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Winter weather hits state!

Winter weather hit throughout the Albemarle area last week, but Perquimans County did not receive nearly the snow expected. Bitter cold temperatures closed area schools early on Thursday and all day Friday, but for the most part business

continued as usual in Perquimans County while other communities in the state were snowed in. Temperatures continue to be cool, but most forecasters are predicting higher temperatures for this weekend.

Department of motor vehicles cracks down on insurance regulations for drivers

Raleigh—Starting January 4, it's going to be a lot harder for North Carolinians to drive a friend's or relative's motor vehicle on the state's highways unless they're covered by automobile liability insurance. That's the day on which a new state financial responsibility law takes effect.

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles William S. Hiatt said that all residents of the state who apply for an original driver's license, and many of those who renew their old licenses, will now be required to show proof that they are covered by liability insurance.

The requirement is the result of a new law ratified during the 1987 session of the General Assembly. The law requires that before they may be licensed, designated applicants must

furnish their state license examiner a certificate of liability insurance coverage (Form DL-123) signed by an authorized agent of an insurance company licensed to do business in North Carolina. Citizens who are affected include:

1. Applicants for an original license;
2. Motorists who are required to take a written test to renew their old license;
3. Drivers whose licenses are being restored after revocation or suspension; and
4. Motorists receiving "limited driving" licenses from a court.

Hiatt added that applicants may be exempt from the law, provided they certify (on Form DL-123A) that they do not own or have access to a motor vehicle. To qualify for the exemption,

an applicant must meet all three of the following requirements:

1. Not own a motor vehicle;
2. Not reside in a household in which another member owns a motor vehicle; and
3. Not operate a non-fleet private passenger vehicle.

Applicants who must comply with the new law are required to obtain a certificate of liability insurance coverage from their insurance agent prior to visiting the Driver License Office nearest them.

Approximately 700,000 copies of the certification form are now being distributed by the Division of Motor Vehicles to insurance agents statewide. Hiatt estimates this is the number of motorists who will be affected by the law annually.

Motor vehicle owners already are

required under state law to show proof of liability insurance coverage when purchasing their license plates each year. The new law extends the same requirement to drivers who do not own a vehicle but who have access to one owned by a relative, friend or employer.

"We urge all applicants who are affected by the new law to obtain a certificate of liability insurance coverage (Form DL-123) from their agent in advance and to bring it with them when applying for a license," Hiatt said. "This will help applicants avoid any inconvenience and enable license examiners to serve them promptly and efficiently."

Applicants who do not own or have access to a vehicle may obtain a certificate of exemption, Form DL-123A, from the Driver License Office when they apply for a license.

Winfall accepts bids for street repairs

The Town of Winfall voted Monday evening to accept a bid and begin construction on their much needed street repairs within the municipalities' limits as soon as possible.

Members of the council voted to accept the low bid received by the town by Mr. Charles Small of Eure, North Carolina for \$29,475.00 to complete the following street repairs in the town of Winfall.

Resurfacing of Belvidere, White, Louise, Catherine, Nixon and Williams street at a cost of \$3,224.00 for Belvidere Street, \$2,598.00 for White Street, \$1,982.00 for Louise Street, \$3,290.00 for Catherine Street, and a combined cost of \$6,940.00 for work on Nixon and Williams Street. The bid also received from Mr. Small includes an estimate 153 tons of rock to be used for repairs on the streets before they are patched. The cost of rock per ton is estimated at \$120.00.

Several residents who reside on River Street in Winfall came before

the board on Monday to ask council members why River Street had not been included in the town's proposal for street repairs, and Mayor Bill Bartlett stated he would take the responsibility for not including the street in the project.

"I did not know that it was included in the town limits," said Bartlett. "I apologize to you." The board did vote on Monday to fill any holes on River Street with rock, and Bartlett stated that the road would be paved before the end of 1988.

Bartlett stated during the council meeting and again following the meeting that the council hopes this street repair project will get the town's streets in decent shape so that each year more work can be done on them instead of doing it all when they get in such bad shape.

The town currently has \$43,768.66 dollars appropriated for street repairs, and hopefully by the end of 1988 all the critical repairs will be complete.

New public relations director named by Chowan Hospital

Edenton, N.C.—A public relations coordinator has joined the staff at the Chowan Hospital, Marvin A. Bryan, hospital director, announced this week. Eileen Myers, who assumed the position January 4, will continue to advance the current public relations programs, as well as develop new projects, publications, and other promotions for the 127-bed hospital.

Myers, a native of West Virginia, is a resident of Elizabeth City, where she previously taught English and Journalism at Northeast High School. Prior to that, she served as editor of a corporate magazine for the Eastern Division of Beverly Enterprises, Inc., a nationally-known health care firm; and as an information officer for the Virginia Port Authority in Norfolk, Va.

Myers' background also includes

seven years of newspaper experience, including two years as news editor for The Daily Advance in Elizabeth City.

"I am excited about my work here at Chowan Hospital," she said. "The staff is warm and caring and there is a refreshingly progressive attitude towards health care marketing here."

Chowan Hospital administrators recently presented a comprehensive marketing plan to its Board of Directors. The plan is designed to both enhance the present care and to add new types of health care programs for its patrons. Chowan Hospital serves a seven-county region of northeastern North Carolina.

Myers and her husband, Gerry, are the parents of two daughters, Kari, 14, and Jamie, 11.

Low interest loans available to fisherman

Raleigh—Coastal fishermen and businesses hard hit by the red tide infestation will be able to apply for low-interest loans from the Small Business Administration (SBA), Governor Jim Martin announced.

