

2393 vote in local elections on Tuesday

Forty-seven percent of the registered voters turned out on Tuesday to vote in this year's primary election. Democrats had 46 different candidates for local and state offices to choose from and Republicans 11, but just under half of the county's 5057 registered voters visited the poles to exercise their choices.

According to the unofficial tally of the Perquimans County Board of Elections, 2393 persons cast ballots at seven places throughout Perquimans County.

The last precinct reported their results at approximately 1:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning, as a crowd waited patiently in front of the court house for the results of several local elections.

Non-partisan county school board elections were the only balloting for which the results are final, and Ben Hobbs edged out Edgar Roberson in a close race to gain the seat from Bethel Township. In another fairly close race, Cathy Terranova gave Wayne Howell a run for his money, but Howell came through in the end to gain the lead and the Hertford Township seat on the Board of Education. Cliff Towe, who ran unopposed, was again elected to the board representing Parksville Township.

Hobbs fared well, carrying four precincts, and received 1116 votes to Roberson's 1013 votes.

Howell fared well in all the precincts gaining 1222 votes, 56 percent of the vote, compared to 949 votes, 44 percent, for Terranova.

Towe, the incumbent, who ran unopposed received 1823 votes.

In the race for Perquimans County Clerk of Superior Court, L. Gail Godwin, scored an impressive victory over two other candidates, W. W. "Welly" White, and Douglas Umphlett; however, Godwin fell 11 votes short of defeating White and Umphlett by the necessary two votes to one, plus one vote, necessary to avoid a run-off.

Godwin tallied 1140 votes compared to 518, and 575, respectively for Umphlett and White. Godwin needed 1151 votes to avoid a run-off, and according to state statute White has seven days to call for a run-off in this race. The run-off, if called for, will take place on May 31, 1988.

Two candidates were to be selected for two seats on the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners, one to serve two years, and one four years.

In the race for the two year term, Durward Reed, Jr., the incumbent, just snuck by Jan Spruill 1203 votes to 1000. Reed did extremely well in West Hertford and Parksville, while Spruill carried Belvidere, and East Hertford.

Arts Extravaganza scheduled

Perquimans County High School will come alive next Thursday and Friday, May 12th and 13th, during the fourth annual very special "Arts Extravaganza".

This very special two day event will get underway on Thursday and will continue until Friday when the Perquimans County High School Band will perform a concert for the public.

The "Arts Extravaganza" will feature musicians, craftsman, performers, and student exhibits, as well as performances by the band and chorus, and the annual FFA chicken fry.

Make plans now to come and join everyone at the 4th annual very special "Arts Extravaganza", May 12th and 13th.

Commodities distribution scheduled

Perquimans County will receive cheese, butter, corn meal, instant milk, flour and rice for distribution to the needy of Perquimans County on May 25th. We hope to have good weather for the day of distribution; however, we have made a rain date of May 26, 1988 if needed. Distribution will be held from 8:30-12:00.

The Hertford Lion's Club will begin the distribution at 8:30 a.m. It will be conducted at the Ice Plant, Grubb Street in Hertford and will be available to all income eligible households in Perquimans County. Households having four or more members should bring a helper with them to assist in carrying the food to the car.

All households who will not be able to pick up their commodities may use

Household Gross Income Must Be Below Level of Appropriate Size Household			
Household Size	Per Year	Per Month	Per Week
1	\$ 7,150	\$ 596	\$ 138
2	9,620	802	185
3	12,090	1,008	233
4	14,560	1,214	280
5	17,030	1,420	328
6	19,500	1,625	375
7	21,970	1,831	423
8	24,440	2,037	470
Add for each additional household member:			
	\$ 2,470	\$ 206	\$ 48

