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## Hertford Lineman Electrocutated Here

Douglas Eugene Bray, a 34-year-old lineman helper for the town of Hertford was electrocuted Friday afternoon about 3 p.m. while working on a power line.

The young man who lived at 111 Whitehurst St., in Elizabeth City began work with the town in July of last year.

Bray was a 1967 graduate of Central High School in Pasquotank County. A classmate recalls that Bray was quiet, had his own group of friends and was unassuming.

He was not active in school functions. He went to an occasional ball game. A teacher recalled, however, if he was ever asked to do anything he did it gladly and with a smile.

He was a member of the Future Farmers of America at Central High School his freshmen, sophomore and senior years.

"He made average grades

and was just a nice average guy," a teacher recalled.

Bray was pronounced dead at the office of Dr. Robert Hodgson in Hertford.

A native of Hastings, Neb., he was a son of Willis Davis and Mrs. Hazel Owens Bray.

He attended St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabeth City.

Besides his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Nancy Jean Dunning, Gainesville, Fla., and Mrs. Susan Ann Bass of Edenton; three brothers, David Allen Bray, Robert Way Bray and Michael Lee Bray, all of Elizabeth City; his maternal grandfather, Arthur Owens, Torrington, Wyo., his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Beulah Drew, Virginia Beach, Va.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Berry Funeral Home by the Rev. John Owens, pastor of St. Paul's Free Will Baptist

church. Burial followed in the New Hollywood Cemetery. The senior saying picked for Douglas Eugene Bray was "I accept the universe."

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ANNIE LOU CHAPPELL

## Mrs. Chappell Is Promoted

HERTFORD — Peoples Bank and Trust Co., today announced the promotion of Mrs. Annie Lou Chappell to assistant cashier and manager, in the west office here.

R. L. Stevenson, executive vice president of Peoples Bank & Trust Company said Mrs. Chappell first came to the bank in 1957 as a stenographer. Mrs. Chappell has been active as 4-H adult leader, member of the finance committee, Perquimans County Restoration Association, member of the Perquimans County Overall Economic Planning Committee and in many other civic activities.

She is also active in church affairs and is a former teacher of the Young Peoples Class at Whiteville Grove Baptist Church. She is married to Clarence Chappell, Jr. who was Star Farmer of America in 1957.

Leasing Available

On Farm Machinery

Peoples Bank and Trust Company, headquartered here, today announced it has formed a division to handle equipment leasing to commercial and industrial interests.

R. Branson Hobbs, vice president, Peoples Bank, said the leasing service will go into effect March 7 to commercial clients in all 34 Peoples Bank offices in Eastern North Carolina. Available through the new leasing division will be transportation, construction, manufacturing, communication, aircraft, medical, computer and agricultural equipment.

In making the announcement Hobbs noted leasing advantages for certain businesses. "The access to equipment on a leased basis is profitable to many businesses, in that it conserves working capital, increases financial flexibility and facilitates equipment replacement."

He added lease terms are usually based on the useful life of the equipment. Customers have the option to buy the equipment at the expiration of the lease, upgrade the type or expand the amount of equipment.

Scheduled Events

HOMEMAKERS

HERTFORD — The Young Homemakers Organization will conduct a meeting at the Municipal Building here, tonight at 7:30 p.m. to discuss "Removal of Ugliness" from the area.

Mrs. Louise Privott, president, said that everyone is invited to attend.

The meeting will be to make plans for cleaning up the area.

AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at the Legion Home. All members and wives of all Legion members are invited to attend. The occasion is the observance of the 54th birthday of the Legion.

TRACTOR CONTEST

WINFALL — The Winfall Volunteer Fire Dept. is sponsoring a tractor pulling contest Saturday at 10 a.m. with weigh-in at 8:30 a.m. Activities are set at the Hertford Farmers Exchange in Winfall.

Seven classes will be demonstrated with trophies handed out in each class.

Proceeds will go toward fire department obligations.

## Newbold-White House Progress

What's happening with the Newbold-White House these days? Well, the Perquimans County Restoration Association is still seeking local, state and federal funds - more of 'em, and there are a host of people working there.

In addition to our own historian and officers - there are other historians, architectural historians, architects and others running around trying to uncover more about the house, and unravel the reams of red tape that are always part of such a project.

A new slate of officers to cover the next two years was elected at last month's board of directors meeting. They are Herb Nixon, restoration chairman; Tom Brown, president; Joe Nowell, president emeritus; Doris Nixon, vice-president; Ray Winslow, architect; George Jackson, treasurer; Jean Harrison, secretary.

By the time their term of office is over with and, if all goes as well in the past as it has so far, the restoration of the Newbold-White House

should be about 90 per cent complete.

Rev. Edwin Williams, who has done so much to bring the job as far along as it is now, has asked to cut down on his activities. But the board gave him a standing ovation and made him an ex-officio member.

There will be much more written in the months and years to come about the Newbold-White House project - so vital to the history and economy of Perquimans County. Keep checking your local newspaper and you'll be as proud of the progress being made as we are.

There are still about half-a-dozen who decry the work being done. Obviously they have no inkling of its importance. But it was the same story in other areas that tackled similar projects. The important thing is that when all is said and done, and we wind up with one of the most important attractions in the state, it will be a great source of pride to everyone in the county of Perquimans.



