

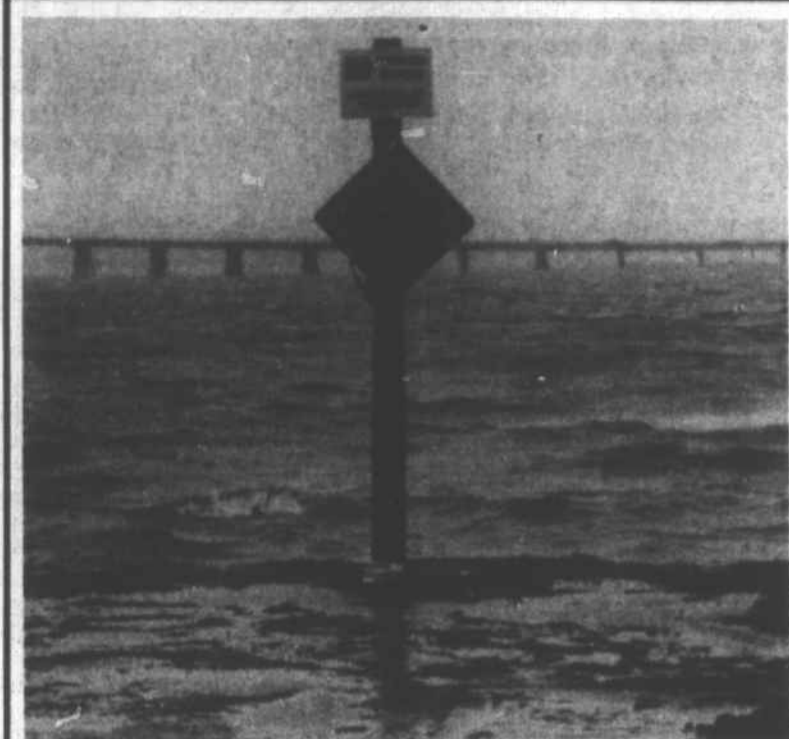
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No Land In Sight

Rain drenched Perquimans County over the week-end and by Monday many low-lying areas were underwater, creating a hazard for motorists. Water levels in the Perquimans River were higher than most residents ever recall after Monday's rain deposited close to six inches of water in many areas. (Photos by Joe Lothian and Jane Williams.)



Emergency assistance funds available for local farmers

On October 16, 1985, Agriculture Secretary, John Block, declared Chowan County eligible for Emergency (EM) physical and production loss loan assistance as a result of damage caused by severe winds and hail

which occurred June 4, 1985. As a result of this disaster declaration, six (6) additional counties in North Carolina which are contiguous to Chowan County were also named as areas where farmers may qualify for Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) Emergency (EM) loan assistance, pursuant to the contiguous county provision of the "Emergency Agricultural Credit Act of 1984" (Public Law 98-258).

Melvin E. Howell, FmHA

County Supervisor, said that effective October 16, 1985, farmers in Chowan and Perquimans Counties may apply for EM loans and that the deadline for filing an application is June 16, 1986, for physical and production losses. The local FmHA office is located in the Albemarle Commission Building in Hertford and has office hours of 8-5 Monday-Friday. Howell said that any farmer who suffered a loss should contact his office for additional information.

Plans set for 1985

Christmas Parade

"The 12 Days of Christmas" will be the theme of the 1985 Christmas Parade sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees with the assistance of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

The parade date has been set for Saturday, December 7, at 2:00 p.m.

This year's parade will include floats, bands and other marching units which will be judged and prizes will be awarded.

Floats will be awarded cash prizes in two categories. The first category is for schools and the second is for church and civic groups. A \$25.00 cash award will be given to the first place winners in each group, with \$15.00 being given to second place, and honorable mention for third place.

Bands and marching units will be judged in two categories. A first and second place trophy for the best band with 60 or more members, and a first and second place trophy will be awarded to units with 60 members or less.

