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The thriving community of Belvidere has an interesting history, but right now, to the

residents of Belvidere, it's the "prettiest spot in the world." See the story and photos on

page 3 and Chris Kornegay's cartoon on page 4 for more on Belvidere. (Photo by Val Short)

ARPDC gets OK on audit

By VAL SHORT

CPA Linda Sharp reported that the financial records of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission (ARPDC) were in "great shape" at its monthly meeting last Thursday night at the Perquimans County Office Building. Sharp recommended to representatives from the 10 county area served by the commission, a few changes in the record-keeping, including adopting a systematic procedure for records of investments. She said in her report that "Mary Lou Ownley should be commended for maintaining a good set of accounting records and for making the recommended changes."

Eight members of the Albemarle Development Authority were elected during the Thursday night meeting. Those members will join 24 others, appointed by local governments, who will coordinate small business loans in the area. Members from Perquimans County include County Commissioner Charles Ward and Hertford Town Councilman Joe Towe White Jr.

Washington County Manager Jack DiSarno, presented a report of the 503 committee, which has been in charge of setting up the program and soliciting appointments to the authority from governments in the

region.

DiSarno expects the authority will be in operation in about a month. The non-profit organization will accept applications for small business loans. The Small Business Administration will finance 60 percent of the loans and 40 percent will come from local lending institutions. The Albemarle Development Authority will be designed to promote economic development in the 10-county region.

In his report of the Employment and Training Advisory Committee, (ETAC) assistant ARPDC director Ray McClees announced that \$149,529 in CETA Title II funds had been allocated to Region R. He said the committee had recommended that \$37,382 of the funds be used for the individual referral classroom training project operated by the Employment Security Commission, which would provide for 11 more participants in the program.

He said the committee also recommended that the remainder of the funds be used for the adult work experience project.

Charlene Dignan, Emergency Medical Services administrator announced the nomination of Milton Dail Jr. of Perquimans County to the EMS Council. The Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Dail.

Churches to host missionaries

How many times have you wished you could meet a "real-live" missionary? This week, you can have that chance. Several local churches who are in the Chowan Baptist Association, are participating in a World Missions Conference.

We often tend to romanticize the work of missionaries. Webster's Dictionary describes them as someone sent on a mission; a person sent out by his church to preach, teach, and proselytize, as in a foreign country considered heathen.

Seven local Southern Baptist Churches would like to invite the public to meet mission workers during the World Missions Conference, January 30 through Feb. 2. They will share their missionaries with the public in a series of community meetings and worship services.

These services will begin with the 11:00 o'clock Sunday Morning Service on January 30th and will continue each evening, Sunday through Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. A different missionary will speak at each service. There will be two foreign, two home and one state missionary.

Churches participating from the area are Bethel Baptist, Burgess Baptist, Woodville Baptist, Hertford Baptist, Mount Sinai, Center Hill Baptist and Great Hope Baptist Churches.

Great Hope Baptist and Center Hill Baptist Churches will be hosting Mrs. J. Allen Smith from the Philippines. Not only does she and her husband minister there, but her son is presently conducting revival services as a missionary to the Philippines.

In addition to the regular services, she will conduct a question and answer time for all at 3:30 p.m., at Great Hope on Sunday afternoon. On Monday and Tuesday, Mrs. Smith will address some of the local schools and on Wednesday the women of the community are invited to share with her at Center Hill at 9:30 a.m. She will also conduct the 9:45 a.m. Worship Service at Center Hill, and the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday at Great Hope.

Chappell Hill Baptist Church is looking forward to having John

Hubbard to share his experiences as language worker with American Indians in New Mexico and Oklahoma. There will be a Question and Answer time after each of the services he conducts.

Bethel, Burgess, Woodville, Hertford and Mount Sinai, will be sharing five missionaries. They are:

Ronald Coker, a Student Worker in Brussels, Belgium; Neal Peyton, Missionary of the Home Mission Board's Language Missions Division, serving the deaf in North Carolina; Herbert Neeley, stationed on Grand Cayman Island in the Cayman Islands, where he is involved in area evangelism and is pastor of First Baptist Church of Grand Cayman.

Also, Mrs. John Hubbard, who served as a missionary of the Home Mission Board's Language Missions Division to the Indians of Oklahoma and New Mexico until her retirement; and Mamie Caveniss, who worked with the Sellers Nursing Home and Adoption Center in Covington, Louisiana.

