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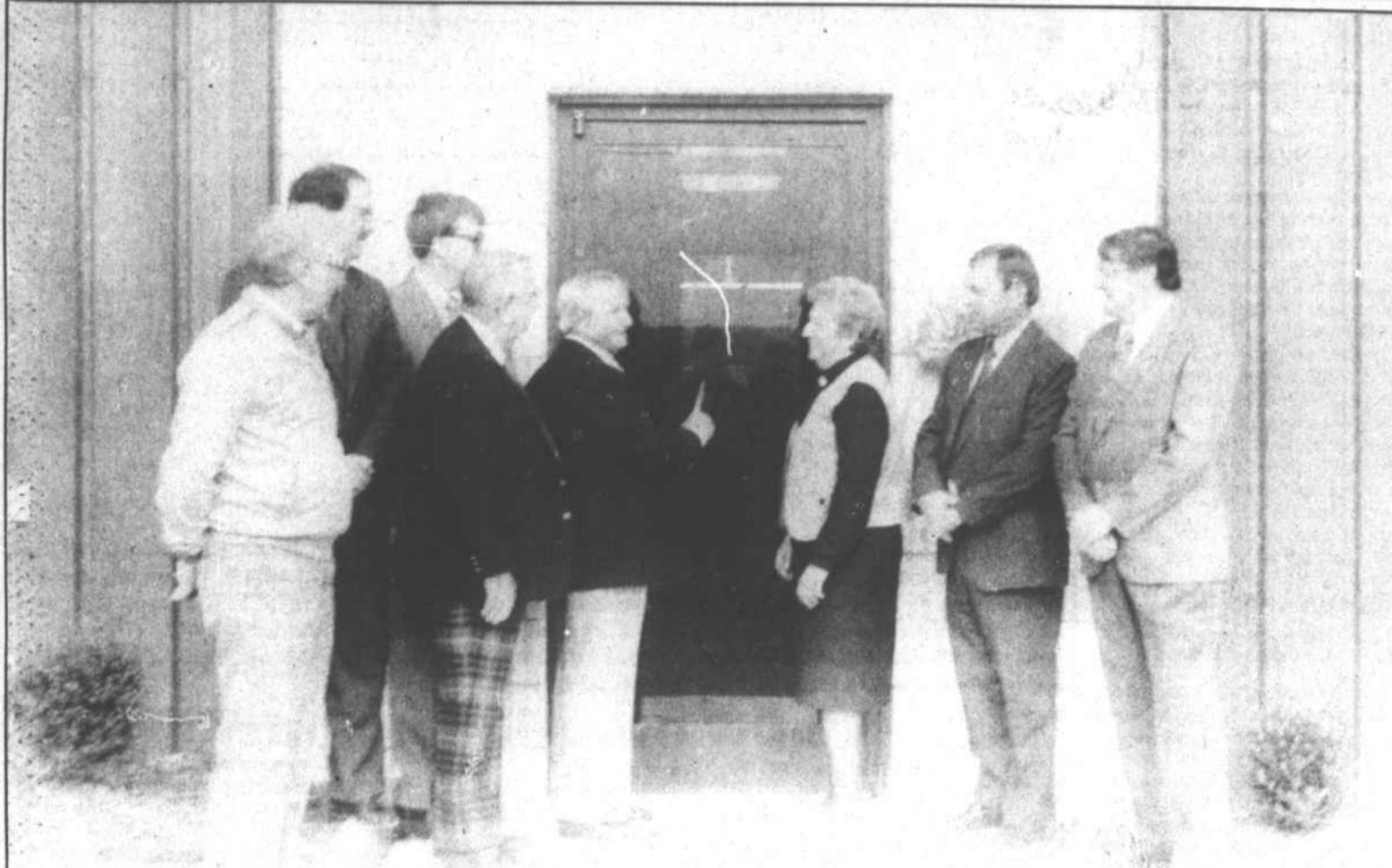
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Apricot, Inc. officially opens!

Apricot, Inc. held their official ribbon cutting and open house at their new factory on Sunday, December 20th. The company moved into the new facility the week before Thanksgiving, but Sunday's festivities marked their official opening. Pictured above are from left to right: John Beers, Hertford Town Council, W. D. "Bill" Cox, Mayor of Hertford, Mr. and

Mrs. Carl Terranova, Sr., Apricot, Inc., Mr. W. W. "Welly" White, Chairman Perquimans County Board of Commissioners, and Mr. Henry Carney, Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100, rear: Mr. Ben Berry, Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Hertford, Mr. Larry Swindell, president, Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

State against expanding state's closed airspace

Raleigh—The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) request to expand restricted airspace in eastern North Carolina came under fire from the State of North Carolina.

