

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Gov. plans visit to area

On April 13th, Governor James Martin will be visiting Perquimans County.

As part of a tour of Northeastern North Carolina Governor James Martin will be touring several Albemarle area counties including Pasquotank, Currituck, Camden, Perquimans, Gates, and Hertford Counties.

The governor will be landing in Elizabeth City at approximately 8:00 a.m. His schedule includes a news conference in Elizabeth City at H. L. Trigg school, and kicking off the Murfreesboro bicentennial celebration as well as speaking to the student bodies at several high schools.

Governor Martin will arrive in Perquimans County at approximately 10:45 a.m. Monday morning, and he is scheduled to speak briefly with the student body of the high school on the football field, afterwards he will hold a short meeting with the Perquimans County Board of Education and several distinguished guests.

According to Ed Sweeney, of the Governor's eastern office in New Bern, the governor will speak to the students on several topics, and will discuss some upcoming educational issues with the board of education.

County school officials are also planning to hold the meeting between the Governor and the school board in the new science building at the high school.

In the event of rain the Governor will speak to the student body in the high school gym.

The Governor is scheduled to leave Perquimans County at approximately 11:45 a.m., moving on to Gates and Hertford counties before returning to Raleigh late in the afternoon.



Pictured above are Mr. Edward Hunter, and Mr. Lionel Jones as they install new window screens at Central School. The screens were installed by the school maintenance crew, but were purchased by the PTA of Central School from money raised at the Fall Fun Festival earlier this year.

## Commissioners proclaim Jim "Catfish" Hunter day

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners reviewed a proposed animal control ordinance on Monday.

The Perquimans County Commissioners have proclaimed May 9th Jim "Catfish" Hunter day in Perquimans County.

In honor of Jim "Catfish" Hunter's election into the Baseball Hall of Fame and in recognition of the festivities which are being planned to honor Hunter on May 9th the commissioners officially proclaimed May 9th, Jim "Catfish" Hunter day at their meeting on Monday.

The commissioners also reviewed an animal control ordinance on Monday which has been recommended for adoption within the county by several county residents.

The proposed ordinance which was reviewed by a committee made up of several members of the board along with Ray Winslow, the Perquimans County Animal Control Officer is similar to the ordinances currently being enforced in Hertford, and Winfall, but does have some minor differences.

The board of commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance at their next meeting, Monday, April 20th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Perquimans County Courthouse.

At that meeting they will review the ordinance, and are hoping to receive public comment on the ordinance.

The commissioners stated that the new ordinance is similar to the ones currently being used by the towns of Hertford and Winfall. It is their hope that the town councils of Hertford and Winfall will consider adopting the county ordinance to provide uniform animal control laws throughout the county.

Randy Keaton also reported to the board that he has been given the okay to set up the bond sale of the bonds

which will be sold to cover the cost of the high school construction project. Keaton told board members Monday that the sale will be held sometime in June of the this year, and that the county has been guaranteed a 5.75 percentage rate on the bonds by FHA. He also reported that the high school project is 95 percent complete.

In the area of county expenditures and revenue Keaton reported to the board that through February of this year 82.7 percent of the revenue for the county's budget had been collected, and that 60.3 percent has been spent. Keaton reported that the county is in good shape financially, and that these percentages were normal for first eight months of the year.

Keaton also gave the quarterly building inspector's report for the month of January, February, and March. According to the report 47 new building permits were issued during the quarter, and 241 building inspections were performed. Keaton also pointed out that some \$664,485 dollars worth of residential construction has begun in the county. The total fees collected by the building inspector's office during the quarter was \$3670.00.

The board also voted to send a letter to area legislators stating their support of a bill introduced in the state legislature which calls for an additional one percent sales tax which will be earmarked for school construction. The new bill has the potential to provide the county with as much as \$560,000 dollars for the schools.