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD — Eldon Winslow, left, was awarded a cash bonus of \$200 for outstanding service granted to the Hertford Post office during his 21 years of service. Winslow was given

the award by Henry C. Stokes, Jr., officer in charge of the Hertford Post Office. The past postmaster, W.W. White, who retired in December of 1972 was instrumental in getting Winslow the award. (Staff Photo)

## Peanut Price Probe Set By U.S. House

WASHINGTON — Changes proposed by the Administration in the peanut price support program, a revision estimated to cost growers some \$22.5 million annually, are to be the subject of a probe by the House Agriculture Committee's

Subcommittee on Oilseeds and Rice. Rep. Walter Jones, D-N.C., subcommittee chairman, announced today that a public hearing on the matter would be conducted Tuesday, March 6, starting at 2:30 p.m., with

Department of Agriculture officials being called in to discuss the proposals as published February 14 in the Federal Register. Growers from principal peanut growing states also are expected to testify.

## ARPDC Gets \$45,000

Congressman Walter B. Jones and Senators Sam J. Ervin and Jesse P. Helms announced today that the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission has

received a \$45,000 Grant from the Economic Development Administration.

Eliminate the sheller purchase operations which guarantee a government market for lower quality peanuts.

## Fishing Hearing Set For Mar. 7

The annual public hearing on North Carolina coastal fishing regulations will be held March 7 at 1 p.m. in the Carteret County Courthouse, Beaufort, according to Ernest Parker, chairman of the Conservation and Development Board's Fisheries Committee.

The intent of the Administrative Grant from EDA is to assist the Albemarle Region in its total development program, in raising the per-capita income of its inhabitants to improve conditions in the Region to make it more attractive to industry, thereby creating greater job opportunity.

Require the grower to pay grading, handling and storage fees on peanuts placed under warehouse storage loans. These previously have been assumed by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Purpose of the meeting is to hear viewpoints about existing regulations, and to gather suggestions for new ones. In the past, the meeting has been attended by commercial fishermen, sport fishermen, property owners, and businessmen.

Gardner said "The Regional Commission is showing considerable progress toward its overall goals. The ten counties and towns therein are working more and more together toward a total development program, which is the chief objective of the commission."

"I am extremely concerned about these proposed changes," said Jones. "Growers certainly are not in a position to absorb these costs. We want to give them a chance to express their views."

Those wishing to testify before the subcommittee at the hearing should address their request to Mrs. Christine S. Gallagher, Chief clerk, House Agriculture Committee, Room 1301 LHOB, Washington, D.C. 20515.

## The Story Of Jimmy 'Catfish' Hunter

By PAUL "SNOOKS" WHITE

Hertford, North Carolina in 1946. The town was booming, everybody was working. The crops throughout the county were pretty, the population was 2,500.

The Albemarle League was playing good baseball which was made up of six teams from neighborhood towns.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt had died two years before. Harry S. Truman was president, The WW II had ended the year before and the boys were coming home from overseas. Everything was progressing in the big mills and also on the farms.

A land buying boom was on. The prices of land and lots were getting higher and higher. It seemed everyone wanted a farm and new home. The lumber business was booming. A gasoline war had broken out among all the filling stations. Each station was trying to under sale each other. The automobile business was flushing everybody, both farmer and laborer were buying and trading automobiles.

There was one theater in town, it showed good pictures and always a good crowd of people on the sidewalk at nights. It did a good business.

There were two pool rooms in town, one bowling alley, four beer gardens, all of them had their share of business. There was the big naval base at Harvey's Point, ten miles east of Hertford. It took care of a lot of sailors, which spent money in Hertford.

In the spring and summer months folks would come down to Hertford to fish in the beautiful Perquimans River. They would hire boats from the people in Hertford. They would eat at the three cafes in town. They spent lots of money.

Then in the fall and winter, bird and deer hunters would come down from the north and hunt. They would pay good money for someone to carry them around. That helped business a lot.

Transportation of going somewhere was good, because there was eight buses going in and out of Hertford everyday.

Now 1946 was the last year that the four passenger trains ran through Hertford.

Everybody had a car so it wasn't any trouble of getting anywhere. It was the most friendliest town in the United States. Everybody's hobby was sports, especially baseball. When the Albemarle League folded up in 1949 they organized a town league and played one another.

1946 was the year that Jimmy "Catfish" Hunter was born. He was born and raised on the Hunter farm three miles west of Hertford on the Hertford-Center Hill Highway.

Jimmy was the baby of 10 children, both boys and girls. His brothers and sisters as well as his mother and father were very well pleased of Jimmy entering into the family. This was a happy family.

Albert Hunter, father of Jimmy "Catfish" Hunter was a prosperous hard working farmer. Mrs. Hunter the mother was the daughter of a prosperous farmer, so both together worked hard and raised the group of children.

They sent them all through school and the ones who wanted went to college. The Hunters were all strong believers of Christianity, every Sunday morning they attended Sunday School and Church. They also were strong believers in prayers being answered. They worshiped at Anderson Methodist Church a little white Church not too far from their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter grew up in that church just like all of their children did. It was a happy family.

Well by now a year has gone and the year 1947 was the date, Jimmy was a growing baby. Everybody would say "Mrs. Hunter that is a growing boy he looks like the picture of health." Yes, Jimmy was a healthy baby and he grew fast. He was heavy and hardly ever sick. Mrs. Hunter said he seldom cried any at all.

Her daughters would help her tend to him.

Well another year went by, 1948. By this time Jimmy was walking good and he began to walk a little fat off his body. He would love to run a little which was good for him.

It was very seldom that Mr. Hunter could hold him on his knee like most fathers wanted to do. All of Jimmy's brothers and sisters loved him all they could which—

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WELCOME TO HERTFORD — A royal welcome was extended to Francine Sawyer, news editor now in charge of the news for the Perquimans Weekly. She began work Monday and was welcomed by Marion Swindell, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Hertford Mayor Bill

Cox. She was presented a corsage and the paper's general manager Ray Ward, was given an initialed gold key chain. Miss Sawyer's presence assures extensive coverage of Perquimans County.