

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Two arrested and charged with rape

Two men have been arrested by the Perquimans County Sheriff's department and charged with the rape of a young white female at the Dogwood Trailer Park in Hertford earlier this month.

Donald Felton, a black male, age 27, and a resident of Perquimans County and Herman Felton, Jr., black male, age 18, also a resident of Perquimans County were arrested in conjunction with the case on July 5th, and are currently being held at the Albemarle District Jail in Elizabeth City under \$150,000 secured bond each.

According to Perquimans County Sheriff Joe Lothian, Donald Felton has been charged with first degree rape, first degree sexual offense, and attempted first degree sexual offense. Herman Felton, Jr., has been charged with first degree rape, first degree sexual offense, and aiding and abetting an attempted sexual offense.

The rape allegedly occurred in the early morning hours on July 5th at the trailer belonging to Donald Felton.

Investigating officers in the case were deputies Ralph Robinson, and Homeria Jenette.

An investigation in the case is continuing, and both Feltons were scheduled for a probable cause hearing in Perquimans County District Court on Wednesday, July 20th.

## Boyce appointed interim superintendent

Jack Cameron Boyce, Jr. was appointed Monday evening as interim superintendent of the Perquimans County schools beginning August 1, 1988.

Clifford Winslow, chairman of the board announced Monday that Boyce will resume all responsibilities and authority of this position effective August 1, when the resignation of superintendent Pat Harrell becomes effective.

Harrell resigned earlier this summer to accept the position in Dare County as superintendent.

The board has begun their search for a new superintendent and it was announced Monday that Friday, July 15th was the deadline for applications, and the board is now in the process of screening applicants and should begin the interviewing process very soon.

A special executive session of the board was held Wednesday night, and the board hopes to have a new superintendent named by August 15th.

The board discussed and took action on the following items:

### BUDGET

The 1988-89 school budget was approved by the board. The schools will be operating on a total budget next year of \$7.9 million, this is the total of state, federal, and local funds.

### BOILER AND MACHINERY INSURANCE PROGRAM

The board tabled this matter until more information can be gathered. If taken out this insurance policy would take care of such problems as boilers being struck by lightning and other machinery failure.

### HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT

This project is complete. Harrell reported to the board that the high school's air conditioning is working fine.

### ADMINISTRATION BUILDING PROJECT

Construction on this project has slowed down somewhat. The board voted to request the architect to write a letter to the contractor asking that they finish this job as soon as possible. The contractors are still expected to meet their Sept. deadline, but the board would like to have the project completed as soon as possible.