The board also voted Monday to accept a banking proposal from Peoples Bank and Trust to handle all the county's financial transactions such as checking and savings etc. Peoples Bank is currently providing services for the county, the new proposal goes into effect on July 1, 1987.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## Special olympics scheduled for April 30th in county

It's that time again! It's time for the Perquimans County Special Olympics! This year parents and olympians will find a few changes. The local Olympics will be held at Hertford Grammar School on Thursday, April 30, 1987, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Approximately 50 olympians will be participating. These olympians will be from Perquimans Central, Hertford Grammar, Perquimans

Union and Perquimans High Schools. The very first Special Olympics began in 1963. The Kennedy Foundation and American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation cooperated on a physical fitness program for mentally handicapped individuals and offered awards for achievement. In December of 1968, Senator Edward Kennedy announced the establishment of Special

Olympics Inc. through the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation. By 1970, all fifty states, the District of Columbia and Canada had Special Olympic organizations totalling 50,000 athletes. Since 1968, more than two million special children and adults have experienced the joy of play and received the benefits of physical training and sports competition. These

benefits would not be possible without the commitment from the community. Only through individuals giving their time, energy and financial support has the Olympics been able to survive and grow.

The Perquimans County Special Olympics would not be able to function without your support. Exceptional teachers and volunteers are selling Haree's Coupons at one dollar

each. With the local chapter and fifty cents goes to Hardee's. The coupon allows you to purchase food at Hardee's without having to use cash. The money received from the coupons helps to support our athletes at the Local Regional and State level competitions. If you are interested in purchasing a or several coupons, please see any exceptional teacher in the Perquimans County School system.

The local unit is also soliciting donations from businesses, local groups and individuals. If you or your organization would like to contribute to this very worthy cause, please make your tax deductible gift payable to the Perquimans County Special Olympics and mail to: Alma Banks, Central School, Winfall, N.C. 27985. See you at the Olympics!

## Hospice seminar set to begin on April 9th

On Thursday, April 9th, at the Perquimans County Senior Center, a nine week training session will begin for people interested in becoming hospice volunteers.

The seminar will run from 7:00 until 9:30 for nine consecutive weeks, and will deal with training volunteers to provide care and support at home for the terminally ill.

The purpose of the hospice program is to provide care and support for people who are in the last phases of a terminal illness so that they can live better and more comfortably. The program affirms life, and sees dying as a natural process. Hospice feels that by providing services, and a caring community, patients and families can go through the necessary preparations for death.

The hospice program was started in 1967 by Dame Cicely Saunders when she opened St. Christopher's Hospice in London, England. The first American Hospice was started in 1974 at New Haven, Connecticut. By 1979 the number of Hospice programs had risen to 210 programs in the United States, and according to a seminar conducted in 1984 over 1200 programs are now in operation. The local hospice program which is run by Albemarle Home Health Care was begun in 1980.

Hospice programs differ in some aspects. Some programs provide support groups while other programs offer complete support services. Most of the programs provide home care services, and can arrange for inpatient care when needed.

All of these programs are available to patients and their families who are terminally-ill, and are no longer under treatment for cure of their illness. Most of the patients have been diagnosed to have a life expectancy under six months.

When a patient is referred to Albemarle Home Health Care for the hospice program by his or her doctor, the hospital, a friend of the patient, family or other, a team made of a nurse, and a social worker as well as others evaluates the patient's, and the families' needs and then sets out to provide care and support for the

patient and family.

The programs and services provided are designed so that the patient may live until they die free from pain and other physical symptoms. Both the family and the patient are also provided with the psychological, social and spiritual support they need before and after the death of the patient.

After the needs of the patient and their family are determined the Social Worker-Coordinator of the hospice programs contacts the county chairperson for hospice in the patient's county and makes arrangements for volunteers.

When a volunteer is selected to work with a patient they meet with the team and the patient, along with the family, and then determine the goals of the care to be provided.

In order to be a hospice volunteer a person must complete the training course, but they also must be a caring and compassionate individual, be non-judgemental and accepting of others and their beliefs, must be able to deal with a terminal illness and its implications, must be able to perform as a team member, and they must be able to report patient-family data, and keep accurate records.

