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'Catfish' Hunter elected into baseball Hall of Fame

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Wednesday, January 14th became one of the biggest days in the history of Hertford.

On that night it was announced that Jim "Catfish" Hunter was elected into Baseball's Hall of Fame. The official announcement came shortly after 11 p.m.

In an interview at his home on Friday, Hunter stated Jack Lang, head of the Sportswriter's Association, called him from New York with the news. Lang greeted Hunter with "Hi,

I'm Jack Lang, You just got elected into the Hall of Fame. I'll see you tomorrow when you come up here for the press conference. Good night."

Hunter recalls hanging up the phone, looking at his wife, Helen, and stating "Do you think that's the real Jack Lang?"

The phone call was a complete surprise to Hunter who stated he never even thought he would be in the Hall of Fame. "I never dreamed of it," said Hunter. "It's the greatest honor you can get in baseball, to be in the

Hall of Fame.

"I'm just happy that the sportswriters who voted on me felt that I should be there."

Hunter whose lifetime record was 224-166 during 15 seasons played with the Kansas City and Oakland A's and the New York Yankees. He was on five world series winners, and played in eight world series games.

Hunter said Friday that nothing would change, except maybe him answering the phone since his election to the Hall of Fame. "It might have

to be like when I signed when I was a free agent, people kept calling, they kept calling all night long and finally I took the phone off the hook." The next day Hunter went out and changed his number.

He added he will still farm, and do the same things he's doing now in the community.

Hunter stated that being elected to the Hall of Fame never occurred to him while he was playing baseball. "I never set goals, I always figured that if you set goals, and started fall-

ing behind that's when you begin doing something different. You start pitching wrong, doing everything wrong, and you're not doing what you should," said Hunter. "I always took one thing at a time, and tried to go from there."

Between 1971 and 1975 Hunter won 20 or more games, and finished his career with an earned run average of 3.26.

He was 5-3 in World Series games, and still holds records of 10 starts and 69-1-3 innings pitched.

Hunter's other achievements include six all star game performances, winning the Cy Young award in 1974, and pitching a perfect game on May 8th, 1968.

Induction ceremonies for Hunter who was the 199th player and 46 pitcher elected to the Hall of Fame are scheduled for July 26th in Cooperstown, New York.

As of Press time Tuesday town officials were still planning festivities to celebrate Hunter's election into the Hall of Fame.

Construction continues

Perquimans County is growing by leaps and bounds every day.

Construction is underway throughout the county, and the building inspectors office is always busy.

The majority of the activity is coming from mobile homes which are relocating in Perquimans County, but other construction is also on the rise.

Four major industries are locating in the county or are expanding. They are Apricot, Inc. Jackson Wholesale, The Bryan Center, and Hardees Restaurant.

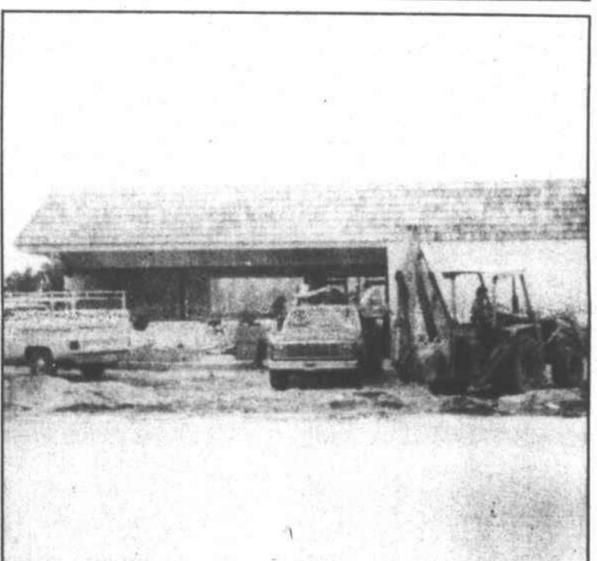
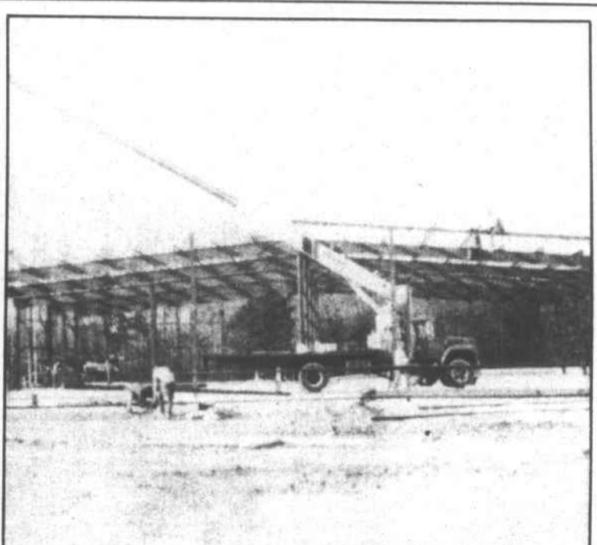
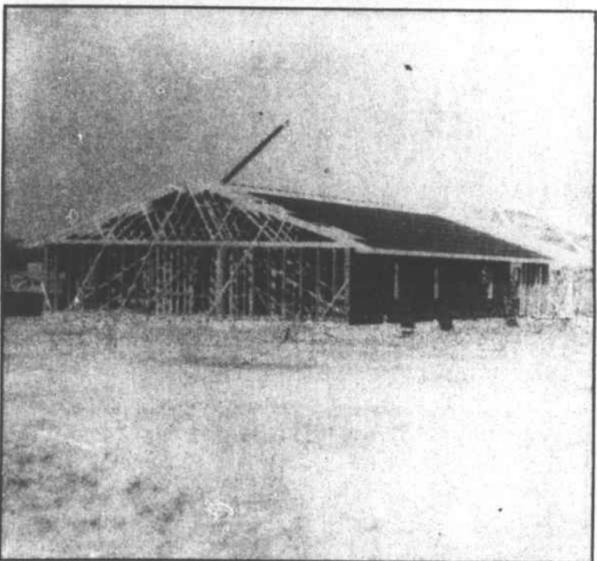
Apricot, Inc. and Jackson Wholesale are expanding, and The Bryan Center and Hardees are locating in Hertford. Apricot, Inc. is a major employer as is Jackson Wholesale and both are major forces in the local economy.

