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## Cox wins re-election bid in Town of Hertford

By JANE WILLIAMS

President of Pitt Hardware and a rural mail carrier, who had sought election to that post.

With 557 votes cast Cox received 349 votes, while White received 205 according to unofficial totals given by William L. Tilley, Chairman of the Perquimans County Board of

Elections.

"I want to express my appreciation to the voters of Hertford and the people of the area for the support they have given me," Cox said shortly after the returns were in. "I am real pleased with the turnout for

the election," Cox stated.

Cox said, "I would like to compliment my opposition on the manner in which his campaign was run. I feel very humble having won this election and I want to promise the voters and people of Hertford that I will do my

very best to continue to work on efforts for the improvement of Hertford. In order to have the progress and growth that we seek and need in Hertford, I will need the continued support of all the people in Hertford and Perquimans County."

In comments made after the election White said, "The people's choice won. It's always hard to beat the incumbent in an election such as this, and he hasn't done a bad job. I think Bill has done a good job all the way around."

When asked if he would seek election in four years White stated that he wasn't sure if he would or not.

"I still believe that the office of Mayor and the job of town manager should not be held by the same person," White said.

(Cox holds the elected office of Mayor in the Town of Hertford, along with the Town Council governed position of Town Manager.

In casting the ballot for the two seats available for Hertford Town Council Billy L. Winslow received 436 votes, while Jesse Harris received 440. Both incumbents ran unopposed.

"I am very grateful for the confidence that the voters of the Town of

Hertford have given me, and I will continue to serve them to the best of my ability," Winslow said when polling was complete.

Harris could not be reached for comment.

With seven absentee ballots cast the results were: White-7, Winslow-6, Harris-7, and one write-in vote for council going to Morris Korenegay.

There were 12 write-in votes cast during Tuesday's election for Town Council seats as follows: C. Winslow-1, Janet M. Keel-1, Jesse Parker Perry-2, Roy Perkins-1, Walter Oakley-1, E. Allen Winslow-1, Walter Edwards-1, Bill Tice-1, Erie Haste-2, and Eldon Winslow-1.

In Winfall 75 people turned out to vote in the uncontested race for Mayor and two town council seats.

Incumbent Mayor Lloyd R. Morgan received 75 votes, incumbent Town Councilman Jesse P. (Jake) Chesson received 61 votes and newcomer Seymour Chappell received 60 votes.

One absentee ballot was cast for Morgan and one for Chappell.

Harland Christensen received one write-in vote for Councilman.



Taking time out to vote



## Board discusses athletic program in local school system

By KEN CASTELLOE

The Perquimans County Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting on November 7 with all members in attendance.

One of the major topics of discussion was concerning Junior High, Middle, and High School level athletics. Perquimans County Superintendent Pat Harrell presented several comments to the board concerning these areas.

One major area of concern that was brought before the Board was the athletic programs in the Jr. High and Middle Schools across the state of North Carolina. One of the larger problems that exist is the fact that on this level too much emphasis has been placed on winning instead of learning the fundamentals of each respective sport. Also athletic programs across the state are having difficulty in finding qualified coaches to teach students on this level. Harrell stated that a Commission has been selected to study these and other problems throughout the state.

Harrell also informed the Board that a conference realignment will come into effect in 1985 for all high school sports. This is due to a decline in enrollment since the last alignment. Other factors that are causing this action are: the travel costs involved in transporting students to away games and the amount of time being missed in classrooms due to travel and participation in sports.

"At the present time the conferences are set up according to the enrollment of the top three grades. Class A division consist of schools with enrollment under 300 students. Class AA contains schools with an enrollment of 301 to 625. Class AAA has an enrollment limit of 626 to 1150 and Class AAAA consists of 1151 students and up," Harrell said.

Harrell further stated that the Perquimans High School presently has a student enrollment of 375, therefore, they are in the Class AA division.

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association will be the responsible party for setting up the new alignments. Factors that will be considered are: distance to other conference schools, the size of the school and rivalries that exist between certain schools. The Association will be meeting with school boards across the state discussing options that may be taken for the new alignment.

The Board discussed a problem concerning employees conducting personal business while on the job. In the past there have been instances in which salesmen have contacted employees of the schools during free periods on a one-to-one basis.

Harrell stated that personal business should be conducted before

8 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m. The Board requested that Harrell work up a policy concerning this matter and bring it before them for further discussion at the next meeting.

In other actions taken: "Donna Perry was officially released from Perquimans High School as a student.

"The board elected to renew a group legal liability insurance policy from Alexander and Alexander. This policy covers an aggregate of one-half million for any case.

"Appraisals of Performance were accepted from the State Board of Education. These appraisals covered such jobs as speech therapists, assistant principals and counselors.

