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Public safety building dedicated

The Holiday Island Property Owners Association dedicated their public safety building on August 13, 1988. The building is home for the fire brigade and the security force at Holiday Island. It provides garage space for the fire engines and office space for the fire chief and the security chief. After Mr. Wayne Jarret made a short dedication address, a large bronze plate destined to be attached to the outside wall of the building was unveiled. Inscribed on the plate was the name of the building: The Helen Moore Public Safety Building. The building was named after Mrs. Helen Moore, a long time resident who has dedicated much of her time to community service at Holiday Island. She served two-three year terms as a member of the board of governors; she organized The Holiday Island Ladies Auxiliary of the fire brigade, and she spearheaded the drive to raise funds to erect the building which now bears her name. Through the herculean efforts of the ladies auxiliary, led by Mrs. Moore the dream of a public safety building became reality in less than two years.

New Bern's river homes to be on tour

New Bern—Eight of New Bern's finest private homes will be open to the public during the first-ever River Homes Tour set for Sept. 16-17.

Proceeds from the Tour will benefit the New Bern Preservation Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of historical architecture in New Bern.

The Tour offers the public the opportunity to visit the historic architecture of the future today and celebrates New Bern's long-time relationship with the Trent River.

Homes to be open to the public range from the very elegant Georgian-style home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ballard in Olde Towne to the boldly contemporary home of Dr. & Mrs. J. K. Chance. The other houses on the Tour are the Dr. R. B. Armistead home, the J. L. Davis home, and Dr. R. F. Gorman home, the T. Karam home, the G. R. Perdue home and the Dr. R. F. Wilfong home. All but one of the homes on the tour face the Trent River.

Tour tickets are \$12.00 and may be purchased in advance by writing to the New Bern Preservation Foundation, P. O. Box 207, New Bern, N. C. 28560. Group rates are available. Tickets may also be purchased at the following New Bern locations: Belk at Twin Rivers Mall, the Sheraton Hotel and Marina, Cooks and Connoisseurs, the New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce, and Bank of the Arts and the Golden Girls Boutique.

Among the sights in store for tourgoers is a painting in the living room of the Ballard home that belonged to singer Kate Smith. The Ballard home also features exquisite stained glass work designed by Odyssey Glass of Raleigh. Visitors to the Chance home will see a ca. 1821 Italian carved marble fireplace incorporated into the house during extensive remodeling done during 1985-86.

Many of the owners have imaginatively combined antique furnishings and family heirlooms with contemporary or reproduction pieces.

Chamber music will be performed in Dr. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong's home on Saturday, September 17.

The Tour coincides with the North Carolina Wildlife and Sportsman Show scheduled for Sept. 17-18 at various locations in historic downtown New Bern. The show is sponsored by the New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information regarding the tours, contact: Barbara Howlett, Executive Director, New Bern Preservation Foundation, P. O. Box 207, New Bern, N. C. 28560 (919) 633-6448.



Members look over new building!

Dedication of new Holiday Island Public Safety Building Fire and Security was enjoyed by association members and others.

Indian Summer Festival

Indian Summer Festival is just around the corner. Arts and Crafts booths are still available.

Please contact the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce by August 22nd, if interested.

For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 426-5657.



Perquimans County Athletic Boosters Club are gearing up for the new season.

Commodities Distribution

August 24, 1988
8:30 - 12:00

(Rain Date: August 25, 1988)
Perquimans County will receive cheese, butter, corn meal, instant milk, flour and rice for distribution to the needy of Perquimans County in August. We hope to have good weather for the day of distribution; however, we have scheduled a rain date of August 25, 1988 if needed.

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 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 a representative for this purpose. The commodities card or application must be signed in the correct places for this to be acceptable. No household will be allowed to pick up food for more than themselves and one other household as representative.

There will be two lines at the distribution site. The second line will be for the handicapped and/or disabled WHO ARE PRESENT AT THE DISTRIBUTION to pick up their food. A doctor's note, stating the disability, must be provided.

Cars may not be driven into the distribution area. Please remember to park in only authorized parking areas as the Hertford Police Department will be patrolling the area.

Applications may be obtained from the following agencies beginning August 15, 1988: Department of Social Services, Health Department, Economic Improvement Council, Catholic Social Services, Senior Citizen Center and the Open Door Ministries at the Ice Plant.

The Commodities Distribution Program is available to all eligible persons without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, handicap, or political beliefs. Information about regulations against discrimination and how to file a complaint may be secured from the N.C. Division of Social Services, 325 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC, or from your county Department of Social Services.

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

Perquimans will need \$25,000 for paid rescue squad

By SCOTT YATES
Staff Writer

HERTFORD — According to a tentative budget presented to commissioners Monday night, the county will need \$25,000 to hire four paid rescue squad members in addition to the money already budgeted for the rescue squad this year.

