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Council applauds local law enforcement officer



Captain Robert Morris of the Hertford Police Department, is shown receiving a certificate for General Advanced Law Enforcement

Training from Hertford Mayor W.D. (Bill) Cox as Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt (left) looks on. (Staff Photo by Jane Williams)

By JANE WILLIAMS
During their regular session on Monday night the Hertford Town Council witnessed the presentation of an award from the State of North Carolina Department of Justice Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission to Captain Robert Morris of the Hertford Police Department.

The General Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate was presented by Mayor W.D. (Bill) Cox to Morris in recognition of his advanced studies in law enforcement in North Carolina.

In recognizing Morris, Cox stated that the award was one of the most prestigious awards given by the state to law enforcement personnel and that he was most honored to have the opportunity to congratulate Morris on this accomplishment.

"There are very few people in the

state who have this award", said Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt, "and I am very proud to have personally received this award and to have this award given to Captain Morris".

The General Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate Awards Program is based on a point computation formula that combines formal education, law enforcement training, as well as actual experience as a law enforcement officer.

Morris has accumulated 1,500 hours of training and has five years of service with the Hertford Police Department.

During the regular business session Perquimans County Clerk of Court Jarvis Ward swore in Cox as Mayor of Hertford for a fourth term, along with Councilmen Billy L. Winslow and Jesse Harris, all of whom were re-elected to their

respective positions during last week's municipal election.

In other business the Council:

• Heard a report from Cecil Winslow on the County ABC sales report. According to Winslow the total sales for October were \$32,592, a decrease of \$5,832 from October 1982.

• Discussed the Community Development Project and adopted a grant project ordinance for the King Street revitalization project.

• Passed a resolution authorizing Cox, Councilman John Beers, town clerk Marvin Hunter, and assistant town clerk Julia Obley to act as signatories on all requisition forms for the Community Development Block Grant, and named Councilman Billy Winslow as certifying officer to validate the signatories.

• Cox told the council that they would receive a refund from the Department of Transportation

meeting, recently held at Elizabeth City State University, totaling \$206.71.

• Cox noted that the council had negotiated with the Baptist Church to put a pipe across the ditch and under the driveway in the parking lot adjoining the church and the Hertford Medical Center. This project is scheduled to begin next week. The Council asked Cox to obtain a written request from church officials before the project begins.

• Council members completed a questionnaire from the Chamber of Commerce Merchants Committee.

• Cox announced the AADA annual meeting scheduled for December 1, and encouraged council members to make plans to attend.

Jesse Harris of Harris Enterprises has been elected as the Outstanding Business in Perquimans County to be honored at this banquet.



Newly re-elected town officials Billy Winslow and Jesse Harris take the oath of office of town councilmen as

Mayor W.D. (Bill) Cox signs his oath. (Staff Photo by Jane Williams)

EMC undertakes energy saving plan

Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation is asking its members to join the Volunteer to Shave Program. No, the EMC is not asking their members to shave their beards, etc., but to help shave the peak load of the EMC.

The new program began on October 1. The goal is to have 1700 water heaters and 580 central air conditioners to be radio controlled by the local EMC.

Larry Johnson, Manager of Energy Planning and Member Services, said that "the EMC needs its members to go ahead and sign up and not wait for others to sign up. The switches will be on a first come first served basis and those who sign up first and who meet the requirements will be assured of receiving a switch and the monthly credit."

Johnson stated so far the EMC has roughly 150 members who have signed up.

The Volunteer to Shave Program

will help members by giving them a monthly credit on their electric bill. For instance, a member who signs up for a load management switch which will control their water heater will receive a monthly credit of \$1.25 per month.

A switch that will control two devices such as the central air conditioning and the water heater will receive a monthly credit of \$2.50 per month.

Members who would like to sign up can do so by stopping by the EMC office and day Monday-Friday from 8-4:30 or they can use the coupons at the collection stations or the coupon in the EMC newsletter.

The EMC has a slide program on Load Management which it is willing to show to any civic or community group.

Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, along with 26 other electric membership corporations in the state, is implementing the

statewide load management program.

The engineering and operation of the statewide program will be done by the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation which is the power supply arm of the 27 electric cooperatives in North Carolina and it is headquartered in Raleigh.

The new load management system will be monitoring the electrical usage of VEPCO, CP & L and Duke so that the EMCs can help hold down the total peak load.

As for Albemarle EMC, it too will be monitoring its own electrical load and will shed loads as needed. Peak electrical usage occurs during extremely cold or hot weather.

