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## Briefs

**Playhouse sets tryout dates**  
Perquimans Playhouse, Inc. will be holding tryouts Aug. 20 and 23 at 7:30 at the Perquimans County Courthouse for parts in the upcoming play "Shame of Tombstones". This will be presented Oct. 19, 20, 21 and Nov. 2, 3, and 4 at the Angler's Cove Restaurant.

**Special program begun**  
Perquimans County Schools is beginning a preschool handicapped class for 3, 4, and 5 year olds at Hertford Grammar School for the 1990-91 school year. Eligible students must meet N.C. Guidelines Governing Programs and Services for Children with Special Needs, 1990 edition. Anyone interested should contact Brenda S. Terranova, Director of Programs for Exceptional Children, 426-5741.

**Teaching workshop set**  
An Effective Teaching Training Workshop will be held for all persons wishing to be substitute teachers in the county school system. The dates for the workshop are August 15-21.

Please call the Perquimans County Schools central office at 426-5741 to register for the workshop. You are required to register and submit a substitute teacher application prior to the workshop.

**Day Care to open Aug. 27**  
The After School Day Care Program will be available beginning on Monday, Aug. 27, the first day that the students return to school. The program will be in the Media Center at Hertford Grammar School. Students who will need transportation to the day care site should bring a note.

In order to help with the transportation plans, please call the Perquimans County Board of Education and let Bonnie Stroud or Jeanie Umphlett know if your child will need transportation. Prior notices will assist us in transporting all students successfully.

**Sheriff makes arrests**  
Blossom Yoland Everett, 23, 329 Market St., was arrested and charged with failure to appear and larceny in a chose action on a chowan County warrant on Aug. 7. She was confined to Albemarle District Jail in lieu of a \$2,000 secured bond.

Lindsey Franklin Wacaster II, Rt. 2, Box 302, was arrested and charged with one count each of possession of stolen goods and larceny on a Dare County warrant. He was confined to Dare County Jail in lieu of a \$5,000 secured bond.

**School board to meet**  
The Perquimans County Board of Education will meet in regular session on Monday, Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. at the schools administration building.

**Commissioners meeting set**  
The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners will meet on Monday, Aug. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the commissioner's room at the courthouse.

**DEADLINES FOR THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:**  
NEWS RELEASES ... 3:00 PM  
RETAIL ADVERTISING ... 3:00 PM  
CLASSIFIED & LEGALS ... 3:00 PM  
MONDAY PRIOR TO THURSDAY PUBLICATION PERQUIMANS WEEKLY  
119 W. Grubb St.  
426-5728  
8 AM-5 PM, MON-FRI.



The Chowan Optimist Club train is always a highlight of the annual Indian Summer Festival scheduled for Sept. 14 and 15 in Hertford.

## Annual festival plans underway

The streets of Hertford will once again come alive when the 9th annual Indian Summer Festival is staged here on Sept. 14-15.

Friday's portion of the end-of-summer gala will be headquartered in downtown Hertford, and will highlight Perquimans County and its businesses. Children's activities and entertainment have been scheduled throughout the day. One of the day's musical highlights will be a performance by the Perquimans High School Marching Pirate Band. Offering a change of pace musically will be a bluegrass band.

Perquimans growers will have the opportunity to display and sell their harvests at the farmers' market to be set up downtown. Becky Winslow at Peoples Bank is still reserving spaces for the market.

Each year, downtown merchants move some of their wares onto the sidewalk and offer "old-fashioned" bargains. The Chamber of Commerce, organizers of the festival, have asked merchants throughout the county to run festival specials to celebrate the occa-

sion. Saturday will find Missing Mill Park filled with entertainers, crafts, food, and fun. The children will delight in riding through the park in a train.

Members of the Perquimans Playhouses, Inc. will perform skits. Past festival crowd pleasers, the Flatland Cloggers from Chesapeake, Va., will return. Also dancing will be the Cornfield Cloggers from neighboring Gates County.

According to the Chamber's executive director, Mary Harrell, booths have been reserved on Saturday by vendors offering shrubbery, seafood, crafts, banners, a dunking booth, furniture, sweets and sausage.

Friday is reserved solely for merchants from Perquimans County. However, any group or club may rent a booth at the park on Saturday.

For more information, contact Mary Harrell at the Chamber of Commerce.

## Food disbursement cancelled for August due to participation

For the first time in many years, there will be no commodities distribution in Perquimans County in August, according to program director Carlyn Brown with the county's department of social services.

Brown said last week that mainly due to a reduction in participation, the department of social services decided not to distribute the commodities during the summer quarter. The program will resume in November, she added.