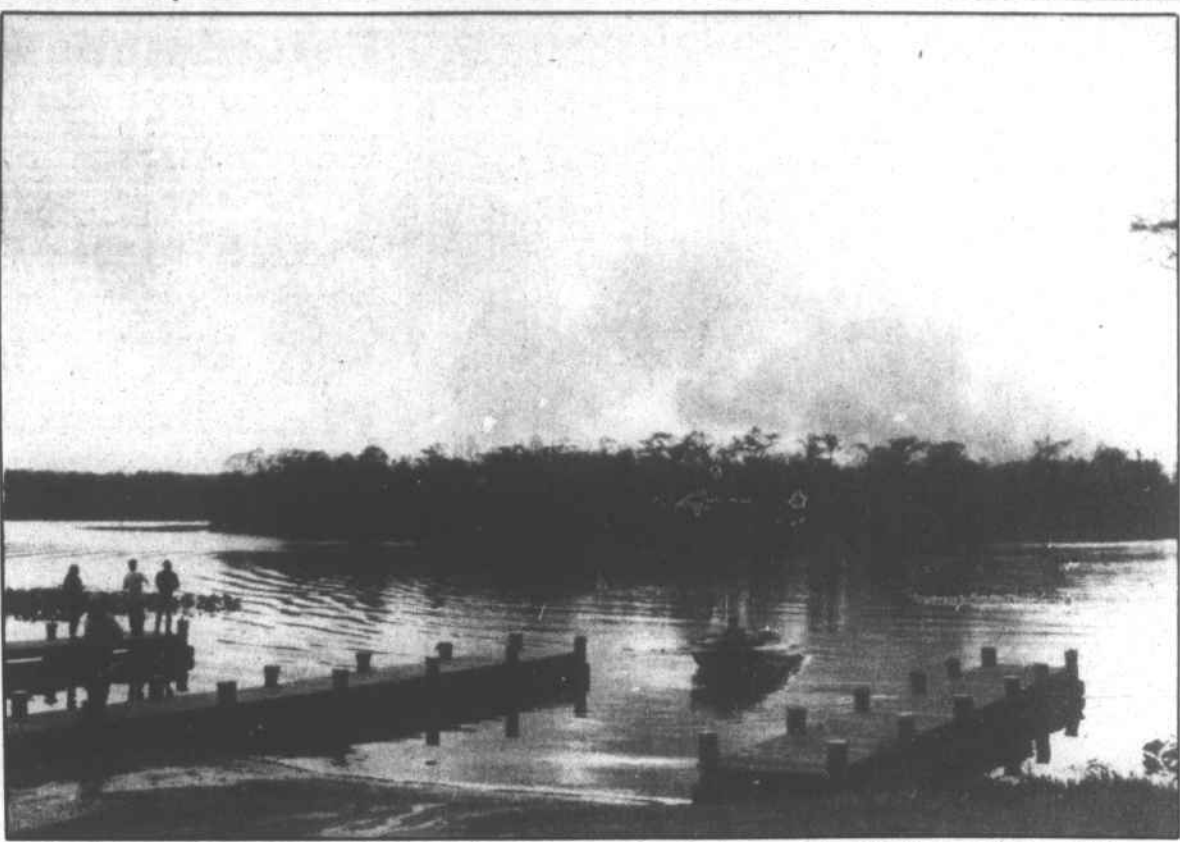


Photo by George Wilmore

Hertford landfill burns!

On Tuesday evening area fireman responded to a fire call at the Hertford landfill. For two days the landfill burned. On Tuesday flames and smoke could be seen for miles around, and fireman worked around the clock to control the blaze. Above is a view of the fire from the municipal building parking lot in Hertford.

Area fireman battle fire at landfill

At approximately 6:30 p.m. last Tuesday, Hertford and Winfall firemen were called to a fire at the Hertford landfill, which kept them busy around the clock for several days.

On Tuesday, flames from the fire could be seen on U.S. Highway 17 as the fire blazed out of control, and thick smoke filled the air throughout Hertford and the surrounding communities, making traveling difficult in the area.

According to Edgar Roberson, Chief of the Hertford Fire Department, the cause of the blaze at the landfill, which is mainly used to throw away trees and branches, is unknown, but an investigation was continuing last week.

