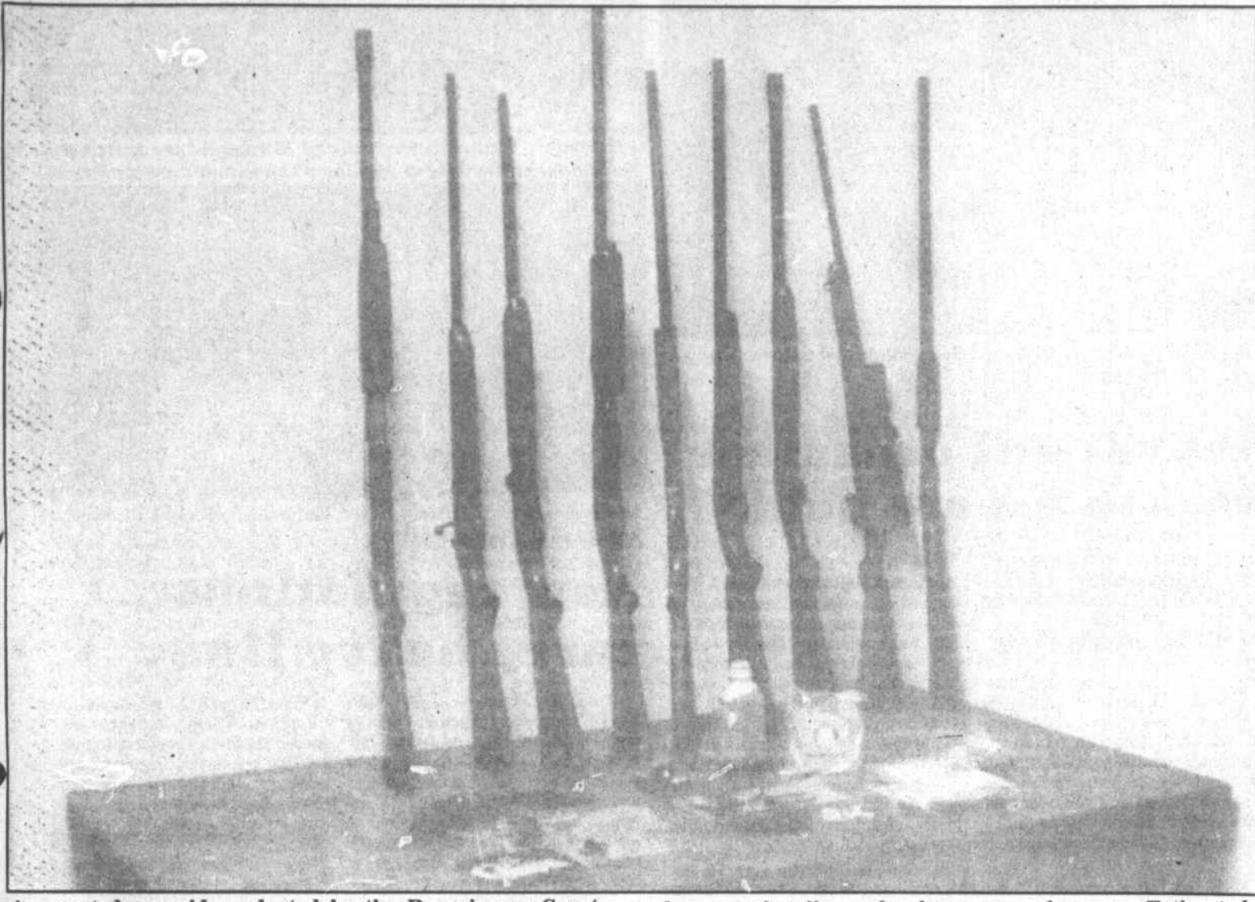


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A recent drug raid conducted by the Perquimans County Sheriff's department and the Hertford Police Department resulted in the confiscation of drugs, numerous firearms, drug parafanalia, and a large sum of money. Estimated street value of the drugs seized was over 100,000 dollars.