The commodities distribution program was introduced in the county about 10 years ago, stated social services director Crystal Towe. During that time, food purchased by the federal government under its agricultural price support programs has been distributed to qualifying families.

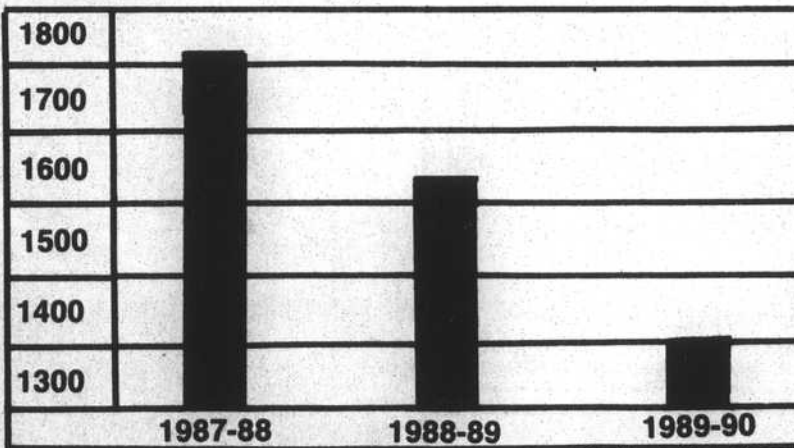
Over the past three fiscal years, there has been a dramatic decrease in the number of people served by the program. In FY 1987-88, a total of 1756 households received food valued at \$37,700.08, according to figures compiled by Brown. By FY 1988-89, the number of households picking up commodities had dropped to 1348, a 23 percent decrease. The value of the food distributed fell to \$18,858.22, one-half that of FY 1987-88.

Brown said that while commodities distribution participation has decreased, food stamp rolls have remained stable. During her 7-year tenure with social services, Brown reported that the number of food stamp recipients has hovered near 500.

Only 196, or 39 percent, of the 495 food stamp households on record as of the May 1990 distribution picked up food, even though they are automatically eligible to be served by the program. Each food stamp client served by the department of social services was notified by mail of the time and date of the distribution.

One hundred thirty-seven non-food stamp recipients were served at the May distribution. Social service employees were forced to send back to government warehouses about half of the commodities ordered to be doled out locally.

"I feel like we've made it as easy



This graph shows the steady decline in the numbers of households who have participated in the USDA commodities distribution program in Perquimans County over the past three years.

as we can for people," Brown commented. "We want to give the food away. The government's got the food."

Towe echoed Brown's apparent frustration over the low participation. She noted that the department routinely sees that news articles appear in The Perquimans Weekly twice just prior to distributions, and that applications are made available at several county agencies.

The time it takes to pick food up has also been cut. In May, it took approximately one and a half hours to distribute the food.

Those with handicaps or who for medical reasons cannot stand for long periods of time are allowed to go through a special line, provided that they present a doctor's written notice.

Also, those residents who qualify to receive food who are served by the Home Health program can arrange to have their food delivered by home health employees.

The amount of food received by households depends upon the number of people in the family. In May, each household received two 2-pound jars of peanut butter, a pound of butter per family member, five pounds of meal, a 24-oz. jar of honey, five pounds of flour, 2 cans of green beans, 2 cans of pork and beans, two 29-oz. cans of pork, and a one pound box of raisins.

Brown priced the food items in a

## Hertford Council passes new dog noise ordinance

An updated ordinance dealing with habitual barking, howling and whining dogs enacted by the Hertford Town Council Monday night should make it easier for some Hertford residents to get a good night's sleep.

After receiving repeated complaints from residents about dogs that bark late into the night, the town council authorized town attorney Walter Edwards Jr. to draft an updated ordinance that would better allow law enforcement officials to deal with the problem. Edwards patterned the document after a similar ordinance prepared by the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

The ordinance states that any person who keeps one or more dogs in the city limits which cause serious annoyance to neighbors by their habitual barking, howling or whining is guilty of maintaining a nuisance. Citizens bothered by noisy dogs must file a written, signed complaint with the police department.

A law enforcement officer will then inform the person against whom the complaint has been filed that the offending noise should cease within 24 hours. If the dog owner fails to quiet the animal, the person shall be considered guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, subject to a fine not to exceed \$50 or imprisoned for up to 30 days.

Carl and Catherine Mumm of 214 S. Church St. thanked the councilmen for passing the ordinance. They told the council that they had experienced numerous problems with neighborhood dogs barking past midnight.

