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Melvin Sons Defends Football Establishment

## Foosball Not Kicked

# Uncle Mel's Staying

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HERTFORD — An alleged move to close Uncle Melvins, a foosball establishment at the Harris shopping center here was denied by town council members at its regular monthly meeting Monday.

A host of high school students, along with Melvin Sons, foosball owner appeared before the board with prepared argument, as to why the place should not be closed.

Council members heard the reasoning, after which Bill Cox, Hertford Mayor said, "the town council had no intention of closing it (foosball), it has all been a misunderstanding. As a matter of fact, it was not even to be discussed tonight."

According to a council member, complaints have come in to Hertford Police Department concerning noise and other alleged activities at the youth recreation spot.

Somehow, word got around council members were going to close the place. In a matter of only a few hours, local high school students got a petition together with 85 signatures, pleading for the place to remain open. The petition was presented by Kathy Marren, a senior at Perquimans County High School.

Sons, in his statement before the board, declared the foosball place was safer than the high schools. "There is no dope, drinking or people having to get married as a result of the foosball place," Sons said.

Board members heard a report on ABC board revenue intake for February. Perquimans took in \$31,827.40 during February for the sale of alcoholic beverages. It was an increase of \$1,823.60 over last February.

Whichard Davis, owner and operator of a service station on Dobb Street appeared before the board requesting the council

to look into the no parking signs near his place of business. Council members promised to look into the matter.

Bids were opened and accepted for a garbage truck body and cab. Locally Winslow Blanchard Motor Co. won the low bid for the truck cab.

## Joint Meeting

Certain staff members of the Albemarle Production Credit Association (PCA) and The Federal Land Bank Association of Ahooskie-Elizabeth City Branch (FLBA) have just returned from Raleigh, where they attended a two-day Management Development Conference for vice presidents, assistant vice presidents, Branch Office Managers and Representatives of PCAs and FLBAs, according to Roy Miller, President of the Albemarle Production Credit Association and J.L. Rowe, President of the Federal Land Bank Association of Ahooskie-Elizabeth City.



OFFICERS INSTALLED — New officers of the Perquimans County Restoration Association are (seated) Mrs. Dorris Nixon, vice-president; Tom Brown, president; Herbert Nixon, restoration chairman and (standing) George Jackson, treasurer; Mrs. Jean Harrison, secretary; Ray Winslow, archivist. They will serve a two-year term as the association continues its, so far very successful efforts, at restoring the state's oldest house — the Newbold-White House.



A Number Of High School Students Attended Meeting

## Police Report Released

The following monthly report for February was given by Chief Ben L. Gibbs at the regular meeting of the Town Council. **ARRESTS MADE:** Drunk on the Street 2; Speeders 4; Assaults 3; Operating Intoxicated 1; Careless and Reckless Driving 2; Miscellaneous Traffic Arrests

2; Miscellaneous Arrests 1. **ACTIVITIES:** Calls Answered and Investigated 102; Accidents Investigated 3; Funerals Worked 3; Courtesies Extended 95; Doors Found Unlocked 2; Fire Calls Answered 5; Radio Calls 202; Citations Issued for Improper Parking 3; Lights Reported Out 2.

## Two Men Arrested

Two young men were arrested and booked for breaking and entering and larceny, last Friday at 2:45 a.m. Arrested and charged by the Hertford Police Department were Johnnie Robert Lawson, 27, Rt. 2, Edenton and Freddie Ray Jordan, 22, of 144 Edenton Road, Hertford, according to Chief Ben Gibbs.

The two were charged with the alleged break-in of a launder mat in Hertford.

Both men are under \$1,000 bond. Trial is set for March 25 in Perquimans County District Court.

Arresting officer was Hertford patrolman Robert L. Harvey.

## Perquimans Personality

### Charlie Mims

TEXT & PHOTOS  
By FRANCINE SAWYER  
NEW HOPE — He signs his North Carolina Highway Patrol reports C.H. Mims, but people in the Albemarle know him as Charlie Mims.