All area civic groups, churches and other organizations are encouraged to participate in the parade. Anyone interested in participating in the parade should submit an entry form no later than November 28, 1985. An entry form can be found on Page 2 of this publication.

Morgan re-elected

Haste, Beers claim seats

By SUSAN HARRIS and JANE B. WILLIAMS

T. Erie Haste, Jr. and John Beers claimed seats on the Hertford Town Council Tuesday night by an overwhelming majority. Haste, frontrunner in the election, captured 259 of the votes cast. Beers brought up a close second with 255 votes.

Contender the Rev. John H. London, Jr. landed 147 ballots; while incumbent Joe Towle White, Jr. took 124 votes.

Haste will return to the board after a four-year hiatus. Obviously pleased at the outcome of the election, Haste commented, "I'm certainly gratified by the confidence shown in me by the voters, I just feel that this confidence is offering a challenge that I will try to fulfill now that I've been elected. I will meet the challenge wholeheartedly and try to make Hertford a better place."

Beers, a 20-year veteran of the board, said, "I want to express my appreciation to the people in the Town of Hertford who supported me and had confidence in me throughout this whole election, and to my family for their support."

"I will endeavor to continue to give my all to the betterment of the town. I have done my best in the past."

Seven write-ins cast during the municipal election recorded votes for Bernice Glover, Billy White, Donald Morris, Jesse P. Perry and three for Eldon Winslow.

In Hertford there were 454 ballots cast during the day Tuesday. Each voter could choose two of the four contenders.

In the Winfall race 148 voters turned out to decide on the town's next mayor.

Present Mayor Lloyd Ray Morgan received 81 votes; while Win-

fall Planning Commission Chairman Bill Bartlett wracked up 67 votes.

Morgan, who captured 54-percent of the votes cast in the municipality said, "What tickles me the most is to see the turnout we had. Three times more people voted in this municipal election than in the last one. That shows that the people are interested in their town."

"I appreciate the support of the people, and I'll try to do my best."

Also on the ballot in Winfall were incumbent councilmen Jack Symons and William Ray Miller. Both men ran unopposed. Symons collected 123 votes. Miller received 109 votes.

(Editor's Note: All tallies are unofficial at press time, pending the meeting of the Hertford and Winfall Board's of Election later this week.)

Commissioners discuss Bethel Water Plant renovations

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Preliminary plans for the renovation of the Bethel Water Plant and added expenditures on the Perquimans County High School (PCHS) renovation project were two of the topics of business that faced Perquimans County Commissioners Monday morning.

Wayne Floyd of Rivers and Associates, the engineering firm overseeing the county's water system, presented to the board a preliminary plan for the renovation of the water plant in Bethel with a price tag of \$80,000 to \$100,000.

Renovation plans at the site include new valves, similar to those at the new plant in Winfall; new filter media with manganese zeolite that will remove manganese and iron in high concentration; meter installation; and a new detention tank that will allow the water more time to settle before treatment.

Included in the proposed price is approximately \$40,000 worth of equipment.

According to County Manager Randy Keaton the county has roughly \$61,000 on hand for the project. An additional \$25,000 is anticipated from state revenue sharing funds under the Clean Water Bond; and the county is due an additional \$7,500 from

Hendricks and Barnhill, contractor on the Winfall Plant, from an overpayment.

County Schools Superintendent Patty Harrell and Board of Education (BOE) Chairman Clifford Winslow met with the commissioners to report on the asbestos problem found recently during the PCHS renovation project and to request an additional \$30,000 to cover the cost of its removal.

Harrell told the board that the asbestos findings were contained to the boiler pipes under the stage floor in the auditorium. No asbestos was detected in classroom or ceilings from the approximately 20 samples taken at the school.

He relayed to the commissioners that the BOE had called an emergency meeting when the asbestos was found by the contractor. According to Harrell the law requires that asbestos be removed before a building can be demolished. Upon finding the asbestos the contractor ceased work on the project.

