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Stallings wins Albemarle Firemen's award

By CINDY LEICESTER
"Family dedication, dedication to church and community and his

unselfishness to go into a toxic area he may not have come out of" are some of the remarks used to describe Lee

Stallings, recipient of the Albemarle Firemen's Association's "Fireman of the Year" award.

The award was presented to Stallings, a member of the Durants Neck Volunteer Fire Department, at the Association's annual ladies night banquet held February 5 at the Knobbs Creek

Recreation Center in Elizabeth City.

Stallings joined the Durants Neck Fire Department in November 1980. From that date until November of 1982 he served as assistant chief. He served as captain from November of 1982 until November 1983. He currently is serving as captain.

During his four years of service Stallings has attended more than 400 hours of fire training.

Stallings was selected by the Association not only for his participating in the department but, also for his outstanding rescue of Frank Ownley on May 2, 1984.

Upon answering an alarm to the Ownley residence, Stallings arrived to find the living area fully engulfed in flames and smoke. Without regard to his own personal safety, he entered the house to get to Mr. Ownley who was trapped in the bedroom.

Stallings then proceeded to drag Ownley out of the house, but was overcome by smoke. Both men were treated at Albemarle Hospital. Were it not for Stallings, Mr. Ownley may not have been here today.

After the awards presentation, new officers for 1985 were installed by Charlie Skinner, retired chief of the Hertford Fire Department.

Among those installed were Edgar Roberson, president, and Walter Edwards Jr., secretary. Both are members of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department.

The Albemarle Firemen's Association was formed in October of 1967. It is now comprised of over 50 departments representing the 10 counties that comprise the Albemarle area.



At left Chief Lynn Perry of the Edenton Fire Department, outgoing president of the Albemarle Firemen's Association, presents a plaque to Lee Stallings honoring him as the Association's Fireman of the Year for 1984. (Photo by Edward Leicester)



Guests look on as Charlie Skinner, former chief of the Hertford Fire Department, installs the new officers of the Albemarle Firemen's Association during a banquet held recently in Elizabeth City.

Pictured with Skinner are (left to right) Frank Cherry of Roper, 2nd vice president; Edgar Roberson of Hertford, president; Jimmy Harris of Pasquotank/Providence, 1st vice president; and Walter

Edwards Jr. of Hertford, secretary.

Other officers not pictured are Phil Tant of Edenton, treasurer; and Denis Swain of Columbia, chaplain. (Photo by Edward Leicester)

HPD offers annual report to council

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Hertford citizens were the victims of a 97 percent increase in value of stolen property during 1984 as compared to 1983, according to an annual report presented by Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt at the Hertford Town Council meeting on Monday night.

Merritt attributed the rise in stolen property to several factors, including two large crimes involving the theft of a truck owned by Dixie Auto valued at \$50,000 and the break-in of a Grubb Street home where \$20,000 worth of silver was taken. The truck was recovered by the police department.

"There was a definite and marked increase in breaking and entering and larceny cases during the past year," Merritt stated. The report indicates that there were 44 reported violations in 1983, compared to 63 breaking and entering cases in 1984. There were 46 cases of larceny reported in 1984.

The recovery rate for stolen property by the department was 55 percent, a 19 percent increase over 1983.

Merritt stated that, "the current economy had a lot of bearing on the rise in breaking

and entering cases; and the fact that a lot of criminals that were arrested in previous years were released in late 1983 and 1984, and many of them returned to their former occupations."

According to Merritt there was a dramatic increase in the number of reported assaults during the past two years. "In 1982 there were 39 reported assaults, 60 assaults were reported in 1983, and 68 assaults were reported in 1984. These numbers represent a 57 percent increase in the number of reported assaults from December 1982 through December 1984," Merritt said.

The police department had a 100 percent arrest rate for assaults committed in 1984.

Overall the department investigated a total of 276 reported cases in 1984, ranging from first degree rape to an absent without leave from the U.S. Armed Forces.

The department logged a total of 148 arrests during the year.

The department issued 93 citations, comprised primarily of warning tickets; investigated 55 accidents, served 843 subpoenas; reported 38 civil violations and worked a total of 11,920 hours.

Winfall Council reviews CDBG

By MONICA ROACH

Members of the Winfall Town Council were on hand Monday night to review the plans for just compensation of the King Street Project on Monday, February 11th.

This project consists of a block grant which enables the town to purchase property that has been condemned and to destroy the structures now located on the property. The town will then proceed to "clean-up" the area.

The properties may then be put up for bids for resale or can be used for construction of community oriented facilities, housing or business.

In further business the Board:

- Discussed the 45 m.p.h. zone which was recently established on Highway 17 in Winfall. Joe Lothian, chief of police, reported that warning tickets have been issued to speeding motorists, and he has noticed a "slow-down" in the flow of traffic.

- Was made aware by Lloyd Ray Morgan, Mayor, that a silver dollar was given to each

Winfall Fireman at the Banquet which was held on Saturday, February 9th at Tuck's in Elizabeth City.

