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Town returns VEPCO funds

The Hertford Town Council voted Friday to return a portion of the \$119,000 refund they received from the Virginia Electric Power Co. to town electric customers in the form of credits on their bill.

The town will return about \$40,000 of the total refund to Hertford customers who were receiving electricity during the period between December 1980 and August 1981 and are still receiving power from the town's utility service. The remainder of the money will be invested and used as an emergency reserve fund.

The VEPCO refund is a result of a Federal Energy Commission resettlement of a November 1978 VEPCO rate increase. The FEC ruling cut the increase, and VEPCO refunded to its customer-municipalities the difference between its increase and the FEC figure.

Hertford didn't pass the original November 1978 increase on to the town's customers until December, 1980, when the council voted to raise the town's rate by 15 percent.

VEPCO last fall as a refund for the period between November 1978 and August 1981. The money refunded for the period after December 1980 amounts to \$29,000.

The council unanimously decided to refund the customers by giving them a 10 percent credit on each electric bill for the months of March, April, May and June. The total returned to customers will amount to about \$40,000.

The remaining \$79,000 will be used as an emergency fund, and will collect interest until the council votes to spend it.

That decision followed several closed working sessions of the council over the last few months.

The council also voted to allow the Hertford Fire Department to spend \$3,000 to purchase a 1978 Dodge two-seat cab pick-up truck, to be used to transport firefighters and equipment to the scene of fires.

Fire Chief Charlie Skinner estimated that in the 57 calls the department received last year, the truck would have been useful in 30 of those calls.



Bedtime Bingo?

Mrs. Leora White and Mrs. Rosa Gibbs check out their bingo cards during the Pajama night at the Perquimans County Senior Center. Bingo Party held last Friday

An eventful life

Scottish minister discusses his work and religion

By SUSAN HARRIS

The evangelist speaks softly in his Scottish accent of his career and travels. Dr. John Sutherland Logan seems to genuinely enjoy people and puts strangers at ease with his warm smile and hearty laugh.

Dr. Logan is holding revival services and Bible study classes at Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church this week. He is a widely-traveled and much sought-after evangelist who hails from Scotland.

He began his career at an early age. "I started preaching when I was 13 and a half," Dr. Logan

revealed. He pastored his first church at age 18 while attending the University of Glasgow.

"I take the positive approach," said Dr. Logan of his speaking style. He said he tries to get people to find evidence of God's love in their lives.

He also related that, "The Christian life is in a continued growth." Dr. Logan believes that it is this growth, this deepening of the spiritual life or maturity in Christ, that keeps the church alive.

Dr. Logan said that the church must be "revived at the

grassroots," which is why he spends nine months out of each year traveling to local congregations and colleges and universities to hold week-long revivals and Bible study.

"When I first came to America, I was scheduled in advance for 10 years," Dr. Logan said. He visited every state in the United States on that premiere visit in 1949.

Although the pace was hectic, and Dr. Logan became more selective in accepting invitations afterwards, he did like this country. "I fell in love with America," he said, and made it his permanent home in 1952.

Of television and the ever-rising number of evangelists who use the medium, Dr. Logan said, "Until we get back to the grassroots level and the local churches, we're not going to accomplish anything."

Although Dr. Logan is not against television crusades, he believes they have damaged the reputations of evangelists because of the tactics some use to coerce people to send money.

Dr. Logan hopes to see television use its "tremendous potential" to educate and reach those people who are not involved with a local church.

Dr. Logan was a minister in London during World War II. He remembers that the Germans bombed London every night except one over an eight-month period.

"They'd come over about six in the evening," he said, and the blackout would not be lifted until early the next morning.

Ministers were assigned the duties of district wardens, which meant they were in charge of rescue squads and the like. Dr. Logan was assigned a section of southeast London.

He recalls one particular night when a German plane went down with its bomb load intact. It was his duty to organize the proper authorities and oversee the swift

evacuation of the plane before it exploded.

On another occasion, Dr. Logan could account for four sticker bombs, but try as he might, could not locate the fifth. At last he found it, but was unable to convince a military associate that it was a bomb.

The military man kept insisting that what Dr. Logan had found was a shell from one of their own planes. The two of them stood there arguing furiously. "Neither one of us would give in."

As it turned out, the "shell" was indeed a bomb, and when it exploded, it left a crater large enough to put three double decker buses in.

Dr. Logan said it was "amazing" how well the Londoners stood up to the war. He said the "Scottish are like Texans," and believe they can hold up to anything, but they always viewed the English as being "soft."

