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Friends

Dawn Downing, 10, (left) clutches the hand of her pal, Rhonda Vaughn, 9, as the two take a leisurely stroll down the railroad tracks. (Photo by NOEL TODD-McLAUGHLIN)

Lice hit county schools

An outbreak of headlice has infested students in Perquimans County's three grammar schools in recent weeks.

According to Pat Harrell, Perquimans County Schools Superintendent, some 20 to 25 cases have been reported.

"We have checked all the students in the three schools where there was infestation and the parents of those children have been notified and given the name of a shampoo available at the local pharmacy," said Harrell.

Parents, notified by a "letter of discovery," have been urged to check their children daily and to also make a thorough check of bed linens. The recommended

shampoo is Kwell, available also in a lotion and cream.

School cloak closets are sprayed nightly to keep the lice infestation on articles of clothing to a minimum.

"We're doing everything we can," said Harrell, "but parents have got to do something at home. We can't forbid social contact."

Apparently, lice infestation is not an uncommon occurrence.

"It happens every year, all over the country," said Kay Boyce, Perquimans County School Nurse, "You get a large group of children together in close contact and it spreads."

Ms. Boyce recommended that parents check around the

back of the head and neck area to look for nits, or eggs, which look like greyish-white pieces of dandruff.

"A nit cannot be flaked off like dandruff though. It has to be pulled or combed off," said Ms. Boyce who added that shampoo won't kill all the nits.

According to Flora Carter, Nurse Supervisor for Perquimans County, headlice generally infest the neck and ear area.

"A louse can live up to one month and can grow up to a quarter of an inch long," said Ms. Carter.

Ms. Carter advised parents to wash an infested child's clothes and bed linen in hot water and detergent and to dry the articles for at least

twenty minutes in a dryer.

In addition to the Kwell shampoo, Ms. Carter recommended A-200 Pyrinate Shampoo.

"After the initial shampoo and cleaning, an infested person should be rechecked and re-treated in eight to ten days," said Ms. Carter.

Ms. Carter also urged parents to wash children's brushes and combs in a two percent Lysol solution or in 150 °F. water.

According to Ms. Boyce, it's not hard to contract head lice in the close quarters of the classroom, but the problem is easily remedied with careful personal hygiene.

"It's not a sin to have lice, but it's a sin to keep them," she said.

County confirms extension posts

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners made official the hiring of a county extension chairman and a home agent at their regular Monday meeting.

Bill Jester, 32, presently a crops agent in Tyrrell County, was accepted as acting county chairman and will begin work December 1.

Jester must serve as acting county chairman for a probationary period of one year before he can be named the full-fledged agricultural extension chairman.

Ms. Juanita Turner Bailey,

formerly of Perquimans County and now employed in the Bertie County extension office, will begin work January 1.

She will replace the retired home agent Ms. Minnie Taylor and will also work in 4-H.

In another matter, William J. Jeffress, general manager of Holiday Island, sought permission to explore the cost efficiency of the resort community's tapping on to the county water system.

Jeffress said he is checking into several alternatives for upgrading and expanding the

Holiday Island system, one of which is a county takeover.

Jeffress had sought permission to double the water bills of Holiday Island residents at a public hearing conducted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in Raleigh on Oct. 16.

Presently, residents of Holiday Island pay \$10.50 per quarter for water, and campers pay \$10 per year.

According to Jeffress, these charges are not sufficient to pay the cost of operating the system. Needed improvements and expansion

would put the water system even further in the hole, he said.

The commission recommended that he look at different methods of upgrading the system and a decision is expected within 60 days as to whether or not to allow the rate increase, Jeffress said.

He was instructed by the commissioners to write to Rivers and Associates in Greenville, N.C. for information on the cost and requirements for hooking up to the county water system. (Continued on page 2)

Municipal election, 1979

Cox wins decidedly

Incumbent mayor Bill Cox was soundly re-endorsed, incumbent councilman Billy Winslow was re-elected by a healthy margin and Jesse Lee Harris slipped by incumbent Mattie "Pete" Broughton to take the other vacant council seat in the Hertford Municipal Election on Tuesday.

Perquimans County Board of Elections chairman Buddy Tilley read the unofficial results to a courtroom half full of people at 9 p.m., following an hour and a half of vote counting by the board.

Some 549 votes were cast in what Tilley described as a "real good" turnout. He estimated the total number of registered voters in the town at some 1000.

Cox defeated challenger Herbert Nixon by a 423-112 margin, and will begin his third four year term as mayor.

Winslow led the five candidates for two town council seats open with 315 votes. Harris followed, with 239



Harris



Winslow



Cox

votes, then came Broughton with 228, Dennis Hare with 124, and A.L. West, Jr., with 112.

There were 43 votes cast in the town of Winfall, and all of the candidates who filed were elected against no competition.

David Trueblood received 40 votes for mayor, Richard Bryant received 37 votes for councilman and Jesse P. "Jake" Chesson received 38 votes for town council. All will serve two year terms.

In comments following the returns, Cox promised a continuation of what he labeled "good conservative government" for the town of Hertford. Because of the economic climate, he said he would probably not initiate any new town projects for the time being, but would work to complete those projects already underway.

Harris is no newcomer to town government, having served on the town council from 1967 to 1975.

Harris said his chief concern is the size of the town resident's monthly utility bill. He said he would work to get that bill reduced through more efficient town operations. Harris also said he would work to extend the town limits through annexation.

Winslow has served on the council for the past eight years and said he would like to see some of the projects he helped initiate, such as King Street redevelopment and the waterfront park, through to the completion.

