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## Citizens encouraged to 'meet the candidates'

The Hertford Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Club will be sponsoring a "Meet Your Candidate" night at the Perquimans County courthouse on Wednesday, April 12 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

BPW President Bonnie White said, "the purpose of the bi-partisan public meeting is to allow the local people to be better informed as to the candidates running for public office, their reasons for seeking office, and their stand on important issues."

Invitations have been sent to 31 candidates seeking election or reelection on the local, district, and state level. Practically all have accepted the invitation to be present or have agreed to send a representative to speak for them according to Mrs. Marion S. Swindell, BPW

publicity chairman for the event.

Mrs. Bonnie White, club president, emphasizes the importance of having each voter present to meet these candidates, to talk with them, and feels that by doing this, local citizens will be able to cast a more intelligent vote in the election.

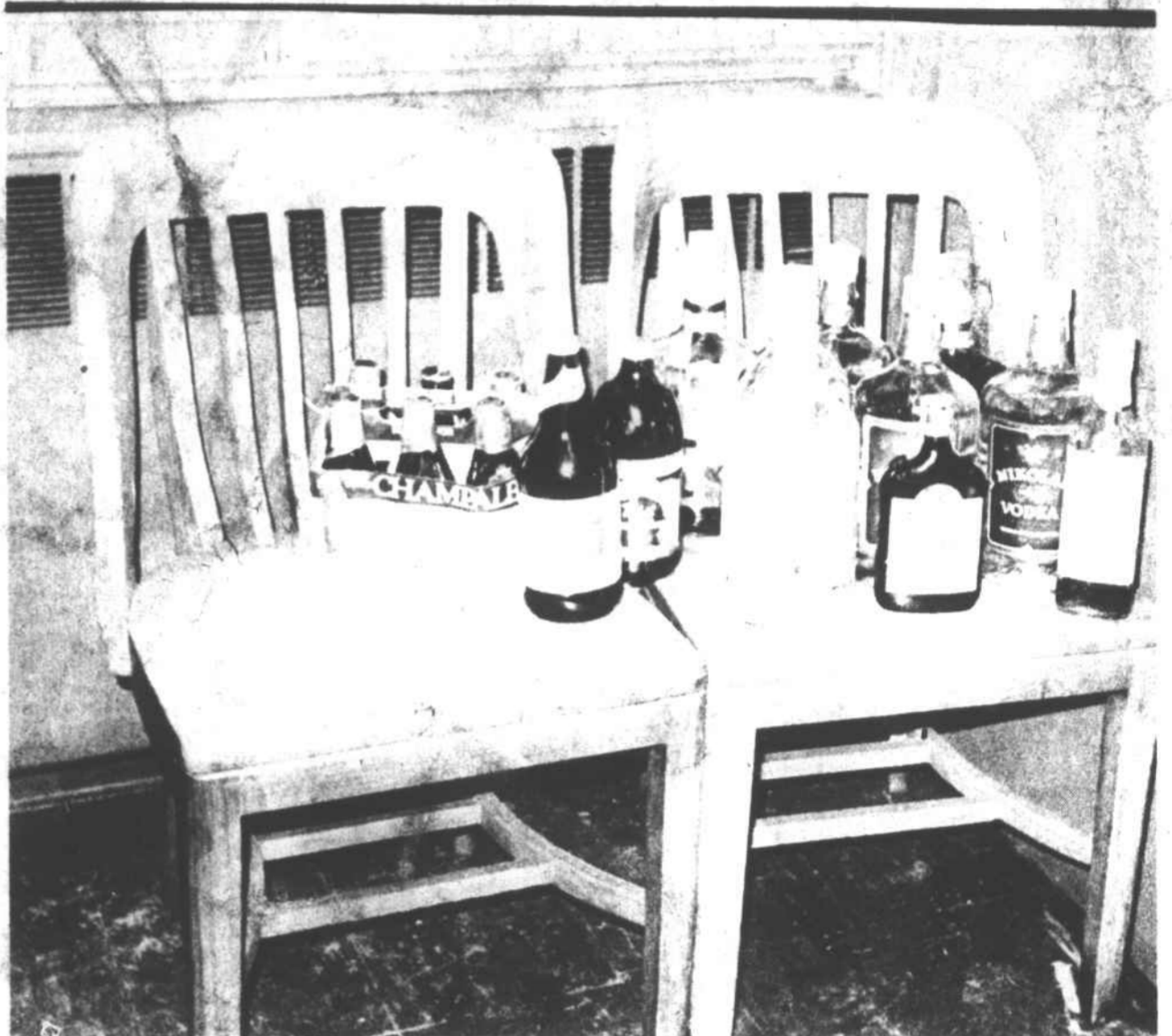
In addition to the candidates for local offices, those running for the U.S. Senate and the North Carolina General Assembly for the district are expected to be present.