In most cases the load management system is needed only a few times during a given month. As for the members, most would be

unaware that the load management system is in operation.

Johnson used some figures which pointed out what load management is all about. In 1982, Albemarle EMC paid its power supplier over 1.7 million dollars in demand charges. The demand charges accounted for over 58 percent of the EMC's total wholesale power bill.

With load management, the Co-op will be able to shave some of its peak demand costs. For every KW of 1,000 watts of energy of demand, the local EMC will be able to save \$12.82 in demand charges for each KW reduced.

Multiply that figure many times and you can see some big dollar savings.

Johnson concluded his comments by saying that the EMC needs its members to take part and do their part by signing up for load management.

Investigation continues in drug store robbery

By JANE WILLIAMS

An early morning break-in at Woodards Pharmacy last Thursday resulted in the loss of more than \$2,000 worth of controlled substances and \$100 in cash.

According to Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt demerol, percodan, cocaine, qualudes and valium were among the list of controlled drugs taken during the break-in. Police Department personnel estimated the street value of the drugs at \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Merritt said that the thieves entered the drug store through a door on the south side of the building. Upon entering the building they apparently went upstairs using the same MO (modus operandi) as used during a break-in approximately eight years ago, going down an unused elevator shaft that had been boarded up.

After going into the section where drugs are kept, they broke into a locked cabinet and removed the highly controlled narcotic sub-

stances, then went to the general controlled drug area and selectively removed the brand name narcotics.

"It was almost like they had a shopping list," Merritt said.

The Hertford Police Department received a call at approximately eight o'clock on Thursday morning when employees returned to work and found that the store had been ransacked.

In commenting on the burglary Merritt said, "These people seemingly knew exactly what they were after when they went into the store."

"Property damage was minor with some damage done to the door that was used to gain entrance to the store," Merritt added.

"I would like to thank Dwight Ransome with the SBI and Dennis Honeycutt with the SBI Mobile Lab out of Raleigh for their efforts in solving this case," Merritt said.

An investigation by the Hertford Police Department and the State Bureau of Investigation continues.

Elizabeth II to be launched Tuesday

A special contingent of British guests will be on hand to help North Carolina's First Lady Carolyn Hunt launch the Elizabeth II in Manteo on Tuesday, Nov. 22, it was announced today by Lindsay Warren Jr., chairman of the America's Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee.

They will include British government officials, Royal Navy officers and a modern-day English explorer.

Accompanied by her husband, Gov. Jim Hunt, Mrs. Hunt will christen the Elizabeth II, a reproduction of the kind of 16th-century sailing ship which brought the first English colonists to the New

World — and what is now North Carolina's Roanoke Island — some 400 years ago.

On hand to participate will be British Consul General Trevor T. Gatty, O.B.E., Captains Christopher C.J.T. Chamberlen and T.J.P. O'Riorden of the Royal Navy and Colonel J. N. Blashford-Snell, M.B.E., world explorer and director, Operation Raleigh, an international expedition of young people scheduled for 1984-1988.

The Nov. 22 ceremonies, which are free and open to the public, will begin on the Manteo waterfront at 11 a.m. after performances by a Marine

band and the Manteo High School band.

There will be short remarks by Warren; Sara Hodgkins, secretary of the N. C. Department of Cultural Resources; Charles Wade of Winston-Salem, chairman of the 400th Anniversary's Elizabeth II subcommittee; and Gov. and Mrs. Hunt.

Then Mrs. Hunt will christen the ship with the traditional bottle of champagne, and the Elizabeth will slide on a track into Manteo's Shallowbag Bay, where she will await completion. The ship itself will be closed to the public until next July, but she may be viewed from the

shore. A large crowd is expected for the launch, according to Warren, so visitors should plan to arrive early in order to find parking spaces and a good place to stand.

The Elizabeth II has been hand-made over the last year to old-world specifications. Some historians consider her to be the most authentic 16th-century ship reproduction ever attempted. She has been constructed with private funds from the America's Quadricentennial Corporation.

After completion, the Elizabeth

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Parade date set

Preparation is now underway for the 1983 Christmas Parade in Perquimans County scheduled for Sunday, December 4, at 2:30 p.m.

The parade is being organized by the Perquimans County Jaycees with assistance from the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

The theme for this year's parade will be "The Joys of Christmas". Participation in the parade will include floats, bands and other marching units which will be judged and for which prizes will be awarded.

Floats will be awarded cash prizes in two categories. The first being school groups and the second will be for churches and civic groups. In each category there will be a \$25 award for first place, a \$15 award for second place and an honorable mention for third place.