Aside from his evangelistic travels in the United States and pastoring in London, he has been the president of Bexley College outside of London, president of Vennard College in University Park, Iowa, and a minister in mission stations around the world.

At present, Dr. Logan is planning a trip to South Africa under the auspices of the Wesleyan Church.

Dr. Logan has made his home in Florida during the past eight years, and is deciding now whether to stay in Florida or move to New Jersey. His three grandchildren, who visit from England every summer, vote for Florida.

When asked if he has any plans to slow down or retire, Dr. Logan replied, "I'm keeping on going." He said too many people stop working and don't live too long afterward.

He wants to work until the last breath leaves his body. Dr. Logan said many men of God have died in the pulpit, and if he could choose his destiny, would like to depart this earth serving the Lord.

Hertford man arrested in Va. auto deaths

A Hertford man was arrested this week and charged with two counts of involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of a Portsmouth, Va. couple last August.

Thomas Edgar Harrell Jr., 20, of Hertford was charged in the deaths of Ricky Wayne Myers, 33, and Betty Suggs, 19, who were killed in a collision last August 9.

Virginia Commonwealth's Atty. Robert E. Kowalsky Jr. filed the charges following several months' consideration, and the charges included counts of reckless driving and driving under the influence.

Harrell was arrested by Hertford Police last Wednesday afternoon at Cannon Cleaners in Hertford.

Harrell waived extradition and voluntarily allowed Virginia police to transport him to Chesapeake, where

he will be tried. He was released on bond pending a preliminary hearing in General District Court on March 22.

According to Virginia police, Suggs and Myers were southbound on George Washington Highway, riding Myers' motorcycle, when they were struck while turning into a driveway.

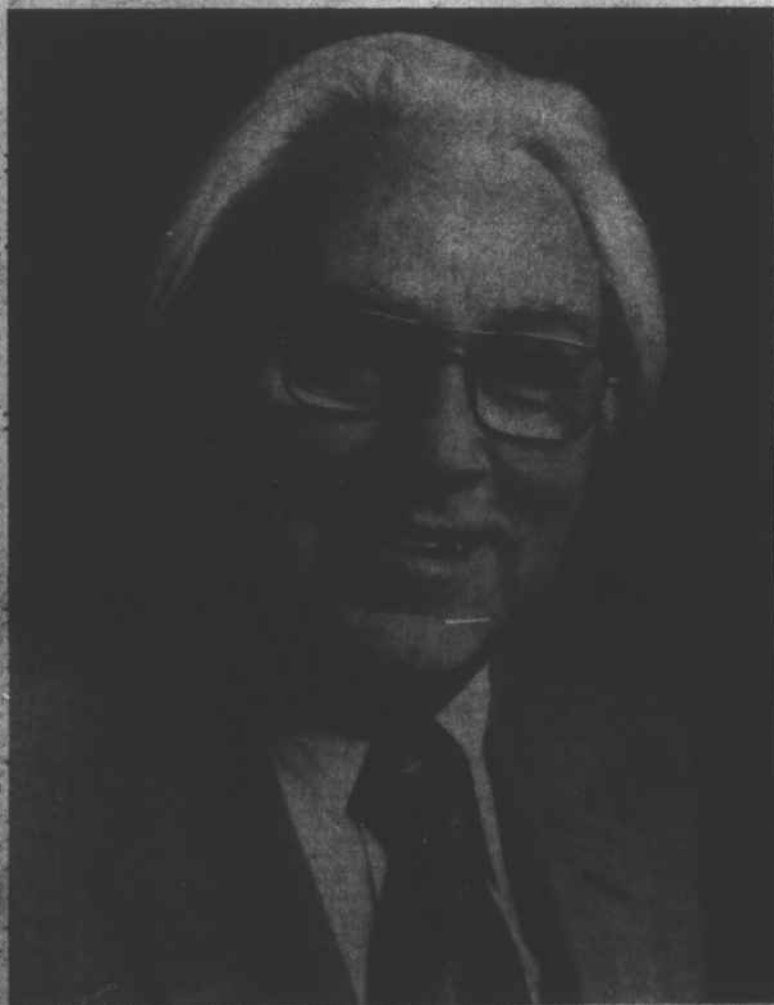
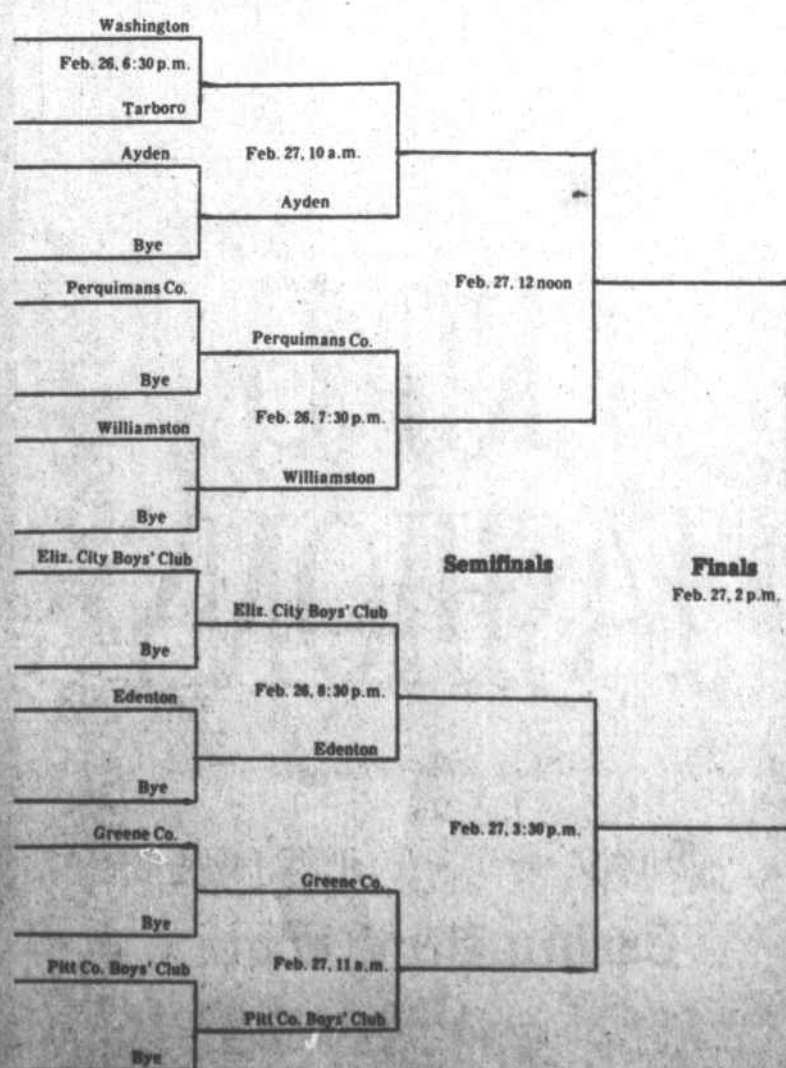
Harrell and four passengers were also southbound, returning from a Portsmouth rock concert. Police believe Harrell went around a stopped van and struck the motorcycle.

