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## New policeman is named

The town of Hertford has a new policeman.  
George Washington Long, Jr., Route 5, Box 370, Hertford was hired by the town last week to serve on the police force. Long has already started working with the Hertford Police Department, and will be leaving February 22nd to attend the police academy in Salem, North Carolina.  
Long, who is 22, is a native of Perquimans County, and earned a degree in criminal justice from Elizabeth City State University.

## Magazine article features Hertford

The February - March edition of Coastal Cruising features a lovely article on Hertford.  
The article provides a guide to boating in the area, pictures of the town, and more.  
Copies of Coast Cruising are currently available on the newsstand, and can be purchased at Revco, Belo, Woodards, and other businesses in the area, who sell magazines.

## Welly White is honored by commissioners

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners presented W. W. "Welly" White with his name plaque on Monday evening during their monthly meeting in honor of his service to county.  
White served on the board for nine years, and recently resigned to accept the appointment as the new clerk of court in Perquimans County.  
In other business, the board fielded a full agenda on Monday evening.  
A public hearing was held concerning the establishment of "no wake zones" in the canal of Holiday Island. Upon hearing to opposition to the proposed "no wake zones", the commissioners voted to forward the request for their establishment to the North Carolina Department of Wildlife Resources.

In other business, the board adopted a resolution providing that the county charge \$15.00 for returned checks paid to various departments. Paul Gregory stated that returned checks are not a serious problem, but the cost of processing them far exceed \$15.00.  
The board also approved the purchase of two new generators for the county. The generators will be used to aid radio communication in the event of an emergency. The generators purchased will run approximately \$500 a piece.  
There being no further business, the meeting of the county commissioners was adjourned.

## County manager's office is hub of much activity

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This article is the first in a series of articles on the agencies, and county services offered in Perquimans County.  
Running Perquimans County is a bigger job than most people realize, and the people in the county manager's office are responsible for seeing that everything runs smoothly.  
N. Paul Gregory, county manager and finance officer, and Sharon Ward, who serves as Mr. Gregory's secretary and the assistant finance officer, have a long varied list of duties ranging from the general overseeing of the county agencies, which are run by department heads, but supervised by Mr. Gregory to doing what the county commissioners, and citizens of the county request.  
As county manager, Gregory is responsible for keeping the county commissioners abreast of the county's business, and keeping them informed of state and federal issues which affect the county. Gregory is responsible for taking care of the county's legal affairs, and he works closely with the county attorney, John Matthews. Gregory is the public contact for the county planning board, he is the voice of the county commissioners, serves as the county's press contact, and is responsible for meeting and speaking to groups about Perquimans County.  
As the finance officer for Perquimans County Gregory's duties encompass watching budget line items, so that the county does not overspend its' resources, he is responsible for



Following an accident last Wednesday members of the Hertford Fire Department Special Rescue team work to free the driver of the log truck from the cab. Thomas Speight was trapped in the truck when it turned over in a ditch following a collision with another vehicle while traveling south on U.S. Highway 17 Wednesday

## Three local men injured in accident involving log truck last Wednesday

Two residents of Hertford were treated and released from Albemarle Hospital and another was injured following an accident last Wednesday afternoon, when a log truck collided with a car along U.S. Highway 17 just south of Hertford.  
Members of the Hertford Fire Department Special Rescue team responded to the accident, and had to cut the driver of the log truck free, Thomas Walter Speight, age 35, of Route 2, Hertford, was removed from the truck after the special rescue team cut a hole in the cab roof of the

log truck freeing Speight's legs, which were trapped inside the vehicle.  
Trooper Y. Z. Newberry of the North Carolina Highway Patrol investigated the accident and reported Charlie Leroy Welch, age 73, of 325 Market Street, Hertford, was traveling south on U.S. Highway 17 when he slowed down for a car, which was disabled, and pulling off onto the shoulder of the highway.  
Speight, who was driving the log truck belonging to Speight and Lamb Lumber Co., was unable to slow down

and hit Welch's car from the rear. Both the car and the truck went off the shoulder of the road on the west side of the highway. Mr. Welch's car came to rest in a private yard after hitting a sign posted there, and the log truck turned over in the ditch spilling its' load of logs.  
Kenneth Felton, age 27, a passenger in Welch's car was treated and released from the hospital, and Speight, who was also injured in the accident was charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