In a prepared statement, Mrs. Mumm said that numerous calls to the dog warden had gone unanswered, and that although the police did ask their neighbors to quieten the dogs on two occasions, an officer told them not to call the department again.

Under the old ordinance, citizens had to go through the magistrate, not the police department, to take legal action against dog owners.

The Mums also told the commissioners that they are concerned with the junk cars still sitting on private property. Police chief Aubrey Sample said that his department has removed those cars on public property, but that the ordinance passed earlier this year by council designated the building inspector as the person responsible for initiating action against those with junk or nuisance cars on pri-

vate property. He added that his department is asking residents to remove the vehicles in accordance with the town ordinance as a matter of courtesy.

Mayor and city manager W.D. "Bill" Cox said that some residents have cooperated with the town and removed junk cars from their property.

The council directed Edwards to contact the building inspector to implement the junk car ordinance.

Mr. Mumm also questioned the town about cars with no city stickers. Sample told the council that they are checking every car stopped for valid stickers. He said that the ordinance states that the car must be operating in order to take action against someone who has no valid sticker.

Curtailing truck traffic  
The council authorized Cox to contact NCDOT and ask that all tractor-trailers be banned from the historic S-shaped bridge connecting Winfall and Hertford.

Cox told the council that after asking DOT to curtail all truck traffic on the bridge in 1986, the state department instead reduced the weight limit on the bridge to 10,000 pounds per axle. In his recent discussions with a district engineer and a division engineer, Cox said that he was told that the DOT has never closed a route only to tractor-trailers. They have instead re-routed all trucks.

"We should certainly protect that piece of road as much as we can," councilman Billy Winslow stated. Selling town property

Cox read a letter he received from Ellis Lawrence, who operates J & L Convenience Store on Market Street, offering \$3,000 for the lot next to the store. Lawrence indicated that he planned to build apartments on the site. He asked the town to consider selling the property partly to reduce the town's maintenance costs. The lot has been cleaned up by the town several times, only to be littered again in a matter of days.

The council tabled the request pending an appraisal.

Other business  
In other business, the town, adopted a resolution from DOT stating that the town will be responsible for moving all utilities except water and sewer lines within U.S. Highway 17 is 4-laned within the town limits.

decided to invite a representative of MultiVision Cable Service to be at the next town meeting to discuss problems with cable service.

## Man arrested and charged with shootings

An Elizabeth City man was arrested Monday and charged with shooting two Hertford men on July 1 near the Rainbow Lounge on Edenton Road Street.

Geris Rondell Armstrong, 17, of Pasquotank County was arrested and charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and one count of injury to personal property. Armstrong allegedly shot George Steven Everett, 33, and Claymond Gallop, 21, and also allegedly shot out the left rear tail-light of a pickup truck owned by Robert Harvey of Dobbs Street. The shooting took place after some type of argument, but Hertford Police Chief Aubrey Sample said Everett and Gallop were not involved in the argument. The two men were both treated and released at Chowan Hospital following the incident.

Armstrong was released on a \$6,500 secured bond and a \$500 unsecured bond.

On Aug. 9, the Hertford Police received a call that a vehicle had been stolen from the parking lot in front of Family Dollar Store. The car was stopped by the Windsor Police when the alleged thieves stopped and tried to steal gas there. Sample secured arrest warrants which led to the arrest of James Thomas, 20, and Tyrone Gay, 32, of Miami, Fla. The two men were charged with larceny of a motor vehicle, possession of stolen property

and larceny of gas. Thomas was also charged with driving while intoxicated.

Richard Lee Spruill, 30, 319 Stokes Dr. was arrested on Aug. 4 and charged with injury to real property.

Andrew Blanchard, 31, 204 King St., was arrested on Aug. 3 and charged with failure to appear.

Grandy White Jr., 39, Lt. 26 Meads Trailer Park, was arrested on Aug. 4 and charged with failure to appear.

James Allen Foster, 44, 322 Stokes Dr., was arrested on Aug. 4 and charged with one count each of communicating threats and carrying a concealed weapon.

Wilbur Lee Banks, 31, Lt. 17 Meads Trailer Park was arrested on Aug. 4 and charged with two counts of communicating threats.

On Aug. 11, Louis Franklin Lane, 62, Rt. 1, was charged with breaking and entering and larceny of a home in the 100 block of Covent Garden.

The department investigated reported breaking and entering and larceny crimes in the 100 block of Edenton Road Street on Aug. 1 and in the 500 block of Pennsylvania Avenue on Aug. 6. They also investigated the attempted breaking and entering of a coin operated machine owned by Mid-Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Company in the 300 block of Dobbs Street on Aug. 1.