Since first being assigned here 11 years ago, the community is what Charlie Mims likes. The people, the fresh air, the job. Those who are asked like Mims as well.

Living in a rambling farm house in this community in Perquimans County is a man with three loving children and an attractive brunette wife.

What is so unique about Mims is his dedication to his job, "which goes from 50 to 55 hours per week," his family and civic activities.

"I like it here," he said. "People have been good to my family and I," he said.

Mims and his family first lived in Poplar Branch in Currituck County, when he reported here. "It was cold in the winter there," he said. The Ruritan Club at Durants Neck has been a major project and satisfaction with him. He has served as president, vice president, and a member of the board of directors of the Poplar Branch Ruritan Club in Currituck.

He has for the past three years been involved in the Albemarle District Ruritan cabinet as Lt. Gov., Governor, and this year serves as past district governor.

Recently the National Convention of Ruritans in Atlanta had him as Sgt.-at-Arms.

Other outside activities will have him as chairman of the safety committee of the to-be-reorganized Perquimans County Red Cross Chapter.

Mims and the family are members of Woodland United Methodist Church near the New Hope community.

formed "The Young Believers." This is a choral and musical group of young teens and pre-teens who spread the gospel by song.

The children in the Mims household, Charles, Jr., 13, Sherry Ann, 11 and Emily Ruth six, have a hi-fi set. The music blasting from its speakers is not hard rock freaky music, but gospel music. The children play the piano, and the drums to the tune of the gospel sound.

Due to the children's school schedule and singing schedule, Mims, with his highway patrol duties sometimes doesn't see the children for two days. But when they get together it's a real reunion.

While not busy on the job or in civic duties, Mims hunts, fishes and plays cards with the children.

In the summer its cook-outs and swimming with hundreds of persons in the community at Whitehat Landing.

Mims nor his wife Pat never lived in the city. The patrolman was the son of a city fireman in Raleigh, where he grew up. Mrs. Mims is from an N.C. mountain area, called Spruce Pine. The rich full life in the country is one which they both now love.

During the last snow fall the Ruritan Club members at New Hope got tractors together and opened up a section of roadway in the area for people to pass.

This sort of working together as well as living together impresses Mims.

District court judges in the area has said Mims is a professional person, on duty and off.

One of the apts. at the highway patrol station, commented on "what a fine person Charlie is." A real pro and just a good person.

The area has been good to Mims, and he has been good for the area.

It was time for A-322 to resume duty.

## Movies Tonight

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce will present the third in its series of monthly movies. They are free and provide the community with some fine family entertainment. Showtime is 8 p.m. The "theatre" is the Municipal Building.

Tonight's presentation is "Mr. Hulot's Holiday" a film produced, directed, written by and starring Jacques Tati. If the name is unfamiliar to American audiences, it is not to those on the continent. As his talent implies he is like Chaplin - and critics and audiences have long compared him to Chaplin and Fields. One viewer called the brilliant tour-de-force "one of the funniest films ever made."

It is replete with gags and gimmicks. "Mr. Hulot's Holiday" is a full-length film with 90 minutes of madness.

Also on the bill, a 1933 animated short subject: "Night on Bald Mountain" in technicolor and featuring the music of Moussorgsky - as background for goblins, scarecrows, skeletons and forms emerging and disappearing.

There are always complaints about nothing to do - yet this series of excellent films have been playing to very small audiences. It will continue until July unless more interest is shown. Stop griping about X and R films - support these free family presentations.

## Quick Looks

### NEW NOISE

At noon each day, Belvidere residents will hear a whistle coming from the fire station. It should not alarm anyone, the noise is a new time clock device at the station.

The sound will alert everyone when noon is here, each day.

### GLAUCOMA CLINIC

A free glaucoma-diabetes detection clinic will be held Wednesday March 28 at the National Guard Armory in Elizabeth City from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Persons over 35 who have not had a glaucoma or diabetes test during the past 12 months are urged to do so. The tests are virtually painless and take only a few minutes.