Hertford Police also arrested a Hertford man and charged him with extortion, a felony, last Wednesday.

Police arrested Delma Marcel Leigh, 20, of 208 King Street, following a call that he was trespassing on the Hertford United Methodist Church.

County hosts tournament

The Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Department will host the Eastern Athletic Conference Boys' Midget All-Star Tournament this Friday and Saturday at Perquimans Union School. Perquimans County will compete with eight teams from all over the Albemarle area. Proceeds from the tournament (admission \$1 adults, 50 cents for 12-and-under) will go to the Perquimans Union Athletic Fund. The tournament schedule is listed below.



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Extension office awards top corn producers

Six Perquimans County residents received awards at the Perquimans County Extension Service's Corn Production Banquet for having the highest yields in the county corn contest.

Donald Ray Stallings of Whiteston received the first place award for yielding 182.26 bushels of corn on an acre of his land.

Wayne Harville grew 173.39 bushels on an acre of his land in Winfall, and received second place. William Ray

Chappell of Winfall was third, with 172.38 bushels.

Three county 4-H Club members also received high-yield awards for their 4-H projects. Nicky Nixon was first with 147.34 bushels on an acre of land. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nixon of Hertford.

Jeff Williams was second with 146.80 bushels, and his brother Matthey was third with 145.43 bushels. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Billy

Williams of Beach Springs.

The awards were presented by Charles Ward of Hertford, past district governor of the Ruritans and county commissioner.

Along with county extension chairman Bill Jester, who spoke on the subject of insect control on corn, there were also H.R. "Bob" Purkey, vice president of Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner and Smith, Inc., who spoke on the subject of corn markets; Dr. John

Anderson, North Carolina Extension Corn Specialist, who discussed the importance of details — like proper seed spacing — in corn production; and Dr. George Naderman, North Carolina Extension Soil Specialist, who explained results from no-till experiments conducted in New Hope.

The awards were sponsored by the county Ruritans, and the banquet was sponsored by various chemical companies.