Volunteers must also complete an interview with the hospice care coordinator, and have a yearly T.B. test.

The training session which begins on April 9th will cover all facets of the mentioned above. Wanda Barnard, Hospice Coordinator will open the program, and throughout the nine week seminar prospective volunteers will receive information on the hospice philosophy, pathophysiology of dying, session on dealing with the family, information on the grief process, instructions on what to do when a death occurs in the home, information on active listening, funeral planning, and a session on what a volunteer really does.

Volunteers for the hospice program are always needed. If you would like information on the program itself or the training session contact Ms. Wanda Barnard, Hospice Coordinator at 426-5486 or 338-4066.



Pictured above is Micheal Winslow recent winner of the Stephen Kelly award. See page 11 for the story.

## Martin campaigns against litter

RALEIGH—On April 16 first lady Dottie Martin and former first lady Jeanette Moore will join forces to support the state's Clean Sweep campaign and to focus on the littering problem along North Carolina's roadsides and in its communities.

They will travel across the state by plane, stopping at six airports to address public officials and community leaders on the importance of litter prevention. They also will recognize local groups for cleanup efforts already underway.

Clean Sweep is a new, statewide initiative encouraging citizens to dispose properly of trash and garbage. Broms symbolic of cleanup activities will be presented to area mayors

and county commission chairmen.

Accompanying Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Moore on the plane trips will be representatives, of Keep N.C. Clean and Beautiful, Inc. (KNCCB), the state's Keep American Beautiful program, the N.C. Department of Transportation and the Onslow Clean County program. They include Malcolm W. Owings of Pinehurst; Edwin W. Woodhouse, Carl R. Lowendick, Jean H. Dodd, all of Raleigh and Sarah B. Humphries of Jacksonville.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend any of the airport stops.

The cleanup campaign is being sponsored by KNCCB, a non-profit organization chaired by Mrs. Moore.

## Area awarded funds for shelters

Six counties in Northeastern North Carolina have been chosen to receive \$13,000 each to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area. The monies are part of \$70 million appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country. The counties of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Perquimans, and Pasquotank qualify for these funds on the basis of poverty and unemployment figures collected during the last official census.

A Local Board made up of representatives from your county government and human service agencies will determine how the funds are distributed among the emergency food and

shelter programs in the area. Ms. Debi Cavanaugh, Executive Director of the Albemarle Food Bank-Food Pantry, has been elected to chair the Local Board, which is responsible for reviewing and recommending agencies to receive these funds. Non-profit agencies delivering emergency food and/or shelter programs in these counties are urged to contact Ms. Cavanaugh as soon as possible to make application. The deadline is April 10 for agency application. The Local Board will meet on April 13 to review the applications received.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Cavanaugh at P.O. Box 1704, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909 or by calling 919-335-4346.

## Break-ins occur over the weekend

Two local businesses were broken into over the weekend according to Hertford police.

According to Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt, Albemarle Furniture and G & S Seafood Restaurant were broken into sometime between closing time on Saturday, and Sunday morning.

In both cases the rear entrance to the business was opened using some type of pry bar, and only money was taken. Albemarle Furniture reportedly lost \$20.00, and \$200.00 dollars

was taken from G and S Seafood. The cigarette machine at G and S Seafood was also broken into.

Merritt stated that no suspects have been found, but that some fingerprints were taken at the both scenes.

An investigation is continuing, and Merritt stated that all businessmen are to be cautious. Merritt also stated that businessmen should leave all cash registers open at night to prevent them from being destroyed.

## Town council sets public hearing

The Hertford Town Council has announced that it will hold a public hearing on April 21, 1987.

The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss the Winfall Town Council's request for the town of Hertford to furnish police protection for the Town of Winfall.

Mayor Cox stated that the Hertford Town Council is holding the public hearing in order to allow the citizens of Hertford and Winfall an opportunity for comment on this issue.

The hearing will be held at the Perquimans County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m.