The BOE secured the services of Harris and Moore, a Durham firm, to remove the asbestos at a cost of \$27,700. That project was completed on Friday. An industrial hygienist was hired, as required by law, to inspect the area at a cost of approximately \$3,000. The hygienist conducted his inspection on Monday morn-

ing. Findings from the inspection were not available at press time.

County Commissioner Thomas Nixon told Harrell and Winslow that "You've got \$2-million to build a schoolhouse with. You need to stay within that \$2-million to build it. You know it (the asbestos) was there. It's been there all the time. Everybody knew it was there. There was no excuse in letting it slip up on you."

Winslow told Nixon that the BOE had not known that the asbestos would be a problem, adding that the architect hired by the BOE had not anticipated a problem.

Harrell added that they were already working within a tight budget on the \$2-million.

Nixon said, "The people in the county voted for a schoolhouse and I think you ought to give them a schoolhouse for \$2-million."

Commissioner Lester Simpsons stated that the BOE should go ahead with their plans and pay the bills as they come due, adding that the commissioners would look at the situation later on.

Harrell further told the board that the BOE needed to go ahead and pay the contractors now for work done in September and October. The county won't be able to sell the bonds for another 30-45 days, and the BOE has received payment requests totaling \$98,000 from the contractor. Comanco, Inc., the contractor, has told Harrell that they would cease work unless he receives payment, and will bill the BOE daily for down-time during that period.

Nixon chastised the BOE stating, "Before you start a project you're supposed to have the money in hand."

Harrell pointed out that Farmers Home Administration had approved the loan, but that a hold-up with the Local Government Commission was causing the delay.

County Attorney John Matthews told the Board that one of the contractors had failed to provide the cash flow information needed and that was the hold-up in receiving funding.

Keaton told the commissioners that the money would be a loan from the county's general fund to the capital project fund. He also pointed out that as long as the county didn't have the money they don't have to pay interest on it.

Commissioner Wayne Winslow floored a motion that the county loan the BOE \$130,000 to pay for the asbestos removal and to bring payments to the contractor up to date until funds could be secured by the sale of bonds. The motion was seconded by William Wray Chappell, and was carried with four votes in favor of the move. Commissioner Nixon opposed the motion, asking to go on record in opposition of the action.

Union Tigers claim championship

The Perquimans Union School's football team made history this year by becoming the first undefeated football team in the middle school's history as it won the school's second conference championship in football. Union competes in the Coastal Athletic Conference with Gates, Knapp and Mantoo. The Tigers, under head coach Sid Eley and assistant coach Jamie Frasier, featured a run oriented offense that averaged more than 185 yards rushing during their six game season. Their defense went 19 quarters without giving up a point. The team outscored their opponents 150 to 12.

This year's team was led by Tyvoice Coston rushing at an average of 135 yards per game and leading in tackles on defense. Tyvoice's runs were made possible by blocks from his fellow running backs Ronald Skinner, Rich Bizzell and Troy Roundtree. Cetric Felton ran the team as quarterback and safety. Up front in the trenches were the games are won or lost were found Teddy Ginn and Jamie Flanagan at ends, Henry Felton and David Long at

tackles, Damion Burke and Oscar Wells guards, and Rusty Currin at center. This offensive line averaged over 170 pounds per man. Defensively with Robert Mallory in at a guard and Ruben Thomas at a corner back along with Ronald Skinner and Tyvoice Coston at line-backers, the Tigers front line

averaged over 185 pounds per man. Backing up these players were eighth graders Jimmy Darnell, Ernie Hobbs, Michael Lawrence, David Lowe, Chris McCloud, Donta Mercer, Willie Story, William Whidbee, and Shawn White. Returning players for 1986 will be Percy Foreman, Ronald Coston, Jamie Flanagan,

James Gard, Robert Mallory, Willie Parker, Roy Ferebee, Ruben Thomas, and Marshall White.

The Perquimans County High School's coaching staff, that also serves as coaches for Union's team, looks forward to coaching these young men as they enter high school.



UNION SCHOOL TIGERS