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Jail birds!

Pictured above Morris Kornegay looks at the camera as he thinks of who to call to raise money while in jail.

Jail-a-thon held Thurs.

Seen any jailbirds lately? On Thursday, May 21st, the sidewalk in front of the Perquimans County Court House was the scene of the annual cancer society jail-a-thon. Several local members of the community were arrested during the event including: Mayor Bill Cox, Nancy Newbern, Jeannie Umphlett, Hal Byrum of Don Juan Manufacturing, William Byrum, Principal of P.C.H.S., Morris Kornegay, Principal of Central Grammar School, Keith Haskett, Perquimans County Tax Collector, and many others. After being arrested they were forced to call area residents and solicit funds to make their bond which was set by the judge, Mrs. Reva Evans. Each year the Perquimans County Cancer Society is given a goal for monies which they must raise, and this year the county's goal is \$6,000.00. All monies which were raised by the jail-a-thon will go towards meeting this goal. The cancer society's next event to raise additional funds will be their American Cancer Society Spring Fling. The Spring Fling will be held at the Ward Shopping Center in Hertford, and Donald Ayscye will be serving as chairman. For more information on how you can help the American Cancer Society contact Debbie Sutton at 426-5124. The Perquimans County Chapter of the American Cancer Society would like to thank those people who made



Officer Tim Spence is shown above as he escorts Gina Jepson to jail.

the jail-a-thon possible last week. Senior patrolman, Tim Spence, for his arrests, Hardees Restaurant, who served lunch to all the jailees, Hertford Hardware, who provided plastic for use during the inclement

weather, Mid-Atlantic Coca-Cola, who provided drinks for the jailees, and Woodards Pharmacy, who provided cups and ice for the day-long event.

Poppy day proclaimed by Mayor Cox

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is information on and a proclamation by Mayor Bill Cox, proclaiming and stating his support for the upcoming "Buddy" Poppy sale day for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

"In Flanders Fields The Poppies Blow...", so went the immortal words of Col. John McCrae's poem. Little did Col. McCrae realize when he penned those few lines that someday the very poppies of which he wrote would be the true symbol of all those who gave their lives in our nation's wars. Each year the Veterans of Foreign Wars sponsor their "Buddy" Poppy sale in the Hertford area to raise money for needy and disabled

veterans. You, too, can pay your respects on May 29th. Do your part - buy and wear a VFW "Buddy" Poppy.

WHEREAS: The annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922; and

WHEREAS: VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans, and

WHEREAS: The basic purpose of the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by

the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living"; therefore

I, Bill Cox, Mayor of the city of Hertford, North Carolina do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies on the day set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.

I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

State troopers remind North Carolina motorists to buckle up when driving

RALEIGH—One of the safety features in your car is the seat belt, a life-saving mechanism that many people too often ignore. Since January 1, troopers with the State Highway Patrol have handed out 12,536 citations to drivers and front seat passengers for failing to buckle up. Another 1312 citations have been issued for child restraint violations. Each citation carries a \$25 fine.

Colonel Jack Cardwell, Commander of the State Highway Patrol, says, "If everyone would cooperate with the law, the fine, along with traffic deaths and injuries, could be avoided."

In an effort to increase seat belt usage, the State Highway Patrol teamed up with several organizations—Operation C.A.R.E., The National Safety Council, the National Association of Governors' Highway Safety Representatives, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration—for All-American Buckle Up Week, May 18-25, 1987.

The goal of All-American Buckle Up Week is to convince people to wear their seat belts to reduce traffic fatalities, and statistics indicate that many of North Carolina's drivers are buckling up. According to the UNC Highway Safety Research Center in Chapel Hill, North Carolina topped the nation's list for seat belt usage in February. A survey of 72 sites statewide found that 78 percent of

those drivers surveyed were wearing seat belts, and 71 percent of front-seat passengers were also buckled up.

However, reports for March show a decline in seat belt usage, and North Carolina has fallen to the number two spot behind Maryland.

Colonel Cardwell says, "Even though North Carolina is doing better than most other states in seat belt usage, motorists should remember to always use their seat belts, not only because it is the law, but because it is the law, but because it is the individual's best defense against a drunk driver. It is especially important for parents to protect their children with child safety seats or belts."

