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Town attorney resigns

The town of Winfall is without an attorney.

The Winfall Town Council learned Monday at their regular monthly meeting that Walter G. Edwards, Jr. who has been serving as the town's attorney for some time resigned Monday night, effective immediately.

Edwards stated in a letter addressed to the council that due to differences with the present administration of Winfall he could no longer fulfill or carry out the duties of the position.

The specific reasons for Edward's resignation were not brought to light Monday evening during the meeting, but a recent action by the Winfall council was the topic of much discussion.

On March 27th the Winfall Council held a special meeting to discuss personnel changes which was not brought to the attention of the general public. At this meeting the council also appointed C. W. "Bill" Bartlett to fill the unexpired term of Seymour Chappell who died recently.

Mr. Terry Williams, a resident of Winfall came before the council to question their actions.

Williams stated that according to his interpretation of the general statutes of North Carolina a special meeting could not be held with public notice. Williams stated that he had no problem with the council's choice to fill the town council seat; nor did he have any problems with the personnel matters which were discussed at the meeting on March 27th. However, Williams did state that he felt the council acted hastily in these matters, and should have possibly talked with some of the citizens of Winfall before appointing Bartlett to the council.

Williams was quick to add that he did not come before the council to criticize them for their actions, but to let them know that he did not feel that this was an acceptable way for the council to conduct business. He added that he felt that they had overstepped their boundaries, and that in the future they should make every effort to follow the state laws more closely to avoid any problems.

Speaking on behalf of the council,

Hearing set on drug abuse among youth

RALEIGH—Interim Human Resources Secretary Dr. Paul T. Kayye has announced that a series of public hearings by the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Among Children and Youth will be held in across the state. The purpose of the hearings will be to solicit public input on the issues of prevention, intervention, and treatment of alcohol and drug abuse among children and youth.

The third hearing in this series will be held in Elizabeth City on Tuesday, April 21st. According to Mr. Wallace Nelson of Hertford who serves on the governor's council.

Mrs. Dottie Martin will also be in Elizabeth City to attend the hearing.

"The use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs among our children and youth is a concern of national importance," Dr. Kayye said. "Through the efforts of the Governor's council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Among Children and Youth, and with the help of concerned citizens, we can break the vicious cycle of drug use and abuse that traps so many of our children."

"It would be extremely helpful to the council as it maps out its strategy if members could receive input from

Street renamed to honor Jimmy Hunter

The Hertford Town Council voted Monday to rename School Street to Jimmy Hunter Drive.

In honor of Jimmy Hunter's induction into the baseball Hall of Fame, and in keeping with Perquimans County Jim "Catfish" Hunter day the town of Hertford will rename School Street which is located next to the baseball field at the high school Jimmy Hunter Drive.

Phillip Lane also came before the town council Monday to request a change in the zoning ordinance which will affect his property which is across from Joe's Place on Center Hill Road.

At recent public hearings and a meeting the zoning board took action to rezone Mr. Lane's property to R-10. Under that zoning Mr. Lane would be restricted to residential construction on the property on land only and he stated Monday that he felt that was unfair.

Lane stated that he has no immediate plans for the land, but would like

Jack Symons stated that he appreciated Mr. Williams' comments and his interest in the town of Winfall. Mr. Symons stated that he did not realize that they were in any way violating the state laws, and that he felt the council acted out of interest for the town of Winfall. Mr. Symons also stated that if he had to do anything over again he would still vote to place Mr. Bill Bartlett on the town council. Councilman Symons did agree with Mr. Williams that the council may have overstepped their boundaries in their actions. Symons stated that in the future he would do his best to see that nothing like this happened again.

Williams also wrote a letter that came before the council on Monday asking that he be notified in the future of all meetings held by the council 48 hours ahead of time. The council voted to let Williams know of all their future meetings. They also stated that in the future a notice of all meetings and their purpose would be posted on the bulletin board in the town office.

It was also reported at Monday's meeting that Richard Copeland had resigned from the water and sewer department of Winfall. Mayor Morgan reported that Mr. Kelvin Roberston had been hired to replace Copeland.

Mrs. Cheri Williams also reported to the councilmen on the status of back taxes owed to the town of Winfall, and on upcoming plans for the town's centennial celebration which is coming up on May 16th. Williams reported that she had collected \$1595.96 dollars in past due taxes, and hopes to collect more. Plans for the centennial are also being finalized, and things are going well.

Mr. Brookins was also on hand to make the monthly ARPD meeting report. Mr. Brookins reported to the board that he had recently talked with Mr. Don Flowers of the ARPD, and that anyone having any complaints concerning the community development project could contact the Albemarle Commission to file complaints.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

their fellow North Carolinians. Only through a true team effort can we stem the tide of drug and alcohol abuse," Dr. Kayye added.

