



**Words of praise**

Winfall's mayor pro-tem Lloyd R. Morgan offers words of praise for recently retired mayor David Trueblood (left) at an honorary dinner Monday night.

**Mayor Trueblood is honored**

by JACK GROVE  
An appreciation dinner for Winfall's 83 year old mayor, David Trueblood, who recently retired, was held Monday night.

Councilmen pitched in to make the dinner a success. Held at the Winfall Fire Department, the dinner featured barbecued chicken. Council member Jack Symons officiated at the barbecue grill.

Morgan, introduced guests and termed the dinner "so successful we might make this an annual thing." Gathered to honor Trueblood were the town council, town employees and their wives and guests.

had called him outside prior to the dinner and said "Since you're the oldest one, you're supposed to do it."

Addressing the guest of honor, Symons said "We want to thank Mr. Trueblood for the job he has done. Mr. Trueblood, we wish you a Merry Christmas and it's been a pleasure working with you."

Following the meal, Winfall's new mayor, Lloyd Ray

Morgan called upon Symons for a few remarks. Symons began by saying that Morgan

**Youths charged with vandalism**

Two Perquimans County High School students were arrested last Thursday on charges of damaging a teacher's car.

U.S. 17 by-pass bridge in Hertford. Inscow left his car there for the night, and it was extensively damaged, according to Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt.

stolen from the car, Merritt said.

William Madre III, 17, of Rt. 3, Hertford was charged with larceny of a firearm, malicious damage to personal property and breaking and entering a motor vehicle.

Merritt said that the two youths maintained that they did not know that the car belonged to a teacher.

**Fires are reported**

Fast action by the Belvidere-Chappell Volunteer Fire Department may have prevented extensive damage to a Whiteston resident's home on Sunday morning.

Floyd Stallings was burning trash at his home when the fire went out of control. "It burned right up around the house and all of the out-buildings," said Mrs. Beecher Chappell, wife of the assistant fire chief.

Chief Wayne Winslow said the department did not attempt to battle the blaze since the home was uninsured and its owner, B.M. Miller Sr., had intended to give the house to the department for fire fighting practice.

The department was called out again on Tuesday when

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**Budget**

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supplies, cut back to \$3,000 from \$4,000.  
Cox explained that the \$3,000 cut out of police department salaries was the elimination of anticipated part time assistance, and did not reflect any pay cut.  
Further changes in general fund expenses include: a \$450 cut from the fire department; a \$1,500 boost to the cemetery department, bringing that department's total up to \$12,200; a \$4,500 cut from the ice plant's budgeted amount of \$33,500; \$6,500 cut from non-departmental expenses; and \$2,000 trimmed from contingencies.  
The recreation department's allotted \$48,000 in operating expenses did not change, nor did the inspection department's budgeted \$7,500.  
Utility fund changes  
The electric fund, originally budgeted \$979,770, has been boosted by \$34,404, which makes that fund's total \$1,014,174.

Cox explained that the \$34,404 increase was based on the expected refund from the Vepco wholesale rate case, and reminded that it had been budgeted as an expense in the general fund.  
Amended electric fund expenditures include salaries and wages, up to \$63,579 from \$39,000, an increase Cox said absorbs budget cuts in administrative departmental wages; electricity for resale, up to \$689,845 from \$680,000; contribution to general fund, down to \$179,239 from \$181,300; and the addition of \$17,008 to cover electrical departmental expenses, a move Cox said followed the trend to make every department self-sufficient.  
The water-sewer department's operating budget is up to \$129,427 from \$118,500, an increase that is largely due to the recent increase in water-sewer rates, according to Cox. Amendments in water-sewer expenditures include:

salaries and wages, down \$1,906 from \$58,000 to \$57,000, a decrease also due to the realigning of wages to other departments; operating expenses cut from \$4,500 to \$2,000; utilities, cut from \$12,000 to \$11,000; departmental materials and supplies, cut from \$18,000 to \$11,457; capital outlay improvements and equipment, cut \$2,000 making that allotment \$1,000; contribution to debt service fund, up \$31,970, where previously there had been none; contingencies, cut \$1,000, thus eliminating that expense; the elimination of a \$30,000 contribution to the general fund; and the addition of \$13,000 in "self supporting" departmental expenses, including payroll expense, employee benefits, and 201 study expenditures.  
A complete copy of the amended budget is available for public inspection at the town office, located in the Municipal Building on Grubb Street in Hertford.

**On the job training program set**

An eight months classroom and on-the-job training program designed to introduce men and women to the basic skills of electricians, carpenters, heating and air conditioning mechanics, marine diesel mechanics and boat builders will begin Feb. 9, 1981, in Hertford and Nags Head.

The program is being made possible through the co-sponsorship of the North Carolina Department of Labor's Skill Training Improvement Program and the Albemarle Area Apprenticeship Association. Applications will be processed Thursday, Dec. 18 at Employment Security Commission, 201 W. Ehringhaus Street, Elizabeth City, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and also Friday, Dec. 19 at Employment Security Commission, 709 N. Broad Street, Edenton, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

All trainees will receive wages and the use of training materials and equipment. The program also has a provision for transportation allowances.

**U-Touch offered here**

"U-Touch", the new push button dialing convenience for telephone customers was extended to the following six central offices or exchanges on Dec. 2: Sligo, Hertford, Moyock, Woodville, South Mills and Sunbury.  
Terry Daniels, District Commercial Manager, said the equipment for the new service is now available for

subscribers of the Elizabeth City District whose telephone number begins with: 482, 221, 297, 232, 426, 435, 264, 771 or 465.  
Daniels went on to say that the new service is the latest thing in communications. "Many customers have expressed interest and we are happy to be able to provide the service at this time," he said.

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