

## One injured when tree collapsed on U.S. 17

By JANE B. WILLIAMS  
WINFALL—A 1973 Volkswagen operated by an Eliza-

beth City youth was totaled Monday morning when a large sycamore tree fell

across U.S. 17 Business here landing on the hood of the vehicle causing extensive

damage to the car and delaying traffic for nearly an hour.



Officer Tim Spence of the Winfall Police Department and Deputy Victor Lamb of the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department worked with State Highway Personnel to free a car trapped under a fallen

tree on U.S. 17 last Monday. (top photo) The incident occurred when a sycamore tree collapsed near the State Shop falling on a 1973 Volkswagen. (bottom photo) Photos by Jane B. Williams.

Charles Thomas Mizelle, Jr., age 17, of 1103 Parson Drive, Elizabeth City, was taken to Albemarle Hospital by the Perquimans County Rescue Squad where he was treated and released for minor abrasions.

According to Timothy Spence, investigating officer from the Winfall Police Department, the accident occurred around 9:40 a.m. just north of the North Carolina State Highway Shop. The vehicle was traveling in the southbound lane of traffic when the tree collapsed and fell across the road, hitting the car and bringing it to a complete stop.

Officer Spence stated his department's appreciation for the quick response of the Highway Shop personnel in clearing the debris from the road and to the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, and the Perquimans County Rescue Squad for their assistance.



## Commissioners struggle to reduce 85-86 budget

By SUSAN HARRIS

The 1985-86 Fiscal Year Budget was the prime concern of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting Monday night. While all the commissioners agreed that the tax rate should be held at its lowest possible level, a difference of opinion surfaced on what specifically could be cut from requested funds.

The recreation department, which was resoundingly approved by the voters in a referendum several years ago, was the target of some commissioner's budget knife. Commissioner Thomas Nixon said that he had talked to a man who would deliver a load of tires for people to play with for recreation. He further stated, "That luxury has got to go."

Other board members questioned increases in the board of education budget request. Commissioner Wayne Winslow advocated trimming county employee salary increases.

Commissioner Nixon said, "Give me the scissors. I'll show you how to trim it (the budget) down to size." Nixon went on to say, "You cut out your luxuries and leave the necessities."

The board is in a "Catch-22" situation over defining "luxuries" and "necessities." Another budget factor is how much tax increase county residents can bear.

The final budget will emerge from a work session scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will not be without discontent however, because Nixon left the board with the statement: "I told you boys a long time ago I was going to vote against you. I ain't got but one vote, but I'll vote against you."

County Water Department Supervisor Russell Chappell and County Manager Randy Keaton briefed the commissioners on the effects the Fair Labor Standards Act will have on the water department. Presently employees are allowed to take compensatory time for overtime hours worked, rather than being paid time-and-a-half wages. Beginning July 1st the federal government will no longer allow this practice, which would mean that the county would pay one employee approximately \$110-130 per week for week-end duty.

Chappell requested the addition of one full-time employee to his staff. "We do need another man," Chappell said. "There's a lot we need to be doing that we can't get to. I feel like we need another full-time man."

"You can put on more help, but you're going to increase

your water rates to pay for it," Commissioner Lester Simpson countered.

The board agreed to hire a part-time person for an undetermined length of time to help install water lines and meters. Installations are behind due to an increased work load when the Winfall plant opened. That plant is now functioning well.

The full-time department employees will work staggered schedules to avoid weekend overtime, as the board opted not to pay the additional wages.

## Hertford Council approves budget

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

The Town of Hertford Board of Commissioners met on Monday evening during a short session to review and accept the proposed 1985-86 budget for the municipality.

The meeting was set as a public hearing for the purpose of discussing any matters that would affect the proposed budget, however the only representation at the meeting were members of the board and the press.

Commissioner Jesse Harris expressed his concern over the increases in utility rates which he feels have created hardships on many North Carolina municipalities. Harris stated that it was "time to abolish the Utility Commission," adding that there was really "nothing that we can do about that though."

