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U.S. Postal Improvement

The U.S. Postal Service first-class mail service improvement program will go into effect at Hertford Post Office on Oct. 11, according to Postmaster Henry C. Stokes Jr.

Under the program, first class mail will receive service that is equal to or better than airmail.

The major, new service step will extend to all first-class mail weighing 13 ounces or less. "In practical terms, what this service improvement means is that domestic first-class postage now will purchase the level of service that previously only airmail could buy," said Postmaster Stokes.

"Under the new program, there no longer will be an advantage in purchasing airmail postage for domestic delivery," he said.

Priority mail (now starting at weight in excess of 13 ounces) which includes air parcel service, and international airmail are unaffected by the improvement program and continue in their present form, the postmaster said.

"Airmail stamps will be sold for use on priority and international airmail. They can also be used in various combinations with other stamps for first-class mail," he said.

Customers can exchange airmail stamps, and stamped envelopes and cards at full postage value for ordinary stamps, stamped envelopes and cards. Stationery bearing airmail indicia will be allowed to be mailed at the first-class rate, Postmaster Stokes, said.

To aid postal customers, maps showing the cities and areas targeted for next and second day delivery for mail from Hertford will be on display in the post office lobby, the postmaster said.

White top collection boxes, now used exclusively for airmail, will be removed or converted to use for other purposes, the postmaster said.

County Food Stamp Program

The Food Stamp Program was established by an act of Congress in 1964. It was extended to all counties in the nation on July 1, 1974. The program is administered on the Federal level by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The program is designed to provide an adequate diet to low income families by extending food purchasing power. Eligible families receive a standard number of food coupons each month, dependent upon the number of persons in the family. The price each head of the household must pay depends upon family income. For example, a family of four has a standard coupon allotment of \$162.00. If the family's net income is \$375.00 a month, the family pays \$104.00 for the allotment of \$162.00. If net income were \$100.00 a month, the same family of four would pay \$25.00 for the \$162.00 allotment. If income were less than \$30.00, the entire allotment would be without cost to the family.

Currently there are almost 1100 persons in Perquimans County participating in this program. It is estimated that over 3000 persons would be eligible if application was made. Many of those eligible for food stamp benefits are unaware of the assistance available to them.

The Department of Human Resources has launched a major food stamp outreach campaign. Civic organizations, private industry, church related groups, community action agencies are all required to lend support. Volunteers are needed to assist in informational meetings, to inform people of eligibility, to provide transportation, and to assist in numerous other ways.

Mrs. Willie Harvey has been designated as Coordinator for the outreach campaign in Perquimans County. Mrs. Harvey can be contacted at the Perquimans County Economic Resource Center in Hertford. Telephone number is 426-7868. The Perquimans County Department of Social Services is also engaged in the outreach campaign. Anyone wishing to apply for the food plan program should contact this office in Hertford. Telephone number is 426-7373 or 426-5478.



CHECK FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS— At the recent meeting of the Perquimans County Jaycees, Carolyn Rogers (left) chairman for the recent Family Recreation Day presented a \$125 check to Mary Helene Newby, county chairman for Cystic Fibrosis. Other special guests included the Jaycee poster child, Zeb Copeland and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Copeland. The club presented Zeb a baseball autographed by Jimmy "Catfish" Hunter. (Newbern photo)



RIBBON CUTTING— Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held Friday for the county's newest business, Fin and Fur. Shown above doing the honors are (l. to r.) Bill Cox, mayor; Ed Nixon, Chamber President and Fin and Fur owners Harold Herman and Gary Simpson. (Newbern photo)

Fin & Fur Holds Grand Opening

By KATHY NEWBERN
Last Friday marked the grand opening of the town's newest business, Fin and Fur, located at Harris Shopping Center in Hertford. The shop sells tropical fish, aquariums, pet supplies, reptiles, small pets and animals such as mice, guinea pigs, hamsters and parakeets. The store also provides a dog grooming service. The most unusual items for sale include a boa constrictor and man-eating piranhas.

Owners and operators of the new business are Harold Herman, 22, an Edenton resident and Gary Simpson, 21, a resident of Pea Ridge in Washington County.

When asked why open such a store in Hertford, Simpson said, "I've worked around it for six years," and Herman added, "The area needed it." Both agreed that they found the work interesting.

Prior to this, their first business venture, the two bachelors were members of the singing group, "Grok." Simpson played keyboard and sang and Herman was a singer and drummer. Concerning the change, Simpson smiled and said, "I was tired of fame and fortune. I wanted to try the simple life."

Concerning the Fin and Fur, both said they hope to expand eventually adding dogs, cats and other animals. Their hopes are to become the largest and most complete pet store in Northeastern North Carolina.

During the Fin and Fur's grand opening, the public may register to win a ten-gallon complete aquarium set-up or the second place prize, a "Jaws" beach towel. The drawing will be held on October 16 at 6 p.m. There is no obligation and the winner does not have to present.

