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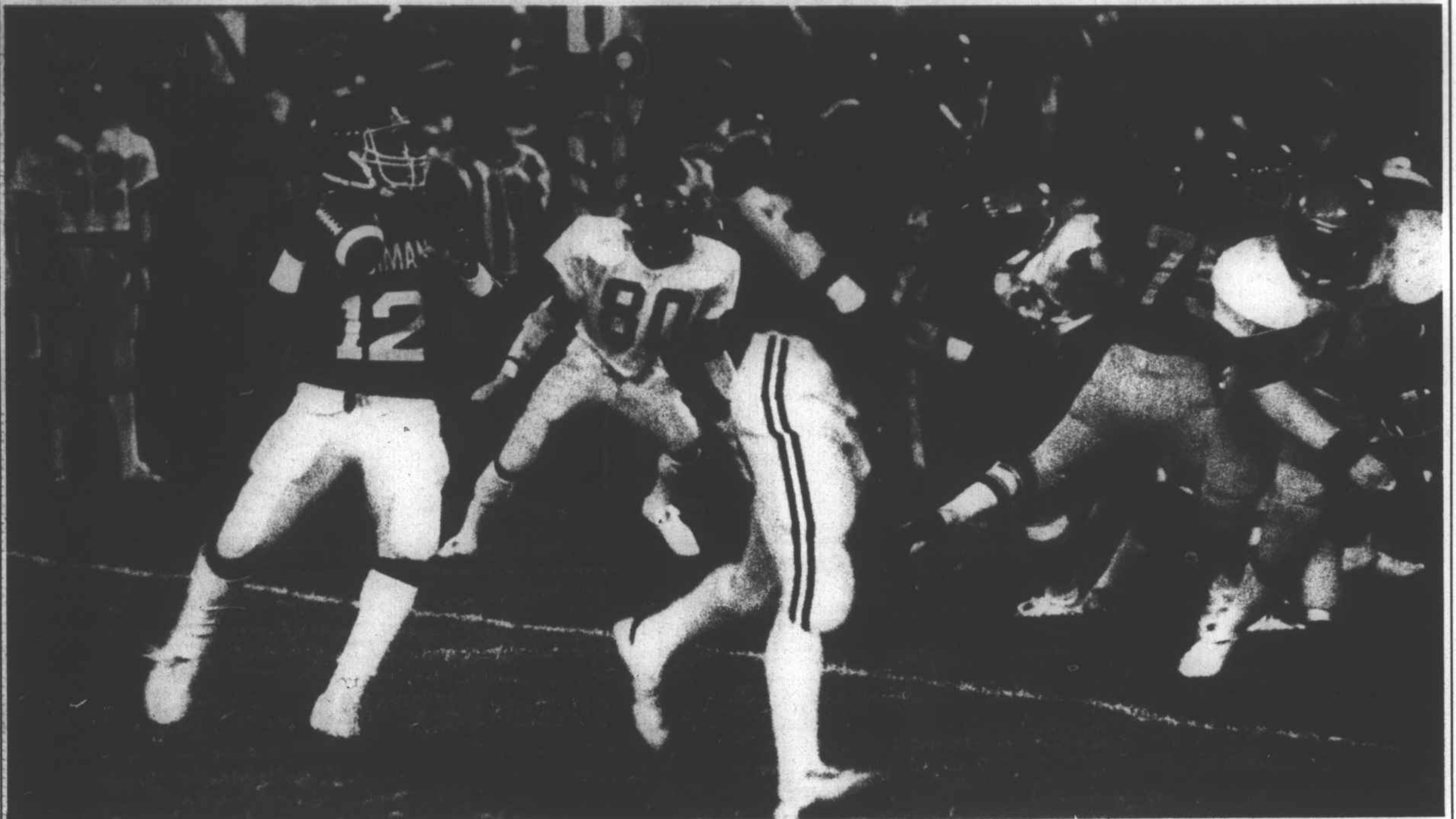
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Maybe next year, Aces



Perquimans Pirates quarterback Donnie Parker winds up to throw against Edenton last Friday night in Hertford. A Parker-to-James Riddick pass at the end of the first half shot down the Aces, 7-2, to give the Pirates their second straight victory over Edenton. More on page nine. (Photo by Jim Reid of the DAILY ADVANCE)

Hertford town council approves revision to land use plan

The Hertford Town Council, in its regular monthly meeting last Monday, re-approved the town land use plan after accepting some minor changes proposed by the Coastal Resources Commission.

The CRC authorizes land use plans for all coastal municipalities in the state in order to establish proper development of coastal resources.

The town originally approved its plan in late June. The plan, conducted by planning consultant Howard T.

Capps of Elizabeth City, explains the present development of the town and offers the town's recommendations for future land use.

In summary, the plan indicates that Hertford has great potential for growth, though in fact the town has grown little in this century.

The report shows that there is excess capacity in the town schools, roads and water treatment facilities. There is also land available with soil suitable for building along Grubb

Street Extended and in the western part of the town.

And with the opening of the Newbold-White house, the town also has some historic heritage in which to attract tourism.

In fact, one major policy guideline of the plan is to encourage tourism, to improve historical properties in the town, and to use its zoning authority to preserve the town's heritage.

It also proposed the town encourage

the county to zone the area just outside the town limits, particularly the area between the town and the Newbold-White house.

