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Monument unveiled

James August "Catfish" Hunter paused on the Perquimans County Courthouse lawn and watched as the Perquimans County Commissioners unveiled a beautiful black marble monument commemorating his baseball career and his induction this summer into the National Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, New York on Sunday, July 26th.

"Most folks have to die to get one of these," said Hunter holding back the tears as he looked at the monument with awe and his usual modesty.

The monument which originally was scheduled to be in place for Perquimans County's Jimmy Hunter Day, Saturday, May 11th was delayed and arrived in Hertford only a few weeks prior to last Wednesday's unveiling.

"I hope this monument will be an inspiration to the youth of Perquimans County," said W.W. "Welly" White, Chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners, who purchased the \$6,000.00 monument in Hunter's honor.

Other local officials such as Hertford's Mayor Bill Cox, and Pat Harrell, Chairman of the steering committee for Jim "Catfish" Hunter day also praised Hunter for his many achievements both on and off the baseball field.

Following the unveiling by several nervous commissioners, and after a few photographs by his friends and the news media, Jimmy returned home to his farm in Bear Swamp to seek it's solace.

Methodist celebrate

In honor of North Carolina's 400th Anniversary the United Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, and Wesleyan Churches of Perquimans County will hold their celebration as the Friends, Episcopalians, and Baptist have done previously.

The celebration is scheduled to be held this Sunday, August 16th at New Hope Methodist Church, the location of the earliest Methodist activity in Perquimans County. The celebration will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Guest speaker for the celebration will be Dr. Ted Campbell of Duke University.



Hunter honored!

Jimmy, Helen, and Paul Hunter are seen looking at the new monument erected in Hunter's honor last Wednesday. The new monument is located near the confederate monument on the courthouse green in Hertford.

Photo by Gina Jepsen

Hertford closes out CDR grant money

The Hertford Town Council held a public hearing Monday evening regarding the closing of Phase II of the Community Redevelopment and Revitalization Grant totalling \$539,545.00 which they received in 1983.

Don Whitley of L. E. Wooten and Company of Greenville, North Carolina, stated Monday that the purpose of the public hearing was to access and discuss the closing of phase II of the King Street revitalization project in Hertford.

According to the report given by Whitley, during phase II of this project 10 parcels of land were acquired, and 112 people benefitted from the acquisitions, eight parcels of land were surveyed and appraised to be sold at a later date, 10 parcels of land were cleared of condemned structures, 16 households and one business were relocated under the project, benefitting 32 people, and 25 dwellings were revitalized, benefitting 70 people.

Whitley stated on Monday that he knew the closing of the project had been a long time in coming but that he was pleased to finally get to this point. "I am pleased that we are finally at this point, and feel that real benefits have resulted and can be seen regarding this project," he said. Whitley also stated on Monday evening that all the money for the grant had been spent including an additional \$812.00 which was project income for some rental property involved with the project.

According to Whitley, Phase III of the project which is currently in full swing should be in position to close as early as October, but certainly by the end of the year. Whitley stated he felt it would take approximately 60 more days to complete the houses being rehabilitated under phase III, and than hopefully the project can closed out completely.

The Hertford Town Council held their August meeting following the public hearing on Monday.

Edgar Roberson, Fire Chief of the Hertford Fire Department came before the council Monday evening and

reported on the activities of the Fire Department for the past year. Roberson reported that over the past year the fire department has spent approximately \$2,459.76 for items needed, and that money has come from fund raisers and donations. Roberson also reported that the fire department currently has 22 members on the active roster. He added that they answered 86 calls last year, and have responded to 52 calls so far this year.

Roberson also told councilmen on Monday that truck 34, the van which was donated to the fire department by VEPCO is in the process of being equipped with the Cascade Breathing System.

Roberson told the councilmen on Monday that once the van was equipped with the system it would be used for response to mutual aid calls from other departments in the county. The fire department currently has mutual aid agreements with all the county departments.

Councilmen also discussed on Monday the upcoming bond referendum on Tuesday, repairs to the recreation department, and discussed revitalization of the town's parking lots located behind the municipal building, and the alley behind the downtown area off of Grubb Street. The council voted Monday to enter into a contract with the Redevelopment Institute of East Carolina University in Greenville to come up with a proposal for revitalizing and landscaping these parking areas. It is the hope of the board to use these areas to their fullest potential. The contract with RDI will not exceed \$242.00, and will consist of a full color proposal, and five blueprints of proposed renovations.

The council also set up a meeting for August 18th at 7:30 p.m. to discuss improvements to the town's electrical facilities. The council will meet next Tuesday evening with Ed Thomas of Booth and Associates to discuss the engineering proposal made by his company, and to discuss proposed plans for improvement of the town's electrical facilities.

Races gearing up locally for municipal elections held in November

It looks as though the citizens of Hertford and Winfall will have a race yet in the municipal elections set for November 3.

A race for the mayor's seats in both Hertford and Winfall has developed. In Hertford incumbent Mayor Bill

Cox will face W. A. "Billy" White, and in Winfall Terry Williams and Bill Bartlett will seek election for the Mayor's seat. Incumbent Mayor Lloyd Ray Morgan of Winfall did not file for re-election.

Races are also developing for the

two town council seats available in Hertford. Both incumbents Billy L. Winslow, and Jesse L. Harris have filed for re-election. They will run against Rev. John H. London, Jr. and Carlyn L. Brown for the two seats available. Voters will select two of

the four candidates that are running. In Winfall, Incumbent Jesse P. "Jake" Chesson will again seek a seat on the council. One vacant seat will remain on the Winfall Town Council. According to Buddy Tilley, Chairman of the Board of Elections,

the council will appoint someone to fill the vacant seat, though this is unofficial and subject to the guidelines of Winfall's town charter.

