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GIFT OF APPRECIATION — Perquimans County Sheriff Julian Broughton presents a gift of appreciation to Julian Powell, retired Register of Deeds, on behalf of the county employees.

News Program Begins

A five-minute, weekly news program devoted entirely to the activities of the 1977 North Carolina General Assembly is now being broadcast in the Perquimans County area.

The program, titled "Legislative Review," recaps activities of the General Assembly during the previous week and examines issues expected to come before the body in the weeks ahead, featuring interviews with legislators and state government officials.

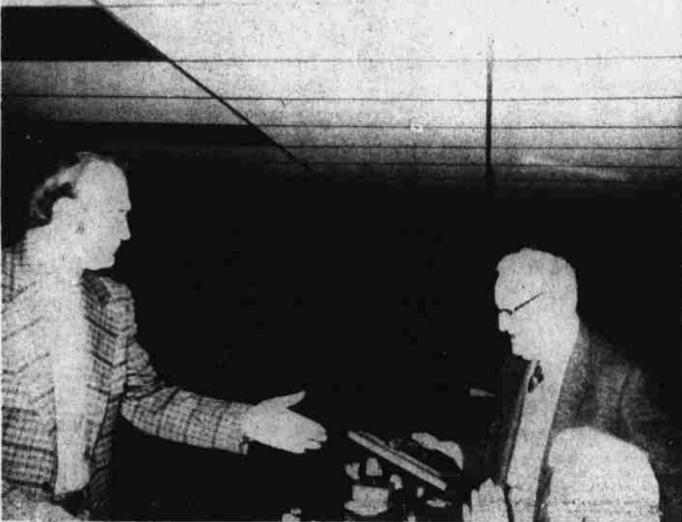
It is aired each Sunday at 12:30 p.m. by WGAI, Elizabeth City.

Veteran newsmen Fred Taylor, who has covered the legislature for several years for Raleigh's WRAL-TV and the North Carolina News Network, will produce the weekly program.

The newscast will be presented each week throughout the 1977 legislative session on a statewide network of 50 stations. It is sponsored on the entire network by North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations.

Tax Listing Expanded

Keith Haskett, Perquimans County Tax Supervisor, announces that for the convenience of the residents of the Woodville section of New Hope Township, Melvin Eure, List Taker, will be at the Fire Station on Friday, Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday, Jan. 28 from 1 to 9 p.m. Those in the Woodville section who are interested may come by the fire station at this time.



FOR DEDICATED SERVICE — Lester Simpson, chairman of the Perquimans County Commissioners, presents a plaque to Silas Whedbee who served as county attorney, for his service to the county. (Ward photos)

Retired Personnel Honored

Retired county employees Julian Powell and Silas Whedbee were guests of honor at a dinner held in their honor Jan. 5 at Angler's Cove Restaurant.

commissioners, and other guests were in attendance at the dinner honoring the two men.

Powell, who served as the county's Register of Deeds from 1952 until 1976, received a plaque for his service from the County Commissioners and a barometer as a gift from county employees in the courthouse.

Whedbee was honored by the County Commissioners with an engraved plaque for his service as County Attorney from 1948 until 1976. He was also recognized as a past mayor of Hertford and past Hertford Postmaster.

Lester Simpson, chairman of the Perquimans County Commissioners, made the presentations on behalf of that board and Sheriff Julian Broughton made the presentation for the county employees.

About 40 county employees,



RIBBON CUTTING — A ribbon cutting to mark the official opening of the new Bus Station and 70¢ store in Hertford was held Monday morning. Pictured above (l. to r.) are George Hall, owner/manager; Bill Cox, Mayor of Hertford; Waldo Winslow, county commissioner; and Jimmy Nixon, an employee at the new business. (Ward photo)



THE GOVERNOR AND FIRST LADY — Governor James Hunt and Mrs. Hunt were guests of honor at the Inaugural Ball held Friday night at Raleigh's Reynolds Coliseum. Thousands of Tar Heel citizens attended the ball sponsored by the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra and the Raleigh Junior League. The Hertford Fifes and Drums were featured in the Saturday parade. (Photo courtesy of Bessie Culpepper, The Daily Advance)

'Democrats Are Alive And Well'

By FRANCINE SAWYER
Special Report

RALEIGH — The Democrats are alive and well and back in town, thank you.

The official welcome came Friday evening when the 1977 Inaugural Ball honoring Governor James B. Hunt Jr. was held, with a record 10,000 persons cramming into the William Neal Reynolds Coliseum to celebrate the arrival.

Some 7,000 "anyone who was anybody" paid \$100 to \$500 for tickets which provided a table, light food and sparkling grape juice (white) from Catawba County. More importantly, the heavy tariff offered the opportunity to see and be seen by the most politically and professionally "clouted" persons from across the state. It's been more than four years since so many headline makers have assembled under one roof. Everyone seemed happy about the reunion.

It was pure North Carolina. From the master of ceremonies, Tarheel born Andy Griffith, to the ham biscuits and the singing of "The Old North State."

At 8 p.m. the North Carolina Symphony Orchestra performed overtures and fanfares. Then at 8:30 p.m., the star of the show, Jim Hunt and members of his family appeared. The audience applauded heartily. Next came the Council of State members. If an applause meter had been judging crowd response, Jim Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, would have won top prize, followed by Thad Eure, Gates County native who has served as Secretary of State for years and years.

After all dignitaries were seated, dancing began with the Governor and his wife. Dancing space was limited in proportion to the number of guests, but those who wished to twirl and dip to the music of The Bob Haas Orchestra somehow managed.

Security was tight for the Big Bash. SBI agents and North Carolina Highway Patrolmen were visible throughout the evening. No incidents were reported however.