Local man arrested in recent drug raid

One man has been arrested in one of the biggest drug raids ever conducted by the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department.

County Sheriff's Department and members of the Hertford Police Department.

Andrew Eugene White, Rt. 1, Box 473, Hertford, was arrested at his home following a raid on the night of December 23rd by the Perquimans

White resigns

The Perquimans County Commissioners will soon have a new chairman following an announcement by Chairman W. W. "Welly" White.

The raid on Mr. White's home was part of an ongoing joint effort between local law enforcement agencies to deal with the drug problems in Perquimans County, and resulted in the confiscation of approximately \$100,000 dollars worth of cocaine, \$500.00 dollars worth of marijuana, a number of firearms, drug parafanalia, and a large sum of money.

Mr. White is currently being held in the Albemarle District jail under a \$100,000 dollar secured bond. His first appearance in court was held on Monday, December 28th, his probable case hearing will be held in Perquimans County District Court on Wednesday, January 6th.

Mr. White, if convicted, faces 10 years in prison for the cocaine charges, and five years in prison for the marijuana charges.

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Department is also investigating two breakins, which occurred at the homes of Abe Godfrey and Carlton Hurdle, Rt. 4, Hertford.

Two men are arrested in ABC Store robbery

Two men have been arrested and charged with the December 21st robbery of the Hertford ABC Store.

Members of the Pasquotank Sheriff's Department and the North Carolina Highway Patrol spotted the vehicle and stopped it and found a suspect fitting the general description of the armed robber. They also recovered a large amount of money. They arrested the suspects and detained them at the Elizabeth City Police Department until members of the Hertford Police Department, and the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department brought them back to Hertford for questioning and eventually charging them with the robbery.

Floyd Eugene Farmer, 1019 Mahone Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia, and George Willie Razor, Sr., 840 Mullen Road, Chesapeake, Virginia were both arrested in Elizabeth City following the robbery.

According to police, the clerks, Mr. Don Keaton, and Mr. Sheldon Zachary followed the gunman's instructions, and gave him the money. The gunman then fled the scene in a oil transport truck driven by his partner in the robbery.

The robbery occurred at approximately 7:18 p.m. on Monday, December 21st when a lone black male entered the Hertford ABC Store brandishing a chrome 32 automatic pistol, and ordered the clerks to put all of the money in the store's register into a paper bag.

According to Merritt, Farmer has been charged with armed robbery and Razor has been charged with aiding and abetting an armed robbery. Merritt stated that the police have reason to believe that both subjects have been involved with armed robberies in the past, and police believe that both men have prior records. Farmer also admitted to police that he was a drug addict, and his addiction might be a possible case for the robbery.

The men headed north on U.S. 17 and were apprehended just as they reached Elizabeth City near the Port Service Station on U.S. 17.

The getaway truck used by the men belonged to Oil Transport, Inc., of Chesapeake, Virginia. Razor was employed with the company, and was apparently making a delivery for the company in this area. Farmer, the suspected lone gunman was apparently a passenger in the vehicle.

According to Chief Merritt of the Hertford Police Department, the quick arrest of the robbers was made possible because of several factors. Merritt complimented the ABC Store clerks for their presence of mind during the robbery. The men not only gave the gunman what he wanted causing no problems, but also observed him closely and gave a very good description of the man, the getaway vehicle, and the direction of its travel. They also acted very promptly in calling the police.

Police have also learned that the gun used in the robbery belonged to Mr. Razor.

Following the call by the clerks reporting the robbery, the Hertford Police Department and the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department responded in force. The departments did an immediate canvassing of the area, and within minutes of the robbery, local law enforcement officials broadcast to all surrounding law en-

The two men are currently in the Albemarle District Jail awaiting trial. They are being held under a \$30,000 secured bond.

Armed Robbery in the state of North Carolina is a class D. felony, and carries a 14 year presumptive sentence.

School board reviews its long range plans

The Perquimans County School Board faced an awesome task earlier this month as they sat down to develop a school facilities plan for the system's long term needs.

pected to house 2,024 students by the year 1992.