## Perquimans County Rescue Squad urgently in need of new members

The Perquimans County Rescue Squad came before the board of commissioners on Monday to report on the condition of the rescue squad.  
Capt. Ralph Barr, and John Beers, a retired charter member of the squad, came stated on Monday that they came before the board to clear up many of the rumors floating around in the area about the rescue squad.  
Barr stated to the board on Monday that he had heard several rumors claiming that the squad was going to go from all volunteer to a paid squad, and even said he'd heard that the squad had been called on several occasions and did not respond.  
Capt. Barr said on Monday that

these rumors simply were not true; however, Barr did say that the rescue squad is facing a dilemma. They are urgently in need of new members.  
The squad currently has 35 members, but they are having a difficult time staffing day crews. Previously many of the chartered members, who have now retired, were allowed by their employers to make calls during their working hours, but that is not the case now.  
Barr went on to say Monday that the problems faced by the local squad are not unique. Stricter training requirements imposed by the state have put rescue squads across the state in the same boat. Many of

the squads have even been forced to give-up and go to an all paid squad.  
According to Barr the state is not trying to put volunteer squads out of service, but they are very concerned with the quality of pre-hospital care received by patients. Therefore, they have increased training requirements.  
Capt. Barr, and Mr. Beers did state on Monday that the local squad is currently looking a possible solutions for their problem, but they are continuing to respond to calls as they have always done.  
For information on becoming a member of the Perquimans County Rescue Squad contact any member or call 426-5646.

## County farmers speak out against new aerial pesticide regulations

Farmers from Perquimans County and throughout the state are concerned, and worried about new pesticide aerial application limitations are being considered by the state pesticide board.  
Stan Winslow, County Extension Director, and Billy Williams, a farmer and very active member of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau, came before the board of county commissioners Monday to ask for their support in trying to convince the state pesticide board that the new regulation, if passed, would have a lasting effect on farmers from this county, across the state.  
Under the present law, regarding aerial applications of pesticides, no congested areas can be sprayed, no spraying can be done within 300 feet of schools, hospitals, nursing homes, churches, or other buildings used for business or social activities, and no spraying can be done within 100 feet of a residence without written permission from an inhabitant of legal age, no spraying can be done within 25 feet of the right-of-way of a public road, or on the right of way, and no one can spray in or near any body of water, if the pesticide is toxic or harmful to aquatic life. Under the proposed regulations, all of these restriction would change.  
Under the new restrictions, any person who contracts for an aerial application of pesticides would be required to give 72 hours notice prior to the beginning of application to any member of the community within the area to be sprayed, no spraying could be done within 1000 feet of a residence without permission from the head of the household, the public notices would have to be displayed at the corners every one-half mile along the perimeter of the target area to be sprayed. Public notices would also have to be posted at a distance of every one-half mile along any public road located within one-half mile of the boundary of the target area to be sprayed.