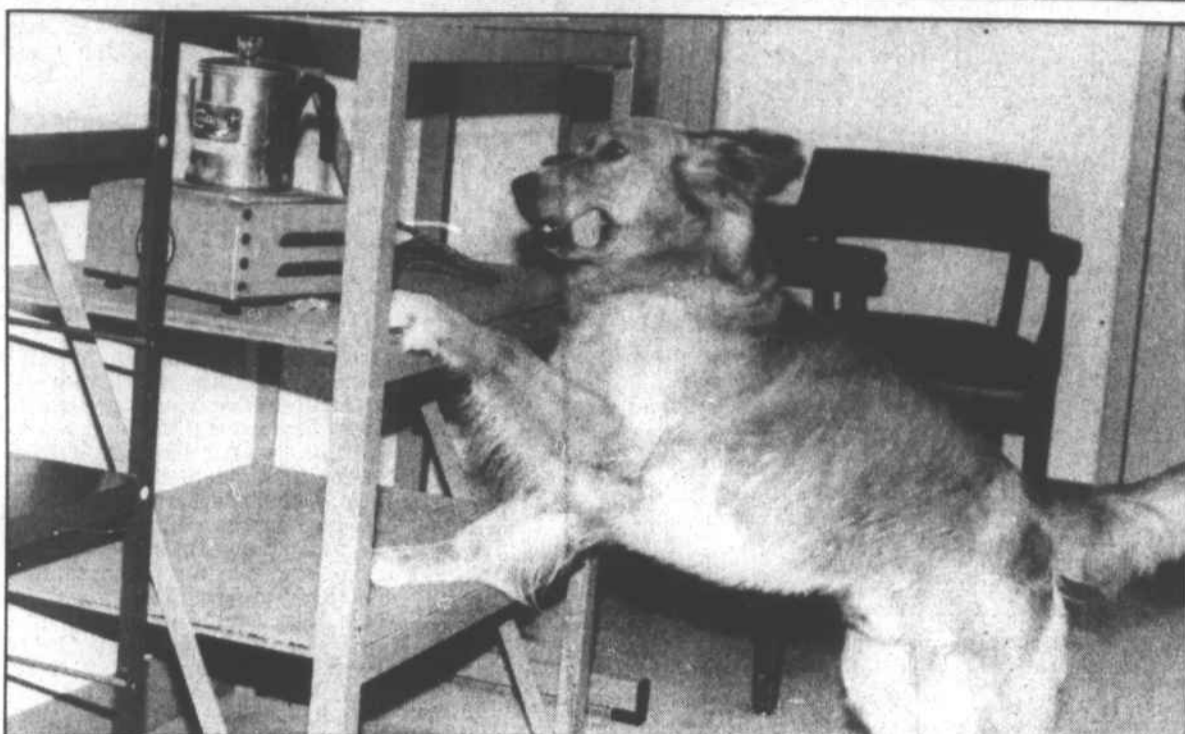
### ASBESTOS

The board of education has contracted with Con-Safe Inc. to conduct an asbestos inspection of the schools. The company will also develop an asbestos management plan for the schools. Work will begin as soon as early fall on the project, federal deadline for completion and implementation of the inspection and plan is spring of 1989. Con-Safe is an approved company, and will also be contracting with several other school systems in the Albemarle area.

### SCHOOL FACILITIES USAGE PLAN

The board instructed school administrative personnel to develop a new policy on the usage of school facilities.

This will be discussed at a future meeting see superintendent pg. 10



photos by Gina K. Jenson



## Kirby meets governing board

### County commissioners see K-9 in action

The County Commissioners got a first hand look Monday evening at Kirby, Perquimans County new K-9 officer in action.

Sheriff Joe Lothian attended the meeting and conducted a practice drug search using Kirby, the 18 month old golden retriever, for the board.

Kirby who was purchased by the county in lieu of Marco, the Sheriff's Department's first choice in dogs, because Marco was not developing as well as Lothian anticipated. The sheriff also stated that he would not have been comfortable taking Marco into a classroom full of children.

According to Lothian, Kirby is much more experienced, having

trained searching air cargo, and extremely gentle with children.

Lothian reported that Kirby has been used by the department on one occasion, is working daily in the sheriff's department, and will hopefully be used on a regular basis by the department beginning August 1, 1988.

In other areas the board took the following action:

### PLANNING BOARD

Floyd Mathews, Sr. was presented a resolution from the commissioners thanking him for his years of service on the Perquimans County Planning Board.

### PAVING SR 1334

Lee Stallings and a delegation of residents living on SR 1334 came

before the board with a petition asking that the remainder of SR 1334 be paved. The commissioners stated that they would pass the petition on to the State Department of Transportation; however, all monies for projects have been allotted this year. They stated they were sure nothing would be done regarding this matter until next year.

### LAND PURCHASED BY DOT

The commissioners approved the purchase of approximately one quarter of an acre on Winfall Road by the DOT. This land is needed for the four laning project. This property will connect Winfall with U.S. 17.

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## Area law enforcement agencies seize \$1 million in drug raid

### Arrest warrants still outstanding

No arrests have been made, and federal arrest warrants and arrests are still pending in conjunction with a drug raid made in Hertford on June 21, 1988.

The raid made on the residence of Fred Julian Harvey, age 37, of 307 Brace Street, Hertford, netted \$1 million dollars in cash and property seized, and has been labeled one of the biggest drug busts ever in the Albemarle area.

According to Marshall Merritt, chief of the Hertford Police Department, information was developed by local officers and the SBI that drugs and money in excess of \$100,000 were kept in Harvey's house, and upon further verification of the information several federal agencies were called in on the case forming a local, state and federal task force to handle the investigation, and subsequent raid.

Further investigation by the local, state, and federal agencies involved resulted in a federal search warrant being obtained, and on June 21, 1988 a meeting of the task force was held, and immediate plans were made to execute the search warrant at Harvey's home.

At 6:00 p.m. on the evening of June 21st the warrant was served with several law enforcement agencies including the Hertford Police Department, the Elizabeth City Police Department, the Pasquotank Sheriff's Department, the State Bureau of Investigation, a federal agent from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and an assistant U.S. attorney all taking part.

