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Local man arrested during robbery at White's

A Hertford man was arrested on Monday and charged with breaking and entering as he excited White's Barbecue on Edenton-Road Street around 2:15 a.m.

Timothy Lee Kraft, age 19, of 512 Dobbs Street, Hertford was arrested by Senior Patrolman Stephen Terrill after he observed Kraft enter White's.

While providing temporary surveillance of the area near White's Barbecue, Terrill observed Mr. Kraft approaching Hertford Motor Company and Jimmy's BBQ on foot. Mr. Kraft was observed by Terrill as he walked around the buildings checking all of the doors and windows.

Terrill then observed Kraft as he crossed the street to White's Barbecue where he entered through a window at the north end of the building.

Kraft allegedly took the cash register and a small amount of money, along with a Dr. Pepper, and exited through a door at the north end of the building, closing and locking the door behind him.

According to Chief Merritt, Officer Terrill secreted himself near the building and placed Mr. Kraft under arrest for felonious breaking and entering and larceny when he exited the building.

Kraft is currently being held in the Albemarle District Jail under a \$5,000.00 secured bond. He is scheduled to appear in court on April 27, 1988.

The Hertford Police have also arrested three men in conjunction with the April 10th armed robbery of a Belo assistant manager as he made the night deposit at NCNB in Harris Shopping center.

Michael Thatch, age 19, Ronald Lee Skinner, age 17, and a juvenile were arrested and charged with armed robbery in the case on April 12th according to police.

Both Thatch and Skinner are residents of Hertford, and they are both students at Perquimans High School in Hertford. The juvenile arrested is 14 years old, a resident of Hertford, and was a student at the Middle School prior to his arrest. Following their arrest Thatch and Skinner were released on \$3,000.00 secured bond each, and a secured custody order was obtained for the juvenile who has been incarcerated in a juvenile detention center pending a May 5th trial date. Thatch and Skinner are scheduled to appear in court on April 27th.

Police report that approximate \$4,700.00 of \$8,000.00 stolen from Belo was recovered from Thatch and Skinner.

Investigation in the above case was conducted by Sgt. Tim Spence, and Chief Marshall Merritt.

Police have also reported two other break-ins which occurred recently at Super 10 in Harris Shopping Center, and Little Mint on Grubb Street. Investigations into the two break-ins by the police department revealed that some radios and batteries were taken from Super 10, but nothing was apparently taken from Little Mint. Investigations into these B&Es are continuing.

Police have also reported that Kent Wayne Felton, age 24, of 307 Dobbs Street, Hertford, was shot in the thigh on Edenton Road Street by an unknown person early Sunday morning, April 24th. Felton was treated and released at Chowan Hospital. Investigation continues into this matter.

Perquimans Library; offers many services

One of the most used, but often the least thought about agencies in Perquimans County is the library.

The library is much more than just a place for checking out books, its a place for children to learn about books, and the importance of reading. The library is a place for students to do research, and a place many people have come to depend on a valuable resource for information.

Our local library is a member of the Pettigrew Regional Library System. Membership in the regional library system makes it possible for the library to provide a variety of services which otherwise would not be possible. The other county libraries, who also belong to our regional system include Chowan, Tyrell, and Washington counties.

The Perquimans County Library is funded from two sources, the state of North Carolina, through the N. C. Department of Cultural Resources, and from county tax dollars.

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CROP Walk is successful!

On Sunday area residents joined forces to raise money for the hunger and less fortunate by participating in the CROP Walk. The six and one-half mile walk through Hertford raised over \$2,500.00 dollars, and boosted over 260 participants.

CROP walk held in Hertford

Neither blisters nor tired feet dampened the spirits of over 260 residents, who participated in the first annual CROP Walk on Sunday.

Area CROP Walk participants began their 6.5 mile journey through Hertford at Perquimans County High School, and returned there for a victory celebration following the walk.

According to local CROP Walk officials, Sunday's event was a terrific

success, raising over \$2,500.00 dollars for the Open Door of Perquimans County, and Church World Service, a world-wide agency which is supported by over 35 church demonstrations. The Open Door, a local hunger agency, and sponsor of the Perquimans County CROP Walk will receive 25 percent of all the funds raised from Sunday's walk, and the remaining monies raised will be used

by Church World Service for projects around the world, including cleaning water through pumps and deep wells, irrigation, shelter, land reclamation, literacy, health education, food preservation, and storage, and more.

Sunday's CROP Walk was a true symbol of what the people of Perquimans County can do when they join together.