The Bryan Center, a nursing care facility, and Hardees will be opening in the Spring of this year, and will both offer employment opportunities for local residents.

Pictured left is construction on Hardees, The Bryan Center, Jackson Wholesale, and the materials for Apricot, Inc.'s new building.

All four companies hope that construction will be completed by the spring of this year.

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Man arrested in case

One man's arrest came as the result of a joint investigation conducted by Hertford Police, and the Perquimans County Sheriff's office.

Howard Louis Eaves, Sr., was arrested last Friday by members of both departments at a residence in Meads Traylor Park, for his involvement in the theft of a car and burglary in the county.

Mr. Eaves allegedly broke into the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Myrdal, Rt. 3, Hertford, which was the former home of his deceased father. Mr. and Mrs. Myrdal bought the house from Eaves' stepmother in November. After breaking into the house Eaves apparently went into downtown Hertford and stole a car belonging to Mr. Seth Morgan. He then traveled to Virginia where he attempted to sell a television which he had stolen.

The television which was stolen from the Myrdal residence was found in Portsmouth, Virginia, where Eaves sold it. Sheriff Joe Lothian and Officer Stephen Terrill traveled to Portsmouth and recovered the television, and it being held as evidence.

The Sheriff's department has charged Eaves with felonious breaking and entering, and larceny. The Hertford Police arrest him on charges of felonious larceny of an automobile.

Mr. Eaves, Sr. is being held in the Albemarle County jail under a \$10,000 dollar bond. His first appearance in court will be later this month.

Sound stocked with bass

Some 118,000 striped bass were stocked in Albemarle Sound during December. Three of the fish were \$100 a fish.

Since 1981, with the exception of 1982, thousands of striped bass have been stocked annually in Albemarle Sound. An important commercial and recreational fish of the area, fishermen and governmental officials have been concerned with decreasing numbers of the species.

The fish came from the Edenton National Fish Hatchery, a facility of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The stocking program is a joint effort of USFWS and the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF).

The stocked fish were 6-10 inches in length and will grow to the legal 14 inch size by next winter.

Perquimans County schools receive continued accreditation

ATLANTA, GEORGIA—The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, through its Commission on Elementary Schools, has awarded continuing accreditation to Perquimans County Schools by action taken during the Association's 91st Annual Meeting here December 7-10, 1986.

Through accreditation, faculty, students, and parents will benefit by knowing that conditions for teaching in accredited schools meet certain standards and that efforts are continuously made for school improvement.

Citizens are assured of accounta-

bility and of value for their tax dollars through the process of setting standards and the regular reevaluation of SACS member institutions. Communities with accredited schools can be confident that their institutions compare favorably with others, not only within the region, but

throughout the nation. Accredited schools are a "plus" for those who are interested in relocating their families and businesses.

Founded in 1895, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is one of six regional accrediting bodies

in the United States. More than 11,000

member public and private universities, colleges, junior colleges, occupational institutions, secondary schools, middle schools, and elementary schools enroll approximately five million students.