For several days, firemen pumped water from the Perquimans River to fight the fire, and a bulldozer and backhoe were also put into operation, moving trash from the surface of the fire, so that firemen could get to smoldering trash buried beneath.

As early as 6:45 Tuesday, traffic was diverted around the causeway, because fire hoses were blocking the road, and the roadway remained blocked until Wednesday evening.

Fireman from Hertford and Winfall fire departments stayed on the scene all night Tuesday, and took turns remaining on the scene around the clock until late Wednesday. Fireman from all the departments in Per-

County spelling bee held last Friday

"Stadium. S-t-a-d-i-u-m. Stadium."

The girl looked over at the judges, hopefully. "That is not correct," said Susan Winslow, the word prouner kindly with a grimace.

Teary eyed and emotional, the girl stepped down from the stage to join the other youngsters, who had fallen victim to other spelling words earlier in the contest.

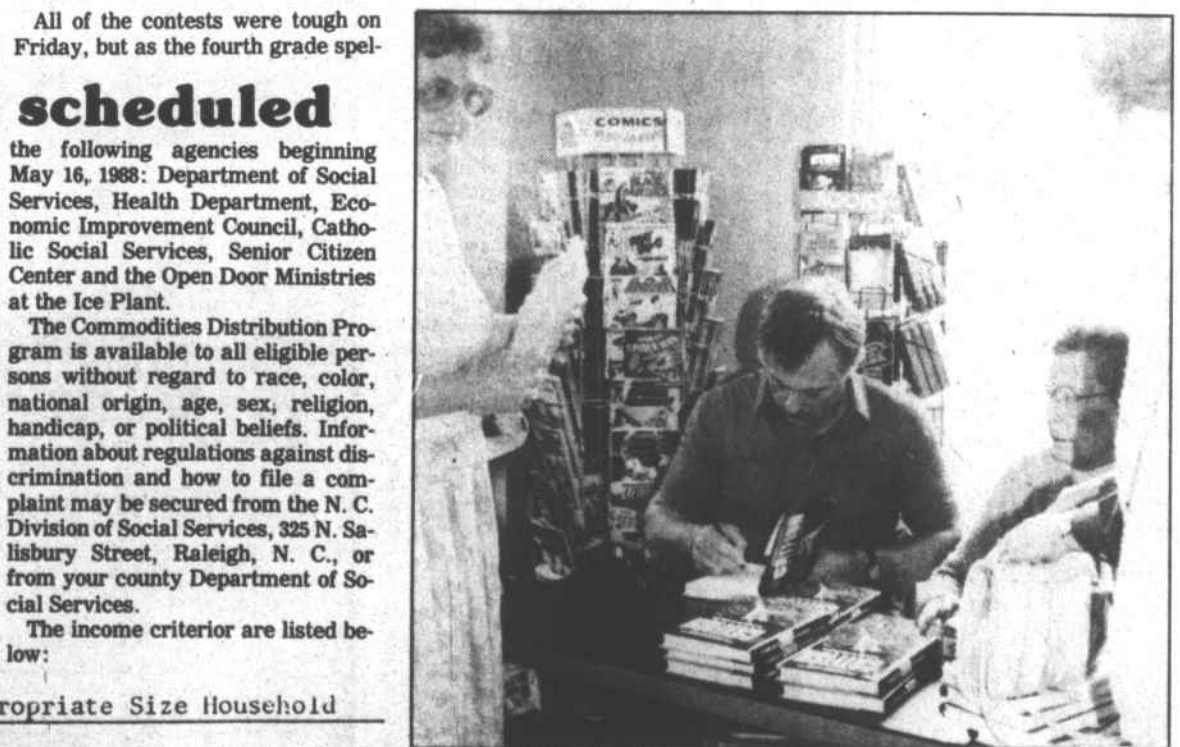
The scene was repeated over and over again as students from the first through fourth grades at Hertford Grammar School and Central Grammar School competed in the Perquimans County Spelling Bee on Friday.

