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## Hertford is visited by award committee

By JACK GROVE  
Last Thursday was the big day for the town of Hertford. After a lot of effort by a lot of people, the town made its presentation to a state team, here to evaluate Hertford for the governor's Community of Excellence Award.

On the team were: Steve Moler and Keith Painter from the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development; Marilyn England from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development; and Roger Critcher and John Radford from the Department of Commerce.

Making presentations to the committee were Mayor Bill Cox, Recreation Director Billy Wooten, County Commissioner Joe Nowell, Wayne Ashley, Town Councilman Erie Haste and Home Economics Extension Agent Paige Underwood.

Facts made known in the presentation included the

population of the town (2,300) and county (9,000); the existence of the Hertford Industrial of 90 acres (where Don Juan Mfg. is located) and three other projected industrial sites; the town's clean-up, fix-up effort; the county recreational program; and boards and commissions set up specifically to welcome industry to the town.

The town has a Visitation Committee, available to talk to visiting industry prospects and to maintain liaison with existing industry. The committee members are Mayor Cox, Joe Nowell, Ed Nixon, Wayne Ashley and R.L. Stevenson.

Also brought to the attention of the visitors was the county's and town's rich historical background. County Historian Ray Winslow presented this portion of the program.

After the oral presentation was given, a color slide and

sound recording presentation was given which depicted the various subjects previously touched on.

At the close of the presentation; Mayor Cox announced, "I would like to express my deep appreciation to Pam Whitley (of the ARPDC) and all others involved in making the Community of Excellence Award program in Hertford possible."

In comments after the presentation, Marilyn England said, "The river is a tremendous asset here, both in recreation, scenic, and industrial possibilities."

John Radford urged that the town keep the visitation committee active with present industry, to keep in touch with them. He also said, "I encourage you to keep the clean-up, fix-up effort going as an on-going project."

Radford said that the town would receive a letter in about two weeks indicating

if the town had been chosen as a Community of Excellence. He stated that the state-wide winners would have a personal presentation made to them by the governor in Raleigh of plaques on November 15, 1979. Each town will also receive two large signs.

The award is for one year at a time. Radford said that a town could conceivably win the award year after year.

He also said, "Decide exactly what you want in the way of industry. Let the Department of Commerce know and they will work with you." Following the presentation, the committee

was taken on a tour of the town and county. Included were the Hertford Industrial Park, the senior citizens building, the town's recreation area and park, the car dealerships in Winfall, Front St., King St. and a visit to the Newbold-White House.

## Morgan is guest here

U.S. Senator Robert Morgan was the guest of honor at a reception last Friday afternoon at the ARPDC building. Archie T. Lane, Sr., County Democratic Chairman, introduced speakers at the affair.

After short welcoming remarks by Mayor Bill Cox and County Commission Chairman Joe Nowell, Representative Vernon James was introduced. State Senator Melvin Daniels then introduced Senator Morgan.

In his remarks, Senator Morgan said, "I know that this area of the state has been called the promised land. You've been promised this and you've been promised that."

"But you have gotten 30 percent of the EDA money, \$6 million of the \$20 million for the state. You've put it to work. I commend all of you for what you have done with the EDA money in the ten county area in erecting new court houses, a new airport and this building," Morgan continued.

In speaking of inflation, Morgan said "we have to become self-sufficient in oil. We have to learn to conserve. We are wasteful in our

automobiles and wasteful of electricity in our buildings."

Morgan spoke of the efforts of Congress to ensure that the nation achieves a balanced budget in the near future. "But," he said, "Don't have any illusions that if we balance the federal budget, inflation will level off."

After his remarks, Morgan fielded questions from the audience. In answer to one question, he said, "President Carter has not backed down from difficult positions." He was asked, "What are the people saying about President Carter? What is his re-electability?"

Morgan said, "I don't believe anyone is bitter about President Carter. I hear people say they think he's honest and trying to do a good job. I believe that if he wants the nomination, he'll get it and will be re-elected."

In addressing the Cabinet shakeup, Morgan said, "Califano (former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare) had to go. His biggest problem was that he wasn't loyal to the President. He went on to say, "I think he's got the best Cabinet possible."



PRESENTATION — This was the scene at the presentation to the state team for the Community of Excellence Award. The team is to the right of the picture with town and county officials to the left. (Staff Photo by JACK GROVE)



LOOKING US OVER — Members of the state team visiting Hertford in connection with the Community of Excellence Award return to their van after visiting the Newbold-White House. (Staff Photo by JACK GROVE)

## Hurricane season is here

Although the gasoline crunch is keeping thousands of tourists away from coastal North Carolina this summer, the energy shortage won't have much of an effect on some of the area's most unwelcome visitors, hurricanes.

