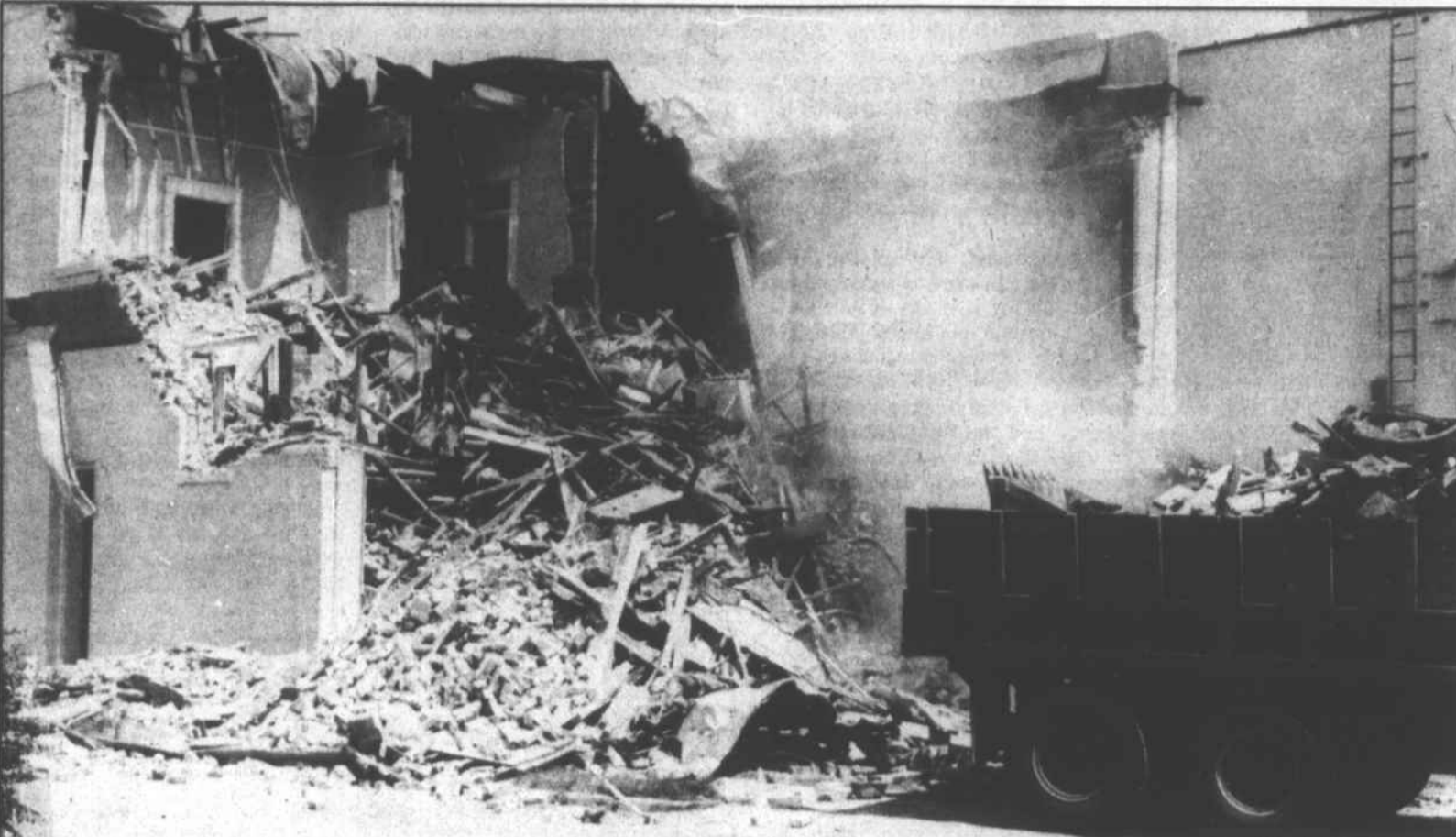


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Renovations will soon be underway at the People's Bank and Trust Building located on the corners of Market and Grubb Streets in Hertford. The portion of the building that occupied

the corner spot has recently been demolished in order for the Bank to construct a drive-in window at that location. (Photo by Jane B. Williams.)