The working press, along with photographers, were out in full force. The members of the fourth estate wandered around looking for important people and made every attempt to look bored about the entire event, which goes along with the occupation.

Actually no one was bored...no matter that the largest number of Democrats ever was assembled together under a "dry" roof, it was just exhilarating to be back home.

District Court Is Held Here

Judge John T. Chaffin presided at the Wednesday session of Perquimans County District Court and heard the following cases:

On the Civil Calendar, a divorce was granted in the case of Marjorie P. Fields vs George E. Fields.

Other cases were: Ricky Stevenson received a 30-day sentence for failure to deliver registration plates;

Charles Ray Edwards, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating beverages, (3rd offense), was given a 12 month sentence. The court recommended treatment for alcoholism. An appeal was noted and the case was placed on the Superior Court Docket for trial;

Shirley Moore Thomas, charged with failure to report an accident resulting in property damage, received a 30-day sentence suspended for two years, a fine of \$25 and cost. The defendant was told not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws for 12 months;

William Foreman was given a 90-day sentence suspended for two years, a fine of \$250 and cost, and told not to operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina until licensed to do so, or violate any Federal, State, or local laws for 12 months, when found guilty of driving with license revoked. An appeal was noted;

Clayton Gilliam, charged with misdemeanor and possession of marijuana, was given a 90-day sentence suspended for two years, a \$200 fine and cost. The defendant was told not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws for 12 months, and not to possess a controlled substance for term of suspended sentence;

Joseph Riddick was found not guilty of assault on a female;

Tommy White Hurst was found guilty of receiving stolen goods and was given a 90-day sentence suspended for two years, a fine of \$75 and cost and ordered not to go on the premises of Colonial Store for two years, and not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws. An appeal was noted;

Clarence Harris, charged with driving under the influence, was given a 90-day sentence suspended for two years, a fine of \$100 and cost, and ordered not to operate a motor vehicle until licensed to do so, and not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws for 12 months;

At the preliminary hearing of Leonard White, charged with first degree burglary, probable cause was found. Secured bond was set at \$25,000;

Tommy Alexander Whitehurst was found guilty of larceny in general and received a 90-day sentence for two years, a fine of \$100 and cost, and ordered not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws for 12 months. An appeal was noted;

Donald Jackson Riddick was taxed with a fine of \$10 and cost for exceeding a safe speed;

Kenneth Donald Ward, charged with reckless driving, was given a 30-day sentence suspended for two years, a fine of \$75 and cost, and ordered not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws for 12 months;

Glenn Alvin Elmore was taxed with a fine of \$10 and cost on a charge of improper passing;

John L. Rouse, charged with speeding, received a 10-day sentence, with credit for time served in jail;

James Andrew Stronski was taxed with a fine of \$10 and cost for speeding greater than prudent and safe.

New Books In Local Library

New books in the local library include three memorials: *A Biography of Admiral Nimitz* is in memory of Captain Nathaniel Fulford; *Gardening and Home Landscaping* is in memory of Captain Charles Ford Sumner; and *Angels* by Billy Graham is in memory of Mrs. Bessie Thomas.

A contribution to the Memorial Fund has been given in memory of Mrs. Jay Winslow, who for many years served as a member of the Perquimans County Library Board.

Two of the new books are of special interest to local people: *Secrets of a Silent Stranger*, the setting of which is the Jockey's Ridge

area of Nags Head is by Ruth Reid Bundy Hallman, daughter of the late Edgar Bundy and Mrs. Bundy of Elizabeth City; and *New Voices in American Poetry* contains a poem by Mrs. Edith Thompson of Snug Harbor.

Other new books in the library are as follows: *Forgetting My Affair with Dwight Eisenhower* by Kay S. Morgan; *Not So Wild a Dream*, the autobiography of Eric Sevareid; *Slapstick* by Vonnegut; *To The Far Blue Mountains* by Louis L'Amour; *Ceremony of Innocence* by Taylor Caldwell; *Heartbreak Hotel* by Siddons; *Marsanne* by Coffman; *Deveron Hall* by Johnston; and *The Secret of Thundermyer House* by Burnett. Two new children's books are *Lighthouses by Smith and Those Traver Kids* by Bradbury.

Purchase Approved

The Board of Perquimans County Commissioners voted their approval for the purchase of a compactor for trash to be used at the Sanitary Landfill located in Chowan County. Perquimans and Chowan Counties are co-owners of the Sanitary Landfill.

JELLY SALE

Wayne Winslow, president of the Perquimans County Jaycees, announces that members are once again participating in the annual Jelly Sale to benefit the North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center. The jars of grape jelly sell for \$1 each.

Civic Calendar

SUNDAY, JAN. 16
The Snug Harbor Civic League will meet at 1 p.m. in the club house.

MONDAY, JAN. 17
The Perquimans County Chapter of the American Cancer Society will meet at 8 p.m. at the Albemarle EMC Building. The public is invited to attend.

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The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners will meet at 7:30 p.m.

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The Perquimans County Senior Citizens Club will meet at 2 p.m. in the County Office Building on Highway 17.

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The Hertford Memory Lane Senior Citizens Club will meet at 2 p.m. at the Albemarle EMC Building. Members are requested to bring their tickets to the meeting.

TUESDAY, JAN. 18
The Belvidere-Chappell Hill Ladies Auxiliary will meet.
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The Hertford Rotary Club meets.



CHILLING SCENES — Perquimans residents had a double dosage of Old Man Winter last week as the snow fell and the temperature dropped. In the picture at left, this sign for the Hertford Ice Plant is appropriately



framed in a snowy-icy setting. At right, some diligent young workers did manage to find enough of the white substance to build this snowman near the Whiteston Community. (Newbern photos)