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Adopt a marker program underway

The Holiday Island Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Holiday Island Property Owners Association, is currently sponsoring a program so that island and area residents can "adopt a marker".

Some months ago, the Holiday Island Property Owners Association received a grant from CAMA to dredging in the many canals of Holiday Island and upon completion of the dredging project, the Holiday Yacht Club took on the "adopt a marker" program as a civic project to raise money for markers, which will be placed in the canals, and the water areas leading up to the canals. The yacht club is coordinating their efforts with the North Carolina Department of Wildlife Resources, and their goal is to have as many markers as possible in place by the beginning of the boating season.

Under this program, island and area residents can purchase a marker for \$50. The markers consist of many different kinds of aids to navigation, including channel markers, no wake zone markers and more. The channel markers are being made to Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineer specifications, and the other markers will conform to the interstate waterway marking system specifications. All of the markers are being made and will be placed by the members of the yacht club.

When a marker is purchased by someone, the yacht club will rouser their name in black ink on the pole, which will last forever.

At the present time, 42 markers are needed in the waterways, but that number will be expanded according to Ed Allen, who is heading up the project for the yacht club. At the present time, 27 markers have been purchased, but more still need to be sold.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a marker or if they would like more information on this project, they can contact Al Phillips, Commodore of the Holiday Island Yacht Club at 426-8425.

Upon completion of this project, the canals will be flooded with markers.

The Sheriff's Department; Providing law and order

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Department headed up by Perquimans County's Sheriff Joe Lothian, is charged with providing law enforcement activities for Perquimans County.

The department, which is composed of four officers and Sheriff Lothian, has a very tough job, but they are committed to providing the citizens of our county with the best service possible.

The officers in the sheriff's department have many duties, and they cover a very wide range of activities.

Officers spend a majority of their time serving criminal and civil papers, which averages 250 to 300 pieces a month, but their duties just begin there.

They also conduct investigations, both criminal and civil, assist other law enforcement agencies with investigations, transport prisoners from local facilities to state facilities, transport mental patients to state hospitals, take care of making sure prisoners from the county, who are sick, receive proper medical attention, open and close court proceedings, provide security in the courtrooms, and answer complaints from county residents ranging from very basic domestic disputes to serious criminal felonies.

Currently the department has someone working 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the deputies have no regular days off. Each man averages working 60 hours per week, and sometimes more.

Jame Logan has been with the Perquimans County Sheriff's department for over three and one-half years, and is the department's chief deputy. Other deputies in the county include Ralph Robinson, the D.A.R.E. officer for the county who has worked with the department for just over a year, Eric Tilley, who has been with the department for approximately six months and, who is currently completing the criminal justice academy for basic law enforcement training in Salem, North Carolina, and Homeria Jennette, who serves as the office deputy, and chief dispatcher for the county. Jennette is a certified and sworn in officer and assists the department with female prisoners, and is used as an additional officer on raids and investigations as she is needed.

According to Sheriff Lothian, who continued on pg. 9



March 13-19th is National Employ the Older Worker Week. Recently Mayor Bill Cox signed a proclamation urging employers in Hertford to carefully consider the qualifications of persons aged 45 years and older when seeking new employees. Above Charles T. Skinner, Older Worker Specialist in the Edenton Job Service office accepts the proclamation from Mayor Cox.

Governor proclaims Mar. 13 -19th older worker week in North Carolina

Governor James G. Martin has proclaimed the week of March 13-19 as Employ the Older Worker Week in North Carolina, encouraging business, industry, and government to strengthen their efforts to hire older workers.

"Many older workers do not have the necessary job seeking skills," Governor Martin said, "therefore, emphasis is placed on job search strategies such as Job Banks, Job Fairs, and Job Search Training in order to find employment."

"Celebration of this week recognizes the need for innovative employment programs for older adults that include job flexibility and retraining of workers so they can participate in the workforce," the Governor said.

Elaine Stoops, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Human Resources, Division of Aging, said there are three state administered employ-

ment programs to help workers 55 and older in job placement. They are Title V Senior Community Service Employment Program, the Older Individual Job Training Partnership Act Program, and the Employment Security Commission.

"The employment services are coordinated to benefit the economically disadvantaged, underemployed, and unemployed 55 plus population where traditional job programs do not meet their needs," Stoops said.

The Division of Aging administers Title V of the Older Americans Act which currently provides part-time employment for more than 1600 low-income North Carolinians aged 55 and older.

Approximately 300,000 older Tar Heels are eligible to take part in the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) also administered by the Di-

vision of Aging. JTPA trains disadvantaged adults for jobs such as homemaker-home health aides, inspector-packers, fast food operators and medical secretaries. A special feature of JTPA is on-the-job training where the program pays up to one half of the trainee's salary during training.