Tax hike anticipated for county in FY 86-87

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
Perquimans County taxpayers may see a four-cent increase in their 1986 tax bill if a proposed hike is approved by the Perquimans County Commissioners this month.

The four-cent increase would bring the county's ad valorem tax rate to 70-cents per \$100 evaluation. According to County Manager Randy Keaton, the tax hike will be needed to cover the increased anticipated expenditures from the county's general fund, and the planned issuance of \$2-million in general obligation bonds in December for the Perquimans County High School renovation project.

The proposed 1986-87 Fiscal Year budget for the county estimates \$3,114,825.00 in expenditures from the general fund. Keaton indicated that a requested increase of \$60,930 from the Department of Social Services and a \$15,000 appropriation for the replacement of the heating and cooling system at the Albemarle

Commission Building were among the reasons that the proposed tax increase is needed.

The proposed 1986-87 budget anticipates an ad valorem tax income of \$1,706,149, and income from other sources is estimated at \$1,408,676, creating a projected revenue income of \$3,114,825.00.

Departmental increases in the county budget do not reflect an earlier proposal of a three-percent wage increase for county employees, or merit raises based on employee performances. Due to the minimal increase during the past year in the cost of living, and the fact that all county employees received a cost of living raise in January, 1986, the County Commissioners did not approve any salary changes for the upcoming fiscal year.

A copy of the proposed Fiscal Year 1986-87 budget is available for public inspection at the Perquimans County Courthouse during regular business hours.

A public hearing on the proposed budget and the proposed uses of Revenue Sharing Funds for the upcoming fiscal year will be held on Monday, June 16, 1986 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Perquimans County Courthouse.

Jaycees finalize community Fourth of July plans

By SUSAN HARRIS
The Perquimans County Jaycees are planning one of the biggest Fourth of July celebrations ever held at Missing Mill Park in Hertford. Wayne Layden, chairperson for the project, and Jeanie Etheridge, who is co-ordinating the day's activities, said the Jaycees are excited about the day's events.

A full day of family fun will kick-off at 10:00 a.m. with a Huck Finn Fishing Contest for children ages 12 and under. The contest

will end at noon, with trophies awarded for first and second place winners. The top fisherman will also receive a rod and reel.

From Noon until 2:00 p.m. children will have a good time participating in such favorites as a frog-jumping contest, an egg toss, wheel barrow races, a greased pole climb, sack races, frisbee toss, and other events.

At two o'clock, Miller Lite will sponsor a tug-o-war contest. The registration fee is \$25.00 per

team. Winners will receive t-shirts and trophies.

Also for adults will be a tobacco-spitting contest sponsored by Red Man Tobacco, a horse shoe pitching contest, and a rail-driving contest.

The Harbor Lites Square Dancers will perform at three o'clock.

The Ultra-Rad Bike Team has also been contacted about performing.

A gospel sing featuring the Warden Family Singers is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., followed by a

community church service in the park at seven o'clock.

At 8:00 p.m., Bitter Creek Band featuring local musician Bob Reed will entertain at a street dance. The band will break around 9:15 for the ever-popular Fourth of July tradition, fireworks. Layden says the show promises to be spectacular as the Jaycees will send up over 200 shells.

After the fireworks it's back to the dance. During the band's next break the winner of the beach week-end raffle will be

drawn. The club is selling \$1.00 raffle tickets for two days and one night on the Outer Banks, or \$100.00, whichever the winner chooses. Tickets are available from Jaycee members.

In order to fund the gala event the Jaycees are sponsoring a pig-picking on Saturday, June 28th at Central School in Winfall. Tickets are available for \$3.50 per plate from any Jaycee member.

The Jaycees invite you to enjoy the activities, but they ask everyone to remember that alcohol consumption at the park is prohibited by law. The club, in conjunction with local law enforcement officials and ABC officers, will be patrolling to deter alcohol consumption on the premises. It is hoped that these measures will provide a family atmosphere throughout the festivities.

