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## Snug Harbor blasts sheriff, paper

# Delegation requests better law protection

By SUSAN HARRIS

A delegation of 15 Snug Harbor residents asked the Board of County Commissioners Monday night for help in maintaining law and order in their subdivision.

Spokesperson John Jennings said Snug Harbor needs better law protection and better response to their calls by the county Sheriff's Department.

"People are pushing panic buttons," Jennings said as a result of an apparent July 3 shooting incident at Snug Harbor allegedly involving both local and out of state citizens.

According to one delegate, he overheard what sounded like a fight near his home and he called the Sheriff's Department. About 15 minutes later, the delegate said, he saw two persons walk across his

yard, one carrying what appeared to be a shotgun. He again called the Sheriff's Department.

The residents said they were not pleased with the response time of the department and were angered that people were injured before law enforcement officials arrived.

Some members of the delegation blasted THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY for its failure to report the incident. The group termed the local media "gagged" by the Sheriff's Department.

In response to the accusations, this reporter told the group that the newspaper could not print an account of the incident without official facts from a law enforcement agency. The delegation was told that rumored or unsubstantiated crime reports cannot be published.

"We seem to be a forgotten corner of the county," Jennings said in summing up the residents' complaints about poor law enforcement and lack of media attention. Jennings told the Board that Snug Harbor residents pay \$1.5 million in local taxes each year, and feel they deserve better representation.

"The young people seem to think we're fair game," Jennings continued in informing the commissioners about the high vandalism rate, the cars speeding through the neighborhood and night lights being shot.

Jennings said Snug Harbor is already participating in the Governor's Citizens Crime Watch, but that due to the poor response of county law enforcement, coupled with the time the crimes take place,

the program has not been very effective.

As a stop-gap measure, Jennings said Snug Harbor residents have initiated a volunteer citizens patrol outfitted with CB radios and a base station. The residents were concerned that the program will not last long, because participants may tire of the nightly patrol.

The group requested a deputy to patrol their subdivision, but was told by the commissioners that their request was not financially feasible.

The board told the delegation that the county commissioners have no authority over the Sheriff's Department and therefore the board is unable to offer any assistance in obtaining law enforcement satisfactory to the people of Snug Harbor.

The board suggested the delegation request a meeting with the sheriff to discuss possible solutions to the problem.

The residents also asked the board's assistance in requesting the State Department of Transportation to lower speed limits on residential streets in the subdivision, and to post speed limit signs.

Jennings said the only posted speed limit is a 45 miles per hour sign at the development entrance. The delegation said that a maximum of 35 miles per hour should be allowed.

The commissioners instructed the Snug Harbor Board of Governors to submit a petition to the county commissioners requesting the change, at which time the commissioners will write a letter of recommendation to the State

Department of Transportation.

The delegation was not in agreement on what type of dog leash law they need.

Bill and Charles Pefley of Pefley Realty Company submitted plans for a subdivision in the Bethel Township to be called Pefley Acres. The subdivision was approved subject to the acquisition of a CAMA certificate and the proper signatures.

The board was informed of the purchase of a new lawn mower bought from B&S Enterprises in Woodville for approximately \$4,000. It was announced that the county also needs to purchase a new push mower and a weed eater.

Commissioner Lester Simpson was elected Perquimans County's voting delegate to the N.C. Association of County Commissioners convention scheduled in August in Greensboro.

## Blood donors sought

By VAL SHORT

If you are in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, are between the ages of 17 and 66 and have not given blood within the last 56 days, you are needed for the upcoming bloodmobile set Thursday in Hertford.

Located at the Hertford United Methodist Church, on Market Street, the bloodmobile will be operating from 8 to 7 p.m.

Summer is traditionally a difficult time for collection, according to Andrew Heaton, M.D., Director of Blood Services for the Tidewater Region of the American Red Cross.

Concern over AIDS, or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, has also attributed to recent blood shortages in other areas, said Heaton.

"An individual cannot contract AIDS by donating blood. Hysteria generated by the fear of AIDS has produced a great deal of misinformation about the disease, including the myth that blood donors could be exposed to AIDS," he said.

He also said that the chance of acquiring the disease from a blood transfusion is less than one case per million patients transfused. "There is no conclusive proof that AIDS is related to blood transfusions," he said.

AIDS seems to occur only among four high-risk groups, according to Heaton — homosexual or bisexual males with multiple sex partners; intravenous drug abusers; recent entrants from Haiti; and persons with hemophilia.

"The American Red Cross and the Tidewater Region are taking every precaution to screen these individuals from the donor population," he said.

The Bloodmobile in Hertford is being sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees, but according to Jaycette Patsy Miller, the bloodmobile is a community effort. The approximate 25 volunteers who will assist with the bloodmobile are coming from all community organizations.

The goal for the bloodmobile in Hertford is 75 pints, "but we hope that we'll go way over that because during the summer season, more is blood is needed and less is given," said Mrs. Miller.

"The response has been low for the last couple of bloodmobiles and people have been frightened by AIDS," she said.

Although the bloodmobile is usually held quarterly in Perquimans County, the last bloodmobile was held in December. Mrs. Miller said the response then was "fairly good."

She estimates that the total process of donating blood only takes about an hour and the Jaycees provide a sandwich, cookie and a drink for the donors.

"We do cry out to the community to come — it makes you feel so good to know you've helped someone else," she said.



