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Everybody Loves A Clown

Locally residents sure loved the clowns and the other fun that was to be had at the recent Fun Fall Festival sponsored by the Central Grammar School PTA in Winfall. The group raised more than \$5,000 during the day. The monies gathered will be used to implement improvements at the school. (Photo by Jane Williams.)

Local woman listed in serious condition following Sunday afternoon stabbing incident

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
HERTFORD—Two local women were transported to area hospitals Sunday afternoon for treatment of stab wounds following an apparent knife fight between the two at a local establishment.

According to Captain Robert Morris of the Hertford Police Department a call was received by Chief Marshall Merritt of that department around 3:20 p.m. Sunday reporting an affray in progress at the Rainbow Lounge on Edenton Road Street.

Upon arrival at the scene Merritt reportedly found Valerie Archer Harrell at the establishment with severe slash wounds on her body and face.

Harrell, age 30 of 221 King

Street was transported to Chowan Hospital in Edenton by the Perquimans County Rescue Squad. She was later transferred to Norfolk General Hospital, where she was listed in serious condition. A spokesperson from the hospital stated in a telephone interview on Tuesday morning that there had been no change in the patient's condition.

Lessie Mae Forehand, age 32 of 319 Stokes Drive, was found unconscious on King Street, with a bad laceration to the head. Forehand was taken to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City. She was released from the hospital on Monday afternoon.

According to witnesses at the scene on Sunday, the women were fighting with pocket knives.

No arrests had been made at press time in the incident. Charges are pending further investigation.

Captain Morris also released information that a breaking and entering was reported on Monday morning to the department from Alexander's TV and Appliance store on Grubb Street.

According to a report filed, an individual (or individuals) entered the back door of the establishment using some type of prying tool. An unidentified number of stereos were taken from the store with values in excess of \$400.00.

Morris stated that the department had no suspects at this time. Investigation into the incident is continuing.

Open Door organization celebrates fifth anniversary

Perquimans County's Open Door organization is celebrating its fifth anniversary during 1985. This is the fifth year in which the

volunteers of this organization have been visible in offering their help to those in this community that are in distress.

Open Door is represented by nearly 40 individuals that comprise volunteers and board members for the organization that is sponsored by 16 area churches.

In celebration of the fifth year of service an anniversary luncheon was held recently at the Hertford United Methodist Church.

Among those attending the luncheon were Marie Byrum of the Hertford United Methodist Church and Hulda Wood of Hertford Baptist Church, both of whom have been active with the organization since its inception five years ago. It was noted by members of the Open Door Board that these two women are excellent examples of the caring and giving of the many volunteers involved in the Open Door who have given thousands of hours of time.

The Open Door is a non-profit organization that works to provide services and necessities to needy families within the community. Support for the organization comes from contributions of local businesses, churches and individuals.

By SUSAN HARRIS
WINFALL—Don Harvey, of the engineering firm L.E. Wooten and Company, updated members of the Winfall Town Council on the town's rehabilitation project at their regular meeting on Monday night.

According to Harvey the street maintenance portion of the project should be completed next week with the paving of Louise and White Streets in the municipality.

Twenty of the 30 dwellings originally scheduled for rehabilitation have been completed.

The owners of two houses slated for renovation have been uncooperative. Harvey said that he and Mayor Lloyd Ray Morgan have both been unsuccessful in attempts to come to an agreement with James Miller and Bryant Miller. Both individuals have declined to contribute their personal portions of the required renovation funds to bring their homes up to standard.

Upon Harvey's recommendation, the board voted to have the properties appraised, then to consider acquisition of the lots and relocation of the occupants. Condemnation may be considered as a last resort.

Harvey was authorized to procure appraisals from Howard Skeets, and to report on the costs of the alternatives available to the board.

These steps will further delay completion of the project by another two to six months.

Four lots too small to meet state requirements for septic tank systems were eliminated from the schedule.

In other business the board: —Named Councilmen Jake Chesson and Seymour Chappell chairpersons for the annual Christmas dinner for councilmen and town employees set for Wednesday, December 11.

—Voted to participate in the county's Christmas parade scheduled for Saturday, December 7.



ATTEND LUNCHEON—Among those attending a recent luncheon at Hertford United Methodist Church in celebration of the fifth anniversary of The Open Door organization were the former pastor of the church, the Rev. Irving Cook and his wife. The Cooks now reside in Williamston. They are shown here chatting with the Rev. Raymond Needham, pastor of Hertford Baptist Church.

Chamber of Commerce plans annual meeting

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
Plans were announced this week for the annual meeting of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce on December 2 at Angler's Cove Restaurant.

The meeting will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$8.00 each and can be purchased at the Chamber Office or reserved by calling 426-5657.

Ray S. Jones, Jr., a representative of Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company of Elizabeth City, will be the guest speaker for the evening. Jones is well known throughout the Albemarle area for his entertaining anecdotes as an after-dinner speaker.

An additional highlight of the evening will be the induction of officers for the 1986 calendar year.

President-Elect Hal Byrum stated Tuesday morning that "for the coming year I would like to see more businesses involved in the Chamber, and more input from these businesses." Byrum added that a greater exchange of ideas from members of the Chamber will serve in getting more accomplished.

Byrum, who is Vice President of Operations for Don Juan Manufacturing Corporation here, noted that he hopes for greater participation in all areas by members of the organization

"The Chamber of Commerce is the face of the community; the front door that's open to the public, to visitors, to tourists, and to perspective businesses and industries," Byrum said.

Byrum related that last year the Chamber sponsored a welcome committee for a group that was touring the area from the Smithsonian Institute. "It was such a great way to show outsiders what a great community we have here," Byrum said.

He added that the "Busload didn't want to leave Hertford, they liked it so well. It's that type of public relations work that the Chamber of Commerce needs to do. It goes so far in promoting our community."

He also indicated that the Indian Summer Festival was a key to growth in the community stating that it is getting larger and larger each year. Byrum feels that the people who participate in the festival enjoy coming into the community, and added that the festival is good for the community and the merchants as well since it brings in additional interest and monies. He said that he hopes that the upcoming year's festival will be even bigger and better than last year's.

Byrum stated that outgoing President, Walter Humphlett, "has done a good job this year; and Mary Harrell as always has done a super job."



Ducks In A Row

Keeping your ducks in a row is often a problem, but these fellows seem to be doing it with ease on a recent af-

ternoon as they paraded around in the Perquimans River behind Missing Mill

Park in Hertford. The warmer days apparently have attracted the ducks to

stay in our community for a while longer. (Photo by Jane Williams.)