As of press time on Tuesday no confirmation of the charter rules was available by Janice Cole, Winfall's

Attorney. The Mayor and Councilmen of Hertford will serve four year terms, and the Mayor and Councilmen in Winfall serve two year terms. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Hobbsville man charged with murder

A Perquimans County man has been arrested and charged with murder in the stabbing death of another man which occurred Sunday, August 2nd near Joppa.

Terry Walton, Jr., Route 1, Hobbsville, North Carolina was arrested in the early morning hours of August 3rd by members of the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department, the Gates County Sheriff's Department, and the Hertford Police and allegedly charged with the murder of Milton Leach.

According to Joe Lothian, Perquimans County Sheriff, few definite details about the incident are known at this time about the circumstances of the apparent stabbing, and an investigation is continuing by law enforcement officials.

Mr. Walton is currently being held in the Albemarle District Jail without bond. A probable cause hearing will be held in the case on August 19th.

This is the first murder to occur in Perquimans County in just under two years. The last murder occurred in October, 1985.

The Sheriff also reported on several other cases which have occurred throughout the county.

Clifton Wilson Holdzkoms, Route 3, Hertford was arrested several weeks ago and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill and inflicting serious bodily injury.

Holdzkoms allegedly shot William Umphlett, Route 3, Hertford while he was mowing his lawn. Although Lo-

thian stated that he did not know any details regarding the incident between the two men, according to other sources the men had a disagreement over some plants.

Mr. Holdzkoms is currently out of jail on \$25,000.00 bond.

Tammy Jo White was also arrested recently by the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department. White of Route 1, Belvidere, N.C., has been charged with one count of burning personal property, and one count of unauthorized use of a conveyance. White apparently set fire to some property in the home of her mother and father, and stole her parents car. According to Lothian White is being held in the Albemarle District Jail under \$10,200.00 bond.

School set to begin August 24th

Students in Perquimans County will report to classes on August 24. Parents of students who have recently relocated in the Perquimans School District are advised to contact the schools to register their children prior to the opening date.

Kindergarten through fourth grade students who live in Hertford and

south of the Perquimans River should enroll at Hertford Grammar School, William D. Tice, Principal; telephone 426-5332.

Kindergarten through fourth grade students who live in Winfall and north of the Perquimans River should enroll at Perquimans Central School, Morris Kornegay, Principal; telephone 426-5332.

All fifth through eighth grade stu-

dents will enroll at Perquimans Union School, Gary Stubbins, Principal; telephone 426-7355.

All students in grades nine through twelve will attend Perquimans County High School, William Byrum, Principal; telephone 426-5778.

Perquimans County Schools are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.



Band begins!

Photo by Anzie L. Wood

Members of the Perquimans County High School Band are seen working hard this week at band camp. Band camp is being held everyday at the high school beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Community birthday calendar sales get underway by band

Perquimans Band boosters are now sponsoring their annual "Birthday Calendar" sales. Members of the band boosters will be conducting a door to door campaign August 15-

16th. To take orders, price of calendars is \$3.50 a piece plus 50 cent for each listing. We are asking all citizens to please support us in this fund raising effort. All proceeds will go to

defer the costs of new uniforms. For more information please contact Ginger O'Neal at 426-5117 or Carlyn Brown at 426-7964.

Burch appointed postmaster

Daniel C. Burch, Sr. will be appointed the new postmaster at Hertford, NC effective Saturday, August 1, 1987, Sectional Center Manager-Postmaster Ross A. Garulski of Raleigh announced today.

Burch, 46, a native of Willow Spring, NC began his postal career as a part-time flexible clerk in Angier, NC during 1970 and has served as Postmaster, Broadway, NC since 1980. In the interim he served as a distribution clerk, city letter carrier, and was appointed postmaster, Marners, NC in October 1976.

Burch graduated from Angier High School, Angier, NC; received in Associate Degree in Business Management from Kings Business College, Raleigh, NC; and received a Junior Accounting Degree from Hardbarger Junior College of Business, Raleigh. He attends North Hickory Church, and is Past Commander of the American Legion and Past Master of the Angier Masonic Lodge. He is married to the former Faye Matthews, and they have one son, Danny, Jr. They presently reside in Broadway, NC and will move to Hertford, NC in

the future. Postmaster selections are made on the basis of merit from a list of qualified candidates submitted to the sectional center manager by a review committee. The committee reviews the applicants for the position and recommends to the sectional center manager the candidates for interview. The sectional center manager then selects and recommends to the division manager for an appointment the candidate who best meets the position requirements.

WEATHER

Weekend forecast

Weather forecasters are predicting thunderstorms and cloudy weather on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Highs will be in the upper 80s, and lows will be in the 60s.



Baker joins ARPDC

Rebecca R. Baker has recently joined the Albemarle Commission as the Regional Ombudsman-Program Developer, as of August 3, 1987. She is originally from Jacksonville, Florida, but has lived in North Carolina for the past twenty years. She is married to Don Baker and they have two sons, Don, Jr., and Greg. She is a graduate of the College of the Albemarle and Elizabeth City State University. Her past experience has been in long term care facilities for the elderly; working as a medical social worker. She is a member of Beulah Baptist Church and has served as a volunteer on many community outreach programs.