At issue is the FAA's reluctance to recognize its legal obligations under the National Environmental Protection Act. At the request of the Armed Forces the FAA has proposed to expand the restricted airspace in eastern North Carolina to cover an additional million acres. Airspace over approximately three million acres is

already dedicated to military air training. This restricted airspace affects four of the state's five fastest growing counties.

In testimony before a Senate Subcommittee, Natural Resources and Community Development assistant secretary Dr. Lynn Muchmore said such action would "take away airspace used by the state for marine fisheries, wildlife and forest management activities...jeopardize the viability of needed civil aviation routes by mixing military and civilian traf-

fic in airspace lacking radar and communications services..."

Many of the military aircraft are coming from military bases outside North Carolina and are going to the Dare Bomb Range located in Dare County. "They (the military) funnel high speed fighter traffic at low altitudes down a pristine national seashore," said Muchmore.

"They further antagonize an already irate citizenry fed up with broken windows, cracked plaster, and rooftop confrontations with hot-dog pilots violating the military's own

rules at near supersonic speeds, pilots who seem immune from disciplinary action unless some ordinary citizen who happens to have near supersonic eyeballs can get the number of the aircraft or discern what type (aircraft) it is and who it belongs to."

In summarizing North Carolina's position Muchmore said that unless the FAA assumes its responsibility states would be left without the protection promised in the National Environmental Policy Act, "and would be driven to the courts for remedy."

IRS sends out notices of unreported income

The IRS is sending notices to taxpayers who may have underreported income on 1985 income tax returns. The underreporting was detected during matching of the returns with information returns supplied to the IRS by banks and other payers.

Taxpayers who failed to report interest, dividends, or patronage dividends will get notices that automatically include a negligence penalty. This automatic penalty, which began last year, is five percent of the additional tax on the underreported income from interest, dividends or patronage dividends plus fifty percent of the interest on the additional tax. When this program is conducted for

1987 tax year, the penalty will apply to the tax increase from all types of unreported income.

In the absence of clear and convincing evidence to the contrary, failure to report interest and dividend income shall be treated as due to negligence. The determination of what constitutes acceptable evidence will be made on a case-by-case basis.

In cases such as these the taxpayer would have to provide a written statement of the facts, together with

any supporting documents, and request that the penalty be waived.

The IRS offers the following additional advice concerning replying to these notices for various types of income:

Check to see if the income reported to the IRS was your income and whether it was reported on your 1985 return. If you did not correctly report your income and you agree with the notice, sign the notice and pay the amount due.

If the report of income that the IRS has received is incorrect, request that the payer give you a corrected statement. Return this statement to the IRS with your notice to show that you reported correctly. If you have any other disagreement with the notice, reply to the IRS and explain where you reported the income on your return or why you disagree. In either case, do not sign the notice agreeing to the change if the income was not yours or was reported.

Commercial licenses to expire

Morehead City—North Carolina fishermen who have 1987 commercial fishing licenses will have the month of January to obtain their 1988 commercial fishing licenses, according to Fentress Munden, Deputy Director, North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries.

The 1987 licenses will be valid through January 31, 1988. Munden said Marine Fisheries law officers would be on the lookout February 1 to make sure fishermen have their 1988 licenses.

The 1988 licenses will be available beginning January 1 from license agents open for business on New Year's Day, and beginning January 4 from the Morehead City office, and other license agents located in coastal counties.

For further information, contact the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries by calling toll free 1-800-682-2632 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Three of Perquimans County's businesses this week donated goods for children in Perquimans County with special needs. Apricot, Inc., 17 South Garment, and Don Juan each donated items to the Perquimans County Head Start program for distribution to area children with special needs. Don Juan donated shirts for boys at the high school and Hertford Grammar School. Apricot, Inc. donated shirts for high school girls, and 17 South Garment donated outfits for younger children at Hertford Grammar School in Ms. Ansink and Ms. Riddick's classes. This program has been an ongoing project of Head Start for several years, and each of these businesses have donated in past years. Last year's donations were distributed to children at Union School.

Motorists urged to drive with care over holidays

Charlotte, N.C.—It is estimated that 38 North Carolina motorists will die in traffic accidents over the upcoming Christmas and New Year holidays.

