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Winfall discusses firemen's benefits

Wayne Winslow, chief of the Winfall Fire Department, came before the Winfall Town Council on Monday to discuss fireman's death benefits.

Winslow outlined with councilman two agreements which must be signed to ensure that Winfall volunteer fire department members will continue to get death benefits if killed in the line of duty during a fire.

State requirements now require that local volunteer departments must sign mutual aid agreements will all departments they assist in order for members to receive benefits, and they must have a resolution signed by the county commissioners outlining their area of coverage.

Winslow told councilmen that in the past the agreements between departments concerning mutual aid and area of coverage were always verbal, but that the state was now requiring that these agreements be written.

Winslow also told members of the council that the North Carolina Department of Fire and Insurance is in the process of checking local departments to make sure all agreements are in place, and he expects that the Winfall Department will be checked within the next 30 days.

According to Winslow he has been working to get all of the departments records in order to ensure that benefits would be provided, and these agreements are the last step in the process.

The town councilmen stated that they saw no problem in signing the agreements, but instructed Winfall town attorney Janice Cole to review the documents. Upon her approval the council instructed Winslow to sign them on behalf of the board.

In other business the county took the following action: David Brookins, Albemarle Commission representative, reported to the council that seven of 13 residents recommended for "Meals on Wheels" have been approved. These seven residents all live in the city limits of Winfall, and will receive a hot meal one a day, Monday thru Friday.

Brookins stated that now he is in need of volunteers to deliver the meals. He is in need of five people to deliver one day a week.

Brookins also reported that the Albemarle Commission has received \$93,000 for a study on garbage disposal. The study will look into the feasibility of a central incinerator for garbage. This will be reported on at a later meeting.

Brookins also reported that each county will soon be getting new septic tank regulations. This will also be discussed in detail at an upcoming meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Pirates ready for 1988 season

Football season is just around the corner, and the Perquimans County Pirates are getting ready to begin the 1988-89 season.

The Pirates began practicing on August 1, and will face the Eagles of Northeastern High School of Elizabeth City in their first game on August 26th.

Head coach Spencer White says he is enthusiastic about this years turnout for football practice, and he is extremely pleased with the boys attitudes. "I am enthusiastic about the team's attitudes, several gentlemen will be playing new positions this year, and things are going well so far," said White. "We've had a good turn-out," he added.

64 young men turned out for team try-outs for both the varsity and junior varsity squads, a good turn-out compared to past years.

According to White, the team looks good, has good size, and will feature good strength at some positions. The team may need work at other positions, as I-A football teams often do, because of the lack of students available compared to larger schools.

The 1988-89 Pirate football team will feature many new faces due to the fact that 18 seniors graduated last year, but according to White most of the other players from last year will be returning.

In addition to new faces, the team will also run a new type of offense this year, an I offense. The I offense will be much different from the wishbone offense run in the past by the Pirates under

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photo by Anzie Wood

Wreck blocks traffic in Winfall Monday!

Above rescue workers work diligently to free a man trapped in an overturned truck on Monday. Two received minor injuries in the accident which blocked traffic on highway 17 for over an hour.

Two military men injured in wreck Monday

Traffic was tied up on Monday afternoon for almost an hour and a half as rescue workers fought to free a man following a one vehicle accident.

At approximately 2:04 p.m. on Monday, a large military truck overturned in front of the NCDOT shop on Highway 17 trapping its driver, Corporal Robert D. Vaughn, and injuring his passenger, Corporal John S. Ovens.

According to Vaughn, age 23, of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, he experienced difficulty in steering the vehicle. The vehicle was steering to the right, and when he attempted to steer it to the left it overcorrected and turned on its side in the ditch. The vehicle overturned with the drivers side down trapping Vaughn in the cab.

Ovens, age 20, also of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, was thrown

free of the vehicle.

According to Officer Timothy Spence of the Winfall Police Department, Vaughn was trapped for approximately one and one-half hours as rescue works tried to get him free, and a front-end loader provided by the NCDOT shop held the truck from sliding into the ditch.

Spence stated that co-operation in this accident was outstanding, and played a major role in saving the driver's life.

"The co-operation was outstanding and unbelievable," said Spence. Spence stated that several of the residents provided rescue workers with water, and showed real community spirit.

Several units responded to the accident including the Perquimans County Rescue Squad, the Perquimans County Special Rescue

Squad, the Hertford and Winfall Fire Departments, the North Carolina Highway Patrol, the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department, Jack Staley, Perquimans County Wildlife Officer, the NCDOT Shop, and the Chowan County Rescue Squad, who provided their "Jaws of Life" machine to cut Corporal Vaughn free.

S and J Motors and Robert Sawyers Wrecking Service also assisted in the accident.

No charges have been filed in the case, and an investigation is continuing.

Both Vaughn and Ovens were taken and admitted to Albemarle Hospital for observation.

Albemarle Hospital spokeswoman, Donnie Gardner, reported this morning that both men are doing well, and received only minor injuries.



photo by Gina Jepson

Business opens at Ward Shopping Center!

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting at Ruth's Shoes and Clothing on Friday. Pictured above are on the left: Ruth Sutton, Clyde Sutton, Joshua Sutton, Stephanie Sutton, Jennifer Stallings, Amy Stallings, Debbie Sutton, Steve Sutton, and Pam Stallings. To the right: Bill Cox, cutting the ribbon, Lester Simpson, chairman of the county commissioners, Larry Swindell, president of the chamber, Janie Proctor, Peoples Bank, Carolyn Winslow, Jeanette Smith, and Gail Hill. Ruth's Shoes and Clothing is open Monday thru Saturday from 10:00 until 5:30 p.m., and features a full line of children's clothes and shoes and ladies shoes, as well as stuffed bears and dolls. Ruth's Shoes and Clothing opened on July 1st.

