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"We're all straight now"

Bad water incident explained to Commissioners

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

An explanation concerning a recent incident of "bad water" was the main order of business when the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday night.

Present to explain how the incident occurred and to assure the board that "we're all straight now" were Wayne Floyd, project manager for Rivers & Associates, consulting engineers who designed the system; and Russell Chappell Jr., system supervisor.

They explained that on Sept. 6 a valve was inadvertently turned off by a construction worker. That action resulted in more than half of the new system's users getting low pressure and "reddish" water.

The valve was turned off at the intersection of U.S. 17 and SR 1101 where construction crews were planning to continue laying lines. They wanted to flush out water in the partially completed line before going on.

The mistake was located a few hours after the "bad water" was reported from many sources.

At the board meeting, Floyd explained that it was a "human error" and "could have happened to anyone." He added, "It was not the treatment plant. It was just one of those things. It was one of those things that one in the county had

anything to do with and had no control over." He concluded, "Right now, we're putting out top quality water."

Board Chairman Lester Simpson added that consumers are urged to report such developments saying, "We don't know if the water's not right if we're not told."

Floyd and Chappell also mentioned that November should mark the beginning of Phase II of the project and that additional users wishing water should contact the Water Department, located at the Perquimans County Tax Office, so a map of potential users for the next phase could be drawn up. The sign-up fee is \$200.

Floyd added that a joint meeting of the town and county boards would be held in the near future to discuss some possible adjustments in rates as well as future plans.

ARPDC BUILDING

In other business, Chairman Simpson told the board that he and Commissioner Joe Nowell had visited the new ARPDC-Perquimans County Office Building Monday to review progress. He said move in is scheduled for next week although some minor work remains to be done. He also reported that the building would be insured for \$500,000 with Nationwide Insurance and that ARPDC would be responsible for insuring their furniture, etc. since the contents are not insured

under the plan. The county will pay the insurance costs on the building.

RENTING TOWER SPACE

Simpson also told the board that General Electric of Ahsokie had made a request to rent space on the new communications tower. A similar request made previously by

Motorola was granted at a cost of \$75 per month. He said he felt a similar cost would be charged to GE.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

County Accountant Durwood Reed Jr. brought two matters before the board's attention before adjourning. He explained that the county's

share of intangibles taxes was reported at just over \$26,500.

Concerning public service employment contracts for Titles II and VI of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act, Reed said applications have been made for both by the county. The Title II program could

run two weeks or two months and that application was based on two slots. On Title VI, application has been made for six slots. He explained that both are pending a decision by Congress and he feels continuation of Title VI might be a possibility while Title II doesn't look as hopeful.

Apparent suicide reported

A young man residing in the Snug Harbor section of Perquimans County was pronounced dead on arrival at Chowan Hospital early Tuesday morning, apparently as the result of suicide.

James R. Hendricks, 22, of Rt. 1, Box 107D, Black Foot Trail, Snug Harbor, was taken to Chowan Hospital around 4 a.m. Tuesday following a call to the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department and the Perquimans County Rescue Squad.

According to a report by investigating Deputy Sheriff W.E. Harrison, he found the victim in the Snug Harbor Clubhouse parking lot at 3:21 a.m. after receiving a call at 3:11. There he found the victim, his wife, Loretta E. Hendricks, and a neighbor. They explained that the

victim was moved there to await arrival of an ambulance. The neighbor administered mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Officials at Chowan Hospital authorized moving the body to

Elizabeth City where an autopsy would be done to determine the cause of death. The Sheriff's Department report included information that the victim's car was rigged with a hose from the muffler or exhaust

to the inside of the car. At the hospital, a suicide note and other personal possessions were found in the pockets of the victim's clothing. They are in the Sheriff's Department's possession.

Annual Northeaster planned

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The North Carolina Democratic Party, in conjunction with northeastern counties, will once again sponsor the Northeaster, to be held Sept. 29-30 at Nags Head.

The Northeaster has annually provided Democratic leaders on the state and local level the opportunity to gather for a weekend of politikin', friend meetin', party promotin', and fun.

Archie T. Lane Sr., Chairman of the Perquimans County Democratic Party, explained that this year, county Democrats have a special reason to attend and participate. Perquimans will be hosting the opening event of the weekend, a pig pickin' scheduled from 5-7 p.m. on Friday night. The "feed," like all other events, is being held at The Carolinian. Lane explained that the county's part of the weekend activities will provide an initial event of fun and good eating. Lane said

Perquimans County's chief cook for the event will be Paul Smith Sr., "great chef from Bagley Swamp."