Candidates Announced

Following the closing date to file as a candidate in the Nov. 4 non-partisan municipal elections in the Towns of Hertford and Winfall, the Perquimans County Board of Elections announces the following.

In the Hertford race incumbent Bill Cox is the candidate for mayor with no opposition. The public will elect two Hertford town council members from the

following candidates, Billy L. Winslow, George W. Cooper, Jesse Lee Harris, Tommy Miller and Mrs. Pete Broughton.

In the Winfall election, incumbent David L. Trueblood will be running unopposed for mayor. Candidates for the two Winfall council seats are Ervin W. Whidbee, Richard H. Bryant and Grover Sloop.

Civic Calendar

- THURSDAY, OCT. 9**
Perquimans County Jaycees +++
Citizens Band Club will meet at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Bldg. in Hertford. +++
Hertford Grammar School PTA will have its First meeting at 8 p.m. An open house will be observed.
- FRIDAY, OCT. 10**
No school — Teacher Work Day. +++
Bethel Homemakers Club
- SATURDAY, OCT. 11**
The Elizabeth City Shrine Club will have a dance for Shriners and guests starting at 9:30 p.m. til 12:30 a.m. Admission is \$5.00 a couple. Music will be furnished by the Countrymen. +++
The Perquimans Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America is sponsoring a Car Wash as a fund-raising project from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Little Mint in Hertford. Prices include a complete wash at \$1.25, and a wash and vacuum at \$1.75.
- MONDAY, OCT. 13**
The Women's Auxiliary of the Perquimans County Rescue Squad will meet at 8 p.m. at the rescue squad building. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend and join the auxiliary.
- TUESDAY, OCT. 14**
Hertford Rotary Club +++
Perquimans Lodge No. 106 +++
Perquimans Co. Horse & Pony Club
- WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15**
Durants Neck Ruritan Club
- THURSDAY, OCT. 16**
Hertford BPW Club +++
Hertford Lions Club +++
Hertford Fire Department. +++
- UPCOMING EVENTS**
Bethel Fire Department will have a Bar-B-Que Chicken at the Fire Station in Bethel from 4 to 6 p.m. Patrons will be able to eat there or take out. Tickets are \$2.00 per plate. Saturday, November 15.

Hertford Native:

Dr. Parker Chesson Is COA President

Dr. J. Parker Chesson Jr. has been named president of College of the Albemarle. The announcement was made last Thursday by J. MacN. Duff, chairman of the Board of Trustees at the college.

Duff released the news as soon as it was learned that the Trustees' selection to fill the presidential chair vacated by the resignation of Dr. S. Bruce Petteway last month had been confirmed by the State Board of Education. The SBE gave its approval during its regular monthly session in Raleigh this morning.

In his affirmation of Chesson's appointment, Duff said, "We feel extremely fortunate that an able administrator, who has already demonstrated his ability to lead, was available from our existing staff." Chesson, 34, has been dean of instruction at the school for the past two years. He has been associated with COA since 1964.

The chairman emphasized that the selection was unanimously considered a propitious one for the area served by the community college. This is particularly true, he pointed out, since the new president was reared in Hertford, and is the first "native son" to be named as head of the college.

"Dr. Chesson is a well-qualified individual, whose full potential is yet to be realized in directing the future of this rapidly-growing institution of higher education," he said.

"In view of the severe budget cuts which were made by the 1975 Legislature, and during a period of record enrollment at COA, and for most of the 57 community colleges throughout North Carolina, Dr. Chesson's tasks as president will be a challenging one," Duff stated. "However, we are confident that his well-developed sense of leadership, and his desire to maintain superior academic standards, will result in continued improvement of the educational benefits offered by this institution to all of the residents of the Albemarle area who desire to avail themselves of the opportunity."

Chesson first came to the college in 1964, as an assistant professor of biology. Prior to that time, he was a graduate teaching assistant in general biology at East Carolina University, where he received his masters degree in biology and educational administration.

In 1967, he attended North Carolina State University to work toward his doctorate. During his studies there, he was a graduate teaching assistant in general biology and comparative anatomy.

Returning to COA in 1969, Chesson joined the faculty as an associate professor of biology. He was also the director of college transfer education. In 1972, he became chairman of the department of mathematics and natural sciences, a position which he held until 1973, when he was promoted to the administrative post of dean of instruction. He was awarded his doctor's degree in biology and education from N.C. State University in 1974.

The ECU magna cum laude graduate was appointed by the governor to serve a four-year term as a member of the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission in 1974. He is currently a member of that agency's Executive Committee, which is composed of four of the 15 commissioners. He is also chairman of one of the commission's three standing committees, the Land Use Plans Committee. In relation to these assignments, Chesson serves as a member of the ECU Environmental Education Advisory Committee.

The new president is well-acquainted with the institution

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the members of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation will be held Saturday, October 11 at the Perquimans County High School Auditorium in Hertford, according to James A. Whitehurst of South Mills, president of the electric cooperative.