Among those expected to attend are candidates for the two seats on the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners. From the Hertford Township, candidates are John H. London and Welly White. Four candidates are seeking the seat from the New Hope Township: Marshall Caddy, Fenton Euse Jr., George E. Hall, and McElroy Lovic.

Other local candidates are those seeking a seat on the Perquimans County Board of Education. Those trying for the seat vacated by Ralph Harrell are: Lloyd R. "Flutch" Dail and Walter L. Leigh. Also in the race, for another seat, are Thomas (Tommy) Dale and incumbent Clifford Winslow.

Rounding out the local elections are the three candidates for Perquimans County Sheriff, incumbent Julian H. Broughton, Aubrey Onley, and Tom White.

Also expected to attend the meeting are the candidates seeking the district seat in the N.C. House of Representatives. Incumbents are Vernon James and Stanford White. Newcomer to the race is Charles D. Evans.



DISCOVERED IN RAID — Shown above is a partial sample of the beer and liquor confiscated in a midnight raid on two local night spots resulting in the arrest of three persons. A total of 27 cases of beer and over four gallons of whiskey was seized by the Hertford Police Department in the raid just before midnight on Friday. (Staff photo by Ray Ward)

## Phone company supports 'primary instrument concept'

The U.S. telephone industry, in an action supported by Norfolk Carolina Telephone Company, has filed comments with the Federal Communications Commission documenting its support of the "primary instrument concept."

The proposal, which requires each single-line customer to have at least one phone provided by the telephone company, is now under review by the FCC. The commission began its inquiry February 1 and the industry's comments were submitted March 28.

The telephone companies' filing emphasized the social benefits to the customer of the proposal, stating that it provides a balance between the need for quality basic service and the desire of some customers for greater choices in equipment in a

competitive environment. Phones other than the "primary instrument" could be obtained from either the telephone company or a competitive supplier.

The commission's inquiry followed a request by the leadership of the House Subcommittee on Communications, which asked for "expeditious consideration" of the concept. The original proposal was made last year by the industry.

Under the plan, one residential telephone in most cases would be owned and maintained by the phone company. Multi-line and data services, used by many businesses, are excluded from the proposal.

L.S. Blades, III, President said, "Our company supports the industry proposal because it would make one organization responsible to customers and regulatory

authorities for service quality and reliability in basic telephone service."

"The primary instrument concept would clearly separate basic service from competitive supply of terminal equipment. It provides the public an easily understandable method of separating responsibilities and accountabilities of public utilities from those of the customers," Blades said.

The industry proposal was made by a group representing the 1,600 independent and Bell System telephone companies and their trade associations, including the U.S. Independent Telephone Association. The plan would be a part of the FCC's program permitting customers to provide their own telephones if they meet a variety of regulatory requirements.

## Charles Murray named NFIB Action Council member

Announcement was made recently of the appointment of Charles F. Murray of the Murray Motor Parts Company in Hertford, as an Action Council Member to the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) in San Mateo, California and Washington, D.C.

NFIB is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the needs

of small businesses across the country. Founded in 1943, it was designed to promote the concept of free enterprise and to give independent business a greater voice in shaping the laws which govern business and government.

The idea of the Action Council Member was developed by NFIB

President Wilson S. Johnson, who felt the need for members to take a more active role in furthering the cause of small and independent business at the grass roots and federal level.

An enthusiastic business person, Murray reflects the involvement and interest of the Action Council Members.

## Three arrested in midnight raid

Following a midnight raid on two local night spots, three people have been arrested and charged with possession of intoxicating beverages for purposes of sale.

Arrested just before midnight on Friday, March 31 were James (Snooks) Everett of 100 Edenton Road St., Hertford; Jeffery Felton of 310 King St., Hertford; and Herline Foreman Newby of Rt. 1, Hertford.