Business loans available for Chowan and Perquimans County farmers

Funds are available to guarantee loans for Chowan and Perquimans County residents and businesses for use in creating new business or expanding existing enterprises Melvin E. Howell, FmHA County Supervisor said today.

Farmers Home Administration is interested in the economic health of our community and we would welcome inquiries about this program, Howell said. Our business and indus-

try program was created primarily to provide jobs in smaller towns and rural communities. Loan funds are provided by a local commercial bank or savings and loan association and the loan is guaranteed by Farmers Home Administration.

There are probably many people in the community who are not familiar with the opportunities available under the B & I program, especially the fact that we can make loans to a vari-

ety of sizes of businesses, including family-size enterprises, he added.

"We are especially interested in anything we can do to help improve job opportunities for farmers who are trying to find new occupations."

Howell said information about the program can be obtained from the FmHA office located at the Albemarle Commission Building, telephone number 426-5733.

Students with summer jobs may find themselves paying taxes

Many students with summer of part-time jobs can no longer claim exemption from federal income tax withholding, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Because of tax law changes made by the Tax Reform act of 1986, students who can be claimed as dependents on their parents or another person's tax return cannot claim exemption from withholding for 1987 if they have any unearned income, such as interest on savings, and their wages plus this unearned income will be more than \$500 for the year.

However, students whose wages for the year are \$2,540 or less and who have no unearned income generally will be exempt from withholding.

Students can claim exemption from tax withholding on their Form W-4 or W-4A, "Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate," only if last year they had to pay no federal income tax and this year they expect to have to pay no federal income tax, the IRS said. If exempt status is claimed, it remains in effect until February 15 of the next year.

Generally, students not exempt

from withholding should claim one withholding allowance if they have only one job at a time. Or, if they need or want one tax withheld, they should claim zero allowances. The Form W-4 or W-4A instructions have more details. And IRS has prepared Publications 919, "Is my Withholding Correct?" to help taxpayers determine whether they are having the right amount withheld.

Many students who have to pay no tax in the will have to pay tax for 1987, and so cannot be exempt from withholding.

Olympic Festival torch to travel through Hertford

For 13 days in July North Carolina will play host to one of the largest and greatest sports events in our state's history, and Hertford will have a chance to be a part of the festivities. On June 28th, the Olympic Festival Torch will pass through Perquimans County stopping for a brief ceremony in Hertford as part of the statewide torch run.

On June 20th the torch run will begin in anticipation of the festival's opening. The torch will leave Pikes Peak in Colorado after being lit at the Olympic Festival monument there, and will be flown into the state via Piedmont Airlines. The statewide run will begin in Wilmington, and on Sunday, June 28th, between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. the torch will arrive here in Hertford.

In anticipation of the torch's arrival festivities are being planned to take place that evening on the Court House green.

Local residents will also have an opportunity to participate in the statewide torch run.

The torch will be carried through Perquimans County from the Pasquotank County line to the Chowan County line, and Jack Hughes, Torch Run Coordinator, estimates that he may need as many as 40 runners to complete the stretch.

The torch run serves as a money making project for the festival, and anyone who is interested may participate.

For \$25.00 a person may run any distance .10 of a mile to a complete mile, and some runners may be

asked to run more miles by the committee if necessary to fill in some of the gaps.

