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Schools will implement new bus system

Peoples announces quarterly earnings

Earnings for People's Bancorporation in the first nine months of 1990 were \$9.344 million, representing a 1.8 percent increase over earnings for the same period of 1989. Fully diluted earnings per share totaled \$1.28 compared to \$1.26 one year ago.

Earnings for the third quarter were \$2.909 million compared to \$2.969 million in the third quarter last year. Fully diluted earnings per share were 40 cents compared to 41 cents in the same period in 1989.

On Sept. 30, assets totaled \$1.472 billion, and total deposits were \$1.262 billion.

Planters Bank pays dividends

The Planters Corp. (NASDAQ: PNBK) recently reported net income for the first nine months of \$8.5 million, equal to the amount earned during the first nine months of 1989. Earnings per share of \$1.21 were the same as the comparable period one year ago.

For the third quarter, net income was \$2.8 million compared to \$3 million in the third quarter of 1989. Earnings per share were 40 cents compared to 42 cents per share in the same period last year.

Republicans plan candidate rally

A rally honoring Perquimans County residents Shirley E. Perry, Republican candidate for State Representative and H. R. "Bobby" Jones, Republican Candidate for county commissioner for New Hope township, is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Albemarle Commission Building (ARPDC) from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Tickets for the eat-in barbeque dinner are available for a \$5 donation. For tickets or more information, contact either Charles Woodard at 426-5527; Bobby Jones at 264-2683 or 335-1509; or Charles Murray at 426-7349.

There will be a drawing for door prizes and a limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Jordan joins Swindell staff

The management of Swindell Funeral Home, Inc. in Hertford is pleased to announce the addition of Rodney Wayne Jordan to the staff. Jordan, 39, of Route 1, Tyner, is a licensed funeral director and embalmer and will be serving as an assistant manager with the firm.

His duties will involve all aspects of funeral service including arranging and directing both at-need and pre-need funerals. A graduate of Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service in Atlanta, Ga., he entered funeral service in 1986 and obtained his Funeral Service License in 1989. He had previously worked with an Edenton firm.

The son of Wilber and Daisy Monds Jordan, Rodney has three children, Kristie, 15, Tony, 13, and Mandy, 8. He is a member of Center Hill-Cross Roads Volunteer Fire Department and the Center Hill Baptist Church.

The management feels that Jordan will be an asset to the staff at Swindell Funeral Home and to the community they serve.

Plan will cut 900 miles per day from routes

Bus drivers concerned over transportation problems plaguing the school system have worked closely with administrators over the past few weeks to find a solution to those problems, superintendent Mary Jo Martin and assistant superintendent Jake Boyce told the school board Monday night.

"Several of our bus drivers need to be commended," Martin said. She added that some drivers had worked on their own time to help alleviate long routes, increased expenses, and overcrowding.

Boyce told the board that the new bussing plan, which should go into effect next week, will be similar to last year's transportation schedule. Students from Hertford Grammar, Central School and Perquimans Middle School will ride the same buses. High school students will have their own routes.

Last year Hertford Grammar and Central School students were forced to sit on buses for 10-20 minutes

waiting for middle school students to board. Boyce said there will be three loading and unloading areas established at the middle school so that younger students will not have to sit on buses for long periods of time. Also to be used will be staggered arrival and departure times to alleviate congestion due to buses arriving at one school en-mass.

In order to make the plan work better, School Food Service Supervisor LaClaire Anderson has agreed to begin serving breakfast earlier. Boyce said there will also have to be some arrangements made in the schools to keep children busy until their turn to load buses.

Boyce said letters will be sent to parents and group meetings will be held to allow parents the opportunity to voice their opinions on the new system.

Bus drivers who are also employed as teacher assistants have met as a group and individually

with Transportation Director Tom Monti to find the best possible routes to save time and miles, Boyce said. Monti has run the new routes on the computer and has checked to make sure all children riding now have been accounted for, but the routes have not been driven. Boyce said that will be done this week. The computer indicates that the new plan will save 900 miles per day.

Board chairman Clifford Winslow said that the good thing about the original schedule for this school year was the elimination of heavy traffic and congestion which could have led to accidents.

However, with gas prices spiraling and state funds dwindling, all school systems in North Carolina are being forced to cut expenses any way possible. The state had requested emergency transportation plans from all school systems by Oct. 15.



File photo by Susan Harris

Bus drivers Leo Chappell, Claudia Hurdle, and Mary Ann Ivey attended an earlier board meeting to express their concern over the bus routes and other problems.

