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FATHER & SON—Jimmy Hunter and his father, Abbott, got together in New York City last Tuesday to talk about baseball, family and New York. Complete details and pictures are inside today's newspaper on Page 2.

Perquimans Profile

Mr. & Mrs. Abbott Hunter: 'Jimmy Hasn't Changed'

By FRANCINE SAWYER
EDITORS NOTE: In my four years with journalism, I have had the pleasure of interviewing two U.S. Presidential candidates, U.S. and state senators, N.C. governors, obscure people, rich folks, poor folks, criminals, etc. I have become cynical and crusty. But Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Hunter is a couple who have made me believe there are fine people left in this world. They are, without a doubt, two of the very few people who made me feel more at home in their home than anyone I've dealt with professionally in my career.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Hunter are mighty proud parents. They happen to be the parents of Jimmy Hunter, hurling Oakland A's pitcher. The parents of the county's favorite son. They are good people. The Hunter's smile when you mention Jimmy to them. Don't call him "Catfish." They don't. Mrs. Hunter let the cat out of the bag recently, when a number of reporters from big time news media called her and asked her if the story about Jimmy's nickname was true. "They were calling on the

phone and wanting to know if the story of Jimmy running away from home and catching catfish were true," she said. "I thought to myself, now what will folks think if they thought Jimmy ran away from home. They would think we were terrible parents. So I told them no one ever called him "Catfish" that Mr. Finley (Oakland's owner) made that name up," she said. Jimmy teased his mother about it. The Hunter's are an honest couple. Somehow you believe whatever they tell you. Because it's simple truth. They offer no gimmicks. Mrs. Hunter is the talker of the two. Mr. Hunter ribs her a little about her motherly pride. But don't let him fool you. A big gleam comes in his eyes everytime you ask him a question. Mr. Hunter has been a farmer and has logged all of his life. When asked if Jimmy helped around the house to do his share of the chores, Mr. Hunter said, "Yeah, Jimmy was a good boy. He did his part." The day Finley came to sign Jimmy up, he was out in the fields chopping peanuts. Jimmy, the youngest of eight children was reared as the other children, Methodist. He is a member of the Baptist Church, now. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter have 20 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Come February of '75 the couple will be married for 50 years. Jimmy was born right at home like the others in his family. His parents remember that as even a child he wanted to be a professional ball player. They recall how he used to play in the yard with his brothers and sisters. Mr. Hunter used to join them. One morning however, Mr. Hunter woke up sore. More sore than he had ever been in his life. He then decided to watch. Mrs. Hunter began a scrap book of her entire family when they began appearing in local newspapers. This mushrouted for Jimmy and his career spans a number of clippings in many scrapbooks his mother keeps. In the living room of the

Hunter's home are a number of pictures of Jimmy, and the Oakland team. Mr. Hunter remembers Jimmy's favorite team as Cleveland. "He used to watch baseball games on television all the time," Mr. Hunter said. Some good down home fatherly advice came from Mr. Hunter. "When Jimmy was a boy I used to tell him to eat dumplings so he'd be a man," he said. Jimmy ate his dumplings, pitched a perfect game in high school and continued to be a pro. Has success changed Jimmy Hunter? Not on your life. According to Mrs. Hunter, he's still the same boy. He hasn't changed. "He's as sweet as ever," she said. "Everytime he calls home he tells me to say hello to everybody in Hertford," she said. Mr. Hunter will testify to his eating habits. "He still likes dumplings, but he can't wait to get home to get local bar-be-que," Mr. Hunter said. Jimmy's hair is something Mr. Hunter doesn't like a great deal. "I told Jimmy he ought to get his hair cut. He tells me 'oh, daddy, it's okay,'" said Mr. Hunter. Mr. Hunter doesn't object to his mustache. "My granddaddy had one, so I guess it's alright," he said. The children, all of them but one, lives in Perquimans County. One lives in Elizabeth City. They still come home about every Sunday to visit their parents. There is a lot of love in the Abbott Hunter household.



Proud Parents Of Jimmy Hunter, Mr. And Mrs. Abbott Hunter

History Of Halloween; It Isn't A Bad Time

The word Halloween is really a contraction of the phrase All Hallows Eve. All Hallows Eve is simply the evening preceding All Saints Day which is a very beautiful and meaningful Christian festival. Perhaps you have wondered how the present concept of Halloween became associated with a significant day in the life of the church. Well, it all began in the fourth century A.D. The Emperor Diocletian had persecuted the Christian Church and its members with greater intensity than any other person up to that time. So many Christians had been put to death under his reign that it was impossible to remember all of them. A special day of remembrance was appointed to honor all who had given up their lives

to preserve the Christian faith. This was called All Saints Day. In 609 A.D., a beautiful pagan temple in Rome called the Pantheon was converted to a Christian Church. It had been constructed in the year 27 B.C. and was then dedicated to all the pagan gods of that day. The Christians rededicated it to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and all the saints who had gone to their reward. An annual Christian festival was set aside to honor the occasion. A century later one of the chapels in St. Peter's Church in Rome was named for All The Saints and the day of Nov. 1 was the day chosen to honor the occasion. Nov. 1 became one of the great Christian days of celebration throughout the church and was dignified by ardent preparation the evening before the day of celebration. In the old English language the word for sanctify was hallow (remember "Hallowed be Thy Name" in the Lord's Prayer?). Sanctify means to set apart. So the day we call All Saints Day was first called All Hallows Day and the preceding evening was naturally call All Hallows Evening and later was shortened to Hallowe'en.