Bloodmobile Today

The Perquimans County Jaycees will sponsor a blood drive this afternoon (Thursday) from three o'clock until seven o'clock at the Hertford United Methodist Church.

The bloodmobile will be held by the Tidewater Chapter of the American Red Cross. The quota for today's drive is 60-pints.

With the increase in travel during summer months, it is vital that all counties achieve their quota. The Jaycees encourage everyone to stop by and "give the gift of life."

Hertford Council proposes tax increase

By SUSAN HARRIS
Hertford Town Council members are faced with increasing costs of operations for the Town during the upcoming fiscal year; a problem that has caused the Board to propose a five-cent tax increase that would bring the municipality's ad valorem tax rate to 48-cents per \$100.00 evaluation.

The Town faces a projected general fund expenditure budget that totals \$543,900. Revenues from sources other than taxes will garnish an approximate \$413,900. At the proposed tax rate of 48-cents, the Town will recover an additional \$130,000.

Expenditures and revenues to be generated from the Water and Sewer Fund are \$158,500. The Electric Fund will cost the Town \$1,512,700 according to the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and the Revenue Sharing Fund will expend \$8,000.

Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt presented his department's monthly report at the Hertford Town Council meeting Monday night.

Some council members expressed concern over the overtime accumulated by officers Robert Harvey and Timothy Spence. Harvey is due 99 hours, while Spence has an overtime count of 89 hours.

Mayor Bill Cox asked Merritt about his plans to reduce and-or reimburse earned hours. Merritt

said that he hoped with the additional officer, Steven Terrell, recently hired, the situation will improve. He added that Officer Carlton James is still in training and cannot work a shift alone.

Merritt hopes to give compensatory time as soon as he is fully staffed, and all officers have completed training. "It's going to be a slow process", Merritt stated. Answering other questions concerning overtime, Merritt said that court time also accounted for additional work hours.

Mayor Cox reported that liability insurance for the town will be due in August. Last year the insurance premium jumped from \$5,000 to \$28,628, Cox said, just two days after the budget took effect. This year the present insurer, Pete Overman with Nationwide Insurance Company, estimated that the premium would increase by an additional \$8,000.

The N.C. League of Municipalities has begun a self-insured plan in which the council voted to participate pending review by Town Attorney Walter Edwards. The plan calls for an initiation fee of \$1,291 due this week, with an annual premium of \$25,814 due in August when the present coverage expires. The town will also be required to deposit an additional \$25,814 in escrow.

In other business the Council: Elected to donate \$300.00 to the

Perquimans County Jaycees to help with the funding of the Fourth of July fireworks.

Adopted a resolution to estab-

lish just compensation for acquisition of property in Phase III of the Town's rehabilitation project.

PCHS Class of '86 graduates

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
Hertford Attorney Janice McKenzie Cole addressed the 1986 graduates of Perquimans County High School during the school's 61st commencement at Memorial Field on Friday night.

Mrs. Cole, a 1979 graduate of Fordham University School of Law in New York, challenged the group to continue in their achievement endeavors.

Miss Angela Kay Spivey, class Salutatorian, welcomed the group that assembled for

the commencement; and Valendictorian Lori Anne Gard gave the farewell address.

Among these students gaining special recognition were the following honor roll students: Gard, Spivey, Andrea Gay Spivey, Cynthia Louise Lovell, Karen Charlene Boyce, Bonnie Lynne Harris, Marisa Lynn Stevenson, and Brian Keith Williamson.

The processional and recessional were played by the Perquimans County High School Band under the direction of David Ziemba.



Perry serves internship with Historic Edenton



Historic Edenton is proud to announce a new addition to its staff. Shelia Perry will be serving as an intern under the North Carolina State Government Internship Program this summer.

Miss Perry is a senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, majoring in Secondary History Education. She is Perquimans County resident.

Miss Perry will be locating, reproducing, and documenting historic photographs of the Edenton-Chowan area. If you have any historic photographs, please contact her at the Barker House Visitor Center, 919-482-2637.

