

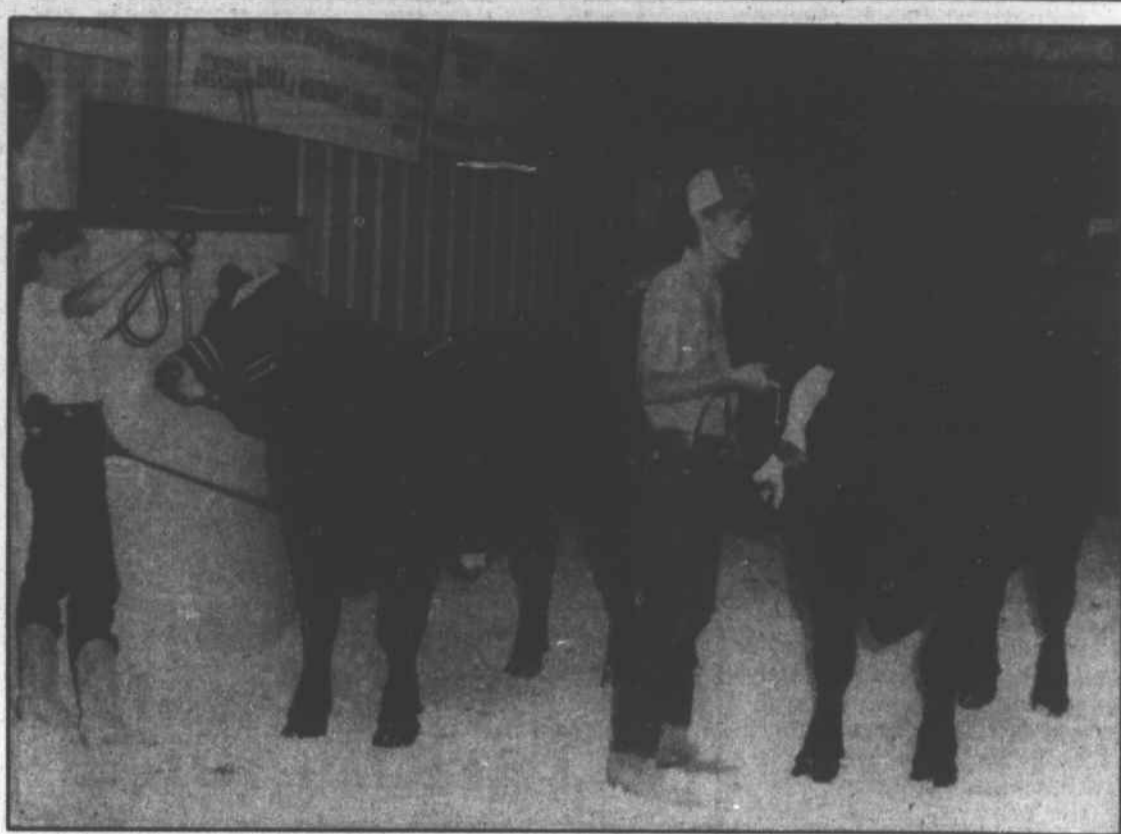
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Livestock Show Held

Jeff Williams and Leah Harrell were among the 59 local youth that participated in the 4-H Livestock Show and Sale last week. Perquimans 4-Hers claimed numerous awards at the show. See related story on page nine. (Photo by George Wilmore.)

Hertford named as site for Brian Center nursing home

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

The State of North Carolina Department of Human Resources has selected Hertford as the site for a nursing home facility to serve the residents of Perquimans and Gates Counties, as well as the surrounding area.

Last week Brian Center Management Corporation, a Hickory based firm, received a Certificate of Need from the State to construct a 78-bed nursing home facility in Perquimans County. Brian Center, formerly known as Unifour Medical Management, applied to build the facility in November, 1984.

Initially, another firm, Powell-Roberson of Rocky Mount, was recommended to construct the facility on a Gates County site by the Eastern North Carolina Health Systems Agency. That recommendation was overruled by the North Carolina Department of Human Resources Certificate of Need Division and Brian Center, along with Perquimans County, were chosen respectively as the builder and the site during the Spring of 1985.

That decision was followed by an appeal filed by Gates County requesting a re-evaluation of the decision. That appeal was recently withdrawn, and on April 28 the N.C. Department of Human Resources issued a Certificate of Need to Brian Center.

Death claims Long, Building Inspector

ELIZABETH CITY—William Samuel (Sam) Long, age 77, of Route 2, Box 91, Edenton died Monday, May 5th, in Albemarle Hospital.

A native of Perquimans County he was the husband of Della Mae Twine Long, and the son of the late William F. and Sallie Evans Long.

Prior to his death, Mr. Long was employed by the Town of Hertford and Perquimans County as Building Inspector. He was the former building inspector for the Town of Edenton.

He was a member of Woodville Baptist Church; Unanimity Masonic Lodge 7 in Edenton, where he served as past Master; a member of the York Rite Bodies of Elizabeth City; and a Shriner of Sudan Temple, New Bern.

