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Harrell claims first place at state 4-H demonstration

Fifteen year-old Jason Harrell of Rt. 1, Hertford, didn't do all the talking when he competed at State 4-H Congress Tuesday, July 23. He hooked a voice synthesizer to his computer and used that in his demonstration entitled "Getting Down to Basics."

That, along with an explanation of commands, computer terms, computer languages and instruction in writing a program in Basic, earned Jason first place in electric demonstration, senior division.

Jason, who is the son of Tommy and Sherry Harrell, has had about four years experience on the family computer and is thinking about a career in that field.

He has been in 4-H about seven years and has also been involved in showing livestock. Jason is a member of the Town 'n' Country 4-H Club, which is led by Sherry Harrell, Ginger O'Neal and Ann Shallock.

"4-H has helped me learn to talk in front of crowds and to teach others. I've helped some of the younger members of our club at livestock shows, and helped them learn to use the county (extension) computer, Jason said.

As state electric demonstration winner, Jason was presented a \$150 savings

bond from the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives.

State 4-H Congress is sponsored by the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.



JASON HARRELL

Plans announced for new shopping areas in Hertford

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Perquimans County will soon boast two new shopping areas according to plans announced recently by a local businessman and a Raleigh development company.

Charles H. Ward, who owns and operates Dixie Auto, Dixie Tire, and Ace Hardware on U.S. 17 By-Pass in Hertford, is currently adding an additional 9,000 square feet of space to his building to house at least five new stores.

Ward stated in a telephone interview on Tuesday that four businesses have made commitments to locate in the new facility. The facility will bring about the relocation of two county businesses, Copeland Communications and Quality Clothing Outlet; and two new businesses, Pritchard's Florist and an antique store owned by Harold Winslow, will open in the county as a result of the new shopping area.

Ward added that he is currently negotiating with another business that will possibly locate in the facility. He also stated that upon completion of the new stores he plans to further expand the area.

Scheduled for opening by November 1, the new center will soon gain a neighbor on the opposite side of the road.

Plans were announced last week by the development company of Davidson and Jones to construct a new shopping center on U.S. 17 By-Pass on a

four-acre tract adjoining the Sea Jay's property.

Excavation of the site is already under way, and officials of Davidson and Jones have stated that the center may be open by Christmas.

Although no statement has been made as to the identity of the stores that will be located in the center, it has been an-

nounced that the center will house a prominent regional chain supermarket, a national chain drugstore and a discount store.

It was also announced that a fast food restaurant may locate at the shopping center.

The four-acre site will offer room for expansion for local retailers also.



TENNIS ANYONE — Staying out of the rain and heat have been among the recent activities in Perquimans County, but Jimmy Byrum of Hertford seized the opportunity to play

tennis on a recent dry evening. Byrum can be spotted frequently sharpening his skills at the public court located on Grubb Street in Hertford. (Photo by George Wilmore)

Voter's names purged from election roll

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Approximately 400 names have been purged from the county's voter registration books due to lack of participation in elections during the past four years, according to Elizabeth Winslow, secretary

for the Perquimans County Board of Elections.

Registered voters who fail to vote in any election during a four year period are deleted from the books if they fail to reply after being notified of the election board's intentions. A

letter is sent by the board to the individual and a 30-day waiting period is established to give the voter the opportunity to stop the action.

Individuals whose names have been purged from the

county's books will not be eligible to vote in the upcoming municipal election unless they re-register prior to the cut-off date of September 9.

Any county resident age 18 or over, that is a U.S. citizen, and who has lived in the county at least 30 days prior to an election is eligible to register and vote.

The next election in the county will be the November 5 Municipal Election.

Town of Winfall voters will cast their ballot for the mayor's seat and that of two town council seats which are currently occupied by Jack Symons and William Wray Miller.

In Hertford the seats now occupied by John Beers and Joe Towe White, Jr. will be decided.

Filing dates for those seats begin at 12:00 Noon on August 30th and close on September 20 at 12:00 Noon.

Individuals wishing to vote in that election must be registered no later than September 9, 1985, or 21 working days prior to the upcoming election.

Officials urge immunization

RALEIGH — North Carolina health officials are urging parents to have their children properly immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough), and to be sure that the DTP vaccinations are given on time.

Dr. J. N. MacCormack, chief of Epidemiology for the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Health Services, said that despite some recent negative publicity about DTP immunization, the vaccine is safe and effective for the vast majority of children. DTP vaccine has been used in the United States since the 1940's.

"In recent weeks, a growing

number of parents have delayed their children's immunizations because of the reaction of a few children to the pertussis (whooping cough) portion of the vaccine," he pointed out. "But waiting is risky, particularly for babies less than one year old."

MacCormack said that pertussis can cause pneumonia, convulsions, hernias from violent coughing, and other respiratory complications. It can even be fatal.

Statistics show that in 1984 there were 30 cases of pertussis reported in North Carolina, while in 1983, there were 34 reports. Eighty percent of these

cases occurred in children under one year of age, and 63 percent affected infants less than six months. Of the 62 cases for whom the DTP immunization status was known, 84 percent had either not received the vaccine at all or only one dose of DTP; of those under one year of age, 90 percent had not received their DTP immunization or only one dose of the vaccine.

North Carolina law requires that children be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, rubella, and polio. It applies to school children in grades K-12 as well as those in licensed day care facilities.

Signs offer safety message

Farming is big business in Perquimans County and farm equipment can prove to be hazardous to the unsuspecting motorist. The North Carolina Farm Bureau has developed the sign pictured left to help alert motorists when they enter farming communities. Locally the sign can be purchased at the Perquimans County Farm Bureau Office on Church Extended in Hertford. Bumper stickers are also available.



County receives \$10,000 grant

RALEIGH—Camden, Perquimans, Chowan and Gates counties have been awarded a total of \$32,900 for natural resources planning, N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development Secretary S. Thomas Rhodes announced today.

The counties are among the 13 coastal communities which have been granted a total of \$129,700 for local planning. Both Camden and Gates counties will receive \$9,600; Perquimans and Chowan counties will receive \$10,000 each.

"These grants will assist towns and counties with their efforts to protect their natural resources through the local planning process," Rhodes said.

The grants, which will be administered by the Division of Coastal Management and partially matched by local funds, will be used to update local land use plans. The Coastal Area Management Act requires that the updates be prepared every five years.

Some of the policy areas which the updates will address are pre- and post-storm disaster planning, public beach access and coastal water quality.

These awards are part of the current grant cycle which will fund 75 communities between 1984 and 1987. This is the third generation of plans since the coastal program began in 1974.

Rhodes stressed that land use planning "is essential to effectively manage coastal resources."

The participation of local governments in the land use planning process continues to be a major factor in the success of the coastal management program. This state and local partnership is the key to protecting North Carolina's coast.

Other local governments receiving grants include Hyde County, \$16,000; Onslow and Pender Counties, \$15,000 each; Atlantic Beach, Emerald Isle, Long Beach and Ocean Beach, \$8,000 each; Pine Knoll Shores, \$7,500; and Aurora, \$5,000.