County census now underway

As you drive around Perquimans County in the next several weeks you may notice a small white pickup truck along side the road, don't be alarmed its just Charlie Skinner taking the county's house census count.

Skinner has been hired by the Perquimans County Electoral Study Committee to physically

count all of the houses in Perquimans County, and determine if the residents are black or white.

The information gathered by Skinner will be used by the county and the Regional Development Institute in Greenville to determine if new voting districts can be established in Perquimans County.

The formation of the electoral

study committee and the decision to take a house count census became necessary earlier this year when the NAACP threatened to sue the county for unfair voting practices.

Following an in depth study into the matter by the committee, and

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Dr. Martin named to superintendent's post

The Perquimans County Board of Education announced on Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. that Dr. Mary Jo Martin has been hired as superintendent of Perquimans County Schools.

Clifford Winslow, Chairman of the Board of Education, stated the board had been working on the selection process for several weeks, and selecting one candidate was not an easy task.

Winslow reported to the board of education staff members that the board had received 13 applicants, screened them to five, and brought two candidates in for second interviews before choosing Dr. Martin.

Dr. Martin, age 50, is currently serving as assistant superintendent in the Vance County Schools, and according to Winslow received excellent references.

Dr. Martin has an excellent educational and professional background for her new position. She obtained her bachelor of arts degree in math from Atlantic Christian College, her masters degree in counseling and educational administration from East Carolina University, and her doctorate degree in education from Duke University.

She has served as a science teacher at Tarboro Sr. High School, an assistant principal in Rocky Mount, as director of K-12 education in Vance County, has served two terms at two different schools in Vance County, served last year in an interim position in the finance department of the Vance County schools, and has been very active with the building program in the Vance County School system.

Mr. Winslow stated on Tuesday

that after interviewing all of the candidates, the board of education felt that Dr. Martin was the best person to lead the school system at the present time, and added that her selection was unanimous by the board.

"Dr. Martin's selection was unanimous in the first round of balloting," said Winslow. "She will have the full support of the board," he added.

Winslow went on to say that Dr. Martin is a rural person, having been raised on a farm near Pine-Tops, and that he felt she understood the needs of the Perquimans County Schools.

In a telephone interview later Tuesday morning, Dr. Martin stated that she is extremely pleased to be coming to Perquimans County.

"I am looking on this as an exciting challenge," said Dr. Martin. "I plan to continue all of the programs put in place by the board and the past superintendent," she added. "Working with the board and the community in all areas of school programs to help move the system to even higher levels of excellence," said Martin.

Dr. Martin is married to Dr. David V. Martin, and is the mother of four grown children. Her husband is currently employed with Vance-Granville Community College, and is an adjunct professor at Duke University. Dr. David Martin plans to retire and relocate with his wife in Perquimans County, possibly seeking employment in the future.

Dr. Martin has been hired by the board for two years, and will begin her duties on August 16th.

Public hearing scheduled on fishing issue in Hertford

Once again the issue of bass tournaments in the Perquimans River and use of the municipal boat ramp came up at the Hertford Town Council meeting Monday, and the council took action to remedy the problem. The council has decided to hold a public hearing on this issue, Wednesday, August 17th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Perquimans County courthouse.

Council members listened attentively as Mr. Eldon Winslow came before the council to state his views concerning the subject of bass tournaments in the Perquimans River, and the use of the municipal boat ramp.

"I hate to see the Black Bass destroyed in the river," said Winslow. "I think there needs to be some control," he added.

Winslow, a former Perquimans County Game Warden stated that the Perquimans River just can't stand the pressure placed on it by so many tournaments during the spawning season.

Winslow went on to say that he felt it was ashame that the state is not more involved in controlling such things as they were when he was a game warden. Winslow added that there used to be designated spawning areas in the river, but now they seemed to have disappeared.

Stating he knew everyone had a right to use the river, Winslow stated he felt co-operation between everyone using the river would be the key.

Mayor Bill Cox echoed Winslow's statement adding that he still is not sure what can be done. "I don't know what can be done," said Cox. "We need to get input from everyone using the river and the town ramp, and come up with some guidelines suitable to all users," he added. "The river is in far better shape than it was 30 years ago, and we need to work to keep it that way," said Cox.

Cox went on to say that the town

could not expect to get cooperation from everyone involved with this issue without letting everyone using the facilities and the river provide their input.

Mayor Cox went on to say that he hoped the public hearing would be an orderly meeting, and he feels that something can be worked out suitable to all parties involved.

Cox urged Winslow and all the citizens of Perquimans County to attend the meeting, and stated that representatives of several bass fishing clubs in the area would also be invited to the meeting.

Other business which came before the council included the following:

ABC Store
Cecil Winslow, chairman of the Perquimans County ABC Board gave the monthly ABC report. Winslow also reported to the council that the board spent \$10,465 in renovating the Hertford ABC Store.

The store is now self-service, and Winslow told council members that he felt the renovations on the store had made a great improvement.

Housing Grant
Mayor Cox reported to the council that a housing redevelopment grant recently applied for by the town was not approved.

Cox stated that the town's application lacked seven points from being in the funding cycle. Cox stated that three times as many municipalities as money was available applied for the grants.

Cox added that he felt the town had a good application for the grant, but that competition was keen. Cox stated that applications are judged on several criteria including: area, number of houses to be renovated or redeveloped, amount of money, and benefits to low income families. Cox stated that the town can reapply for the

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WEATHER

Weather forecasters are calling for hot weather throughout the weekend with afternoon and evening thunderstorms.

Temperatures will feature highs in the 80s with lows in the 60s and 70s with humid hazy conditions.