The Employment Security Commission has a network of Job Service offices which provide job counseling, testing, and referral. ESC assisted in placing over 6,000 older adults in jobs in 1986.

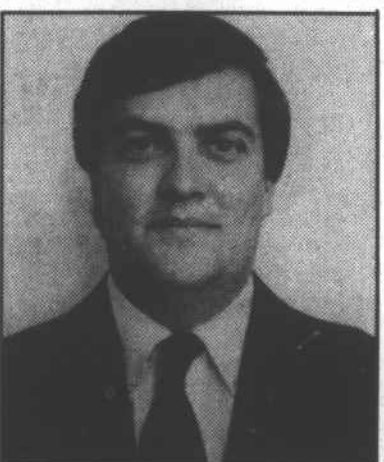
The Division of Aging and the Employment Security Commission, have developed a video tape entitled "It's Good Business to Employ the Older Workers." The tape is available through Employment Security office and the Division of Aging, 1985 Umstead Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27603, 919-733-3983.

Dowd & Associates to change name Firm to be called Dowd & Twiddy, Inc.

John Dowd, President of John Dowd & Associates, Inc. is pleased to announce that David R. Twiddy has recently negotiated the purchase of additional shares of stock in John Dowd & Associates, Inc., an Insurance and Real Estate Co.

John Dowd & Associates specializes in all lines of insurance with offices in Edenton and Hertford, John Dowd & Associates, Inc. is also the parent company of Century 21-Dowd Real Estate.

Dowd stated that he is extremely pleased with Twiddy's hard work and dedication to the company over the past five years and looks forward to a long and rewarding relationship in



David R. Twiddy

the future. Twiddy and Dowd began their relationship in 1973 when Dowd was the marketing teacher at John A. Holmes High School and Twiddy enrolled in his Distributive Education Class. Twiddy joined John Dowd & Associates, Inc. in 1983 as an Insurance and Real Estate Broker and became Vice-President of the corporation in 1985. Twiddy is a lifelong resident of Edenton having graduated from John A. Holmes High School. He is married to the former Carol Barnes and they have two daughters.

The new name of the corporation will be Dowd & Twiddy, Inc.



On Thursday, March 10th the BPW held their annual Young Careerist Night. Pictured above are all the participants. L to r: Faye Wills, Cynthia Wills, alternate, Gina Jepson, Young Careerist 1988, Rita Faye Bryant, and Clara Gilliam.

Jepson named BPW young careerist

The Hertford Business and Professional Women's club selected Perquimans Weekly editor Gina Jepson for the Young Careerist Award for 1988 last week.

Jepson was one of five women nominated for the honor and will represent the Hertford BPW club in district competition to be held in Elizabeth City on March 26.

"I was very honored to have been chosen," Jepson said. "All the nominees were worthy of the honor. I'm looking forward to representing the Hertford BPW in the district competition."

Jepson graduated from North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount where she earned degrees in history and political science. She has worked for Advance Publications since 1985. She was co-op advertising manager for the Daily Advance newspaper before being named editor of the Perquimans Weekly newspaper in July, 1986.

Her parents are Lt. Col. John Keating and Beverly Keating, of Shrewsbury, Pa. She is married to Stephen Jepson.

Cynthia Wills was selected as the alternate Young Careerist. She is a

word processing secretary for the vice chancellor at Elizabeth City State University, and formerly worked as an administrative secretary for the Perquimans County Board of Education. She attended Chowan College and Elizabeth City State University where she studied clerical administration and business administration. Her parents are the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Leroy Wills, of Hertford.

Other nominees were Rita Faye Bryant, Clara Gilliam, and Faye Wills.

County commissioners set meeting with NAACP

The Perquimans County Commissioners listened, last Monday, as Perquimans County Attorney John Matthews highlighted the activities of the committee established by the county to look into redistricting the county's voting districts, and possible violations of the voting rights act.

Matthews told members of the board that the committee had met several times, and at their last meeting had met with two officials from the Regional Development Institute at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina, who discussed possible ways to collect data regarding the population of Perquimans County, and possible ways to set up voting districts, which will satisfy the U. S. Justice Department.

Matthews told board members that everyone concerned in this matter must have an open mind about the process, but added that the committee was not even close to making any kind of recommendation to the county commissioners at this time.

Presently, he stated the committee is looking at several things, and several different systems currently being used throughout the state, to deal with the redistricting issue, but they have come to no conclusions. Matthews stated that several sources had reported that the committee had decided to conduct a census in Perquimans County, but Matthews said last Monday that was not the case. The committee is considering a census as a way to gain population information, which must be updated from the 1980 census, but Matthews said no final decisions on that matter or any other had been reached by the committee.

Matthews went on to say that he and County Manager Paul Gregory had discussed by phone, the county's problem with Mike Crowell, a Raleigh attorney, who is considered an expert in these matters, and requested on Monday that the board give Gregory authorization to hire Crowell to assist the county.

