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The Winfall Vol. Fire Department and Hertford Fire Department responded to an alarm at the Ward and Nixon Cotton Gin in Winfall on Monday night. The fire was contained to a pile of refuse cotton located behind the main building. Details concerning the fire were not available at press time.

Youth arrested in fire investigation

By KEN CASTELLOE

An investigation by the SBI and Winfall Police Department resulted in the arrest of a Snug Harbor youth for starting four fires which destroyed a locker room and damaged the east wing of the Perquimans Union School on October 17.

Scott Roger Herald, 16, of Lot 70, Willow St. in Snug Harbor, was charged with burning a building being used as a school, a violation of GS 14-60.

Winfall Police Chief Joe Lothian and SBI agent Dwight Ransome served the warrant for Herald's arrest on Tuesday, October 25.

Herald is scheduled to make a court appearance on November 2, but a motion has been made to waive the first court appearance so that it can be determined by health officials whether or not he is mentally competent to stand trial, officials said.

The fire, which was started in a

trash can in the boy's locker room, destroyed much of the athletic equipment belonging to the school.

Fiberglass shower stalls in the locker room were also destroyed, and the east wing of the building, where the locker room was located, suffered smoke damage, which resulted in an estimated \$25,000 to \$30,000 in damages.

A student reported the fire to Perquimans Union principal Gary Stubbins at 11:45 a.m., after Stubbins had previously extinguished a fire in a trash can in the boys' bathroom.

Two other fire attempts were discovered, in another boys' bathroom and in the school auditorium. The fire in the auditorium failed to fully ignite.

Lothian expressed, "my thanks to Dwight Ransome, Lennie Wise, and Bill Godley from the SBI for their assistance in the investigation. Their help was instrumental in making this a successful investigation."

Knox to be guest at Farm-City Week

Plans for the Perquimans County Farm-City Week Banquet are virtually complete, according to Charles H. Ward, Chairman of the Perquimans County Farm-City Week Committee.

Farm-City Week extends from November 18 through November 24, which is Thanksgiving Day. It is an annual event which spotlights a concentrated exchange of ideas and information between farm and city people.

By learning about each others jobs and their problems, we can create an atmosphere of cooperation between the farming and urban sectors of the county. The local observance is under the sponsorship of the Perquimans County Ruritan Clubs.

The guest speaker for the banquet is Eddie Knox, Mayor of Charlotte, N. C. Mayor Eddie Knox grew up on a small farm near Davidson, N. C. with his eight brothers and sister.

In 1955, he received the National Future Farmers of America Award. In 1958, he was elected President of the Student Body at N. C. State University. In 1959, Mayor Knox graduated from N. C. State University with a degree in Agricultural Education.

He was selected Outstanding Graduate of the School of Education that same year.

Mayor Knox received his law degree from Wake Forest University in 1963, graduating in the top 10



EDDIE KNOX

percent of his class.

Mayor Knox is a candidate for the North Carolina governorship in 1984.

"Mayor Knox has a farm and city background. He recognizes the importance of each; understand the other's problems and perspectives," said Charles H. Ward, Chairman of Perquimans County Farm and City Week.

Ward further indicated that Farm-City Week provides a means to promote understanding between farmers and urban people, thus creating an atmosphere where each will be willing to help the other.

Candidates discuss priorities as election day draws near

By JANE WILLIAMS

Voters in the towns of Hertford and Winfall will go to the polls for the November 8 Municipal Election with most of the seats up for election unopposed.

The only incumbent who faces opposition is Hertford Mayor W.D. "Bill" Cox who is being opposed by W.A. "Billy" White, a rural mail carrier and President of Pitt Hardware in Hertford.

Cox, who has served as Hertford's Mayor for the past 12 years, states that he is running on that record and cites his interest in the people and the town and city government as his major reason for seeking re-election in that capacity.

"The 12 years that I have been Mayor have been a time of change and improvements in Hertford," said Cox.

In commenting on the financial situation of the town Cox pointed out that as recently as this week, the

town has reviewed their 1982-83 audit and finished out the fiscal year with a general fund balance of \$44,724. Cox also stated that the Utility fund shows a retained earning of \$275,930.