The Small Business Administration has been ordered by Congress to act on Governor Martin's request for disaster assistance. The Governor initially asked for federal assistance for fishermen in a letter to the SBA on November 9, 1987.

"This is encouraging news for the people who have suffered more than \$3 million in losses due to the red tide infestation," Governor Martin said. "I am pleased Congress was able to move on this before recessing for

the Christmas holidays."

Governor Martin has directed two state agencies to move immediately to assist the SBA with the loan application process when President Reagan signs the bill.

The department of Crime Control and Public Safety and natural Resources and Community Development will assist the SBA in notifying fishermen and businesses of the loan program and setting up convenient sites for Disaster Assistance Centers, where state and federal personnel will be headquartered to help with the loan programs.

The centers will be set up on a rotating basis in the four counties most affected, Carteret, Onslow, Pender and New Hanover.

NAACP to honor King

The Perquimans County Branch of The NAACP is sponsoring a celebration honoring the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The celebration will be held on January 18, 1988 at First Baptist, and will include a motorcade in memory of Dr. King and a guest speaker. The motorcade will begin at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist and travel around Hertford and return to the church. (Persons interested in participating in the mo-

torcade should be at First Baptist at 2:00 p.m.) After the motorcade has returned to the church, the Rev. Gerald I. Perry of Cherry Point, N.C. will be the speaker for the 3:00 program. The music will be provided by choirs of the churches in the Perquimans County Fellowship Union, under the direction of Mrs. Earlene Sellers. Ushers of all Fellowship churches are asked to serve.

WEATHER

Weather forecasters are calling for slightly warmer weather on Thursday. Temperatures will feature lows in the 30s and 40s with highs in the 50s.

The weekend forecast calls for cooling temperatures with a slight chance of persipatation on Friday.

Banquet scheduled

The Perquimans County Jaycees have scheduled their annual Distinguished Service-Rogerson Memorial Awards Banquet for Thursday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Joe's Place in Hertford. Past N.C. Jaycee President Jim Godfrey, also a former U.S. Jaycee Vice President, will be the guest speaker for the program.

During the evening, awards will be presented to outstanding county residents in the following categories: youth, rescuer, firefighter, senior citizen, law enforcement officer, government official and educator. The Joseph R. Rogerson Memorial Award for the most outstanding men's softball player will also be presented. The awards program will climax with the presentation of the prestigious Distinguished Service Award.

The public is invited to attend the banquet. The cost is \$7.50 per person for the chicken and roast beef dinner.

Residents file for local offices

Several local residents have filed to run in the upcoming election. Jeanne White has filed to run again for the office of Register of Deeds for Perquimans County. White is the current register of deeds.

W. W. "Welly" White, recently appointed Clerk of Superior Court in Perquimans County has filed to run for that office. White will be running to complete the two years left on that term of office vacated by the retiring Jarvis Ward.

In the race for the seats on the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners, Wayne Winslow, has filed to run for district two. Winslow is currently serving on the board.

In the Board of Education race three seats will become available, and the election for those seats will be held in May, and results at that time will be final. Residents will not vote for board of education seats in the November general election. The seats available are currently held by Ersson Stevenson, Cliff Towe, and Bennett Long. Thus far the only person who has filed in that race is Mr. Ben Hobbs for the Bethel seat occupied by Mr. Long.



N. Paul Gregory, county manager of Perquimans County receives the checks for Carolina Telephone Company's taxes for Hertford and Perquimans County from Mr. Bill Meekins. Taxes paid by CT&T represent a big investment by the company in Perquimans County.

Taxes paid by Carolina Telephone represent big investment in County

Hertford—Carolina Telephone's 1987 city property tax payment of \$8,532.62 for the town of Hertford made the company the largest local taxpayer.

Bill Meekins, District Community Relations manager, said Carolina Telephone is also the largest taxpayer in all of Perquimans County, where the company tax bill totalled \$44,232.01, including all county and city taxes.

County and municipal taxes paid by the company in its 50-county operating area totalled \$6.7 million.

Hospital coordinator joins aids panel

Edenton, N.C.—Claire Mills, R.N., B.S.N., C.I.C., Staff Development Coordinator at Chowan Hospital, will join a panel of area health experts and educators Thursday at the Hertford Grammar School PTA meeting in presenting information about the AIDS disease. Mills, who recently received national certification in Infection Control, will discuss how AIDS is

"The taxes reflect Carolina Telephone's extensive investment to provide telephone service to our 686,000 customers in eastern North Carolina," Meekins said.

Carolina Telephone's total tax bill for 1987, including all state and federal taxes, is expected to be about \$62.2 million. This figure does not include \$21.6 million in 3 percent federal excise and 3 percent state sales taxes collected by the company in 1987 from telephone users.

"Carolina Telephone has more than \$1.2 billion invested in our oper-

ating area to provide modern, reliable telephone service to our customers," Meekins said. "Each year, we must invest millions of dollars in new equipment and facilities to keep pace with rapidly changing technology and to meet the communications needs of growing eastern North Carolina."

"In 1987, our construction program cost us almost \$123 million. About half went to modernize and replace existing equipment. The remaining dollars were used to expand our facilities for new growth in our service area."

Jill Jordan, Health Educator for the Chowan County Schools, who will focus on the role of the health educator in getting information across to students, faculty, and administrators.

Following their presentations of about 10 minutes each, the panel will answer questions from the audience. The meeting begins at 7:30 p. m.

transmitted and the universal precautions recommended in dealing with the devastating illness.

Joining Mills on the panel are Candace Corson, M.D., who will offer a history of AIDS; John Mitchener, III, a registered pharmacist who will represent the Chowan County Board of Education and discuss its role in dealing with AIDS in the schools; and