At the time of the raid, \$300,000 in cash, a small amount of heroine, 10 vehicles, 20 hand guns, and 25 rifles and shotguns were seized.

All the money seized was turned over to state and federal agents, and the weapons seized were turned over to the State Bureau of Tobacco and Fire Arms. A cursory check of the weapons seized later determined that at least 10 were stolen according to Chief Merritt, and some of the weapons seized have had the serial numbers filed off. Without further laboratory work, law enforcement officials cannot determine if they are also stolen, but an investigation is continuing.

In addition to the money, drugs,

firearms, and vehicles seized in the raid, some residue of cocaine was found, and traces of chemicals believed to be used in converting cocaine to crack were also found.

In addition to investigations being conducted by local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, the Internal Revenue Service, and North Carolina Department of Revenue have also expressed great interest in the fact Harvey had such a large amount of money in the house.

Several arrests in the case are expected, but no one can say for sure when the arrest warrants will be issued.

"As of right now, I assume, that a grand jury has been convened and indictments have been sought," said Merritt.

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent, Andy Petyak, stated in a telephone interview that all he could say was that the federal warrants will be issued soon, and Assistant Attorney Rocco DeGrasse did not have much to add.

"At this time I don't know if or when charges will be brought," said DeGrasse. DeGrasse added that an investigation is continuing into the matter, and when it is completed then, and only then will charges be brought against Harvey and others.

"This has been a very slow moving beast, and everyone will have to be patient," DeGrasse said.

DeGrasse went on to say that it was a joint decision at the time of the raid by all agencies involved that arrests, at that time, would not have been in the best interest of the investigation.

DeGrasse said all the agencies involved with the raid were pleased, and work on the drug problem in the northeastern part of the state will continue.

"This raid gives you some idea of what's going on in the area," said DeGrasse. "You can draw your own conclusions."

At the present time, Harvey is under no bond, and as of Monday no arrest warrants have been issued.

Harvey has a prior record of drug arrests, he was convicted in 1981 of sale and delivery of heroine, and simple possession of a controlled substance (marijuana).

## Summer school comes to an end

Dressed in tie dyed t-shirts and full of enthusiasm, students from this year's summer school program performed Monday before a packed house of parents and teachers at the program's closing ceremonies.

Dancing to "Rockin' Robin", singing, including the "Twelve Days of School", a song about computer fantasies, poems, puppet shows and more were all included in the "Arts Explosion", which concluded the four week summer school program.

This year summer school took on a new focus with each week having a different theme, making the program more enjoyable and interesting for the students who attended.

In the first week of the program students discovered "Science in a Ditch", "Computer Fantasy", "Pirate Country", and "Arts Explosion" followed. A visit by Blackbeard the Pirate was extremely interesting, and the students appeared to have a wonderful time despite the heat and the fact they were in school.

Classes ran each day for the four weeks until lunch time, and were held at Hertford Grammar School, Perquimans Middle School, and Perquimans High School.

According to Susan Winslow, summer school coordinator, this year's summer school program was a huge success. Winslow stated that school officials were very pleased with the turn-out of children for the program, and next year's program will be conducted in much the same way with a few revisions.

According to Winslow some of the teachers felt that a week to explore some of the topics was not sufficient time for the student to learn as much as they could, and hopefully next year the program will provide students with a more in-depth study of topics and concepts.

Overall everyone seemed pleased with this year's program, and many of the students, parents and teachers are looking forward to next year.



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The Schoen family loves history. Above Robert and Charlotte take aim in their colonial uniforms of the Ross Company of the Pennsylvania militia.

## Local family relives history

Are you a history buff? Do you think you would enjoy going back in time to the days of the American Revolution? Well if so, Robert Schoen and his family are interested in talking with you.

The Schoen family, Robert, his wife, "Candy", and daughter, Charlotte, all have a passion for colonial American history, so much of a passion that when given a chance they travel back in time to the early days of our nation's history.



Like many other families in the United States, the Schoen family is involved in reenacting our nation's history by way of encampments, demonstrations, visits to school classrooms, and since 1974, whenever given the chance, they have

participated in colonial history reenactments all across the country. Outfitted in handmade original uniforms of soldiers and a camp follower of the Ross Company of

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Weather forecasters are predicting continued humid weather and... will feature 90s, and lows 70s and 80s. ... of evening thunderstorm this weekend.