Hunter: the talk of the town

Jimmy Hunter, at 40 years of age, has achieved the greatest honor of athletic success. He has been selected as a member of the elite in his sport, baseball.

On Wednesday, January 14, Perquimans County's native son became North Carolina's most recognized baseball athlete.

Beginning at Perquimans High School under the guidance of Coach Bobby Carter and the Ahoskie Legion team, Hunter has traveled the gamut through his baseball career.

His major league career began with \$75,000 the Kansas City A's he pitched a perfect game against the twins in 1968, received the Cy Young award in 1974, he has played on five World Series winning teams, made six all-star game appearances, and is a member of the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame.

In July, he will join the select group of baseball players enshrined at Cooperstown, NY, thus achieving his greatest success.

But when you talk with the people of Perquimans County, and Jimmy Hunter's friends no one seems surprised at this his latest achievement. They are excited but they know he will remain the same just as he has for years.

Mayor Cox of Hertford probably expressed the communities sentiments best when he said, "We are all very proud of him, and he has certainly brought a great deal of credit to himself, his family, and his community. Jimmy has handled his success as well as any person I have been fortunate enough to know."

Those feelings have been echoed by everyone who knows Hunter including a former coach and team mate.

Coach Bobby Carter who coached Hunter all four years in High School stated that he is delighted that he was elected to the Hall of Fame. Carter said, "I was hoping Jimmy would make it," and added that it was a big honor to have coached him in high school." Carter stated that he knew Hunter would be a professional ball player, and that he is thrilled with his success.

Francis Combs who caught for Hunter in High School, and who's still a close friend said he was really excited when he heard the news about Jimmy. Combs stated that Jimmy Hunter always worked hard, and knew what it took to be good. Combs stated that he knew Jimmy was good in high school, but that he didn't realize how quickly he would make it to the big leagues. Combs stated that Jimmy doesn't brag or gloat. "No matter what happens he won't change" said Combs, "He'll still be the same Jimmy Hunter."

Since receiving all this attention Hunter may have become a little less shy. He seems to say what he thinks, but appears to take everything in stride.

No one will argue that Jimmy "Catfish" Hunter, once a major league superstar, and now elected member of the Hall of Fame, is still James Augustus Hunter, Perquimans High School, class of 1964.

Hunter once said that when it was all said and done that he just wanted to come back to Hertford. He stated he just wanted to farm, hunt, and fish and that's just what he has done.



See this week's photo feature: From Hertford to the Hall of Fame

Financial seminar set

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HOME ECONOMICS EXT. AGENT

Have you thought of reviewing your financial situation for 1987 or maybe given thought to improving your budgeting or starting a budget for the first time? Whatever level of financial planning you are practicing, you will want to attend a session on Tuesday, February 10th sponsored by the Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Service. Starting at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Jack Ward, area Management agent, will be the speaker to help us "sharpen" our money management skills for all family members.

The time has never seemed more appropriate than now to use the best appropriate than now to use the best procedures, techniques and skills

when it comes to managing money wisely.

The program will be held at the Perquimans County Extension Office Building and Ward will be covering information to help couples and family members better understand: Goals and how they play a part, Cornerstones of Financial Planning, Retirement, Protection, Lifeline, etc. This is a time to learn about the "Money Funnel" (value in or value out), and to ask questions or just, listen. (No personal information is revealed.)

Invite your friends, neighbors and family to attend the program designed to help you financially in 1987 and the future.

Call 426-7697 to register. No admission.

Service directory made available

HERTFORD—Carolina Telephone announced today that its 1986 Perquimans County property tax here amounted to \$33,282.15.

According to T.F. Daniels, district commercial manager in Elizabeth City, said that the company's total tax payment within Perquimans County, including all town and city taxes, is \$42,292.35.

County and municipal taxes paid by the company in its 50-county operating area totaled \$7.4 million.

"The taxes reflect Carolina Telephone's extensive investment to provide telephone service to our 686,000 customers in eastern North Carolina," said Daniels.

Carolina Telephone's total bill for 1986, including all state and federal taxes, is expected to come to approximately \$63 million.

This figure does not include \$12 million in three percent federal excise tax payments that were billed in 1986 to telephone users by the company.

"Carolina Telephone has more than \$1.1 billion invested in our operating area to provide modern, reliable telephone service to our customers" Daniels said. "Each year, we must invest millions of dollars in new equipment and facilities to keep pace with rapidly changing technology and to meet the communications needs of growing eastern North Carolina."

"In recent years, our construction programs have been costing us in excess of \$100 million dollars annually. Of this \$100 million spent each year, about half goes to maintain and replace existing equipment."