The state will count its toll from 6 PM on Wednesday, December 23 through midnight Sunday, December 27 for Christmas; and from 6 PM Wednesday, December 30 through midnight Sunday, January 3, for New Year's.

Last year over a similar period of time 23 were killed and 982 injured over Christmas, while 28 were killed and 1,097 were injured over the New Year's holiday weekend.

"We are approaching two of our most celebrated holidays," Dr. John G. Frazier, III, president of the statewide motor club stated. "However, it is also a time when we lose more people due to traffic accidents."

The two holidays come exactly one week from each other and present the opportunity for a longer break. Many people seize the opportunity to travel as everyone likes to go "home for the holidays".

This holiday season everyone is urged to take time to plan safe travel, whether the trip is a short one to the corner store for last-minute shopping, or a longer one to visit relatives or friends. Each trip places the driver in situations where care and proper reactions are required to make the trip a safe one.

"You can play an important part in preventing these accidents by learning the holiday dangers and the ways to avoid them," Dr. Frazier said.

Speeding is at the top of the list. Speeders not only lose licenses, they lose lives.

Fatigue is also a culprit. Leave

early enough to allow adequate rest stops in an effort to keep you alert at all times and help you recognize and avoid unsafe movements.

Driving and drinking. "One of the increased dangers this time of year is drinking, and it involves you in three ways," Dr. Frazier stated. "As a party-goer, as a party-giver and as a driver."

As a party-goer, limit yourself to no more than one drink an hour and stop drinking one hour before driving. Don't let anybody talk you into "one for the road", instead, let it be NONE for the road.

As a party-giver, you have a certain amount of control over the flow of liquor. Convince guests who have had too much to drink to stay overnight, ride home with someone else, or go home in a taxicab you call for them.

"Keep in mind that the alcohol content is the same in 12-oz. of beer as in 6-oz. of wine or 1½ oz. 80 proof whiskey," Dr. Frazier stated. Only time will rid the body of alcohol and its effects. It takes about one hour for the body to dispose of one ounce of whiskey, or a single bottle of beer.

"Law enforcement officers get tough when it comes to DWI," Dr. Frazier continued. Police roadblocks and checkpoints are one of the most effective means of keeping the drunken driver off the road and can be expected this holiday season.

"Make a personal commitment to be a responsible driver over the holidays," Dr. Frazier urged. "And don't forget to buckle-up for every trip and make sure that all passengers do the same."

To date the North Carolina death toll stands at 1,477, some 77 less than at this same time last year.

Open Door in need of all types of food items

Christmas is the time of year when everyone is busy enjoying their families and their many blessings. It is also a time of year when we should remember the less fortunate members of our community.

The Open Door of Perquimans County is in urgent need of food items for the needy this holiday season.

According to Ann White, Director

of the Perquimans County Open Door, all types of non-perishable food stuffs are needed by the agency.

If anyone has food items they would like to donate, the Open Door will be open on Wednesday to accept items, or they can call the Open Door intake office at 426-7776 to make other arrangements.

Governor applies for federal relief funds

Raleigh—A \$275,000 red tide disaster project proposal was sent to the National Marine Fisheries Service December 4th by S. Thomas Rhodes, Secretary, N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development (NRCD), at the direction of Governor Jim Martin.

"The Governor is greatly concerned about the red tide's effect on shellfishermen in North Carolina," Rhodes said. "He has urged us to ex-

plore every avenue of relief.

"While this grant money would not provide any immediate assistance, it would enable shellfishermen to rebound more quickly in the future. The Governor intends to follow every single approach available to help this stricken area. This is just one of many shots in our gun."

Total projected benefits from the project would be \$3.9 to \$4.4 million.

Bloodmobile set

The Perquimans County Jaycees would like to remind everyone in Perquimans County that the Tidewater Area Red Cross will be conducting a bloodmobile in our area on Tuesday, December 29th at the Hertford

United Methodist Church from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m..

All types of blood are urgently needed. Give the gift of life this holiday season, please help the county meet its goal by donating blood.

WEATHER

Weekend Forecast

The weather forecasts are calling for fair weather on Wednesday and Christmas eve with temperatures in the 30s, 40s, and 50s.

The forecast for Christmas day calls for warmer weather with a slight chance of rain. Temperatures will be in the 30s, 40s, and 60s.



Merry Christmas