The hearing in Elizabeth City will be held in Courtroom "A" of the Pasquotank County Courthouse from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.. The Pasquotank County Courthouse is located on Main Street in Elizabeth City. Residents of Perquimans County and other surrounding counties in the Albemarle region are urged to attend the hearing.

In addition to Mr. Nelson, and First Lady Dottie Martin other council members such as Cal Crutchfield of Charlotte are expected to participate as panelists.

The Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Among Children and Youth was created by an Executive Order signed by Governor Martin in January of 1986. The Council is charged with advocating and promoting a coordinated program to address substance abuse problems among the state's children and youth. As part of that charge, the Council is authorized to conduct public hearings to receive input from the citizens of North Carolina.

to have an option on what to build there, or possible sale of the property to a respectable business. After much discussion the council voted to go back to the zoning board and request that they hold another public hearing concerning the rezoning of property in that area.

The council also passed a resolution stating their support of Mr. Jesse Harris' efforts to obtain a supermarket for his property at Harris Shopping Center on Grubb Street.

Mayor Bill Cox and the council also passed a resolution which will allow Cox to seek grant funds for business revitalization in Hertford. Under the proposed grant a business could receive up to \$1000.00 dollars to fix up his or her business. The grant money would be funded on a 25%-75% split. With the business coming up with the 75 percent before receiving funds. Cox will now seek help from area legislators to receive funding.

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A ribbon cutting sponsored by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce was held on Wednesday, April 8th to honor the relocation of the One Stop Auto Parts Store in Hertford. The Store which is owned by Betty Brown Bright opened at the Harris Shopping Center on Grubb Street in 1981, and relocated in February to Dobbs Street. The store is currently housed in the old Albemarle Tire Building. The One Stop Auto Parts Store is a Car Quest Auto Parts

Store affiliate, and carries a full line of auto parts and accessories.

Pictured above are left to right are Bryant Perry, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. W. W. "Welly" White, Chairman of the Perquimans County Commissioners, Mr. Bill Cox, Mayor of Hertford cutting the ribbon, Mrs. Betty Brown Bright, owner, Mr. James Cox, Store Manager, Mr. Cliff Haskett, and Mr. Kenny Ward.

Governor seeks support for public education

Governor James Martin stood before the student body of Perquimans High School and distinguished guests Monday and discussed the future of public education in North Carolina.

Speaking to the crowd on the football field Monday Martin stated that he came to the northeastern part of the state to see what the area needed in terms of school facilities, and to tell the children and officials of the area that this year's budget includes funds earmarked for those needs.

Martin stated that he is making public education his first priority, and that he will continue traveling throughout the state to let people know that he and other state officials are committed to public schools, and improving public education.

"I will be traveling throughout North Carolina to let North Carolinians know that we the political leadership are doing our part to support public education, and that they must do their part," stated Martin.

Governor Martin arrived at the high school at approximately 11:00 a.m., and was in town for about 20 minutes Monday as part of a hurried visit to the six-county area north of

the Albemarle Sound.

Martin's major purpose in coming to the area was to gain support for his idea on a statewide bond referendum totaling \$1.5 million dollars to fund school construction projects.

Under the governor's proposal, the people of North Carolina would vote in a statewide referendum on issuing bonds to meet current school construction needs. The money would go into a "loan pool" fund for the use of the counties as needed. Individual counties could then obtain construction loans from several different sources including local option sales taxes; the money from which has already been earmarked for the purpose of school construction.

The plan is seen by the governor as having several advantages. The advantages include the fact that all counties can participate in the loan pool, state bonds can be sold at lower debt obligations than local debt obligations, counties will be able to obtain loans at lower interest rates, and that by moving quickly on the referendum, needed construction could begin at current costs rather than in-



Governor Martin is seen here shaking hands with Charles Murray during his visit to Perquimans County on Monday. Pat Harrell, Superintendent of the county schools looks on.

flated costs of the future.

In his speech Monday Martin also spoke to students and encouraged them to do their part, to make the extra effort as far as their education was concerned, and to put forth their best. Martin also told the students that their education today would be the key to their future.

After his speech Gov. Martin was presented with several gifts from the student body of the high school and the art classes including a pitcher of flowers, a watercolor painting of the

Perquimans River, and a handmade pottery bowl filled with fruit. The gifts were made by Lori Barnes, Kim Riddick, and Karen Ashley, and were presented to Gov. Martin by Karen Ashley.

Ms. Orlena Jones, a freshman at the high school, also gave a beautiful rendition of the song "The Greatest Love of All" at Monday's gathering.