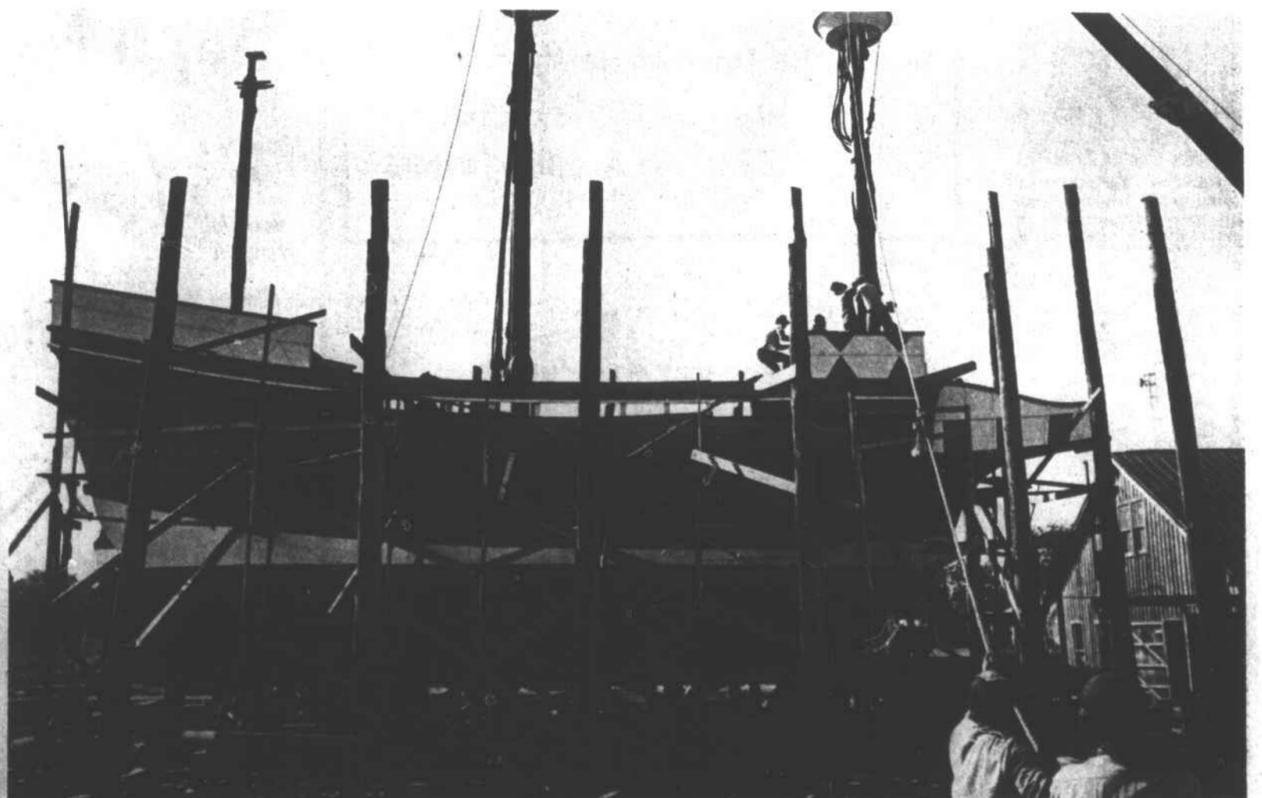
Bands and marching units will be judged according to the number of members participating. There will be a first and second place trophy for

the best band unit of 60 or more members and a first and second place trophy for the best band or unit of less than 60 members.

The parade will begin its route at the Perquimans County High School and proceed north on Edenton Road Street to Grubb Street. At Harris Shopping Center the procession will turn right and proceed down to Church Street. The route will then turn right onto Church, and progress to Dobb Street, turning right to Edenton Road Street and back to the high school.

All participants are requested to assemble at the Perquimans County High School no later than 1:45 p.m. on December 4.

Groups and organizations interested in participating in the parade are asked to contact Edgar Roberson at 426-5224 or 426-7719 or call the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce office at 426-5657 by November 28.



A launch date of November 22 nears for the Elizabeth II, the representative 16th-century sailing vessel under construction on the Manteo

waterfront as part of America's 400th Anniversary (1984 to 1987). The launch ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. Earlier this month, shipwrights

lowered into place three masts and the bowsprit of the Elizabeth. The ship is similar to those that brought England's first colonists to Roanoke

Island almost 400 years ago. (Photo courtesy of Henry Applewhite, Dare County Tourist Bureau)