GHASTLY GOBLINS—Pam The Ghost and Sandy The Witch are ready for Halloween. The spooks are the daughters of Mrs. Peggy Muldrow of Winfall. Parents are reminded to know where their children will be located Halloween night. Best bet is to go with the children. (Staff Photo By Kathy Marren)

The superstition surrounding Halloween regarding ghosts, witches and hobgoblins comes from England long before the Christian era where it was the custom to light large bonfires on the hilltops the last evening in October to ward off evil spirits. It was believed that on his night the spirits of the departed were allowed to return to earth and visit their former homes and friends.

Who's Buying Peanuts

Currently there are four peanut companies buying peanuts in North Carolina who are paying one cent a pound below the price support loan to the farmers for their peanuts. It is not necessary that these growers be robbed of this one cent per pound on the peanuts which they are selling because there are several buying companies which are cooperating to make the price support loan available to the farmers. The cooperating companies are: Birdsong Storage Company, Columbian Peanut Company, Hancock Peanut Company, Planters Peanuts, Williamston Peanut Company, Gillam Bros., Fisher Nut Company and Severn Peanut Company. It is recommended that farmers who have their peanuts in curing bins or trailers leave them there until their local buyers can handle them through the CCC loan or get an ASCS on-farm storage loan. If the growers having their peanuts in temporary storage will refrain from marketing, those farmers who have their peanuts in the field will then be able to move their peanuts through the available marketing facilities at no less than loan prices.

NCHP Checks County Accidents

The North Carolina Highway Patrol investigated two accidents last week in Perquimans County. At 4:10 p.m. Wednesday, two miles north of Hertford on U.S. 17 two vehicles were involved in an accident. According to highway patrolman, Y.Z. Newberry, Sandra Culpepper, 25, of



MR. & MRS. BILL INGRAM

County Gets \$111,000 In Funds

By FRANCINE SAWYER Perquimans County has been allocated \$111,000 in secondary road funds, from the North Carolina Secondary Roads Council, it was announced today. The council has allocated \$28.7 million for improvements to the state's secondary road system on a county wide basis. Each county's portion of the allotment has been figured on a formula based on the number of unpaved miles within the county and the average cost per mile for paving a road in that county's section of the state. There are 85 miles of unpaved roads in Perquimans County. It cost \$46,500 per mile to pave a road in Perquimans County. The State Division of Highways estimates it costs \$42,333 per mile to pave a secondary road in the Eastern section of the state; \$38,866 per mile in the central portion and \$54,879 in the western counties. Chowan County has been allocated \$54,000; Pasquotank County has been given \$80,000; Gates County received a big \$167,000; Currituck County got \$95,000 and Camden County received a total of \$78,000.

ABC Officer Living Here

By FRANCINE SAWYER Bill Ingram is a new resident of Perquimans County and has a very important duty. Ingram is ABC officer for Pasquotank, Perquimans and Chowan County. He and his wife Winnie live at 221 Dobb St. Hertford. The couple have three children. Two are grown and on their own and a daughter, lives with the Ingrams. Duties of a state ABC officer include control of state permits for beer outlets and enforcement of all liquor laws in North Carolina as well as any other laws. The Ingrams say they are very fond of Perquimans County and Hertford. "We have been made to feel at home," they said. They were both reared in small towns in the western part of North Carolina and appreciate and enjoy the small town atmosphere. Since they have been

Hobbsville Man Killed Monday

CHOWAN BEACH — A 25-year-old Hobbsville man died Monday after suffering a gunshot wound of the chest when a pistol he was loading discharged. James Edward Ward Jr. died about 6:30 a.m. after a .22-caliber pistol he planned to take on a deer-hunting trip discharged, Chowan



accident," Toppin said, "but investigation is continuing." The Sheriff's Department is being assisted by the State Bureau of Investigation. A native of Elizabeth City, Ward was a son of Mrs. Novella Chappell Ward and the late James Edward Ward. He was an electronics mechanic at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. He was a member of Warwick Baptist Church. He was an Air Force veteran. Besides his mother, survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Linda Faye Bundy of Hertford and Miss Brenda Kaye Ward of Norfolk; a brother, Earl Ward of Route 2, Hertford; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Ward of Route 2, Hertford. A funeral service was held Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Swindell Funeral Chapel, Hertford, by the Rev. W.E. Carter and the Rev. Kenneth Spivey. Burial with military rites were in Cedarwood Cemetery, Hertford.

School Issue Termed Vital And Important

One of the most important issues you will be voting on Nov. 6 is the School Bond Construction Issue, yet it is one of the least publicized. Read the next few paragraphs so you can understand what the referendum is all about. It was discussed at the recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Our by-laws forbid us taking sides on any political issue, but since there is no opposition to this referendum, it was decided that we could, at least, serve as an outlet to inform the public. Obviously, you will be asked to vote for or against the issue. If the 'ayes' have it the state will be able to spend \$300 million on much-needed school construction in North Carolina. What does this mean to Perquimans County? We will get \$539,647.02 for construction, reconstruction, enlargement, improvement, repair, and renovation of our school facilities. Or, the money can be used to purchase equipment. Superintendent of Schools C.C. Walters said the money will not take care of all our needs, but he said it will go quite far in filling some of the most important ones. (Continued on page 4)

married they have lived in larger towns and are glad to "get back to a smaller one." The couple enjoy fishing and canoe riding together. Mr. Ingram enjoys hunting. He and his wife have been married 21 years. He is a retired chief in the Navy. Mrs. Ingram enjoys redecorating, taking care of her family and enjoys using a metal detector. Mr. Ingram's spare time is used to go to Martin County Technical Institute three times per week to obtain his associate degree in police science. INVESTIGATES FIRE Members of the Hertford Fire Department responded to a fire involving a farm combine in the Bear Swamp section of the county on Saturday night. Thomas Hollowell, owner of the combine had been able to contain the spread of fire because he had available a small portable fire extinguisher on his combine.