When questioned as to his ability to hold the office of Mayor and the job as Hertford Town Manager Cox said, "I feel that the leadership that I have been able to give the town has come about because I have served as Mayor and Town Manager and the combination of both has worked well and saved a considerable amount of money. The office of Mayor is an elected office elected by the voters of Hertford. As Town Manager I am an employee of the Town, hired and governed by the Hertford Town Council. The two jobs are separate but in the past have worked well together for Hertford.

Prior to becoming Mayor, Cox served for four years on the Hertford Town Council.

Currently he serves as Chairman

of the Highway 17 Transportation Association, Chairman of the Albemarle Association of Counties and Towns, member of the Albemarle Area Development Association, member of the Governing Board of the Economic Improvement Council, Chairman of the Board of the Albemarle Commission (ARPDC), member of the Region R Aging Advisory Council, Director and Past President of the Hertford/Perquimans Chamber of Commerce, member of the Perquimans County Industrial Development Commission and an appointed member of the state wide League of Municipalities Economic and Industrial Development Advisory Committee.

Billy White, who opposes Cox in the race for Mayor, stated that his main reason for seeking election is that he feels the positions of Mayor and Town Manager should be separate.

White states that he feels that the

Town of Hertford would have a stronger form of government with one person serving the elected office of mayor separate from the job as town manager.

White stated that other reasons that encouraged him to seek this office are his interests in promotion of the town and its attractions, the development and revitalization of the downtown area and river and growth in the businesses, industries and housing of the town.

White has served two terms on the Hertford Town Council from 1960 to 1966. He has been Chairman of the Board of Elections, a volunteer member of the Hertford Fire Department, Chairman of Heritage Day during the recent Indian Summer Festival, Sgt. Major of the Hertford Fifes and Drums, President of the Perquimans County Band Boosters, Master of Perquimans Lodge and President of the Hertford Jaycees.

Up for reelection to the Hertford Town Council are Jesse Harris and Billy Winslow.

Harris states his reasons for running for reelection are his interests in the town and his desire to see taxes and utilities kept at lower rates. He also sees economic development as a major project for the town.

"I am seeking re-election for the Hertford Town Council because I don't know of anyone who considers the taxpayers views, suggestions and feelings any more than I do," Winslow said of his reason for seeking another term to the Council.

"I have been a councilman for 12 years and hope that I have done a good job, that is in the best interest of our town. I am a very conservative person when it comes to spending taxpayers money; having foresight to know when to be progressive. I am always willing to listen to question and viewpoints," Winslow said.

Winslow's plans for the next term are to continue to seek ways to improve growth of the town in the areas of industrial re-development, recreation and to have a better working relationship with the different organizations and governing bodies of the county.

In Winfall there are two seats on the Town Council up for re-election, along with the seat of Mayor.

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COX



WHITE



HARRIS



WINSLOW



MORGAN



CHAPPELL

Child safety seats available through Health Department

Many children in the Perquimans County area will be much safer because of a new project soon to be launched by the Perquimans County Health Department.

Called Baby Seater, the project is intended to increase the number of area children who are buckled up in child restraint devices while riding in motor vehicles. The Health Department will be telling parents how important restraints are and will be retting infant restraint seats to area residents.

"Car crashes are the leading cause of death to our children," said Jodi Brantham of the Health Department. "But safely constructed child restraint devices can reduce or prevent most of these tragedies. The problem is to convince parents of the need to use these restraints and help them get good ones. That what we're going to do."

Brantham pointed out that in 1976, 27 children four years of age or younger died while riding as passengers in automobiles on Michigan highways. Another 4,140 youngsters in this age group were reported as injured.

"But the total number of injuries is actually much higher," Brantham said, "since many young children are hurt in sudden stops or swerves. These injuries are not reported to the police."

"If more people knew how effective child restraint devices are in protecting their children, we are certain more children would be buckled up," Brantham continued.

"A safely constructed restraint device can reduce the probability of death in a crash by as much as 90 percent. The probability of serious injury can be reduced by 70 percent."

"When you consider that your child's life could depend on it," Brantham said, "restraints are not that expensive." Prices for good, safe models range \$50.00 down to \$12.00. We will have 25 infant restraint devices which can be rented by anyone in our area. The cost will be a \$4.00 reimbursible deposit and \$1.00 per month charge for up to one year.

On November 14 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. the Health Department will be renting infant seats. Call for an appointment at 428-5458 or 428-5517.