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Numerous break-ins reported in area

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

WINFALL—A rash of break-ins in the community last Wednesday night were reported early Thursday morning, with each crime appearing similar in nature according to Winfall Police Chief Joe Lothian.

Hollowell Auto Brokers, Winslow Blanchard Motor Company, Perquimans Union School and Dr. Neil DeNunzio's office were each entered during the night, with the car dealerships and Dr. DeNunzio's office reporting undisclosed amounts of cash missing. Nothing was determined as missing at the school.

Earlier in the week Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation's office was broken into, where only cash was taken.

According to Chief Lothian the same mode of operation was used in each of the break-ins, and the culprit or culprits were apparently only in search of cash.

Albemarle EMC and the Winslow Blanchard building were entered through skylights in the ceiling. Hollowell Auto Brokers was entered through a rear window, and a window was broken out on the south-side of Dr. DeNunzio's office. Lothian speculated that the school was entered through a set of double-doors that lead into the building.

An investigation into the incidents is continuing. No arrests have been made.

In commenting on the handling of the problem Lothian said, "We're going to try to start setting up at various businesses throughout the town and let these people guess which nights we're there and where we are."



Quiet Life

Taking a break from the life on a busy farm these animals relax during the afternoon on the Walker Rayburn Farm in the Bethel Community. (Photo by Jane Williams.)

Pending action on hunting bill stirs hunters

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Pending action on a hunting bill being discussed by Perquimans County Commissioners brought a delegation of local hunters to that board's meeting last Monday night with questions regarding the proposal.

Following a request from landowners in New Hope Township the Board of County Commissioners began researching the feasibility of a law that would protect both the rights of the landowners and the rights of legitimate hunters in the community.

The request from New Hope property owners stems from problems with hunters trespassing on private land and also hunting on the highway right of way in that community.

The proposal that was presented was marked for the purpose of discussion only according to County Attorney John Matthews.

The original proposal for the bill would make it unlawful to hunt, take, or kill any bird or animal from any public road, street or highway thoroughfare, or to possess a loaded gun in any of these locations.

This section of the proposal elicited the question "What constitutes a loaded gun?" A discussion between hunters from the Bear Swamp Hunt Club, county wildlife officer, and the commissioners left unanswered whether or not a gun with shells in the magazine, but not in the chamber would be considered a loaded gun.

Section Two of the proposal would make it unlawful to hunt

with or possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or dog on another's land without permission from the owner or the leasee of the land.

Hunters assembled at the meeting questioned a dog's ability to read signs when they come to posted land, and questioned whether or not they would be liable if their dogs wandered onto land that they did not have permission to hunt.

Commission Chairman W.W. White, Jr. pointed out that these were rough proposals that were drawn up to give the board a starting place from which to begin preparing an actual bill.

The proposed area to be covered would be that land which is east of U.S. 17 in Perquimans County.

Members of the hunting club assembled at the meeting encouraged county officials to draw up a bill that would be fair for all involved, hunters and property owners, and to make the bill county wide, instead of limiting it to one section of the county.

The board, which is expected to discuss the proposal further at their next meeting, instructed Wildlife Officer Jack Staley and Matthews to meet prior that meeting and iron-out difficult areas that appear in the bill.

Matthews and Staley will be reviewing a similar action currently being taken in Chowan County.

The Commissioners next meeting will be on Monday, February 3, at 10:00 in the board's meeting room at the Perquimans County Courthouse.

Chappell claims DSA

Local citizens honored during Jaycee awards banquet

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Eight community service leaders were honored Thursday night during the Jaycee sponsored Distinguished Service Award (DSA) Banquet at the Hertford Fire Department.

Larry Chappell, age 31, of Hertford was the recipient of this year's DSA, an award bestowed on an individual between the ages of 18 and 35 for outstanding community service. The award was co-sponsored by North Carolina Farm Bureau.

Chappell, who owns and operates Larry's Drive-In, is a member of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department and the Perquimans County Rescue Squad. He is an active promoter of various civic groups. Chappell and his wife, Susan, have one child. They reside in Hertford.