Saturday events include a free fish fry, sponsored by Dare County, from noon 'til 2 p.m. Dare will also host a social hour starting at 5 p.m. and the day's activities will round out with a banquet at 7 p.m. followed by a dance. Guest speaker for the

banquet will be Senator James Sasser, D-Tn.

State senators, representatives, cabinet members, and top-ranking Democrats across the state are expected to be in attendance as well as county officials from throughout the northeastern section.

Tickets for the Northeaster, at \$25 each, may be obtained from Lane, Bill Cox, or Joe Nowell.

Grant deadline nears

The N.C. Arts Council has set Oct. 2 as this fall's application deadline for organizations seeking financial support for certain arts programs, according to Mary Reagan, executive director of the Council.

The October deadline applies to the categories of community fund drive challenge grants and general grants. Grants awarded this fall will be for programs between Jan. 1 and June 30, 1979.

The money for Arts Council grants comes from state legislative appropriations and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Grant applications and further information about any grant program may be obtained from the Grants Office of the N.C. Arts Council, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, NC 27611.

Town Council hears reports on several matters

The Hertford Town Board of Commissioners met recently with Mayor Bill Cox presiding and all members present. Mrs. Jo Ann Morris also attended as a visitor.

Police Chief Marshall Merritt gave a report on police department activities for the month of August.

Billy Wooten, Recreation Director, reported on progress of the department for the summer and gave a projects program outline for the fall season. He then requested the board to appoint an advisory committee for the department. On that recommendation, the board appointed a 14-member committee with 7 members to serve a term of two years and 7 members to serve a one-year term. Commissioner Billy L. Winslow agreed to serve as the board's representative on this advisory committee.

The board then heard an audit report for fiscal year 1977-78 from Olin Sykes who said all departments operating within the Town's structure are sound with the exception of the water and sewer departments. Sykes recommended that the board review the water and sewer rates and increase such rates for additional revenue necessary to operate these departments without a loss.

Howard Capps, Planner for Community Development, presented a list of recommendations of just appraisals on property in the King Street redevelopment area. These appraisals were approved by the board.

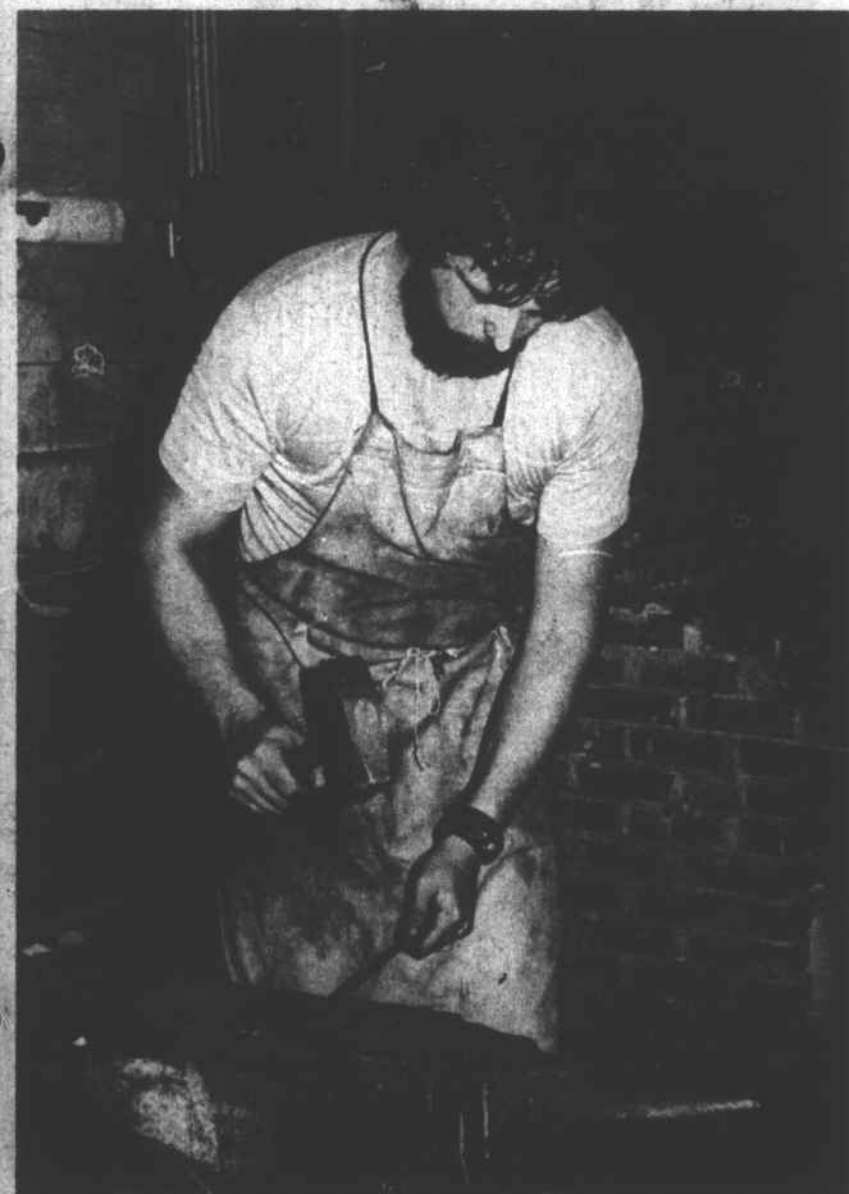
Due to many complaints from citizens concerning Whichard's Garage located on Dobbs Street, the board authorized Attorney Bill Bentley to advise owner Davis by letter of the Town's ordinance governing operation of business in the Town of Hertford and the intention of the Town to enforce these ordinances, giving Davis time to comply. Mayor Cox was authorized by the