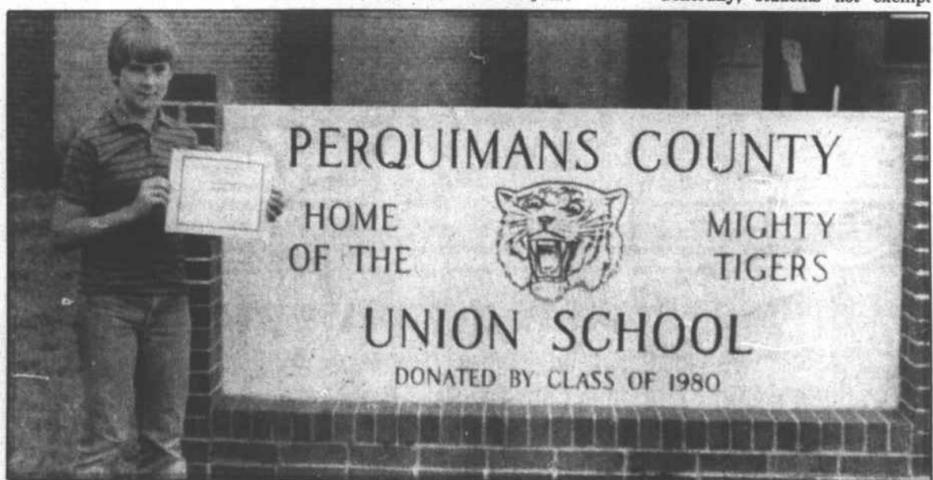
On the evening of July 17th the torch will arrive in Raleigh at Carter-Finley Stadium for the festival's opening ceremonies after traveling some 2800 miles through 400 communities.

The U.S. Olympic Festival '87 will be one of the largest and greatest single events in sports history. It will be held from July 13th until 26th in Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, Cary and Greensboro, with yachting at Henderson Point on Kerr Lake. The festival will feature 3,000 of America's top amateur athletes, 34 Olympians and Pan American sports, 110 hours of national coverage on ESPN, and nine million dollars in revenue to the state of North Carolina.

The festival is an event sponsored by the U.S. Olympic Committee, and began in 1978 under the name of the National Sports Festival. The festival is held every non-olympic year in different cities across the country, but this will be the first time that a state has hosted the events.

For more information on the festival call 1-800-223-USOF. For more information on the torch run contact The Perquimans Weekly or Lloyd

"Fletch" Dail. If anyone is interested in participating in the run they can fill out the application below and return it to the U.S. Olympic Festival, Attention: Mr. Jack Hughes, P.O. Box 12727, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27709.



Pictured above is Matt Hobbs in front of Union School. Matt is holding a certificate from Duke University.

Matt Hobbs selected to participate in Duke University talent search

Matt Hobbs, a 7th grade student at Perquimans County Union School participated and has been selected by the Talent Identification Program (TIP) at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

The purpose of T.I.P. is to discover youngsters who have exceptional mathematical, verbal, or general intellectual ability. Matt was chosen in the area of mathematics.

Eligibility for the T.I.P. is based on three requirements, and the student must meet all three before being considered, they are: school attendance, age and grade in school, test scores. A student must attend a public or

private school in one of 16 southern states, students must be 7th graders, and students must have scored at the 97th percentile or above (in the upper three percent) on the national norms of a standardized achievement aptitude, or mental ability test battery.

This program offers several benefits for the students selected. Matt will receive an Educational Opportunity Guide which describes educational programs for academically superior students in the talent search region and elsewhere. He will receive a report allowing him to compare his abilities as measured by the SAT with those of the ablest seventh grad-

ers in the talent search region to let him know where he stands, he will receive a counseling guide which provides suggestions for using his abilities more effectively, will have interpretive information about his abilities sent to school officials, as well as State Department of Education officials, which may assist him in better planning his educational options in the future, and Matt will be receiving four issues of the Talent Tabloid, a newsletter which is published by TIP, which contains articles about participants, and the program.

Jaycees attend conference

The North Carolina Jaycees held their annual convention May 22-24 at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem. Twelve Perquimans County Jaycees and two guests attended the three-day meeting.

The local chapter captured several awards and honors while in Winston-Salem. Diane Copeland won the secretary of the quarter award for her outstanding performance of that job for the Perquimans chapter.

A Presidential Award of Honor was presented to the local group for their dedication and commitment during the 1986-87 fiscal year. The Jaycee year runs from May through April. During those months last year, the Perquimans County Jaycees ran over 30 projects.

St. Jude Children's Hospital gave a plaque to the local chapter in appreciation for their support of the hospital.

The Boys & Girls Homes of North Carolina recognized the Perquimans Jaycees for their continuing support of their facility.

Those who attended were Carlton Boyce, Diane Copeland, Richard Copeland, Joe Elliott, Phil Harris, Susan Harris, Bernie Jones, JoAnn Jones, Gail Layden, Wayne Layden, Parker Newbern, Jennifer Sawyer, Kenneth White, and Sara Winslow.