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## Three accidents reported

# Beach Springs collision injures local youth

Thomas Phillip Winslow, 16, of Route 1, Hertford, was injured in a single-vehicle accident Monday morning.

According to N.C. State Trooper Joel Siles, Winslow was traveling west on Beach Springs Road at an excessive speed. As he was about to transverse a curve, the 1976 Ford LTD he was driving went into a skid, crossing the center line.

When Winslow attempted to gain control of the vehicle, it ran off the right shoulder of the road, colliding with a ditch.

The forward momentum of the car, coupled with the force of the impact, turned the car around and caused it

to slide backwards 59 feet on its left side, according to the trooper.

The vehicle ran across a residential driveway and came to rest in a ditch.

Winslow was transported to Chowan Hospital with injuries to his left arm. From there he was transferred to Albemarle Hospital where he underwent surgery for treatment of a broken left arm. He was also treated for severe cuts to his left arm, according to relatives.

Siles said Winslow was charged with excessive speed.

Mitchell Zachary, age 69, was traveling south on Church Street Sunday when the vehicle he was

driving ran into the sidewalk on the right hand side of the street, and went on to strike a tree.

Hertford Police Officer Robert Harvey, accident investigator, said Zachary had just come across the "S" bridge at about 3:50 p.m. when the accident occurred.

Harvey said Zachary did not know what had happened, adding that a witness said Zachary did not appear to be exceeding a safe speed.

Zachary's wife was taken to Chowan Hospital, but was released. No charges were filed.

A one-vehicle accident in Winfall Saturday resulted in \$2,500 damage to a van owned by David Benjamin

Harrell of Chowan County.

Harrell, 29, was traveling south on Highway 17 business near Vosses Creek Bridge at around 2:15 Saturday morning when, he told

Winfall Police Chief Joe Lothian, he fell asleep.

According to Lothian, Harrell's vehicle ran off the road on the left hand shoulder, slid along a guard rail

approximately 54 feet, jumped the guard rail and slide an additional 60 feet before impacting against a tree.

No injuries were reported and no charges were filed.



N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper Joel Siles examines this accident involving a 1976 Ford LTD driven by Tommy

Winslow of Hertford. Winslow lost control of the car in a curve on Beach Springs

Road, sr 1111, on Monday morning. (Photo by Pat Mansfield)

## 1st Choice Homes to open sales office in Hertford

1st Choice Homes, a Dallas, N.C.-based firm which builds uniquely economical steel-framed houses on-site, has targeted Hertford, N.C., for its next sales center.

1st Choice, a division of Jewell Building Systems, Inc., was recently ranked 175th in INC. Magazine's list of the "500 Fastest Growing Private Companies in the U.S."

The five-year-old company already

has builders in 11 North Carolina cities. In South Carolina, 1st Choice contractors are in Columbia, Rock Hill, Florence, Hartsville and the Myrtle Beach area.

"We think Hertford is an ideal market for our houses," said Everett Jewell, president of 1st Choice, "and it is a logical next move for us."

"Our goal is to make our sales centers easily accessible to all

Carolinians by the end of this year. A Hertford location is strategic to this plan."

"I believe our houses, costing under \$30,000 will revolutionize the housing industry, as soon as enough people discover the concept."

"In addition to being affordable," said Jewell, "these homes are cost-efficient. Heavy insulation keeps heating and cooling bills in a standard 1,025 sq. ft. model at an average of \$30 or less a month."

"Also, steel doesn't deteriorate like wood and costs much less to maintain, and fire insurance rates may be sharply reduced for residents of steel frame houses."

Jewell estimates that some 80 percent of prospective home buyers nationwide have been priced out of conventional housing.

"Anytime you have an 80 percent market and an effective product, you might as well hitch up the locomotive and go," he said.

Besides national sales, 1st Choice is now negotiating to build 20,000 steel homes in Colombia, South America.

Terry Chamberlin, national sales manager for 1st Choice, said, "At this point, we do not know who our building contractor in Hertford will be. We are still accepting applications."

"When the contractor is selected, he will then find a good location to build a model in Hertford, and this will be our sales center."

"If everything works out as planned, we could be showing a model house to prospective Hertford home owners in two or three months."



When asked, "Are you a BeLo customer from now on?" the answer was a quick, "Yes, shucks yes!", from John Jones of 317 Dobb Street in Hertford. Jones was a recent winner of one of two 1983 Chevettes being given away by BeLo Supermarkets. Steve

Manning, manager of the Hertford BeLo, congratulates Jones and hands him the keys. Jones says he would like to personally thank the person who drew his name from thousands of entries. (Photo by Pat Mansfield)

## Town tax rate to remain stable

By SUSAN HARRIS

The Hertford Town Council, with Mayor Bill Cox and Councilmen Jesse Harris and John Beers present, held a public hearing Monday night on the proposed \$506,225 fiscal year 1983-84 town budget.

There were no town residents present at the hearing. All board members present approved the budget and the tax valuation for fiscal 1983-84.

Although the total budget is \$37,786 higher than last year's \$470,439, the 75 cents per \$100 tax valuation will remain the same.

The town expects to collect \$90,000 in ad valorem taxes, compared to the anticipated \$87,000 in 1982-83.

Other income will include \$33,000 from the Powell Bill Street Allocation, \$30,000 from utility franchise tax, \$22,000 from local option sales tax, \$18,000 from ABC store profits, and other lesser revenue sources.

Revenues from the electric fund are expected to be \$1,130,710, up \$123,713 from last year. From these funds, \$200,000 will go to the general fund and \$4,000 will be spent to balance the water and sewer department budget.