The governor left Perquimans County and traveled to Gates, and Hertford County before returning to Raleigh Monday afternoon.

Plans set for Centennial

Final plans are being made for Winfall's Centennial Celebration.

The Centennial Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 16th, from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Perquimans Central School in Winfall.

The events will get underway at approximately 11:00 when a procession of horses and buggies carrying the Mayor, Miss North Carolina, Councilmen, and dignitaries will arrive at the grounds of the elementary school from the parking lot of Winfall Supermarket. The Fire and Drum Corp. of Perquimans County will lead the procession, and will conduct the flag raising services.

The official centennial program is set to begin at approximately 11:20 with Mr. Terry Williams serving as emcee. A brief history of the town will be given by Mrs. Cheri Williams, and following speeches by the dignitaries who are in attendance Miss North Carolina will perform.

At 12:30 p.m. games on the lawn are scheduled to begin, and the Atlantic Fleet Band will perform at 1:00 p.m. that afternoon.

Later in the afternoon Miss North Carolina will judge the mustache contest, a time capsule will be buried, a cake auction will be held, and at 4:00 p.m. the tug of war will be held.

On going activities planned for the afternoon include historic displays, craft displays, wildlife displays, concessions, a magic show, a dunking booth, croquet on the school lawn, display of antique cars, horse shoe pitch, and the optimist train will be running around for the kids. There will also be an old timers corner set up with rocking chairs under a tent for shade.

For more information on the Centennial Celebration contact Cheri Williams at the Winfall Town Office.



Above, Paul Gregory receives the Employee of the Year Award from Liz Journigan of the personnel committee of the NCSSA.

Gregory named NCSSA employee of the year

Mr. Paul Gregory, Perquimans County Director of Social Services has been named employee of the year by the northeastern district of NCSSA.

The NCSSA (North Carolina Social Services Association) made the announcement on April 10, 1987, in Eden-ton, at a district meeting which was held at the American Legion Hall on Queen Street.

According to Liz Journigan, Chairman of the personnel committee for the district, Gregory was nominated locally by his employees, and was chosen from nine other nominees from within the district to receive the Employee of the Year award.

In her introduction of Paul Gregory, Journigan stated that she felt Gregory was an excellent choice for this award, and that he was chosen for several factors including his service to the county, service to NCSSA, his willingness to listen, his knowledge of his position, and his involvement in community and church affairs.

Gregory stated on Friday upon receiving the award that he was very honored, and also very surprised to have been named Employee of the

Year.

In selecting the NCSSA employee of the year, the personnel committee judges each nominee on the basis of four criteria. The criteria are as follows: 1. NCSSA involvement, 2. job performance, 3. involvement in community and state affairs, 4. leadership qualities. Each nominee is rated in each category on a scale from one to ten. The nominees are then ranked according to their points.

Gregory has been with the Department of Social Services in Perquimans County for nine years. He is very active in several organizations including the Lions Club, the Masonic Lodge, is a former member of the Jaycees, and has served on several boards including the board of directors for the Open Door of Perquimans County, Skills Inc. of Elizabeth City, and many state boards which deal with social services.

Gregory received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration Management, and his master's degree in Education Administration from East Carolina University. He is a native of Perquimans County, he and his wife Nellie have two children.

Volunteers make special olympics possible

What amazing people. They are hardworking, dedicated, loving and talented. They are some of the people who give their all to make Special Olympics succeed.

Hundreds of volunteers serve on local, regional and state committees to ensure the continuance of the program. Many civic and school organizations, corporations, small businesses and individuals give of their resources and time to provide the money to keep this program going.

Perquimans County Local Special Olympics has its own "special" volunteers too. Many local businesses give financial support to the organization. This year Hardees of Hertford, will supply the lunches for the athletes and coaches at the local meet on April 30th. Local high school volunteers from the Art Club work at the local Olympics as clowns and at the face painting booth. In addition to the Olympians, Anthony Downing, Parks and Recreation Director, comes to each school once a week

and works with the athletes in their events. This year in addition to Mr. Downing serving as a coach at the state and local levels, he will also serve as a game official at the regional game in Elizabeth City. Another "special" volunteer is Kaye Boyce. Mrs. Boyce, who works at Hertford Grammar and Perquimans Union completes the medical forms on all Olympians. She also transports the athletes to the local Olympic site. She has been doing this service for many years. Perquimans County is very fortunate to have volunteers like these. Many more people also work behind the scenes and directly with the athletes.

If you or your organization would like to make a monetary contribution to the local Special Olympics, you may call or write to Miss Alma Banks at Central School in Winfall, or call 426-5332. Volunteers are still needed. For further information call Kathy Ansink, Perquimans High School at 426-5539. See you at the games!