Head Start's Joyce Felton presented a gift of appreciation to Don Juan's Stuart Anderson, who resigned recently to pursue his own business in

Florida. Anderson was honored by representatives of county government and area organizations during a recognition dinner last week.

Mrs. Felton told the group that Anderson never denied the Head Start program when he was called. (Photo by Val Short)

## County groups honor Don Juan's Stuart Anderson

By VAL SHORT

Over 70 Perquimans people gathered at Angler's Cove last Wednesday to pay tribute to and applaud a friend and community leader — Stuart Anderson.

Anderson, who resigned recently from Don Juan Manufacturing Corporation in Hertford, was "roasted" by such organizations as Head Start, the Perquimans County Commissioners, Committee of 100, the Industrial Development Commission, and the Chamber of Commerce for his contributions and leadership in the community.

"Stuart Anderson is a great man. I hate to see one of my best friends go to Florida, but I wish him a lot of success," Hertford Mayor Bill Cox told the group.

Presenting a gift from the Committee of 100, Erie Haste said, "I think it's important to tell you the many things that go on as a result of Don Juan and Stuart Anderson being here."

Joyce Felton, representing the Perquimans Head Start program said, "(Mr. Anderson) has done so much for Head Start. Everytime we have called for shirts for the children, he has never denied us."

Anderson, who resigned to start his own custom shirt company in Sarasota, Florida, promised to

return from time to time and said he is leaving with mixed emotions.

"I'm not going into competition with Don Juan," said Anderson. His company will employ several people to produce 100 to 200 custom designed shirts of imported fabrics. Anderson said he hopes to have four or five shops in Florida within a few years.

Anderson came to Don Juan and Perquimans in 1972 and since then, he said the payroll has grown from \$70,000 to over \$2 million.

"We have such a great family out at Don Juan," he said. "We're thankful that we have been able to stay so busy when so many other garment businesses are falling by the wayside," he added.

Of the dinner in his honor, Anderson said, "I'd just like to say a big 'thank-you.' Words can't express an experience like this. It typifies what life is all about — the caring and sharing. We are all ministers and we serve in one way or another."

Of the gifts he received, Anderson said, "These are things I will cherish always."

Don Juan manufactures shirts, dresses and blouses and is a subsidiary of Marubeni America, an international trade organization. The company came to Perquimans in 1947.

## Perquimans native Marguerite Butler McCall pens novel

By VAL SHORT

You are cordially invited to a homecoming, of sorts, at The Perquimans County Library, during which a Perquimans native "daughter" will present her first published novel "And Roofs Need Patching."

Marguerite Butler McCall, who grew up in Hertford, has scheduled an appearance at the library July 27 from 2 to 5 p.m. to sell and autograph her work.

The daughter of Ruby Butler Crawford, now of Edenton, and the late Hudson Butler, Mrs. McCall attended schools in Hertford and fondly remembers her childhood days living on Grubb Street.

She drew from her Hertford childhood as well as her life experiences in Edenton and Hawaii as she developed the characters and

setting for her novel.

Set mostly in Riverlo, which Mrs. McCall says could be "any Eastern North Carolina town," the book takes place in the late 1940's and early 50's.

The book is about no one particular person she has known, said Mrs. McCall. "It describes the stereotypes of Eastern North Carolina people. The characters are really composites of different people I've known," she said.

"I describe the way we talk — the dialect of the people of this region. I feel that I've enhanced the human dignity of the blacks in the area and I tried to write in the way that they speak," she continued.

Educated at College of The Albemarle and East Carolina University, Mrs. McCall said an ECU professor was influential in the development of her writing style.

"He stressed the use of the senses in writing. He said to describe what the eye and ear are taking in. So, I employed his methods and found it was easier to write," said Mrs. McCall.

"I've always enjoyed words and I also enjoy painting. I have found that one interest also enhances another," said Mrs. McCall.

Describing her novel lovingly as her "third baby," since it took nine months to actually write, Mrs. McCall began "And Roofs Need Patching" in 1962. She was stationed in Hawaii with her husband, now retired from the U.S. Coast Guard, who was then on duty at sea.

It began as an outline and by 1979 had evolved into over 75,000 hand written words. The book was revised and typed, edited and typed and revised again before it was sub-

mitted to several religious and secular publishers.

The novel was finally accepted and published by Bookcrafters of

Fredricksburg, Va.

Writing a novel, said Mrs. McCall,

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scheduled a visit at the Perquimans County Library July 27 from 2 to 5 p.m. to sell and autograph her book. (Photo by Val Short)

## Hertford police warn of bike thefts

By VAL SHORT

The rash of bicycle thefts throughout Hertford, particularly in the areas around Gaston Drive, Dobbs Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, have prompted the Hertford Police Department to issue a warning for residents to secure their bikes.

According to Hertford Chief of Police Marshall Merritt, the department is requesting that residents report the bike thefts im-

mediately.

He also suggests that serial numbers of the bicycles be kept in a place where they can be easily and quickly found.

"This happens every summer," said Merritt, "while kids are out of school with nothing to do."

Merritt said an 11-year-old boy was arrested and charged with one county of larceny of a bicycle after a bike was reported missing from 600 Dobbs St., Hertford.

Merritt said the bicycle was recovered prior to the report that it had been stolen. Assisted by Officer Tim Spence, Merritt also charged the juvenile with the attempted larceny of another bicycle, allegedly stolen from a residence on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Merritt reported that a bicycle frame that belonged to Phillip Harrell was also recovered from an abandoned house on Dobbs Street.

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