board to investigate cost of a dump truck from the Department of Transportation to replace the old trash truck.

The board also authorized a special meeting for Sept. 18 at which time discussion was held on

VEPCO's rate increases as well as evaluation of the water and sewer rates.

Another special meeting was authorized for Sept. 25 to review the work done by Keith Painter to date in updating the Town's ordinances.



TO PARTICIPATE IN FAIR — Perquimans County's blacksmith, David Brewin, shown here at work in his Hertford shop, will be among the craftsmen featured in the upcoming Albemarle Craftsman's Fair. Assisting him at the show will be his wife, Margaret, also skilled in blacksmithing. A former county resident, Mrs. Cindy Bunch, will also participate displaying her original silversmithing art. Both will have displays, demonstrations, and items for sale. The fair will run Sept. 27-30 at the Knobbs Creek Recreation Center in Elizabeth City. A variety of crafts will be on hand to viewers. (Staff photo)

Local residents included in upcoming Craftsman's Fair

Delight the senses at the Albemarle Craftsman's Fair.

Hear...the blacksmith's hammer, leather worker's mallet, clicking of treadles on a loom.

Smell...fresh wood shavings, the aroma of leather.

Touch...the silky smoothness of hand rubbed wood, nubby texture of weaving, and the curve of a pot.

See...the beauty of nature — wood, pine needles, fibers; tiny stitches in a quilt, the intricacy of needlework.

Of particular interest to Perquimans County residents will be at least two booths operated by local citizens. This year's fair will include the work of Perquimans County's own blacksmiths, David and Margaret Brewin as well as silverwork by a former resident, Mrs. Cindy Bunch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Winslow of Hertford.

The Brewins own and operate Custom Forging and Ornamental Iron Works, a business located on Charles Street in Hertford. The products made there range from decorative to useful, all exhibiting the intricacies of their professionalism in the craft.

Mrs. Bunch, who has been working with silversmithing for the past five years, will also be present at the show with her creations.

In a recent article in a Cary newspaper, Mrs. Bunch explained that the object of her art is to create "wearable art," which is the end result when her original sketches are developed into bracelets, necklaces, rings, pendants or hair ornaments.

She sees shows, such as the Craftsman's Fair, as a way to make personal contact, something she views as important. She encourages lookers to feel the silver and try on the pieces.

Perquimans residents may see the Brewins and Mrs. Bunch at work or view their samples during the 20th Albemarle Craftsman's Fair Sept. 27-30 in Elizabeth City.

They are just three of the many craftsmen who will be displaying a special pride in workmanship.



MR. & MRS. LEWIS STALLINGS

Dinner is held to honor retiring Ranger

Lewis Stallings of Rt. 1, Belvidere, retired from the N.C. Forest Service, was recently honored at a retirement dinner given by the District VII Forest Personnel at Angler's Cove Restaurant in Bethel. Approximately 50 people were in attendance including Forest Service personnel and County Commissioner Joe Nowell.

In appreciation for his 22 years of service, Stallings was presented

with an engraved plaque and a digital watch.

John Elton Hurdle, who succeeded Stallings as Perquimans County Forest Ranger, presented him with a Smokey Bear Desk Set.

Stallings remarked that it had been a pleasure working with the residents of Perquimans County and thanked the Forest Service personnel for their many years of cooperation.