

Lamb pleads guilty to shooting into country store

County resident Delvin Eugene Lamb received a six months active prison sentence in Perquimans County Superior Court after pleading guilty to having discharged a shotgun into an occupied grocery store in Belvidere this past October.

Lamb had been charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, but that charge was reduced in exchange for a guilty plea.

Lamb fired into the Carson Winslow Grocery in Belvidere on Oct. 27 after a domestic dispute. His estranged wife, a clerk at the store, was behind the counter at the time of the shooting incident.

In two related cases, William Madre, 18, and Thomas Eric Belch, 16, were convicted of charges stemming from breaking into and vandalizing a Perquimans High School teacher's

automobile on Nov. 23. Madre pled guilty to charges of breaking and entering an automobile, and misdemeanor larceny. Damage to property charges that had been filed against him were dropped in exchange for the guilty plea.

Belch pled guilty to breaking and entering an automobile and damage to property charges were again dropped.

The two received three to five year suspended sentences and were each required to pay damages of \$200 to the car owner, Donald Incoe.

A case against Willie Whidbee charging accessory after the fact to murder, was continued until the May term of Superior Court.

Whidbee, of Rt. 2, Hertford, is alleged to have driven Elizabeth City resident Arthur Throckmorton away from the

scene of a murder in Chapanock early Christmas morning despite his knowledge that Throckmorton had just killed Columbus Brothers.

Murder charges against Throckmorton were also continued to the May term.

Cases against many of those persons arrested following an undercover drug operation in this past fall were heard, with most defendants pleading

guilty to lesser charges.

Robert Eugene Brown, 18, of Rt. 2, Hertford, pled guilty to selling marijuana and was required to pay a \$500 fine and cost of court.

A case against Derryl Madrey, 18, charging two counts of sale and delivery of marijuana was continued.

Reginald G. Jones, 26, of Hertford pled guilty to sale of marijuana and was required to reimburse the State Bureau

of Investigation drug fund \$25, plus pay cost of court.

Kenny Harvey pled guilty to conspiracy to sell and sale and delivery of marijuana, and was required to pay \$30 restitution to the drug fund and cost of court.

A case charging Mickey Johnson, 26, of Hertford, with conspiracy to sell and deliver and with aiding and abetting the sale and delivery of marijuana was continued.

Stephen Wood Finley, 21, of Shiloh, N.C., pled guilty to conspiracy to sell and deliver marijuana and was fined \$500 and required to pay \$10 restitution to the state drug fund and cost of court.

Kenny Felton of Hertford pled guilty to selling marijuana and was sentenced to three years imprisonment to run concurrently with the sentence he is presently serving for a parole violation.

Hollowell Oil trucks found, minus contents

Two delivery trucks belonging to Hollowell Oil Company were stolen early Monday morning, and although recovered later that day, were found minus their contents.

Located by Perquimans County Deputy Sheriff Joe Lothian, the vehicles had been drained of 1,060 gallons of kerosene, 900 gallons of gasoline, and 100 gallons of diesel.

Joel Hollowell, proprietor of the oil company, declined comment on the value of the stolen fuel.

Lothian said the sheriff's department had lifted finger prints from the trucks and

that an investigation was in progress.

In another matter, Mark Todd Custer, 18, of Virginia Beach, is being extradited on charges of larceny with a firearm in connection with an Aug. 16 break-in occurring at a Holiday Island trailer belonging to Roger H. Shue, also of Virginia Beach.

Custer is alleged to have taken some \$650 worth of shot guns and bows from the Shue residence.

The incident was investigated by Lothian, who was assisted by Detective Sam Turner of the Virginia Beach Police Department.



Distinguished service

Ed Brown (left) recently received the Distinguished Service Award from Wade Carrington, State President of the North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Association at the state meeting of conservation districts held in Asheville, N.C. (SCS Photo)

Vending machines target for rash of break-ins

Two residents of Alexandria, Va. have been arrested in Hertford and charged with three counts of breaking into coin operated machines and removing coins.

Daniel Castello, 24, and Bernard Byars, were charged with breaking into Coke machines at the One Stop Service Station, Cherokee Restaurant, and Jimmy's Barbecue, according to Hertford police chief Marshall Merritt. An attempted entry at White's Barbecue was unsuccessful, Merritt said.