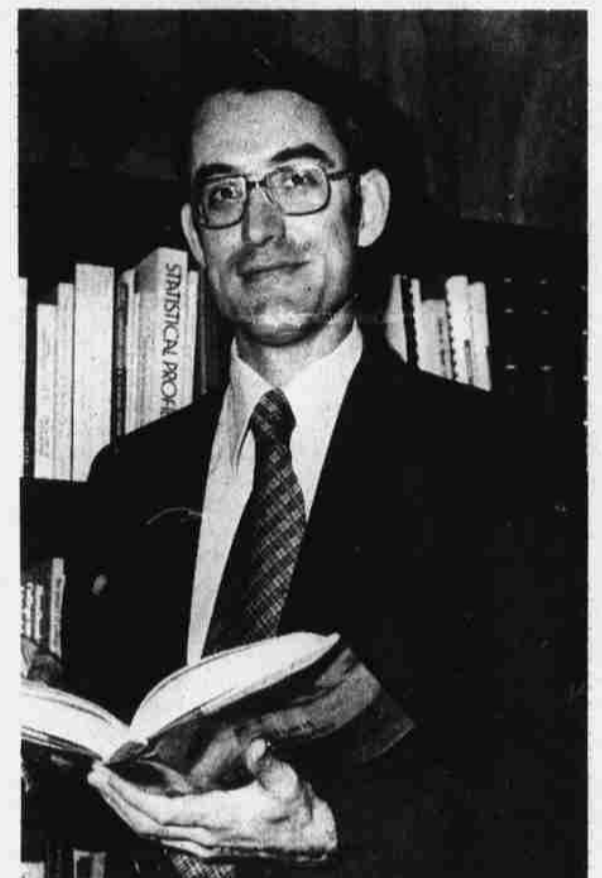
Items of business at the meeting will include an audio-visual report of the year's 1974 operations in addition to the election of directors from Directorate Districts which comprise Chowan, Perquimans and Pasquotank counties.

President Whitehurst urges all member-consumers of the cooperative to attend the meeting and to arrive early so that the meeting can start on time.

Albemarle EMC serves some 5200 consumer-members in parts of Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, and Currituck counties. Due to an oversight, Elliott G. "Pete" Overman's name did not appear in the co-op's newsletter. However, Overman is a candidate for the board from the fourth district. The other nominees from that district include A. T. Lane and Jack Symons. The district two nominees are Leon Byrum and Joseph A. Wiggins. Candidates bidding for the board seat from district three are L.A. Harris Jr. and Tommy F. Temple. One director will be elected from each district.

The main speaker for the meeting will be Robert N. Cleveland, executive vice-president and general manager of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation in Raleigh, the state trade association of EMCs in North Carolina.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 2 p.m. Attendance prizes will be drawn for lucky winners.



DR. J. PARKER CHESSON JR.

which he will head. During 1966-67, he chaired the Steering Committee for College of the Albemarle's Self-Study. In 1970-71, he directed the institution's successful efforts for re-accreditation. As a result of his experience at COA, Chesson was appointed to the N.C. Department of Community Colleges' evaluation team for Lenoir Community College's Self-Study in 1971.

He holds active memberships in several professional organizations, including the Deans of Instruction Association, American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, North Carolina Academy of Science and the National Wildlife Federation.

Chesson is a member of Corinth Baptist Church. He is secretary for the church's Board of Deacons, teacher of a high school class in the Sunday School department, and was the speaker at this year's Men Day Service.

He serves the Pasquotank Ruritan Club as its reporter. He is a member of the Pasquotank United Fund Board of Directors.

President Chesson resides at 121 Pineview Drive with his wife, Wynda, and daughters Daphne, 8, and Melanie, 4.

Bond Order Introduced

R.S. Monds introduced a Bond Order at the October Meeting of the Board of Perquimans County Commissioners authorizing the issuance of \$2,350,000 for Water Bonds of Perquimans County.

The Board authorized the request for a Grant from the Natural and Economical Resources in the amount of \$7,000 to be used by the Albemarle Regional Commission.

The Board, also, authorized the reduction of Perquimans County's contribution to the Mental Health Program. The

amount contributed will be \$7,000.

The Financial Statement for Perquimans County is as follows:

Appraised value of property subject to taxation as certified by the County Tax Supervisor — \$64,877,787.

Gross debt as listed (Scheduled Gross Debt) — \$2,456,000.

Deduction to be made from Gross Debt — \$2,350,000.

Percentage that Net Debt be as to the appraised value of property subject to taxation — 0.16 per cent.



FIRE JEEP— Talmadge Rose (right), County Civil Preparedness Coordinator turns over the registration of what will become the fire jeep to Hertford Fire Chief Francis Nixon. The jeep which is now on "permanent loan" to the department will be used for such things as forest, tractor, combine and wheat field fires which cannot be reached with the regular fire truck. The four-wheel drive jeep is also available to the Rescue Squad and law enforcement officers. It is equipped with two 30-pound CO2 extinguishers and an Indian tank containing water. Eventually, the fire department hopes to add a trailer to haul water. (Newbern photo)