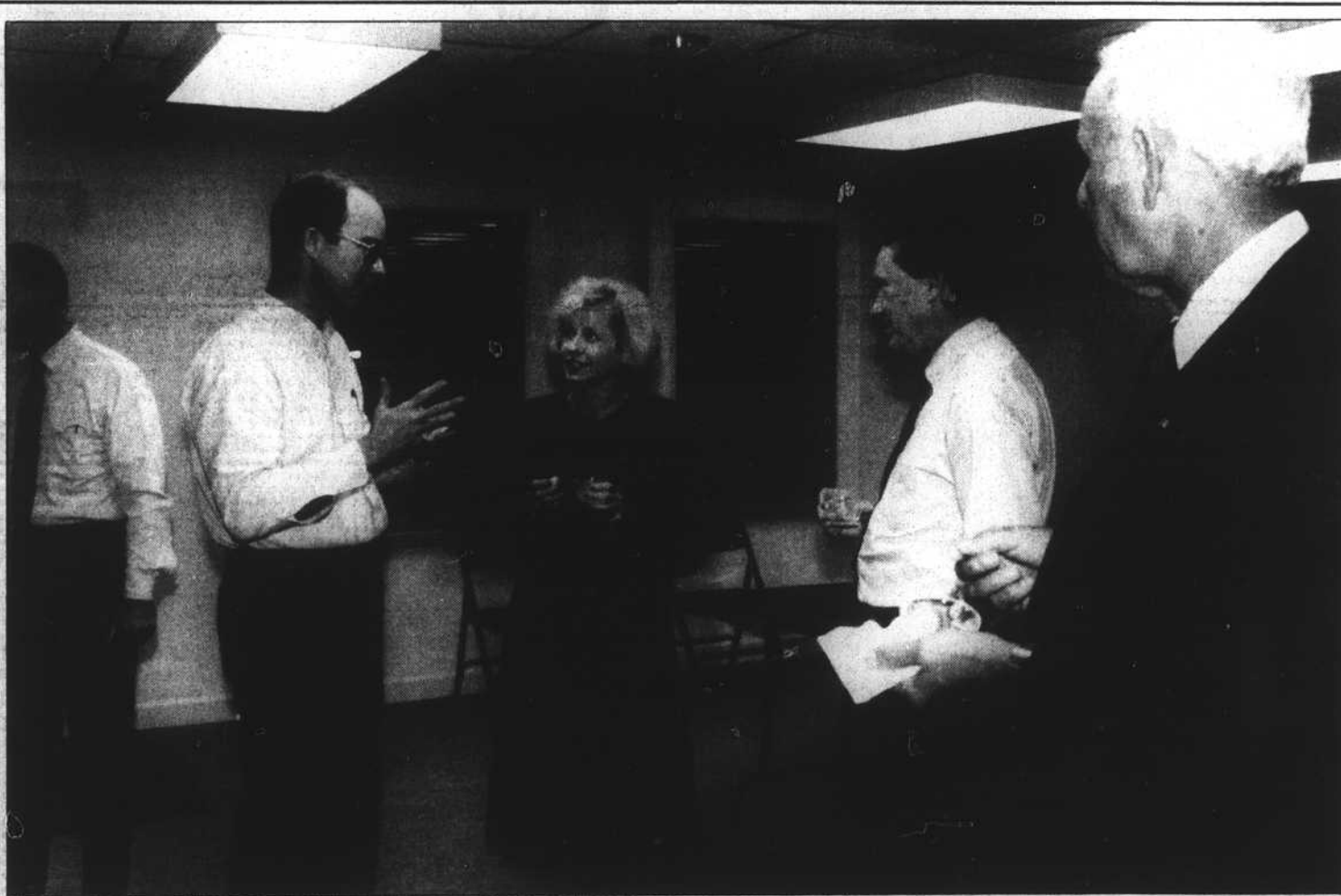


Photo by Susan Harris

Martin honored

School board members honored superintendent Mary Jo Martin Monday night for two years of service to the local school system with a reception and a plaque. Martin's resignation is effective Oct. 31. The board hopes to hire a replacement by Dec. 1 to begin work on Jan. 2. Pictured are (l to r) Cliff Towe, Ben Hobbs, Martin, Jake Boyce and Clifford Winslow.

Police, sheriff make arrests

Two arrests were reported by the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department.

James Thomas Gralton, 21, 36C Commanche Trail, Snug Harbor, was arrested Oct. 3 on a Dare County Sheriff's Department warrant for one count of assault and one count of injury to personal property. He was released on a \$200 secured bond.

John Charles Gralton, 19, 36C Commanche Trail, Snug Harbor, was arrested Oct. 3 on a Dare County Sheriff's Department warrant for one count of assault, one count of second degree trespass and one count of communicating threats. He was released on a \$300 secured bond.

The Hertford Police investigated several incidents and arrested three people.

incidents
shoplifting at Be-Lo on Oct. 3
larceny in the 100 block of Church Street on Oct. 4
larceny from a vehicle on the 500 block of Pennsylvania Ave. on Oct. 5
damage to personal property at Be-Lo parking lot on Oct. 5
larceny at Perquimans County High School on Oct. 5
larceny in the 100 block of West Railroad Ave. on Oct. 13

arrests
Danford Lee Perry, 41, Rt. 2, Box 310, arrested on Oct. 3 for shoplifting.

Louis Franklin Lane, 62, Rt. 1, Box 917, arrested on Oct. 7 for violation of a court order.

Johnny Lee Flythe, 29, 416 Dobbs St., arrested on Oct. 10 for two counts of simple assault and for second degree trespass.

Festival reset

The Central School PTA Fall Fun Festival was canceled last Saturday due to the forecast that Hurricane Lili might storm through the county. It has been rescheduled for this Saturday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Crafts, novelties, baked goods and other items will be for sale. Also raffle tickets for a quarter side of beef, a ham, or \$25 are still on sale for only \$1.

Production scheduled

Tickets are still available for the Perquimans Playhouse production of "The Shame of Tombstone" by Tim Kelly scheduled for Oct. 19, 20, and 21 and Nov. 2, 3, and 4. The dinner theater will be held at Angler's Cove Restaurant and will feature a buffet meal at 7 p.m.

Contact the Chamber of Commerce for tickets. Please note that Oct. 21 is a non-smoking night.



Photos by Beth Finney

Jollification V

Town crier Billy White speaks with the grand dame of the Newbold-White house, Lucille Winslow, at the annual Jollification. Above Heather Umphlett and Joanna Haskett, who served as waitresses for the evening, pour drinks to serve guests. Complete with drama, barter, old-timey harmonizing and native foods, the jollification was deemed a success both financially and fun-wise by co-chairpersons Chris Lane and Sharman Haskett.

DEADLINES FOR THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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