

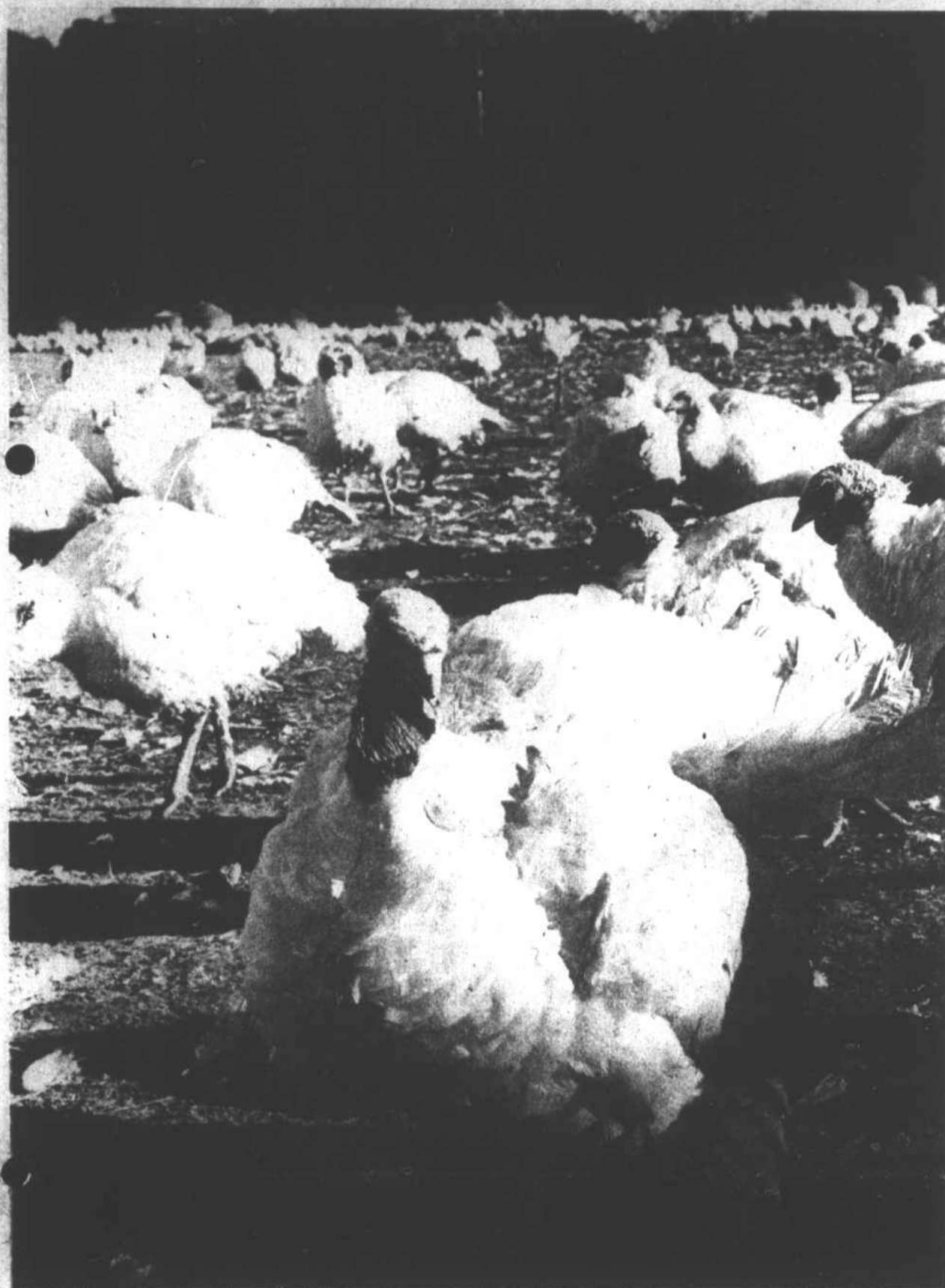
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Happy Turkey Day

Turkeys like these will be the guests of honor on many a dinner table as families across the country celebrate Thanksgiving today. (Photo by NOEL TODD-MCLAUGHLIN)

Train paints bleak defense picture

By NOEL TODD-MCLAUGHLIN

Almost an entire fleet of chamber members and their guests turned out for the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet held last Monday night at Angler's Cove.

Guest speaker for the event was Admiral Harry D. Train II, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Command and U.S. Atlantic Fleet, headquartered in Norfolk, Va.

A four star admiral, Train has a home in Snug Harbor, and was introduced by Hertford Mayor Bill Cox as "a Perquimans County taxpayer."