It has been almost twenty years since a major storm hit the state, but coastal residents should not be un-

concerned. "We're in a lull of hurricane activity," says Dr. Neil Frank, Director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, "but no one should assume it's not a problem."

Next week the Perquimans Weekly will print hurricane safety rules that may help save the lives of residents in an emergency.

## Hertford man killed Saturday

An automobile accident early last Saturday morning took the life of Ted Douglas Harrell, 21, of Rt. 1, Hertford.

The accident occurred on the Lake Road (S.R. 1214), three miles north of Hertford when Harrell's 1975 Firebird left the road coming out of a curve.

The car hit the driveway culvert in front of the Ned Nixon home and became airborne for about 100 feet. Upon striking the ground, the car continued on, striking a trailer on which a

bean picker was loaded.

The trailer rammed into a parked mobile home which then struck a utility pole as the car rolled over into the roadside ditch. Harrell was thrown from the car.

According to Highway Patrolman Y.Z. Newberry, the car traveled a total of 315 feet and became airborne at least twice. Newberry said that the car was traveling at an excessive speed.

Damage to the farm equipment and mobile home owned by the Nixon's was estimated at \$10,000.

## Highway 17 rally is held

A rally was held in Edenton on Aug. 14 promoting the development of Highway 17. The leader of the effort asserted that adequate highways opening Northeastern North Carolina to the Norfolk Port would "make the region one of the very best areas for industrial development."

William H. (Bill) Page of Washington, N.C., President of the Highway 17 Transportation Association in North Carolina, called on State transportation officials to develop an overall development plan for Highway 17 from the Virginia border to the South Carolina line.

"Right now, their plan is to build a few miles here and a few miles there," Page said. "When they get finished, we'll have as much confusion and inadequate highways as we do now," he asserted. "It will just be a driveway every 100 feet

and a stop light every three miles."

Page was speaking at one of three rallies being conducted up and down Highway 17 in North Carolina to spark leaders to get the highway developed.

The first rally was held previously at New Bern. The Edenton rally was the second and was attended by leaders and supporters of the City. A third rally will be conducted later in the Wilmington area.

According to Hertford Mayor Bill Cox, about 80 people attended the rally. He said that 52 tickets had been sold in Hertford and Perquimans County.

Tom Campbell of Elizabeth City, Mayor William Cox of Hertford, and Robert Moore, Executive Vice-President of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, coordinated the rally which was conducted at the Jaycee Hut in Edenton.

## Ingram to participate in hurricane awareness week

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner John Ingram announced his staff would participate in "Hurricane Awareness Week" for the third year in a row. The program is sponsored by the North Carolina Marine Resources Center and will be held in Kure Beach, Bogue Banks, and Manteo during the week of Aug. 20, 1979.

According to Kenn Brown, Director of Consumer Ser-

vices, Barry M. Clause, Consumer Services Liaison, will represent Ingram during the event. Clause will, in one of many seminars, discuss State and Federal insurance programs. They include the North Carolina Insurance Underwriting Association or "Beach Plan", that relates to general insurance needs for coastal property owners, and the Insurance Commissioner's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

The "Beach Plan" provides for fire and other extended coverage to residential or commercial property owners that cannot obtain such coverage on a voluntary basis.

The National Flood Insurance Program provides coverage in the event of flooding either from hurricanes or heavy rains which accompany hurricanes. It is administered through the Federal Emergency Manage-

ment Agency. Insurance coverage for flooding is not provided under the usual homeowners policy available to property owners. Brown said it has been close to twenty years since a major storm has hit the North Carolina coast. "People have relaxed their vigil", he added, "and many have never witnessed the destructive force of a hurricane." Brown stated, "These people need to know what to do in case of such a catastrophe."

## Leaving could benefit Vepco

When Governor Jim Hunt suggested, two weeks ago, that VEPCO should consider selling its electric distribution system in Northeastern North Carolina and leave the state, he may have been offering the power's company's management a way out of a sticky financial situation.

Some stockholders of VEPCO say the company is badly in need of capital funds to make all the improvements in its plants that need to be made.

Others say the company is slightly shaky on the New York Bond Market and could not count on that avenue for capital investment funds.