Surviving besides his wife are: two daughters; Mrs. Larry (Eugena) Voorhees of Abilene, Texas and Mrs. Larry (Patricia) Crowder of Raleigh; one son, Sherman Ray Long of Hertford; and five grandchildren.

The new facility will create approximately 100 jobs in Perquimans County, 80 to 85 of which will be full-time positions. Ben Setzer, Executive Vice-President of Development for Brian Center, stated last week that in addition to the permanent jobs that the facility will create, the corporation will also use, whenever possible, local contractors to construct the facility.

Setzer predicted that the construction of the \$1,168,603-facility will begin within the next 90 to 100 days. He stated that it will take ten to 12 months to complete construction of the home, and that the company anticipates a Spring 1987 occupancy.

A site for the facility has been selected on the Joe Towe White property near Don Juan Manufacturing Corporation. According to Setzer, a ground-breaking ceremony will be held at the site as soon as plans can be finalized.

Setzer stated that the Brian Center organization is delighted that the appeals have been withdrawn and very excited about offering this new service to the people of Perquimans and Gates Counties and nearby areas. "We are privileged to have been the company selected to build the first nursing home in either of these counties. We'd like to thank the many local people that supported us in this endeavor,"

Masonic graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday in Cedarwood Cemetery in Hertford. The Rev. Kendall Hasting will officiate.

The family will be at the home of Sherman Long at Route Four, Hertford.

Williford-Barham Funeral Home of Edenton is in charge of arrangements.



WILLIAM SAMUEL LONG

Lothian claims popular vote for sheriff seat in Primary

Broughton undecided as to run-off

By SUSAN HARRIS and JANE B. WILLIAMS

Winfall Police Chief J.L. (Joe) Lothian claimed the popular vote for the Democratic nomination as Sheriff of Perquimans County. Lothian received 945 votes during the Tuesday Primary Election, carrying four of the county's seven precincts. He captured the top votes in Nicanor, Bethel, New Hope, and Parkville Townships.

Incumbent Sheriff J.H. (Little Man) Broughton received a close second with 912 votes. Candidates Donald Riddick and B.F. (Ben) Shively received 229 and 160 votes respectively.

Lothian, who was present at the Perquimans County Courthouse for the vote tallying said, "I'm enthusiastic that I got the vote that I did get. I think the people are ready for a change. And I think that on June 3rd, if necessitated by a run-off election, they'll make that change."

According to North Carolina election law a candidate must receive 50-percent plus one of the total votes cast in order to be declared the winner. Lothian received 42-percent of the days' vote, while Broughton took 40-percent of the votes cast.

Broughton will have one week from the date of the Primary Election to submit a request in writing to the Perquimans County Board of Election Chairmen for a run-off ballot. In a telephone interview on Tuesday night after election results were broadcast Broughton stated that he had not decided whether or not to call for a new vote.

In the event of a run-off the election will be held on June 3rd.

Candidates Riddick and Shively went on record following the election in support of Lothian as the candidate in the event of a run-off election.

Shively spoke briefly with Lothian following the posting of results and offering a handshake said, "You've got my support hard and heavy."

Riddick in a telephone interview also expressed his support of Lothian for what he deemed "good reasons".



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In other local races Mack Nixon, the incumbent Board of Education Member from New Hope Township, received 1264 votes, defeating challenger the Rev. Walter Leigh by 286 votes. Nixon was top vote getter in all county precincts with the exception of East Hertford.

Board of Education Chairman Clifford Winslow, who ran unopposed in his bid for re-election, received 1471 votes.

The Honorable Representative Vernon James claimed 1,142 local votes during his bid for reelection to the N.C. House of Representatives. District-wide James received 10,388 of the votes cast making him the front-runner for the two seats available in that race. James claimed well over the 25-percent plus one vote needed to insure his presence on the ballot in the November General Election.

R.M. (Pete) Thompson ran a close second to James in Perquimans County, securing 1053 votes in his first campaign for public office. Thompson claimed third place in the nine-county district, making him eligible to call for a run-off against second place Winnie Wood. Thompson secured 5915 votes district-wide, and Wood received 5998 votes. In Perquimans County Wood received 407 votes.

In a telephone interview on Wednesday morning, Thompson was uncertain as to whether or not he would request a run-off with Wood for that seat.

Other voting for the two available nominations to the House of Representatives was as follows

for Perquimans County: Audie Simon, 376 votes; Sam Walker, 329 votes; and Harry Schiffman 197 votes.

The two Democratic contenders in this race will face off against Republican Candidate Shirley Perry in the November General Election.

Perquimans County voters overwhelming voiced their support for former Governor Terry Sanford as their choice for the Democratic Candidate for the U.S. Senate. Sanford received 1112 votes, carrying all seven of the counties precincts.

Other voting for the Democratic Candidate for the U.S. Senate was as follows: John Ingram, 431 votes; W.I. Belk, 170 votes; Betty Wallace, 84 votes; Katherine Harper, 48 votes; Clinton Moore, 44 votes; Walt Atkins, 38 votes; Ted Kinney, 35 votes; Fountain Odum, 30 votes; and Milton Croom, 27 votes.

