

The grant recommendations are being forwarded to the National Park Service in Atlanta for final approval. Response from the National Park Service is expected by late August.

## Jaycees will sponsor second library dinner

The Perquimans County Jaycees are sponsoring a fish fry on Saturday, August 26 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the Perquimans County Library building expansion fund.

Tickets are \$4 each for the meal which will include fish, stewed potatoes, coleslaw and hushpuppies. They can be purchased from Jaycees and library committee members.

Along with the fish fry, an auction will be held. Everyone is invited to donate items for sale. Items can be taken to the library, or by calling the library, you can arrange to have items picked up for the sale. All donations are needed and will be appreciated.

Last year's dinner-auction raised almost \$3,000 for the library fund. These funds combined with private donations and monies raised and/or donated by the Perquimans Quilters, New Hope Ruritanettes, Chowan River Moose Lodge, Perquimans Extension service, Hertford Savings and Loan and the library committee add up to over \$13,000.

Under the terms of the matching grant application filed by the library, \$75,000 must be raised locally for the building addition. The Perquimans County Commissioners have pledged \$50,000 towards the project spread over two fiscal years. About \$12,000 more must be collected in order to qualify for the grant.

Personnel from the Pettigrew Regional Library and local library staff say the present building is not adequate to serve the county's needs. Books are sitting on the floor in stacks with no room to shelve them. The floor space is very cramped, and limits programs that can be offered by the library, as well as study and research areas.

Time is running out for the fundraising effort. Please support this worthy cause.



The Perquimans County Library is bursting at the seams. Additional floor and storage space is needed.