The clinic is sponsored by the Hertford Lions Clubs as well as the Elizabeth City and Weeksville Lions Club.

### TOMEET

The Board of Directors of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce will have its monthly meeting Monday at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building in Hertford.

Everyone is urged to be present.

### MAKE UP DAYS

HERTFORD — C.C. Walters, superintendent of Perquimans County Schools announced today makeup days for school due to snowy weather.

School will be held Saturday March 31 and Saturday April 28. The final day of school for students is June 7, a Thursday. Easter Vacation will be observed on Good Friday (April 20) and Easter Monday (April 23).

Teachers will work Friday June 8 and Saturday June 9.

### ARPDC MEETING

EDENTON — The annual meeting and dinner of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission will meet March 21 at 7 p.m. at the Jaycee Building, located at the airport here.

The speaker will be N.C. Secretary of Natural and Economic Resources, Jim Harrington.

### FOLLOW-UP

A follow up meeting on the Hertford Clean Up Campaign will be held Wednesday, March 21 at the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m.

Get it down on your calendar and try to attend.



CHARLIE MIMS & FAMILY — Charlie Mims takes time to get a kiss from daughters Sherry Ann and Emily Ruth, before taking off for patrol duty. Mims listens to Sherry Ann at piano. Finally a chance to

## Young Pregnancy Rate Up In Perquimans Co.

By FRANCINE SAWYER  
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HERTFORD — "I am alarmed at the number of younger girls who are reporting pregnancies to this office," said Edgar White, director of the Social Services department here.

The young girls range in age from 12 years on to teenagers. In 1971, data shows Perquimans County had 129 live births. Twenty-five of these were out of wedlock. Considering the population, and the

number of births which were not reported in the county, due to delivery outside the county, the rate is high.

Perquimans has the highest ratio of children born out of wedlock than any other county in the ten-county Albemarle Area.

Abortion, in many cases is the answer, so some of the county social services and health department officials think. Recently White went before the county commissioners to request funds for an abortion to

be performed on a 12-year-old girl, whose family was not eligible for Aid to Families With Dependent Children funds. Commissioners expressed concern with the matter, however, many of the board members expressed opposing views to abortion. Nonetheless, commissioners approved the request, firmly stating, each case would be considered separate, and no blanket rule would be approved.

The situation is like this, according to White: "the mother of the pregnant girl usually comes into office to discuss the child and the feelings of the father of the unborn child. The mother decides what she thinks she should do. If termination of the baby is desired, calls are made from this office to Chapel Hill and surrounding clinics for appointments."

People who are getting Aid to Dependent Families With Children funds are eligible for Medi-cade to finance the abortion.

White feels education of young girls and boys is the answer. "Parents must know the behavior and habits of their children. If a parent suspects their daughter of conducting sexual behavior, the parent should get the child on some sort of birth control to inhibit the number of pregnancies."

White, who is a conservative person, does face reality. "The situation is here, it is a matter of selecting the best course for all parties."

In all cases, the pregnant mother has a choice. She can have the baby here, and keep it, go away to deliver and keep it, or deliver and put the child up for adoption.

After the delivery or termination, Family Planning, conducted by the Perquimans County Health Department is urged.

An official of the Health Department in Perquimans County sees the Family Planning Clinic as an answer to all health problems.



PRICKLY SITUATION — Four-month-old Tony Miller got a "baby shot" last week at the Perquimans County Health Department. Mrs. Kay Whedbee had the chore. Holding Tony is his mother, Mrs. William Ray Miller of Winfall. The health department offers a number of shots for tots. (Staff Photo By Francine Sawyer)

### STUMPY POINT ACCESS AREA OPEN

The state's newest free public boating access area is now open at Stumpy Point in Dare County not far off desolate Rt. 264 in eastern North Carolina.

The new area — built by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission — gives access to Stumpy Point Bay and Pamlico Sound.



talk over the days activities with wife Pat. Not shown is Charles, Jr., who, an accomplish drummer, was busy practicing.