Matthews said on Monday that he just simply had not had the experience in these matters, and felt Crowell could offer the county the expertise needed. The board authorized hiring Crowell, and praised the committee for their hard work, and continuing efforts to solve this matter. The committee will continue studying the problem, and is expected to make a recommendation to county commissioners at an upcoming meeting.

Paul Gregory also reported to the board during the meeting that Ronald Penney, attorney for the NAACP of Perquimans County had written him a letter requesting a meeting with the county.

In a letter addressed to Gregory, Penney stated that he and other members of the NAACP would like to meet with the county commissioners to discuss possible violations of the voting rights act, and an alternative solution.

The county commissioners restated on Monday that they are aware that the voting system in the county should be changed, and added that they would be happy to meet with Mr. Penney and members of the NAACP at anytime to discuss this issue.

The meeting has been scheduled on the next agenda of the meeting of the county commissioners scheduled for Monday, March 21st. The meeting will be held in the county commissioners room at the Perquimans

County courthouse and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

All interested citizens of Perquimans County are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

Perquimans County commissioners also gave their endorsement to the school system's application for critical needs money last Monday.

The application, which outlines the systems most critical needs, will be made to the state later this month in hopes that the Perquimans County School system might get some portion of some \$90 million dollars recently appropriated for school systems critical needs.

During a meeting last Monday with members of the county commissioners Pat Harrell, Perquimans School Superintendent stated that no one knows who will get the money, how many will get money, or how much money they will get, but added that hopefully Perquimans will be awarded some of the money.

Harrell told board members that the counties across the state have been ranked in terms of per capita income, and the per pupil tax base, and a commission has been established to review the applications and will make monetary award based on several issues.

Superintendent Harrell told members of the board that Perquimans County ranks 37th in the state based on per capita income and per pupil tax base, but added that the commission formed by the state is currently split regarding how the money should be doled out, and that other criteria may be considered in making decisions about allocations.

"No one knows," said Harrell. "We'll just have to wait and see what happens," he added.

Harrell stated that each county, who expressed an interest in making an application for money, had been assigned a consultant by the state to help them with their application, but no one knows how many systems will receive funding.

He added that the consultant had instructed him to identify the system's most critical needs, and then to ask for funding for them.

Harrell told commissioners that the school system had done that, taking the needs from the long range plan they recently developed, and that the application would be submitted by March 15th to Raleigh.

The commission is expected to make funding awards early this summer.

The board of commissioners also voted not to replace the athletic lights at the Perquimans Middle School field at this time. The county will seek grant funds during the coming year, and will replace the lights at a later date, when monies are available.

In other business, board members voted to have the necessary repair work done on the bricks at the Blanchard Building, stating that they wanted to make the building as safe as possible, until complete renovations could be made there.

The board also passed a resolution in support of a state bill concerning retirement pay for rescue squad and fire department members.

The proposed state bill would allow volunteer members of all departments to draw retirement funds and still serve in the department. The bill comes as the result of increased pressure on all volunteer departments statewide.

Hertford town council approves land transfer for library extension

The Hertford Town Council voted on Monday to grant a request by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners for additional property for an extension to the Perquimans County library.

The town council instructed town attorney, Walter Edwards, to do the necessary work involved with the transfer, and pending any unexpected findings, the town will deed an additional piece of property to the county measuring 50 x 105 feet for the library's expansion with the stipulation that if the library extension is not completed for some reason the land would revert back to the town of Hertford.

The council also authorized Mayor Bill Cox to move forward with a grant application from the Coastal Resource Management Commission.

The grant would be for a \$10,000.00 dollar matching funds grant, and the money would be used to develop a plan for the redevelopment of the Hertford waterfront.

The grant would be split 75-25 with a \$1500 cash payment needed by the town of Hertford.

The council unanimously agreed to apply for the grant, and Councilman T. Eerie Haste, Jr. stated that he feels

application for this grant shows great initiative on behalf of the town of Hertford.

In other business, the council also gave Mayor Cox authorization to seek a grant for monies to obtain the Broughton Building in downtown Hertford despite opposition by Councilman Jesse Harris.

If grant monies are received, the building would be purchased by the town, torn down, and a parking lot would be constructed.

Councilman Harris stated on Monday evening that he was opposed to the idea, stating that he felt it was not the council's responsibility to become involved with the private sector.

"I don't feel like its the responsibility of a town government to provide parking for given public businesses," said Harris. Other members of the council stated their opposition to that feeling, echoing that they feel the more parking available in Hertford, the more likely businesses will locate there.

Harris stated that he feels parking and sewer issues are some of the most important tasks facing the council, but added that he just doesn't feel that this action should be taken on by the council.