Three candidates vie for seat in clerk of court's office Tuesday

EDITOR'S NOTE: Next Tuesday, May 3rd, area residents will go to the polls to vote in the primary, and they will have an opportunity to vote for one of three democratic candidates seeking election to the office of Perquimans County Clerk of Superior Court. The three are L. Gail Godwin, Paul Douglas Umphlett, and W. W. "Welly" White. The winner of the primary will face Roger Whitley, a republican candidate for the office in November's general election.

If a run-off situation occurs in this race, the run-off voting would take place on May 31, 1988. This week we visit with these candidates.

L. GAIL GODWIN Gail Godwin is seeking the office of Perquimans County Clerk of Superior Court, because she feels she is well qualified, having served as a deputy clerk for over 12 years.

Godwin feels that she is familiar with the procedures of the office, knows its daily operations, and states she feels she is more than capable of handling the office of Clerk of Superior Court.

In her present duties, Godwin handles all the civil cases in the office, records all judgments and liens, assists with the bookkeeping, records wills and says that over the years she has done a little of everything handled in the clerk's office.

In addition to her experience on the job, Godwin has also attended conferences over the years concerning the operation of the clerk's office, and feels this is a tremendous asset.



Godwin

Godwin states she decided to run for clerk of superior court, because she feels experienced, competent, and capable of handling this office, and adds that she would like the opportunity to serve the people of Perquimans County as their next Clerk of Superior Court.

Godwin is a native of Chowan County, but her family was originally from Perquimans County and she has lived here since 1969.

She and her husband, Jimmy, have two grown sons, Dennis and Keith, and they make their home in Winfall, North Carolina.

The Godwins are members of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

PAUL DOUGLAS UMPHLETT Doug Umphlett is seeking the office of Perquimans County Clerk of Superior Court, because he wants an

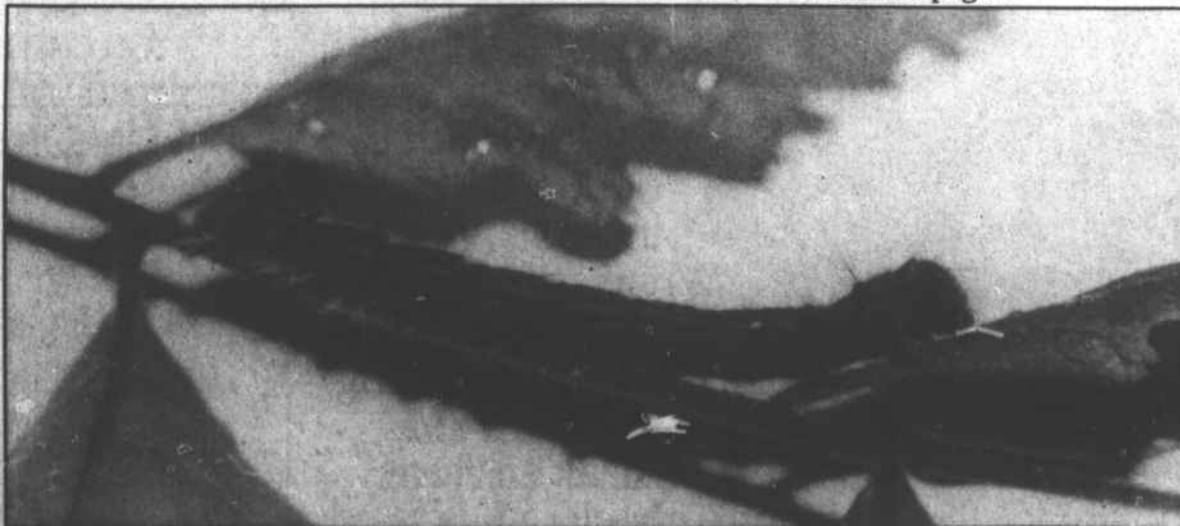


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opportunity to serve the people of Perquimans County, and he feels his continued page 9



Local residents have noticed recently this little fellow crawling throughout the county. He is an Eastern Tent Caterpillar.

Caterpillars are overtaking county

Are those creepy-crawlies making your flesh crawl? A lot of people in Perquimans County are asking the experts how to eliminate this present squirmy blight.

This, too, shall pass, says Perquimans County Extension Agent Stan Winslow. Those caterpillars crawling up the Confederate monument and back down the other side are in the midst of a natural life cycle. The trouble is, they've put us in the dist of

it too. Winslow says that, believe it or not, Hertford is not the worst afflicted area. Residents in Holiday Island and Snug Harbor will certainly agree to that, they fight the onslaught

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Area officials attend NCLM meeting Hertford

HERTFORD: What municipal issues may arise during the 1988 "short" session of the N.C. General Assembly was one of the topics discussed at the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) Regional Meeting held in Hertford. Municipal officials from Hertford, Edenton, Nags Head, Southern Shores and other nearby cities and towns attended this NCLM Regional Meeting on Wednesday, April 20th at the Albemarle Regional Commission Building, 512 South Church Street, Hertford.