According to Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt, an investigation of several months ended Friday night when search warrants were obtained for the Blue Moon Cafe located at 103 S. Edenton Road Street and for the residence of James (Snooks) Everett located at 100 Edenton Road Street.

Chief Merritt said the entire police department participated in the raid and assistance was received from

State Alcohol Law Enforcement Agents Virgil Williams and Frank Spence.

Approximately 27 cases of beer and over four gallons of whiskey were seized during the raid.

All three defendants were taken before Magistrate B.T. Dail Sr. who released them on their personal recognizance with a trial date of April 26 in District Court.

## To serve on state advisory council

Cliff Towe of Rt. 4, Hertford has been appointed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction Craig Phillips to serve on the Graduation/Diploma Advisory Council. The Council was established as a result of the Competency Test Program, and will study high school graduation re-

quirements in addition to the diploma and other exit documents.

Enacted into law by the 1977 General Assembly, the Competency Test Program was designed to assure that high school graduates possess basic education skills upon leaving high school. The first administration of the competency test

will be given to eleventh grade students across the state in the fall, 1978 and again in the spring, 1979. (A trial run of the test was administered to eleventh graders in February). Those who fail to achieve the cut off score will be given additional opportunities to take the test.



STATE MATCHES LOCAL FUNDING — Mack E. Livessy, Field Consultant with the State Department of Human Resources, is shown presenting a check in the amount of \$3,643.99 to Perquimans County Commissioners Chairman Lester H. Simpson. Looking on is School Superintendent Pat Harrell. The

check represents the state's input in a grant proposal for a Perquimans County Parent Counseling program to be operated in conjunction with the school system's community based alternative program. This program is aimed at working with high school dropouts and potential dropouts in a variety of ways. The

local share of monies for the program amounts to \$4,050 and \$360 has been contributed from federal sources. With the three funding sources, the total input in the program amounts to \$8,053.99. (Staff photo by Yvonne Baker)

## NCDOT plans division one highway meeting in Edenton

RALEIGH — North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) officials have revealed plans for a two-month long campaign to solicit public comment and assistance in developing long-range statewide plans for aviation and public transportation systems and programs.

The first of the 14 meetings will be held in Edenton at 7:30 p.m. on April 10. That meeting is for division one which includes the counties of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington. The meeting will be held at City Hall and local contact is Bill Gardner who may be contacted at 482-2155. Highway contact for the meeting is G.A. Taylor who may be contacted at 332-4821.

NCDOT officials plan to hold 14

separate public information meetings during April and May to provide the general public and local governmental officials with an opportunity to participate in the initial process to develop a systematic program and plans for future aeronautics and public transportation needs.

"This effort to obtain public input and increase public participation in multi-modal transportation planning represents the first extensive effort of this type in the State's history," commented State Secretary of Transportation Thomas W. Bradshaw Jr.

"It is another step in carrying out the Hunt Administration's pledge for open government and public involvement in the decision making process. We feel confident that these meetings will help us develop the best transportation system to be

found anywhere," Bradshaw said.

The meetings will be held in each of the State's 14 highway divisions and will consist of brief opening remarks about its existing public transit and aeronautics programs and a session for public comment and suggestions about local aviation and public transit needs.

"We encourage and actively seek public participation in these meetings," said Bradshaw. "I have instructed my staff to record all public comments at these meetings so that the suggestions and concerns voiced by our citizens and local officials can be made known to the Board of Transportation for its consideration," Bradshaw added.

The first of these meetings, the one scheduled in Edenton, is April 10. The meetings across the state will run through May 16.

## Outer Banks airports to be discussed

RALEIGH — North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) officials will hold a public information meeting in April to discuss plans and development concepts for State operated Billy Mitchell Airport at Hatteras and Ocracoke Island Airport.

The meeting, open to the public,

has been scheduled for 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, and will be held at the Hatteras Community Center in Hatteras. The meeting will consist of a detailed review of the forecasts for the airports and a discussion of several alternative development concepts for each airport by Greiner Engineering Sciences, planning con-

sultants to the DOT on these airports.

NCDOT officials forecast that aircraft operations at Billy Mitchell Airport and Ocracoke Island Airport will more than double in the next 20 years.

The public is urged to attend this meeting.