Other nominees for the DSA were Jeannie Etheridge and Wayne Layden.

Dennis Williams, a member of the Winfall Volunteer Fire Department since 1981, was selected as the county's Outstanding Young Fireman. Williams was one of five firemen nominated for the award, which was co-sponsored by Hollowell Oil Co. Other nominees were Jule Fleetwood, III, Eugene Rountree, Jr., Aubrey Onley, Jr., and William "Sonny" Fletcher.

Williams and his wife, Sherry, reside in Winfall with their two children, Michael and Melissa.

The Perquimans Weekly was the co-sponsor of the award given to the Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer. The award was presented to Senior Patrolman Timothy Spence of the Hert-

ford Police Department. Spence, who is also employed part-time by the Winfall Police Department, resides in Hertford with his wife, Helaine.

Craig Garris, an officer with the North Carolina Highway Patrol, was also nominated for this award.

Lawrence Brown of Hertford was selected as the Outstanding Young Rescuer in Perquimans

County. Brown's award was co-sponsored by Woodard's Pharmacy.

Minnie B. Taylor captured the award for Outstanding Senior Citizen. The award presented to the active 65-year old was co-sponsored by Albemarle Fertilizer. Mrs. Lillie Mae Yeates was also nominated for this award.

Connie Sawyer, a senior at Perquimans County High School,

was selected as the county's Outstanding Youth. Miss Sawyer is Senior Class President and President of the Student Council. The award was co-sponsored by Biggs Construction.

NCNB of Hertford was the co-sponsor of the Outstanding Young Educator award presented to Margo Owens, a third grade teacher at Perquimans Central School. Mrs. Owens is

the wife of Billy Owens. They reside in Hertford with their children.

Mary Ralph, a fifth grade teacher at Hertford Grammar School, was also nominated.

Julian Baker was named Outstanding Young Farmer and was presented an award from DeKalb Seed and N.C. Power. The Baker's reside in Belvidere.

Other nominees for the award were Virgil Copeland and William J. Winslow.

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Filing slow for primary election

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

With just a few days left in which to file for office for the May Primary Election no one has entered into the arena as a candidate for the New Hope seat on the Perquimans County Board of Education.

The seat, which is currently held by Mack Nixon, is the only one of six seats to be decided that no candidate has filed for.

Nixon, who is completing his first term of office had not filed for re-election at press time. He could not be reached for comments as to his intentions.

The other seat that will be decided for the Board of Education is that one held by board chairman, Clifford Winslow. Winslow has singly filed for election from the Belvidere Township.

The only political race that has developed is that for the office of sheriff in the county.

Incumbent Sheriff Julian "Little Man" Broughton will be opposed in his bid for re-election by local building contractor, Donald Riddick.

Clerk of Court Jarvis Ward has also filed for re-election to that post. He is unopposed.

Filing is also open for two seats on the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners.

District One representative W.W. "Welly" White, Jr. has filed for re-election; as has William Wray Chappell, the county's representative from District Three.

The filing period for these offices will end at 12:00 Noon on February 3, 1986.



Award Winner

Hertford native Larry Chappell (above right) was presented this year's Distinguished Service Award last

Thursday night during the Jaycee's annual awards banquet. Pictured with Chappell is Lewis Evans, agency man-

ager of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau, who co-sponsored the award. (Photo by Jane Williams.)

Transportation needs to be discussed

HERTFORD—Perquimans County residents will have an opportunity to meet locally with the newest member of the N.C. Highway Transportation Board on Monday, February 3.

At the invitation of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Earl Rountree of Sunbury will be here to meet with those interested in the transportation needs of this area.

This will be an informal meeting and the public is encouraged to go by the Hertford Municipal Building between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to meet with Rountree and show support of his work in our area. All Chamber of Commerce members are especially urged to attend.

Rountree, a farmer and businessman from Gates County, was recently appointed by Governor Jim Martin to an at-large seat on the state Board of Transportation.