Train spoke on the role of the Navy in war time as well as in peace time, stressing the United States' dependency on the sea not only in commerce as the world's leading exporter of food, but also in defense matters.

"Congress maintains the Navy and raises armies," added Train.

The United States presently

possesses sufficient Naval strength to dominate world threat; however, Train said this would not be true in five years.

Although Train said he did not want to portray the Navy in the traditional fashion by using the threat that "the Russians are coming," he did note the Soviet Union as the United States' main protagonist.

"Since the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, the Russians have built a credible threat that in five years will influence world events to the extent that we'll be hurt," said Train.

Among the present advantages U.S. Naval power has over the U.S.S.R., Train cited U.S. sea-based air craft carriers, strong amphibious units that can transport Marines to strategic spots, and the quality of the submarine forces.

The Soviets presently utilize land-based air craft carriers, consequently making them more vulnerable to attack and

also suffer what Train called "choke points," or geographical disadvantages such as the narrow body of water that is the only separation between Russia and the United Kingdom.

But despite present U.S. Naval strengths, Train again prophesied a coming change in world powers, with the U.S.S.R. dominating events in the Third World against the U.S. and its allies.

"The Russians are presently building four nuclear cruisers weighing 30,000 tons with the most effective air missile system the world has ever seen," said Train.

Train blamed the failure to convince the public and the government of the Navy's importance on military leaders, adding that he was confident that the trend would be reversed.

"There's nobody except those of us on the inside to stick up for the importance of the Navy so that you can carry on life as you will on the

outside," said Train.

In another matter, Nan Reynolds presented the Chamber of Commerce progress report which included the Chamber's efforts to protect area businesses from advertisement fraud by requiring solicitors to register at the Chamber office, the Chamber's support of consolidating the Perquimans County Marching Unit and the Perquimans County High School Band, and the Chamber's commitment to Operation Overcharge, an organization created in response to Veeco's utility rates.

Douglas Layden installed the 1980 Chamber of Commerce officers. They are: Henry Carney, President; Fenton Eure Jr., Vice President; and Pete Overman, Treasurer.

Members of the 1980 Board of Directors are: Lee Brabble, H.R. Christenson, C.D. White, C.J. Stallings, Teenie Pierce, Thomas Dale, and Mary Ruth Smith.

Officials say Veeco will stay in North Carolina

Following a Thursday night forum in Hertford, Virginia Electric and Power Company officials threw cold water on the notion that Northeastern North Carolina residents who purchase power from VEPCO might be able to switch over to Carolina Power and Light.

"Basically, we're not really interested in giving this area up," said Clayton E. Gentry, Northeastern district manager.

Gentry, along with customer service supervisor David Harris addressed a small gathering of county residents at a forum conducted by the Perquimans County Business and Professional Women's Club at the courthouse.

Gentry argued that the difference in electric rates charged by VEPCO, and those charged by the two North Carolina utilities is made up

solely of fuel cost.

There is also the cost of delivering electricity to an area that is primarily rural, with only 13 customers per mile, he said. This compares to the 19 customers per average mile served by CP&L.

The primary reason fuel charges are higher is that VEPCO depends on a number of oil powered generating facilities, while the North

Carolina utilities rely more on coal, and, to a lesser degree, nuclear power.

"We became heavily dependent on oil back in the sixties when oil was cheap and there wasn't such thing as an Arab embargo," Gentry said.

Because of the utility's proximity to the James River and the Chesapeake Bay, (Continued on page 2)

Santa Claus coming soon

Although Santa Claus will be on hand for the 1979 Perquimans County Christmas Parade at 4 p.m. on Friday, November 30, apparently his elves won't be able to make it, said Edgar Roberson, parade chairman.

The annual parade, sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees, will leave Perquimans County High School, travel down Edenton Road Street, bear right on

Grubb Street, continue to Main Street where it will wind its way to Dobbs and back to Edenton Road Street.

Six float entries have already registered, and although the final registration date is technically November 23, Roberson said he will accept late entries.

Roberson said he presently has a commitment from two marching bands.

"Band participation is

looking good this year," said Roberson.

The parade will also feature area beauty queens, county fire departments, and maybe even a surprise or two.

Float entries in this year's parade will be judged in two categories: school and civic, with first place taking a \$50 cash prize and second being awarded a \$20 prize in each category.

Bands will also be judged in two categories: 60 or more

members, and under 60 members, with trophies going to first and second place winners in each category.

Judges for this year's parade are Joe Lee Tunnel, retired Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Chairman, Marjorie Fields, Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Secretary, and Mike and Noel McLaughlin, editors of THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY.