- Approved the request by Durwood Barber to transfer funds in the budget to meet the requirements which were needed.

With no further business the Winfall Town Council was adjourned.

This week..

This edition of The Perquimans Weekly contains two special features. On Page 3 is our annual display of Valentine Love Lines. Pages 4 and 5 of this week's edition contains advertising for the annual Townwide Washington Birthday Sale, sponsored by local businesses in the community.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Conferences planned on the role of churches in community development

Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow, Inc. (NNCT) announced recently that it will

sponsor a conference on the role of churches in community development.

Representatives of the Albemarle Food Bank, the Shepherd's Staff, The Interchurch Forum of Washington, the Open Door of Perquimans County, the Roanoke-Chowan Ministerial Association, Catholic Social Ministries, Open Door Christian Ministries of Creswell, Coalition 16, NNCT, and several individual churches have planned the program for a conference scheduled for Saturday, March 16 at the K. E. White Graduate Center in Elizabeth City.

The first objective of the conference is to inform ministers and laypersons of current efforts by churches and church-supported organizations in northeastern North Carolina to meet some of the needs of older persons, low-income persons, and those in crisis situations.

The various groups will have exhibits and displays to describe their work and representatives will be available to answer questions.

The second objective is to provide an opportunity for interested persons to learn about developing and operating such programs. Four workshops will be held to provide information on (1) meeting the need for food (2) emergency shelter (3) crisis intervention and (4) organizational issues.

In addition, the Reverend Mac Hulslander, Director of CLAY (Clergy and Laity Together in Ministry) to Raleigh will speak.

He will address the issue of the church as a "sleeping giant" in terms of its potential for community service.

The final objective of the conference is to establish a network of relationships among these groups that will facilitate their work. A directory of service

organizations in the Northeast will be produced from information gained through the conference.

The day-long conference will be open to all intersted persons. There will be no admission fee and lunch will be available for a nominal charge.

Organizations interested in participating in the conference or persons wishing to attend should call NNCT at 335-3502 or 335-3491.

D.O.T. awards \$22-million contract

RALEIGH—Among the contracts approved by the state Board of Transportation at its monthly meeting today was a \$22 million contract for the replacement of the bridge over the Albemarle Sound in Chowan and Washington counties.

"This is the largest single structure contract ever let by the Department of Transportation," said State Highway Administrator George Wells. "The Albemarle Sound Bridge is 3.5 miles long—the state's longest bridge."

Also included among the contracts approved by the board were nine additional bridge replacement projects across the state, four projects concerning Interstate 40, and two rest area improvement projects.

In addition, the board approved over 190 miles of resurfacing on state primary and secondary roads.

"This is the largest single contract letting in the Department of Transportation's history," said Secretary of Transportation James E. Harrington. "These contracts represent progress for our state's transportation system."

"Our bridge replacement and maintenance programs are protecting our valuable bridge and highway assets. I'm very pleased with the board's decision to award these contracts."

"In addition to approving a

record number of bids, the board rejected all bids received on a contract for slated improvements to the intersection of the Cliff Benson Beltline (US-1 and 64) and Glenwood Avenue (Secondary Road 1793) in Raleigh.

The low bidder was S. T. Wooten Construction Company of Raleigh whose bid of \$6.8 million was 27.5 percent above the department's engineers' estimate for the project.

Members of the state Board of Transportation are: Kenneth H. Roberson, Robersonville; Randy D. Doub, Greenville; Benny Thomas Polaird, Jacksonville; John E. Bishop, Rocky Mount; James M. Peden Jr., Raleigh; Nancy Rand, Durham; H. Terry Hutchens, Fayetteville; W. B. Buchanan, Graham; Roland Barbee, Greensboro; Richard K. Pugh, Asheboro; Charles M. Shelton, Winston-Salem; J. F. Alexander, Salisbury; Seddon Goode Jr., Charlotte; John W. Harris, Charlotte; W. Frank McCray, Kannapolis; Brent B. Kincaid, Lenoir; Lucy C. Everrett, Elkin; Harry L. Robertson, Taylorsville; H. Lanier Williams, Gastonia; Robert Z. Falls, Shelby; Ted Smith, Swannanoa; J. Curtis Youngblood Jr., Fletcher; and James P. Myers Sr., Bryson City.

Secretary Harrington serves as chairman of the board.



Winfall Volunteer Firemen and their wives or guests, enjoyed a seafood buffet at their annual Ladies' night which was held at Tuck's in Elizabeth City on February 9th. David

Pritchard, Captain of Elizabeth City Fire Department was the guest speaker for the event.

Pictured left to right: Floyd Long, winner of the Meritorious Award; Outstanding Young Fire

Fighter — Thomas Roach; and Fireman of the Year — Rufus Hudson. Not pictured is Dennis Williams who was awarded the Meritory Service Award. (Photo by Monica Roach)