The only limiting factor to town growth right now is the limited capacity of the town's sewage system, which is now running at about capacity.

Among the recommendations of the plan are to protect the commercial and recreational resources of the Perquimans River, to encourage

new industry to locate in Hertford, and to promote tourism in the town by taking advantage state and federal money when ever possible to renovate historical houses, and to work with the Chamber of Commerce, the county and the town Historical Society to encourage preservation of historical sites.

In other action, the board:

- Asked Police Chief Marshall Merritt to make an investigation and report concerning an allegation by

Sandra Hurdle that police officers had shot three of her cats.

Hurdle cats were found behind Hertford Cafe, and she said she heard from another source that policemen had shot the cats. So far, Merritt said he has no evidence that any town officers shot the cats.

- Tabled a request by the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation to purchase the town's generating rights in Winfall.

County school board adopts largest-ever budget for 1981-82

The Perquimans County Board of Education approved a \$4,272,741 budget for the 1981-82 school year at the regular bi-monthly meeting last Monday.

The budget increased eight percent over last year's mark of \$3,951,719. School Superintendent Pat Harrell noted that the budget has doubled in the past few years.

Of the revenues to be spent, \$793,150 will be county tax money, with \$2,353,453 coming from the state and \$683,337 coming from the federal government. Another \$262,801 was left over from the previous year.

The largest expense is for in-

structional programs, i.e. teaching, with \$2,453,445 spent, over half of the total budget. That's about \$130,000 over last year's expense.

Another \$57,500 will be spent on support services (guidance counseling, health services, etc.), \$421 less than last year.

Another \$160,045 will be spent on instructional staff support (educational media, among other things), about \$37,000 more than last year.

General administrative costs (to run the board and superintendents office) are \$193,009, about \$25,000 more than last year. The principal

office fund is \$205,093, approximately the same as last year.

The business support services fund (for bus transportation, plant operation and food services, among other things) is \$103,198, about \$9,000 greater than last year.

Total operating expenditures are \$4,097,641, with the remaining \$175,100 to be used for capital outlay projects (building additions and repairs).

The board also approved a revision in the attendance policy to discontinue using certified letters to inform parents of the continued absence of their children. The attendance policy of the county now reads as follows

- Students who are absent more than 20 days, (10 days in half year or semester courses) from a class or grade except for illness or other approved reasons will not receive credit for the class or grade.
- Students who have written excuses from a doctor for illness or disability may be allowed to exceed the 20-day maximum unexcused absence provision and still earn credit.
- Students or parents with special or unique attendance situations may appeal a principal's decision to a school based attendance review committee.
- Appropriate record keeping

procedures will be established for each school.

- Conferences will be scheduled with students who have missed 10 days (five for semester courses) from a class. Records of all conferences will be maintained.
- Parents will be notified by mail when a student has been absent 15 days.
- In other action, the board:
 - Asked Harrell to obtain quotes for a professional legal liability insurance for board members, principals and the superintendent. This insurance will cover them in case they are sued for mismanagement.

Harrell will also get quotes for an employee general liability coverage for all school employees. This insurance will cover them against property damage, and personal and bodily injury.

- In capital outlay projects, voted to allow East Coast Roofing and Metals, Inc. to replace the school bus garage roof for \$6,307. They tabled action on repairing the roof at Perquimans Union School, and approved a motion to purchase materials for a Board of Education storage building, to be built by the high school carpentry class.

The next meeting of the board will be October 19 at 7 p.m. at Perquimans Union School.



Val Short (left) and Stephanie Mills (right) arrange some of the items that will be sold at the Festival of Skills this Friday and Saturday at Morgan's Furniture Store in Hertford.

Hertford police make arrests

The Hertford Police Department have made several arrests for violent crimes during the past two weeks.

Police arrested John Lee Bishop, 37, of Rfd. 1 Hertford last Sunday, charging him with assault with a deadly weapon and communicating threats.

Bishop is accused of attempting to run over Daniel Cooper of 208 King Street with his car last Saturday as a result of a long-standing dispute between the two men.

Bishop is also accused of threatening Cooper with a bushhook the following day before police had arrested him.

Bishop is in Albemarle District Jail pending trial October 21.

Police Chief Marshall Merritt arrested Stanley William Johnson, 19, September 24 for larceny. Johnson is accused of attempting to steal money

from the girl's locker room at Perquimans County High School, where he was a student.

Johnson was released with yesterday set as his trial date.

The police arrested John Edward Brown, 35, of 210 Covent Gardens Street Monday of last week, and charged him with hit and run, reckless driving, and driving with a revoked license.

Brown is accused of hitting a parked school bus at Wynfork Court the day before, causing about \$200 damage. He was taken to Albemarle District Jail, and was scheduled to appear in court yesterday.

Jack Lloyd, 64, was arrested Sunday of last week for assault and battery outside his home on 323 Market Street following an argument

with Carrie Floyd. Lloyd allegedly punched Floyd in the mouth. He was released with his trial date set as yesterday.

This week

The Festival of Skills opens tomorrow in Hertford featuring some of the county's best local craftsmen. See page three.

Weather

Fair and cool weather through Saturday, with little chance of rain. Highs in the mid-60s to lower 70s. Lows in the mid-40s.