School buses collide, none hurt

Two Perquimans County school buses carrying a combined total of some 80 students collided within the city limits of Winfall Friday morning, damaging the buses to the tune of \$2,000 each.

None of the students, however, were injured in the crash, according to investigating officer Y.Z. Newberry, of the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

The accident occurred when

bus 10, a 1979 International driven by Sherry June Hollowell, 17, of Belvidere pulled out of Catherine Street, heading south on N.C. 37 toward its Perquimans High School destination, Newberry said.

The bus steering apparently malfunctioned, he said, and she couldn't straighten it up after turning.

The bus swerved into the northbound lane, in front of bus 32, a 1975 Ford driven by

Charlie Johnson, Jr., 18, of Hertford, and destined for Perquimans Union School.

Busing is back

Perquimans County Sheriff Julian Broughton has gotten into the transportation business by opening a new bus station in downtown Hertford.

The station is located on the corner of Church and Grubb

Streets and schedule information may be obtained by phoning 428-5521.

Broughton eventually plans to open a fountain and offer refreshments for sale at the station.

Fuel help on way

The Economic Improvement Council Inc. will be conducting its Energy Crisis Assistance Program in the near future.

Those persons who will be needing assistance with their fuel bills are reminded to get a copy of their checks made before they cash them.

This will include Social Security, SSI, Veteran's pension, AFDC or any check received from Department of Social Services, child support checks and any source of income.

Those who are employed will need a recent check stub or a form signed by their employer verifying their income.

This copy will have to be included with their application for fuel assistance. The verification is needed to participate in the program and will speed up the processing, said Ms. Grace Dizon of EIC.

Applications are not being taken as of yet, however, the program will probably go into effect in this area around the first part of December.

Ms. Dizon asked that prospective participants be ready with the needed information when they come into the EIC office at 210 Hyde Park Street to apply.

For any further information please come in or call the EIC office at 428-7888.

Town receives award

Hertford was officially honored as a Governor's Community of Excellence by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., in Raleigh Thursday during the Governor's Conference on Economic Development.

Governor Hunt presented the award to Mayor William D. Cox.

"I am proud of the progress which communities like Hertford have made during the past year," Governor Hunt

said. "It is an achievement which they can relish with great pride. The work which has been done in qualifying for this honor also represents a big step toward better job opportunities."

To qualify for the award, Hertford had to meet the basic criteria required by new industry which among other things includes: an organization for putting together and presenting the

town's story, adequate labor, industrial sites, financing and access to markets.

A total of 77 communities received Community of Excellence Awards.

Two highway entrance signs noting the honor will be furnished. In addition, special consideration will be given these communities in search of industrial plant sites.

Hollowell announces for congress

Joseph B. Hollowell Jr. swung into Hertford last Wednesday to announce his candidacy for the Democratic Nomination for U.S. Congress during a nonstop four-day campaign through the 21 counties of the First Congressional District.

"This is my twentieth county since Monday morning," said Hollowell, who traveled to Hyde County on Thursday to complete his district-wide declaration of candidacy.

Although Hollowell admitted fatigue from the extended tour, he emphasized his desire to be in touch with the people of the First District.

"I want to show people we're willing to come to

them," said Hollowell, who described the theme behind his campaign as one of service and representation.

And if elected, Hollowell claimed service and representation would also mark his term in office.

"I will be responsive to what is on people's minds and work for all the people, not special interests," said Hollowell.

Hollowell cited eastern North Carolina's declining fishing industry and the polluted Chowan River as two of his local concerns.

"I would also work toward a positive energy program and do all that's possible to help curb inflation," said Hollowell, who reiterated his intention to fulfill needs that

would affect everyone in the district.

In reference to Democratic incumbent Congressman Walter B. Jones, who is seeking re-election, Hollowell stated that he was, "not running against Congressman Jones, but running for the people."

"It is time for new leadership and new ideas," said Hollowell.

Although Hollowell has never held public office, he feels his experience as North Carolina state Jaycee president in 1976-77, has given him a solid background in dealing with people and afforded him an opportunity to meet people all over the state.

"If it's a question of getting involved and using your

talents, I'm not one to sit back," said Hollowell.

An Edenton native, Hollowell, 36, is a 1959 graduate of Chowan High School, and a graduate of North Carolina State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural chemistry.

After marrying the former Linda Copeland, Hollowell managed the family farm and has also worked as a real estate agent.

The Hollowells have three children, Joseph, 13, Mark, 11, and Kerry Lynn, 3.

The Hollowells are members of Edenton Baptist Church, where he also serves as a Sunday school teacher and director of the youth group.



Excellence award

Mayor Cox receives Hertford's Community of Excellence award from Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. at an awards ceremony in Raleigh.