Last month, commissioners agreed to hire emergency medical technicians (EMTs) to respond to calls during weekday shifts. The volunteer rescue squad members will continue to respond to calls from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. on weekdays and to all calls in weekends and holidays.

The paid squad will operate as a separate organization but paid members will be expected to maintain the building and equipment while they are on duty waiting to receive a call. County Manager Paul Gregory said the operation of the volunteer squad will not change except that the county will pay all of the operational bills instead of allocating money to the squad and having the squad pay the bills.

Commissioners have also agreed on charging residents for responding to calls for both the paid squad and the volunteer squad.

On Monday, commissioners agreed to advertise the position of emergency management coordinator, who will supervise the operation of the paid rescue squad as well as other emergency management duties in the county now handled by Tax Supervisor Keith Haskett, who is currently serving as the county's emergency management officer.

The county will accept applications for the position until next Wednesday. Commissioners Thomas Nixon and Durward Reed both said that a qualified applicant from Perquimans County should be given consideration over a candidate from outside of the county.

Gregory presented a tentative budget for nine months of operation beginning in October. He estimated expenditures of \$71,000. The county had already budgeted \$21,500 for the rescue squad, and estimated revenues from the fees charged for the calls are \$25,000. That leaves the county with a \$25,000 shortfall in funds which will have to come from somewhere else in the budget.

Gregory said the tentative rescue squad budget is only a rough estimate. He said the revenues from fees charged to residents is based on a collection rate of 60 percent. Before announcing the amount of the fees being considered, Gregory said he plans to talk with the new coordinator and the members of the volunteer squad to "reach a figure we can all live with." Gregory said he expected commissioners to adopt a budget and a fee schedule at the September meeting.

"We want all the input from the volunteer squad we can get to make this thing work," said Chairman Lester Simpson. Gregory plans to meet with the entire membership of the volunteer squad before next month's meeting.

The house count being conducted in the county is almost complete, said Charlie Skinner, the coordinator for the count.

Skinner has been traveling the county identifying whether a home is occupied by a black or white family. The information will be used to assist the county in formulating new voting districts.

Skinner said all the work had been completed except in the town of Hertford, and he said that would

be completed this week.

Gregory said the information will be sent to the Rural Development Institute in Greenville. He said it will be determined if the county will be able to establish five voting districts, with one district having a 60 percent black majority.

Dog owner

Jerry Gurganus, owner of the Doberman pinscher which was a topic of discussion at the Aug. 8 commissioner's meeting, came before the board.

At the Aug. 8 meeting, Edna Trueblood, a neighbor of Gurganus in the New Hope area, complained about the dog which she said bit her.

Contrary to what was reported, Gurganus said he did not kill puppies of the dog by slamming them against a tree. "I'm not that kind of man," he said.

Also, contrary to what Trueblood said, Gurganus said he had offered to pay Trueblood's medical bills, "but I already have received a letter from her attorney, and she will hear from mine," he said.

Gurganus said he has been "harassed" by Animal Control Officer Ray Winslow. He said Winslow called him at 7 a.m. on Sunday morning to remind him about keeping the dog confined to his yard.

"The reason he is calling is the complaints he is receiving," said Commissioner Wayne Winslow, who said he visited Gurganus' home and talked to his wife.

He said Gurganus' wife told him the dog had gotten loose since the biting incident, and Gurganus denied this. Also, he said he instructed Gurganus' wife to have signs up to warn people of the dog. Gurganus said this was the first he had heard of the signs and that they would be put up in the yard.

Gurganus also said he had another Doberman put to sleep after it reportedly bit a girl playing in the neighborhood, only he later found out from the girl that the dog had only scratched her when she called it out to play.

Hazardous waste

Gregory said he received a letter from the state's Hazardous Waste Commission asking if the county would be interested in receiving information about having a hazardous waste site located in the county. The letters are being sent to all counties in the state.

Gregory said sent the letter back and told the commission that Perquimans County is not interested in hosting such a site.

Water department
Gregory read the commissioners a letter from the Snug Harbor Property Owners Association, which said water quality was poor and more hydrants were needed in the area to flush water lines.

Gregory agreed that more hydrants are needed for flushing lines, but he said at this time, all the money available in the water department fund needs to be saved for other improvements at the water plants.
Brochure funds

Commissioners tentatively agreed to donate \$500 to have brochures reprinted promoting Perquimans County. T. Erie Haste, representing the Committee of 100, made the request.

Commissioners said they would bring the matter before the Industrial Development Committee, and both the committee and the county would probably donate a total of \$500.

Highway Association
Commissioners agreed to donate \$500 to the Highway 17 Association.

WEATHER



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

Temperatures will feature highs in the 90s with lows in the 70s.