"A major discussion was conducted by the Board concerning the use of school facilities by area civic and local organizations, pin-pointing the gymnasiums at Perquimans Union and the Perquimans High School.

Harrell stated that there is a need for some sort of supervision when these groups are using these facilities.

"We want to work with these particular organizations to make things work out for the best", said Harrell. He proceeded to present to the Board some considerations concerning a new policy governing the usage of school facilities.

The Board approved an interim policy that will be in effect until the original can be revised.

"A psychological contract with Cindy Mace was presented and approved by the Board.

"Amendments to the budget were discussed and approved by the Board.

"Joyce Whedbee was approved as a School Food Service Clerical Assistant and Nancy Towe as an interim art at Perquimans High School for approximately six weeks.

"The Board heard a report on current capital improvement projects and the public restroom project.

"A decision was reached to accept a bid from W. H. Basnight Co. of Ahoskie for \$2,293 for the replacement of the suspended ceiling in the locker room at Union school that was damaged during the fire on October 17. No action was taken on contracts for the painting of this room.

"The Board entered executive session to discuss legal issues associated with school facility planning, property acquisition and site selection. Upon re-entering to regular session, the announcement was made that the Board would proceed in the planning with Sam Ashford, owner of an architectural firm in Raleigh.

Ashford has recommended several possibilities concerning construction at the High school.

## Commissioners cite water problems

By JANE WILLIAMS

The major topic of discussion at the Perquimans County Commissioners meeting Monday morning was the county water system.

The Board discussed upcoming projects for the system and problems that have occurred and are occurring in the system.

The Board heard a report from Ron Sessoms, an engineer from Rivers and Associates, concerning the work that is currently being done on the plant site in Winfall.

Sessoms said, "They're working on the plant, raising the walls, the tanks are set, and it looks like the filters will be in ahead of schedule, maybe a

month early. Piping, plumbing and electrical work is currently being done and they should be setting the well pumps soon."

Sessoms also reported to the Board that he had contacted Raymond Benton concerning the purchasing of the non-producing well at the plant site. Sessoms said, "Benton told me that he could not accept the bid that the county had offered him for the well, and that he felt he'd be better off coming down here and filling it with concrete."

Sessoms told the Commissioners that he had been in touch with the Gates County Manager concerning the possibility of purchasing water from Gates County in conjunction with Phase II of the county water project. According to Sessoms, pending the approval this week of the Gates County Board of Commissioners, Perquimans County would be able to purchase water from Gates County at a cost of 80 cents per thousand gallons.

A motion was made and carried to go ahead and hook up the residents involved in Phase II of the county project to the Gates County water as soon as the lines are tested pending approval from the Gates County Commissioners.

Perquimans County Commissioner Chairman Joe Nowell introduced Vernon Harris, a representative of North State Consultants, to the Board.

Harris, who works as a trouble-shooter for the firm, spent about a half a day with Nowell and Commissioner W.W. "Welly" White surveying some of the problems that have been encountered with the county water system.

Harris stated that he felt he might have the problem that has been experienced with dirty water penned down. According to Harris a similar problem was found in Onslow County and was solved with minimum difficulty.

Harris proposed to the Commissioners that his firm be contracted to come into the county and work on solutions to the existing problems and look into potential future problems.

Harris told the Commissioners that he would like to work with the County Water Department on the three wells located in the county and help rid the county of the black substance found in the system's water.

He pointed out several problems he had located by reading the reports on the chemicals found in the water at the Computer Bank in Raleigh.

After a lengthy discussion the Commissioners decided to check with the water system engineers to find out if any type of treatment was currently underway for these problems before contracting North State Consultants for the job.



Ribbon Cuttings

Hertford welcomed the opening of two new businesses last week. On Monday morning a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the Card Cottage located in Harris Shopping Center. (Top) Mayor Bill Cox is pictured cutting the ribbon while Margaret Stowe, owner, County Commissioner Joe Nowell, Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce President, Mary Harrell, the staff and well-wishers look on. After the ribbon cutting patrons and dignitaries were invited in for coffee and cookies.

(Bottom) Pitt Tax Service of Hertford has recently merged with the accounting firm of Timberlake & Sykes of

Edenton. A ribbon cutting and open house was held at the Hertford Office located in Pitt Hardware on Market Street Monday afternoon. Pictured left to right are Gloria M. Deal, Mary Harrell, President of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, Joe Nowell, County Commissioner, Olin Sykes, Hertford Mayor Bill Cox, J.P. Timberlake, Terry Chappell, Billy White, Minnie Lee Winslow local office manager, and Marie R. Winslow. The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce sponsor ribbon cuttings for any new business opening in the county. (Photos by Ken Castellloe.)