The sale of VEPCO's North Carolina holdings, however, would bring the company a windfall that could bail it out for its entire system and make its holdings in Virginia and West Virginia secure.

"I think it's a matter of time before VEPCO makes a sale and moves out," Richard S. Coiner, Chairman of Operation Overcharge, observed today.

"They've been pounded around pretty good for the past year and they are no doubt getting weary of it," he theorized.

Coiner said he didn't think the company would ever have stability again in North Carolina. "The people feel like they've been taken advantage of long enough," he said. "They want VEPCO to leave."

VEPCO, meanwhile, charged Governor Hunt with making political hay at their expense in inviting them to leave.

"I don't see why he had to do that," Coiner said. "I don't know anybody in Northeastern North Carolina that

doesn't support him. Why does he need any more support?"

But, Coiner said VEPCO is badly in need of financial support and leaving North Carolina would be a good way to get it.

From Operation Overcharge Post Office Box 645, Washington, N.C. 27889

## Family loses home

The home of Herbert Mallory, Jr., of New Hope, was destroyed by fire on Aug. 1. Alerted at 9:30 p.m., responding units from Inter-County Fire Dept. found the house already consumed by fire.

Aided by a mutual aid response from the Hertford Fire Dept., the two departments extinguished the blaze and prevented the spread of the fire to a nearby shed.

Cause of the blaze, which totally destroyed the house, was undetermined.

## Aircraft owners should file special returns by Aug. 31

Civil aircraft owners in North Carolina are required to file Form 4338, "Federal Use Tax Return on Civil Aircraft," and pay any Federal use tax due by August 31, 1979.

When filing Form 4338, taxpayers must include the \$25 annual fee for each aircraft plus the tax of 3 1/2 cents for each pound of maximum certified take-off weight.



ACCIDENT — This is the remains of the car driven by Ted Douglas Harrell in a fatal accident that occurred early last Saturday morning. There were no passengers in the car and no other vehicles were involved. (Staff Photo by JACK GROVE)



ACCIDENT DAMAGE — This mobile home and farm equipment were damaged in the single car accident that took the life of Ted Douglas Harrell of Hertford. (Staff Photo by JACK GROVE)

weight for turbine powered aircraft and 2 cents for each pound of maximum certified take-off weight over 2,500 pounds for piston powered aircraft.

The tax year for the use tax begins July 1, and continues through June 30, of the following year. If the first taxable use of an aircraft is after July 31, 1979,

the tax based on weight is prorated by month.

Form 4338 and IRS Publication 582, "Federal Use Tax on Civil Aircraft," are available free from any IRS office. For forms, publications and assistance, call the IRS toll-free number 1-800-829-5888 any weekday. (Occasionally this line is monitored to ensure accurate and courteous response.)



AND SO SHE SAID . . . State Senator Melvin Daniels seems to have the undivided attention of, from left, Mayor Bill Cox, County Democratic Chairman Archie T. Lane, Sr. and U.S. Senator Robert Morgan. (Staff Photo by JACK GROVE)



HELLO SENATOR — Senator Robert Morgan chats with guests at the reception in his honor. State Senator Melvin Daniels is at right. (Staff Photo by JACK GROVE)

## Foundation grants are announced

Grants from the Elizabeth City Foundation, the Albemarle area's community trust, in the sum of \$65,900, have been announced by Levin B. Culpepper, Chairman of the Foundation Committee. The Foundation was organized in 1959 as a project of the Rotary Club of Elizabeth City.

The grants just announced are made possible by the generosity of the donors of the Foundation's three principal funds: the late Phillip P. Gregory of Camden County, Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Gaither of Elizabeth City, and the late Pauline B. Clark of Elizabeth City.

Each fund is held in trust by a bank selected by the donor and administered as an endowment. The income is distributed in accordance with the donor's directions or, if the use of the income is not restricted, as the Committee directs.

From the Gaither Fund income, the foundation committee awarded to the Pasquotank-Camden Library the sum of \$2,500; to Roanoke Bible College \$1,500; to the Perquimans Restoration Association (Newbold-White House project) \$1,000; and to Pride in Pasquotank Organization, for community beautification, \$500 and \$1,000 to the Salvation Army. Additional grants during the current fiscal year are anticipated.

Culpepper stated that Albemarle area residents who are financially able to consider lifetime gifts or making provision by will for the lasting good of their community, should consult with their attorney, who has information about the foundation and can draft the necessary document. Gifts to the foundation are deductible for income and estate tax purposes, he said.