The remaining \$926,710 will be used for electric department expenses.

The water and sewer department expects to spend \$131,000, earning all but the \$4,000 to be contributed by the

electric department.

The street, which overran last year's budgeted \$94,300, accounts for \$109,340 of this year's budget expenditures, an increase of \$15,040.

Second in total funds budgeted is \$93,775 for the police department, up \$6,025 from the \$87,750 allocated last

year.

The sanitation department, which last year received \$83,790, will get \$4,710 more, or \$88,500 in fiscal 1983-84.

Administration will cost \$69,200 during the coming year, compared to \$64,200 last year.

## Jaycees announce plans for July 4th celebration

The Perquimans County Jaycees and Jaycettes are inviting everyone to spend an evening filled with fun and entertainment on Monday, July 4th, for their annual July 4th Celebration.

This year's celebration will be held at Missing Mill Park and promises to be the most in entertainment and activities. The non-stop entertainment will include a variety of music; patriotic, jazz, gospel, sacred, country and etc. Square dancing, performed by local groups, will also be included in the festivities.

"The highlight of the evening will be the most spectacular fireworks display ever in Perquimans County," said Lee Tunnell, Internal Vice-President and Jaycee Chairman for the July 4th Celebration. Activities will begin at 4 p.m. with

pony rides, pac-man games, watermelon seed spitting contests, an ugly face contest (with no age limit), and bingo (with prizes). The Perquimans County Band Boosters will be providing other games and activities.

Concessions will be offered by the Jaycettes and other clubs consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, cold watermelon, homemade icecream, cake and other goodies.

The Lions club will be selling light bulbs, brooms and baseballs signed by our local baseball celebrity, Jim "Catfish" Hunter.

Perquimans County Singers will perform at 8:15 for the church service.

Everyone is urged to join the Jaycees and Jaycettes to make this the most successful July 4th Celebration ever!

## Water problem plagues county

By SUSAN HARRIS

Problems with the county's water system were the topic of discussion once again at the county commissioners meeting Monday night.

Commissioners Lester Simpson and Charles Ward said they had continued to receive reports of dirty water. The recent complaints were from the Bethel and Belvidere communities.

Water department manager Russell Chappell was unable to attend the meeting to review the complaint records he has been keeping.

The board voted to request Chappell to be present after the budget hearing scheduled for Tuesday, June 28 at 8 p.m. to inspect the record books for clues to the water problem.

Commissioner Charles Ward told the board that he had been in contract with Ron Sessoms, engineer for Phase II of the water system, Monday morning.

Sessoms said the well has been dug and tests are underway on the pumps at the Winfall water plant.

Ward said he called Sessoms when he saw six inch pipe on the Phase II site for a drainage line and did not think pipe that small could handle the demand to be placed on it.

Sessoms recalculated the pipe size and discovered that he had miscalculated the pipe size, which should have been 12 inches in diameter.

The discovery came, however, after part of the pipe had already been laid.

Commissioner Simpson said with this new development, and seeing the problems with the Phase I water plant, perhaps new water system employees or a different engineering firm, or both, should be procured.

Perquimans County resident Preston Stevenson received approval for a subdivision for single-family dwellings at the meeting.

Located west of Don Juan Manufacturing, the development consists of 25 lots, all bordering a state road. The subdivision will be called Riverwood.

County Finance Officer Durwood Reed told the board that the county

was denied federal funds for which it had applied to replace the furnace at the county library. The funds are available in the county budget, Reed added.

The board adopted a resolution to apply for a federal grant to finance one-fourth of the cost of an ambulance to be used by the Perquimans County Rescue Squad.

Reed informed the board that his correspondence indicated that as of January 1, 1984, the Social Security contribution paid by the employer will rise from 6.7 percent to 7.0 percent. The employee share will remain at 6.7 percent.

The board was read a letter by Reed stating that by July 1, 1985 the county will be required by state law to have a building inspection department. The department employees will be required to have specialized training in the areas they will inspect.

The board adjourned into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

## Commission approves requests

By SUSAN HARRIS

The Albemarle Commission approved 11 of 13 projects which had passed its clearinghouse committee at its meeting Thursday night.

Among those approvals was a 15 month Community Revitalization Project consisting of approximately 5.5 acres centered on King Street located six blocks south of downtown Hertford at an estimated cost of \$539,545.

Also approved was a local option acquisition at a project cost of \$36,400 to demolish four additional units in the same area.

The board approved an application for a subdivision feasibility analysis for Country Village Subdivision submitted by Harbor Point Corporation in care of the Bradford Corporation in Elizabeth City.

A request by the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation, Pettigrew State Park, for \$20,000 from the National Park Service for improvements was granted.

The Town of Nags Head received approval to request \$24,000 from the National Park Service for ocean beach access improvements.

A Town of Manteo request for \$25,000 from the National Park Service to establish Cartwright Memorial Park at the site of an early AME-Zion Church was approved.

Jockey's Ridge State Park, NCDNR&CD, requested \$60,000 from the

National Park Service for acquisition of approximately 27 small parcels of land in Dare County.

Merchants Mill Pond State Park,

NCDNR&CD, asked for \$55,000 from the National Park Service for the acquisition of some 118 acres of land in Gates County.

You are cordially invited  
to attend  
Perquimans County's  
First Annual Volunteer  
Appreciation Day  
Sunday, June twenty-six  
Nineteen hundred eighty-three  
At two o'clock in the afternoon  
Missing Mill Park  
Hertford, North Carolina

Reception to immediately  
follow ceremony