All of the contests were tough on Friday, but as the fourth grade spelling bee drew to a close on Friday, the contest was down to two young ladies, Joy McMullian, and Amanda Lawrence.

Two times it seemed as though the contest would end, but both girls spelled the same word incorrectly, and it continued. After spelling words for 45 minutes continuously, Amanda finally emerged the winner, having correctly spelled words such as theirs, companion, and stadium.

Sharon Tunnell, a second grade teacher at Central School, and co-dinator for the spelling bee stated that she felt the competition went very well, and that all the children were winners.

The children also got a chance to be



"Catfish" writes book about his baseball career

On Thursday, Jim "Catfish" Hunter traveled downtown to Woodard's Pharmacy in Hertford to autograph copies of his newly released book, Catfish: My Life in Baseball. In a matter of hours over 500 copies of the book were sold and autographed. The book which was co-authored with Jimmy by Armen Keteyian of Sports Illustrated, is currently in its third printing with over 55,000 copies printed by McGraw Hill. The book which tells the tale of Jimmy's baseball career proves to be easy reading, funny, inspirational, but most of all enjoyable. "Catfish: My Life in Baseball" is available for \$16.95 in hardcover edition.

Old timers is planned for Saturday

The Perquimans High Baseball Team will play a fund raising game Saturday, May 7, 1988, at 7:30 P.M. against the most improved 1964 baseball team. Plan to come early to get the best seat in the ball park and get your favorite autograph or picture.

The Old Timers will bounce back from a defeat in 1987. The Old Timers have acquired some new talent that will surely strengthen their chance to win. The Old Timers will have the (Comb Twins) Freddie and Frances, (The Nixon Gang) Billy, Ed, Mack and Gene, (The Chesson Duo) Parker and Don, (The Hunter Clan) Catfish, Pete and Marvin, (The Winslow Look Alikes) Wayne and Wayne and many other players who will contribute to the win.

The game is designed with alot of excitement and fun. Come - May 7, 7:30 P.M., pay your \$2.00 admission fee and witness the Old Timers in action again.

The Old Timers will be coached by (none other than) Bobby Carter.

Spring program held at Newbold-White house

Despite cool weather the Perquimans County Restoration Association conducted a spring meeting on Friday at the Newbold-White House.

The sun shone and the wind blew as supporters of the Newbold-White House gathered at the front door to listen as Dr. James F. Deetz, Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology, University of California at Berkeley, discussed American life in the 17th century briefly, and watched as Mrs. Laura Boice from the Eleanor White Dare Chapter, North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, presented the Newbold-White House with two chairs from the period.

Later in the program, Roy Reed, Chairman of the building committee, presided over a ceremonial groundbreaking for the Perquimans Center for the Interpretation of Domestic Life in Seventeenth Century Albemarle. During the groundbreaking ceremonies, the North Carolina General Assembly and the College of the Albemarle were recognized for their contributions to make this center possible.

The general assembly made funding of the project possible, and drafting classes at COA developed and drew the plans for the new center. Work on the center, which will be located on the Newbold-White House grounds, will begin later this month.

Following the program, a luncheon was held at the home of Mrs. Lucille Winslow in honor of the occasion.

Brian Center to celebrate nursing home week

Brian Center, Hertford, will join thousands of other nursing homes across the country in celebrating National Nursing Home Week being held May 8-14, 1988.

This year's theme, "The Heart of Caring", serves as a reminder to the community that nursing home residents have a wealth of experience to share. The residents have issued a special invitation to come by and visit during this special week. Brian Center activities have been planned throughout the week in order to make each day special.

On May 8th, Mother's Day, Brian Center, Hertford, will honor all mothers with a "Drop-In" between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. for residents, families, visitors and community. Come by! Renew an old friendship or make a new one. Enjoy our program and refreshments.

Due to election results
the article about a Perquimans County office will not be run this week. That feature will return next week to
The Perquimans Weekly