The school board took many things into consideration when developing the plan, but lack of funds and other problems facing the system have board members feeling as though the planning procedure is just more paper work for them to do, and an exercise in futility.

The statistics show that the greatest increase in the system's enrollment will be in the middle school grades. According to Harrell, Perquimans County Middle School is currently using all of its existing space, and there is no room for expansion. Many of the school's current programs do not have adequate facilities, but added enrollment will only magnify the problem, and something must be done.

The Perquimans County School system currently faces many problems, but the most urgent problem facing or local schools is the issue of overcrowding.

Central School will also have a problem if enrollment increases. The school currently has some 400 students, and if their enrollment increases they will be forced to use mobile classrooms to house students. The school already is using the stage area in the library for a computer lab, and there is no room for music, art or classes for exceptional children.

The issue of overcrowding in our local schools and many other problems is addressed in the system's plan, but unless the school system receives some of the "critical needs" funding or funds from other state sources, the board will be able to do little about the overcrowded conditions, and the other problems addressed in the plan despite their feelings and efforts.

Hertford Grammar School also has its problems, and according to Harrell the school has inadequate facilities for the library and media center, and additional space is presently needed to handle programs needed to instruct children with special needs.

All of the needs listed in the school facilities plan are urgent, and the board feels that even though many of the things outlined in the plan may never be accomplished, it may make residents of the county, and local government officials more aware of what is needed by the school system to insure quality education for the child of Perquimans County.

In addition to many other problems already outlined, both Hertford Grammar School and Central School will soon need new sewer systems, which may prove to be a problem in the near future.

According to Clifford Winslow, Chairman of the Board, all of the needs outlined in the plan are critical, and the board hopes to be able to handle them all eventually.

Perquimans County High School also is still in need of some things. The greatest needs are in the vocational education building, but Harrell stated to the board, the system also needs a warehouse and maintenance facility, and a school bus garage and paint shop.

Pat Harrell told board members that the overcrowded situation at our schools will probably get worse before it gets better. According to state statistics reviewed by Harrell with the board, Perquimans County can expect an 11.9 percent enrollment increase by the year 1992. If the projections are correct, it would mean that the school system which presently houses 1809 students would be ex-

The board hopes to have all of the projects included in the plan completed by 1992, but funding, which is presently available, will not even come close to covering the expense of all the projects. Unless additional funding is made available, completion dates for many of the projects may be a long time in coming.



Band fruit sale winners announced!

The Perquimans County High School band recently concluded its annual fruit sales. Pictured above are the top 1st and 2nd place sellers from the high school and Perquimans Middle School. The high school top seller was Jeff Privott, 68½ boxes, second place seller was Traci Jump with 37½ boxes. The middle school top seller was Leroy Jones, 48½ boxes, and second place seller was Nathan Zachary with 38½ boxes. The first place winners received \$50 while the second place winners received \$25.00. The winners were presented their money by Danny Privott, president of the Perquimans County band boosters and John Mansfield, chairman of the fruit sales. The fruit sale was a huge success and 1500 boxes of fruit were sold.

State residents are urged to use caution when burning wood

Raleigh—With temperatures dropping, fireplaces and woodstoves come into increasing use as a means of heating homes in North Carolina. However, the burning of treated wood and plywood can cause serious health problems, according to state health director Dr. Ronald H. Levine.

"Abandoned scrap wood may seem like a good source of cheap fuel," Levine said. "However, wood used for building is often treated with a preservative such as creosote, pentachlorophenol (Penta, PCP), or a mixture of copper, chromium, and arsenic (CCA)."

In the case of wood treated with creosote and Penta, toxic gases can be emitted and inhaled. Burning wood that has been painted with a leadbased paint is a potential source of lead poisoning, as is the burning of battery cases.

WEATHER

Weekend Forecast

Weather forecasters are calling for cooler temperatures to usher in the new year on Friday.

Temperatures will feature lows in the 20s and highs in the mid 50s.

Happy New Year!