These missionaries will be speaking at their respective churches on a rotated schedule. For more details on the week's activities, call the offices of the individual churches.

This program is being sponsored by the Chowan Baptist Association and is designed to acquaint the people with the mission effort in a cooperative program of ministries at home and abroad. It challenges the

church to become more actively involved in their support of the more than 3,000 missionaries serving 95 foreign countries and the 3,000 engaged in meeting physical and spiritual needs of people in all 50 states of our nation.

A missionary's work is not restrained to the dark jungles of Africa, but, also touches people who may live next-door to you. These local churches invite you to come and share with them. Come and find out just what a 20th Century Missionary is all about.

Students injured in accident Monday

A vehicle driven by a 16 year old youth from Hertford narrowly escaped a collision with a van carrying members of the St. Augustine College girl's basketball team Monday afternoon on Highway 17 three miles north of Hertford.

The 1977 Dodge nine passenger van, driven by Timothy Wade Carmon, 22, of Winterville, a student at St. Augustine's, was traveling toward Elizabeth City, when he attempted to

pass a 1981 Ford escort, driven by Richard Timberlake Bryant, 16, of Route 4, Hertford.

As the van pulled up beside the Bryant vehicle, Bryant also attempted to pass. The driver of the van swerved to the left to avoid a collision, lost control and slid in the ditch, according to Trooper Y.Z. Newberry, who investigated the accident.

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Local banker Allen Asbell resigns post

Community leader and local banker Allen Asbell has resigned his position with the Bank of North Carolina to become vice president for consumer loans for First Financial Savings and Loan Association in Kinston.

For the last 10 months Asbell has served as city executive for the Bank of North Carolina, but has also worked with the Bank of North Carolina in Hobbsville and Peoples Bank in Edenton.

In his position in Kinston, Asbell will be responsible for retail loans for First Financial.

Asbell is a native of Chowan County and has been involved in community activities, including the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce and industrial development in the county.

"I've worked in this area all my life and if they hadn't made me an offer I couldn't refuse, I would not be leaving," said Asbell.

Asbell said he was very sad to be leaving the area. "I hope the people of Kinston will be as good to me as the people here have," he continued.

A 1967 graduate of Chowan High School, Asbell grew up in the Center Hill community of Chowan County. He is also a graduate of the Robert Morris School of Banking at East Carolina University.

Asbell plans to reside in Kinston. He is the son of Garland and Ann Asbell. He has one daughter, Stephanie Alana.

Civil court issues local judgments

By VAL SHORT

Judgments against two local businessmen were handed down in Perquimans County Civil Court last week with Superior Court Judge Tom Watts presiding.

A complaint on an account owed to Winslow Oil Company totalling \$89,741.65 was brought against Dennis Hare, former operator of One Stop Service Station in Hertford, and his wife, Betty Hare.

In a countersuit, Hare denied owing on his account with Winslow Oil Company as well as his wife's liability in the case and he issued complaints of breach of contract and unfair trade practices, totalling \$700,000.

At the close of the defendants evidence, the judge allowed the plaintiff's motion to dismiss the defendants' counterclaim relating to unfair trade practices, according to Winslow Oil Company's attorney Walter Edwards, Jr.

The jury found that Hare was indebted to Winslow Oil Company \$88,000, but that Betty Hare was not liable. They also found that Winslow Oil Company was in breach of contract and they awarded Hare \$9,000 in damages.

Winslow Oil terminated its lease with Dennis Hare at One Stop in November 1981. Hare had leased the building in February 1978 for two years with an option to renew for three more years with the same terms.

The defense contended in the countersuit that Hare had been charged more than other Union dealers for petroleum products by Winslow Oil Company.

The counterclaim called for \$100,000 in damages because of the loss of sales due to the higher prices that had to be charged for gasoline.

Defense attorney William W. Pritchett said that currently Hare did not plan to appeal.



Four members of the St. Augustine's College girl's basketball team were injured in an accident which occurred Monday afternoon about three miles

north of Hertford on Highway 17. Enroute to Elizabeth City State for a basketball game Monday night, the van slid in a ditch while attempting to avoid a

collision. Members of the Perquimans County Rescue Squad responded to the call. (Photo by Val Short)