Parking law to be enforced

The Hertford Town Council decided to expand enforcement of an ordinance

forbidding vehicles to park on the left side of the curb in Hertford's business district at

a Monday night meeting.

Action was taken after hearing a complaint from Margaret A. Garrison who cited that the present parking situation has been causing traffic congestion in the business district.

Although previously enforced in areas fringing the business district, the ordinance will now be enforced from Perquimans Street to the corner of Church and Grubb; from Church Street to the corner of Dobbs; and from Edenton Road Street through the intersections of Grubb Street and King Street.

Warning tickets will be issued to first offenders,

followed by traffic tickets if the infraction is repeated.

Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt reported a total of 30 arrests made during the month of October, including four breaking and enterings, and one larceny.

Merritt also appealed to the council to either pay city police officers overtime, or to hire another officer.

Merritt said he has accumulated an excess of 250 hours of overtime himself, and that all of his officers regularly work 48 hours a week.

The board directed Cox to work out the matter with Merritt at a later date.

Hertford honored

Hertford will be recognized by Governor Jim Hunt as a recipient of the Governor's Community of Excellence Award November 15 during the first annual Governor's Conference on Economic Development in Raleigh.

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox has been invited to receive the award during special ceremonies in Raleigh. Hertford was one of 77 North Carolina towns which earned the coveted award this year according to Larry Chohick, Executive Director of the Economic Development Divisions of the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

To qualify for this award Hertford had to meet the basic criteria required by new industry. These included: an organization for putting together and presenting the town's history, adequate labor, industrial sites, financing and access to markets.

The awards will be presented during an evening banquet at the Jane. S. McKimmon Center. During an afternoon session, a number of nationally recognized speakers are scheduled to appear.

Dinner speaker set

Perquimans County Area Committee chairman Marshall Knight has announced that Donald J. Manley, Regional Director for Eastern North Carolina Ducks Unlimited, will appear at the local chapter's inaugural banquet Tuesday, November 13, at 7:30 at Angler's Cove.

"We're fortunate Mr. Manley can attend and most appreciative of his support so far in organizing," said Knight. "As the East Carolina Director, he has been instrumental in the rapid expansion of DU in the state."

The Perquimans chairman also listed items for auction at the Tuesday banquet. In addition to the DU 1978 Commemorative Weatherby 12-gauge shotgun, the organizations' yearly commemorative print, "Wild Heritage-Widgeons" by DU

"Artist-of-the-Year" Harry C. Adamson will be auctioned. The print is currently on display at Woodard's Pharmacy in Hertford. Also, a Honda ACT-90 motorcycle, the "Greenwing Special" 20-gauge single barrel shotgun, a Chesapeake Retriever puppy and a local hunting trip are for bid. Auctioneer Joe Tunnell of Hertford will conduct the affair.

The banquet is one of several in the area in the next several weeks which will raise money for Ducks Unlimited, an international organization devoted to the acquisition, development, and preservation of wildlife habitat. Tickets for the Perquimans banquet are available at Woodard's Pharmacy of Hertford, J & N Supply of Winfall, or from Parker Newbern.

Armed robbers get stiff sentences here

Three Perquimans County men received stiff sentences on armed robbery charges in Superior Court last week.

James Lewis Riddick, 35, of route 2, Walter Daniel White, 26, of Covent Garden Street, Hertford, and Luther Hayes, Jr. 33, of Winfall pleaded guilty to the December 14 armed robbery of B.M. Miller, 80, of Route 2, Hertford.

Judge Napoleon B. Barefoot of Wilmington sentenced the three to not less than 50 years nor more than life.

Perquimans County Sheriff Julian Broughton said he was satisfied with the sentencing though it was somewhat stiffer than expected.

The three men had already been convicted as accomplices what was termed a murder for hire plot in Virginia in which a woman was shot once in the stomach and once in the lower abdomen, during an armed robbery staged by her husband with the intention of crippling her.

Broughton said the judge may have taken that offense into account when he sentenced the men here.

"It was the same gun they used on the lady in Virginia Beach," Broughton said.

The three men admitted that they had robbed Miller after knocking on his door on the pretense of enquiring about renting or buying property.

Miller was robbed of more than \$1000 in cash and is said to still suffer from assaults incurred during the robbery.

The men must first serve active prison terms in Virginia before being returned to North Carolina for incarceration on the armed robbery convictions.

Riddick received a 16 year prison sentence there while White and Hayes received terms of 7 years each.

All three must serve 20 years in the North Carolina prison system before they will be eligible for parole.

County man is shot to death

A Perquimans County man was shot to death and another man injured at the Bongo Club near South Mills Saturday night.

The shooting apparently stemmed from a dispute over money.

Calvin Jordan, a Belvidere man and an infrequent visitor to the club, was killed with a single shot from a small

calibre pistol shortly before 7 p.m., said Camden County Sheriff Bobby Berry.

Anthony Brown, 25, of Route 4, Elizabeth City, was shot in the lower right leg during the incident and was taken to Albemarle Hospital where he was listed in satisfactory condition.

Following an hour and a half chase by the N.C. Highway Patrol and officers of the

Pasquotank County Sheriff's Department, Leon Walston, 34, of Moyock, was taken into custody on Mill Pond Road in Newland.

He was charged with first degree murder and more charges were expected to be filed against him in the near future.

Melvin Williams, an eyewitness to the shooting,

said that the suspect first shot towards the bar of the club, wounding Brown, then turned his pistol on Jordan and pulled the trigger at point blank range.

Williams, a distant relative of the victim, said the two men had been "tussling earlier" over a money problem and said that he had broken them up more than once during the course of the evening.