Merritt alleged that the suspects had keys to the machines and started their spree in Virginia.

Both suspects were arrested on Feb. 12 and placed in Albemarle District Jail under

\$2,200 bond. Trials are scheduled in Perquimans County District Court on March 4.

Police also arrested a Fayetteville man and charged him with breaking into another coin operated snack machine at One Stop Service Station.

Jan Edward Blount, 22, was arrested and charged with breaking into the machine and removing snack items, and damaging it in the process.

Merritt said that Blount used a car battery to smash out the front of the machine, causing about \$300 in damages. He also alleged that Blount had 10 items stolen

from the machine in his possession when arrested.

He was incarcerated at Albemarle District Jail under a \$400 bond.

Rent on hold

According to Gilbert H. Johnson, Housing Director for the Economic Improvement Council, E.I.C. must stop taking applications for Section VIII Rental Assistance due to a large backlog.

All applications on file will be processed by chronological order, with the elderly, disabled, and handicapped given first priority.

Criteria adjusted for reduced lunches

Special to the PERQUIMANS WEEKLY from the Perquimans County Board of Education

The Perquimans County Board of Education announced today that due to the passage of Public Law 96-499, the family size and income eligibility criteria for free and reduced price meals for children served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs has changed for the remainder of the school year.

This is a federal mandate and not a local decision.

The following income scale will be used for determining eligibility:

meals, add \$2,380 to the last year total, \$198 to the last month total, and \$46 to the last week total in the column above.

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. However, the four special hardship conditions (usually high medical expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of income, special education expenses due to mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses) have been eliminated. A

standard deduction for each household has been incorporated into the income scale instead.

The applications which are currently on file are being re-evaluated to determine whether children are eligible for free benefits or for reduced price meals under the new criteria. Families of children whose benefits are reduced or terminated will receive written notice of the change at least 10 days before the effective date of the change.

Families who wish to submit a new application may obtain a form from each school's

office. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. A simple statement of income and family size is required, plus a signed certification by an adult household member that the information provided is correct.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals for them, it should contact the school.

The school principals will

review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the decision of the determining official, he or she may wish to discuss it with the official on an informal basis. If he wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make a request either orally or in writing to James P. Harrell, P.O. Box 337, Hertford, N.C. 27944; 426-5741 for a hearing to appeal the decision.

Perquimans County's free and reduced price meal policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a family member

becomes unemployed or the family size or income changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for reduced price meals, or for additional benefits such as free meals, if the family income falls at or below the levels shown.

All children are treated the same regardless of ability to pay. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, or national origin.

FOR FREE MEALS

Family Size	Per Yr.	Per Mth.	Per Wk.
1	\$ 5,700	475	110
2	7,220	602	139
3	8,750	729	168
4	10,270	856	198
5	11,800	983	227
6	13,320	1,110	256
7	14,850	1,238	286
8	16,370	1,364	315

FOR REDUCED PRICE MEALS

Family Size	Per Yr.	Per Mth.	Per Wk.
1	\$ 8,350	696	161
2	10,730	894	206
3	13,110	1,093	252
4	15,490	1,291	298
5	17,870	1,489	344
6	20,250	1,688	389
7	22,630	1,885	435
8	25,000	2,083	481

For each additional family member for free meals, add \$1,530 to the last year total, \$128 to the last month total, and \$29 to the last week total in the column above.

Each additional family member for reduced price

Tag experiment

The first coastal stocking of tagged six to ten inch striped bass (rockfish) in the Albemarle Sound took place recently.

The 10,000 fish were raised at the Edenton National Fish Hatchery, Chowan County, by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and transported to Albemarle Sound to continue an experiment which started last year. This past autumn some 70,000 untagged 6 to 10 inchers were stocked in the Sound.

The fish sport a bright yellow tag attached to their backs.

The possibility of future coastal stockings of the bass could depend on the tags.

Biologists with the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries placed tags in the fish so they could keep track of the rock-

Stripers are stocked in sound

fish. The biologists want to know how many survive and where the fish travel in their new environment.