Republican voters in Perquimans County voiced their support for James Broyhill as their candidate for U.S. Senate with 58 votes. David Funderburk received 29 votes, and Glenn Miller received 7 votes.

In the Democratic race for the unexpired term as Judge of the Court of Appeals Sarah Parker received 859 votes in Perquimans County, and Joseph John received 624 votes.

County voters rallied in opposition of a referendum to permit the construction of a nuclear waste plant in North Carolina, with 2038 voting against the referendum and 225 voting for it.

County voters also voiced their opposition of a constitutional amendment that would call for the election of state and county officers in odd-numbered years. The amendment was defeated in Perquimans County by a margin of 1185 to 954.

During the Tuesday Primary 2,385 county residents voted. Results published in this article are the unofficial tallies that were reported by the Perquimans County Board of Election on Tuesday night. Official results will be available on Thursday, following a meeting of the Board and Precinct Chairmen.

Local officials make request for four-lane improvements at transportation meeting

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
HERTFORD—Stating that "there is life east of Raleigh," Perquimans County Commission Chairman W.W. (Welly) White, Jr. was one of many elected officials that addressed local transportation needs at a gathering here last Thursday.

Approximately 50 officials from the Department of Transportation Division I area assembled at the Albemarle Commission Building in Hertford last week to discuss priority projects during a public meeting on the D.O.T.'s 10-year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Spokespeople from the group repeatedly asked for four-lane improvement projects along U.S. 17 from Elizabeth City to Windsor, and Highway 64 from Tarboro to Williamston. In addition to these projects numerous requests were heard for improvements to U.S. 158 and 168.

Kenneth H. Roberson, D.O.T. Board Member from Division I, presided over the two-hour meeting that consisted primarily of requests from city and county officials regarding needed improvements in their communities as well as improvements to major roads throughout northeastern North Carolina.

Division I of the North Carolina Department of Transportation is comprised of 14-counties located in northeastern North Carolina. Prior to opening up the floor for statements, Roberson announced that the Highway 64 project in Plymouth had been delayed for 30-days due to problems that occurred in obtaining a CAMA Permit. Roberson stated that the project is now scheduled to be let in June. He also added that the U.S. 17 four-lane project from Woodville to Hertford was on schedule and should be let in June, 1988.

John Q. Burnett, D.O.T. Board Member, was the guest speaker for the meeting. Burnett stressed the importance of the legislature passing Governor James Martin's "Roads to the Future Plan". He stressed that the D.O.T. was out of money, and that the only ways to create funds for highway improvement were through D.O.T. savings, a gas tax increase and expense transfers from the Highway Patrol and Drivers Education Funds. He encouraged those in attendance to "be vocal" to state representatives.

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox, on behalf of the Highway 17 Transportation Association in North Carolina, stressed to the group that this is a particularly critical time for Highway 17 and its needed development. "It now appears that a managed upswing in tourism activity is the only solution to the agricultural economic crisis that has struck eastern North Carolina," Cox said.

Cox continued, saying that the upswing completely changes the emphasis pattern that needs to be placed on the transportation system of the east. "Long a key highway for tourism, Highway 17 has become the specific focal point of the transportation system because of the need to encourage tourists to come to eastern North Carolina. This means that the development of 17 into an adequate four-lane roadway is essential."

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Cox told the group that "In Division I, the Highway 17 Transportation Association in North Carolina wishes to make only two new update requests, they are: From the northern City Limits of the Town of Hertford to the Chowan County Line, a distance of approximately seven-miles, we request four-laning of 17; and we request four-laning from the Chowan River Bridge, southward, to the northern City Limits of the Town of Windsor, a distance of approximately 16-miles."

The Honorable Senator Marc Basnight addressed the members of the D.O.T. and stated that if the board would make a strong commitment to a portion of the needed improvements that he addressed he would give total commitment to support Governor Martin's plan. Basnight added that if he could not obtain "strong" commitments to some of the needed improvements in his district he would vote "no" for the plan.

Improvements listed by Basnight for consideration by the board included working out a

plan to resolve the bottleneck of traffic on U.S. 17 at the Virginia Line, a new bridge over the Perquimans River, 4-laning of U.S. 17 to Windsor, a by-pass in Windsor, a new bridge over the Chowan River, four-laning of U.S. 64 from Tarboro to the new Albemarle Sound Bridge and numerous other straightening, rebuilding, and replacement projects in the First District.

Basnight also added an additional request from Perquimans County to his list, asking that the State not move their shop from the present locality on U.S. 17 to Ahoskie.

The Honorable Representative Vernon James told the group that 70-percent of all the calls he received from his constituents dealt with roads. He addressed Roberson and board member Earl Rountree of Sunbury and told them that they had to learn to get along better. "As long as I'm in office I request that you divide funds as they ought to be. You requested and got \$1-million in pork barrel money," James continued, "now you've got to learn to work together."

James assured the group that he would favor the Governor's plan, if he could be assured that "we'll get our fair share." He then told Roberson and Rountree, "I want you to do your fair share in seeing that we get our fair share."