The Hertford meeting was one of a series of 12 regional meetings the NCLM is conducting across the state to update officials on key state and federal issues. Hertford Mayor William D. "Bill" Cox and the Hertford Town Council hosted the NCLM regional meeting. Mayor Cox serves on the NCLM Board of Directors.

The NCLM is a non-partisan feder-

ation of 480 cities, towns and villages in North Carolina. The League serves as advocate for municipal interests at the state and federal level, as well as providing services to member municipalities.

NCLM President Avery C. Upchurch, Mayor of Raleigh, and other municipal officials introduced the League's ISSUES 88 program, a focus on five policy areas of critical importance to municipalities. Those five issues are as follows: capital investments; balanced revenues; economic development; decent housing for all N. C. citizens; and partnerships.

Local officials discussed legislation affecting municipalities, which may come before the 1988 "short" session of the General Assembly, which is scheduled to convene June 2nd. Following lunch, they also received an update on league programs, and its upcoming activities.

Four candidates seek election to board of education Tuesday

EDITOR'S NOTE: On May 3rd local voters in Perquimans County will go to the polls to elect three candidates to the Perquimans County Board of Education. The three seats represent the Parkville township seat, the Bethel township seat, and the Hertford township. The Hertford and Bethel township seats feature opposing candidates, and Cliff Towe, an incumbent candidate will run unopposed for the Parkville seat on the board of education.

Unlike other candidates seeking votes on May 3rd these candidates will not run again in the general election, this is a non-partisan race and the candidates will be elected into office next Tuesday.

This week we visit with the candidates running for the board of education.

BETHEL TOWNSHIP CANDIDATES: (The board of education seat vacated by Emmett Long)

BEN HOBBS Ben Hobbs is seeking election to the board of education, because he feels a strong commitment to education, having taught for ten years, and because he feels he can give the board of education the time and attention he feels is necessary.

Hobbs feels the greatest problems facing our local schools encompasses two factors, working with kids not going to college and parental involvement.

Hobbs feels the schools do a very good job in preparing children who are going on to further their education, but vocational programs need more attention. Hobbs feels efforts should be made to identify vocational students earlier in the educational process, and that more and better programs should be provided for them. In discussing parental involvement, Hobbs feels that this is a key to having good schools. "Parental involvement, and good teachers are the keys to having a good school system," states Hobbs.

Several other issues are currently facing local schools, and we asked the candidates to address and give their feeling concerning bus transportation problems, school facilities, and implementation of a drug education program.

Ben Hobbs' children ride the bus to school, and he states that he is aware of some of the busing problems, which exist in Perquimans County. He feels new laws requiring adult bus drivers will improve the situation, stating that he feels adults will provide better discipline on the buses. Hobbs feels school employees, in an effort to reduce bus driver shortages, should be given an opportunity to drive a bus, if desired. He does not feel it should be a condition of employment or forced upon them.

Hobbs feels our local school facilities are in pretty good shape, and tremendous improvements have been made. He says he does not feel better buildings make a better school, and that facilities are not really the key to a good education, but adds they certainly help. Hobbs states that he realizes we can't have everything we want, that there are limits, but says he feels something should be done to upgrade the athletic facilities at the Middle School, and the schools must look towards expansion for the future.

Hobbs is a native of Perquimans County, and he graduated from Perquimans County High School in 1966. He attended East Carolina University in Greenville, and obtained a bachelor of science degree in math in 1970.

Hobbs states he always enjoyed teaching school, and working with kids. In 1981, he left the teaching profession to go into the furniture busi-



Hobbs



Roberson



Howell



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ness full-time, and he is currently self-employed making 18th century furniture reproductions.

Mr. Hobbs states that over the years he has supported the schools, school activities, both athletic and academic. He currently has three children in the schools, in the 8th, 10th, and 12th grades, and because he is self-employed he would be available to attend school activities during the day.

Hobbs is member of the board at Hertford Savings and Loan, is the assistant chief of the Bethel Fire Department, and is a member and Sunday School teacher at Snug Harbor Community Church.

Hobbs and his wife, Jackie, have three sons, Calvin, Ernie, and Matt, and they make their home in Bethel.

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