Fishermen who later catch the fish should return the tag (address is on the tag) to the biologists. In addition to being a vital link in gathering necessary information, fishermen also receive a lottery type reward that ranges from \$1 to \$25 for each tag. The fish should grow to harvestable 12-inch size by next autumn.

"It is a cooperative feasibility study with the state and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service," said Harrel Johnson, N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Biologist in charge of the tagging project.

Johnson, and Elliott Atstupenas, hatchery manager, thought it might be a good idea

to raise some of the striped bass to the larger size. Fish released from the hatchery at a larger size should have a better survival rate in the wild, and also raising the fish to a larger size for coastal waters would fit into a slack season at the hatchery. In addition to fish survival, the project has to prove cost effective.

The schedule had called for the 1981 stocking to go in the Neuse or Tar-Pamlico River systems. However, Johnson said, because of declining populations in the Albemarle Sound, the schedule was changed so the Albemarle would receive the fish this year.

In addition to the 6 to 10 inch fish, some 655,000 two-to-three inch stripers from the Edenton Hatchery and N.C.

Wildlife Resources Commission hatcheries were stocked in Albemarle from May to July 1980.

Stocking in Albemarle Sound is an experimental program to find out if hatchery fish can have a positive effect on the population. Advanced fingerlings are stocked in an effort to eventually increase the spawning stock.

If poor water quality conditions in Roanoke River and western Albemarle Sound are contributing to high mortality of larval striped bass, or if a suitable food supply is not being produced for the larvae in the nursery area, fingerlings stocked after the normal establishment of a year class should have a relatively high survival rate. These fingerlings can supplement the naturally-

produced fish in the spawning population and in the fisheries.

The study will last two more years. In 1982, plans call for some 30,000 stripers to be placed in the Neuse or Tar-Pamlico River systems. A percentage of these fish will also be tagged.

If the experiment proves successful, perhaps 100,000 to 120,000 6-inch striped bass could be placed in coastal waters each winter.

The stripers are placed in areas where their kind are found this time of year. The fish will be placed where they are needed — in waters where striped bass populations are not thriving.

Atstupenas and Johnson both look to the future where hatchery fish could become more important in coastal fisheries.

Holiday Island

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services director Paul Gregory brought back figures of the cost to the county of providing raises for social services employees of six, eight and ten per cent. He had been instructed to do so at the last meeting of the board of commissioners, after telling the board that he needed a figure for budgeting purposes.

At six percent, the raises would cost the county \$3,889, at eight percent, \$5,249, and at 10 per cent, \$6,604, Gregory reported. The state and federal government would pay 63.89 per cent of the increase.

10 percent sought

Gregory pressed hard for the 10 percent raise. "I think they deserve it. They've been doing a good job for you," he said.

Commissioner Lester Simpson agreed that the budgeting figure should be 10 percent, saying that salaries for county employees are consistently beneath those paid by surrounding counties.

Commissioner Charles Ward,

however, favored the 8 per cent figure, noting that the cost of the entire pay raise for 11 employees outside the social services department would have to be borne by the county.

He got a second on a motion to that effect from commissioner Welly White, but later both motion and second were withdrawn. Gregory explained that it would be less time consuming to work with a larger figure and later come down if necessary, than it would be to start with a smaller figure and later adjust it upward. Ward then moved that the figure be 10 percent.

The 10 per cent figure is merely an estimate to be used for budgeting purposes and is in no way binding to the board.

In a related matter, Gregory said that county employees had favored dental insurance plan by a 15-12 margin but that the vote was too close to recommend adoption of the plan.

Employees with families would be

forced to insure their entire families at their own cost.

COA head visits

J. Parker Chesson, president of College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, also appeared before the board to seek a resolution from the county endorsing Governor James B. Hunt, Jr.'s proclamation declaring 1981 as the year of the community college.

Chesson brought a bit of good news to the county's recently revised industrial development efforts. "There is a role that COA can play in attracting industry," said Chesson. "We are charged by the state with providing job training for new and expanding industry."

Another matter saw Ward make a motion that the county pay a \$30,000 share of the recreation budget if the town of Hertford will pay \$15,000.

The two units of government currently pay an even share of the department's operating expenses, but the town has sought to shift the department totally to the county.

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