The board voted unanimously to accept the budget as proposed with a 43-cents tax rate for Fiscal Year 1985-86. Included in this year's budget is a general fund revenue and expenditure of \$588,000.00 consisting of: Administrative Dept.-75,600; Police Dept.-110,700; Fire Dept.-20,700; Recreation Dept.-52,456; Inspection Dept.-16,260; Street Dept.-123,000; Sanitation Dept.-96,000; Cemetery Dept. 26,500; Non-Departmental 52,600; and Contingencies-14,992.

The Utility Fund which consists of the Water and Sewer Fund has a revenue and expenditure budget of \$153,000.00.

The Electric Fund is set for \$1,379,491.00 for revenues and expenditures.

Revenue Budget Sharing is set at \$14,000.00

## Summer feeding program slated

The Perquimans County Board of Education will sponsor a Summer Feeding Program for Children from June 24 through July 26 except July 4. Any person 18 years of age or under is eligible to participate in this program.

No child will be discriminated against in the meal service regardless of race, age, color, na-

tional origin, sex or handicap and all children will be served the same meals. There will be no physical segregation of any child.

Adults may purchase meals for \$1.50 each. All meals will meet or exceed the federal meal pattern for children. All meals must be consumed on site. Serving time and sites are as

- follows:
- Belvidere (Marion Firer-son's)—12:00-12:30
  - E.I.C. Building (Hertford)—12:00-12:45
  - Ellis Temple (Winfall)—12:00-12:30
  - Galatia Church (New Hope-Durants Neck)—12:00-12:30
  - Holiday Island (Bethel)—11:30-12:15

- Missing Mill Park (Hertford)—12:00-12:45
- Poole's Grove (Woodville)—12:15-1:00
- Porter's Chapel (Chap-anoke)—12:00-12:30
- Southern Shores (Harvey Point Road)—12:00-12:30
- Wynne Fork Court—12:30-1:30

## HPD hires new policemen

By JANE B. WILLIAMS  
Hertford Police Chief, Marshall Merritt announced this week the addition of two new officers to the Hertford Police Department.

The positions were created after the resignation of Lawrence

Brown and the enlargement of the municipality due to the legislatures approval of annexation.

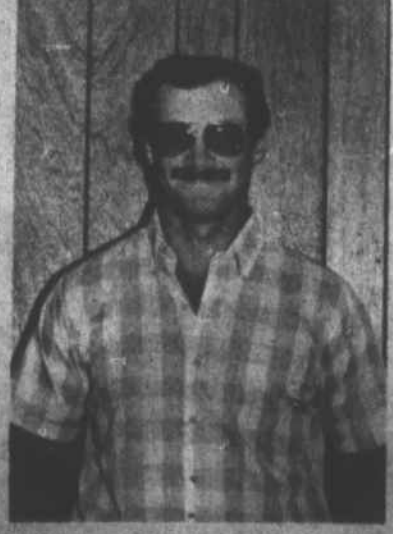
William T. (Billy) Ward, III, age 34, has been hired to replace Brown. A native of Eliza-

beth City, Ward has recently completed 11 years in the United States Army. He and his wife, the former Susan Aydtlett, have three children, William, IV, Sean, and April. They plan to re-locate into the area next month.

Tony Perry, age 22, has been hired to work as an auxiliary officer with the department until January 1, 1986, when he will be placed on the full-time duty roster.

Perry is a native of the New Hope Community and is a farmer.

"We are pleased with the addition of these two young men. We have determined the need during the past several years for a sixth officer in the town, and with the addition of new territory to patrol since annexation this position will be necessary to allow our department to continue to offer superior service," Merritt stated.



WILLIAM T. WARD, III

TONY PERRY



RIDING THE FENCE — May be a popular habit for politicians but, it is apparent that some birds like it, too! This fat fuzzy little creature perched itself on the fence

behind The Perquimans Weekly office early this week to bask in the sunshine and take life easy. (Photo by Jane B. Williams)