forced to go to a regular schedule of pesticide application, and Williams stated he felt they would be forced to use more chemicals, thus defeating the purpose of the new regulations.  
According to Winslow the proposed regulations stemmed from Chatham County, North Carolina where a group of residents became concerned over some damage to their gardens after local aerial applications of pesticides.  
Winslow stated on Monday evening that he had talked with the extension director in Chatham County, and that the director stated he did not feel the gardens had been damaged as a result of the pesticide applications.  
Winslow added that this has become a very delicate situation because several environmental groups are now involved in the issue, and are very interested in seeing that the proposal is passed by the state pesticide board.  
Winslow said Monday that he felt these new regulations, if passed, would create a hardship on county farmers, and he added that the local farmers are concerned about and very interested in making sure that pesticides are used properly in Perquimans County, but they are opposed to these new restrictions.  
Winslow asked the commissioners for their support on Monday, which they gave, and he was instructed by the members of the board to draft a letter to the state of North Carolina stating their disapproval of the new regulations.  
Williams and Winslow also informed the board on Monday that three public hearings will be held on these new pesticide aerial application limitations at various locations across the state. The closest one to our area will be held in Greenville on February 25th, and there will be a hearing on March 3rd in Raleigh. Winslow said that both he and Williams are in the process of getting people together to attend the public hearings in Greenville, and that possibly a group may travel to Raleigh. Winslow is urging all the farmers in the county to let their feelings be known regarding these new regulations. Farmers can write and express their opinions to John L. Smith, Jr., Pesticide Administrator, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, NC. 27611 or if anyone is interested in attending the hearing or would like more information on the proposed pesticide aerial application limitation and restrictions, they can contact the Perquimans County Extension Office at 426-5428 for more information.

According to Winslow and Williams, these new regulations would greatly affect local farmers. Williams stated that his biggest concern with the new regulations is the required lead time of 72 hours. Williams stated that many farmers don't always have 72 hours notice that a crop will need to be sprayed. He emphasized that farmers using the IPM program don't have that time, and under that program farmers are using less and safer chemicals for crop application.  
If the new regulations are adopted by the state board, farmers would be

## County to begin project for new library facilities

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners listened intently on Monday as a delegation representing the Perquimans County Library came before the board to make a plea for expanding local library facilities.  
The delegation led by Martie Smith, Director of the Pettigrew Regional Library system, of which the Perquimans County Library is a part, came before the board on Monday armed with building plans for an extension and renovations to the present library facility located on Academy Street in Hertford totaling an estimated \$350,000 dollars.  
Smith told members of the board that the library is seeking to do two major things with regard to the building plans, 1) increase space in the present library, and 2) eliminate the structural problems, which exists presently in the building.  
Smith also told members of the board on Monday that the library is being used a great deal in Perquimans County, and according to their estimates, it will be used even more in the future. According to Ms. Smith, the proposed building plans, which includes a 3676 square foot extension to the present building, and extensive remodeling meets the library's anticipated needs, and will provide the library staff with additional space for a desperately needed program room, and other facilities, which they are currently doing without. According to Smith a program room is desperately needed for children's programs offered by the library. At this time, the staff holds these programs, which are geared basically for pre-school aged chil-

dren, in the main library, which is very disturbing to others using the facilities.  
In addition to asking the board for their support of the project, Smith also asked the board to petition the town of Hertford for approximately 50 feet of additional property, which they own adjacent to the library, solicited them for their financial support of the project. Smith told the board on Monday that some state grant monies are available for such a project, but the most money that the library could hope to receive would be \$125,000 dollars. The remaining portion of the money would have to be raised through public and private funding.  
Members of the board stated their support of the project on Monday, but did express concern over financing the project. They stated that they would request the additional property from the town of Hertford.  
Lester Simpson and members of the board added they would do whatever they could in terms of funding the project, but at the present time, they could not commit any specific amount of funding to the project.  
The library's next step toward completion of the expansion project will be to apply for grant funds, and to begin working on raising the other portion of the monies needed to fund the project.  
If anyone is interested in donating to the project, they can get more information from the Perquimans County Library.



Sharon Ward has many duties above she works to get the county payroll ready just one of her many duties as Assistant Finance Officer.

really enjoying the job, and adds with a serious look on his face that he is learning something new about Perquimans County everyday.  
Gregory would like to encourage all the residents of Perquimans County to feel free to call him at any time, if they have a problem or a question regarding county agencies

or their services. County residents are also invited to stop by the county managers office, located on the second floor of the courthouse at any time, if they are in need of assistance. The county manager's office can be reached by calling 426-8484, and they will be happy to assist you in any way they can.

**Weather forecasters are calling for warmer, dryer weather this weekend.**

Smiling, Gregory says that he is