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## Snug Harbor residents approach commissioners about controls

A delegation of Snug Harbor residents requested that the County Commissioners take action against people shooting guns in their community.

Spokesperson for the group, Mark Gray, Chairman of the Community Crime Watch and a member of the Board of Governors in Snug Harbor, told the commissioners that people have fired high-powered rifles and other extremely dangerous guns in the area. At least two mobile homes and one car have been hit by stray bullets, Gray said. "Some of the residents are very much concerned with their welfare," Gray told the board.

Snug Harbor is a wildlife preserve, however, Gray said, "We have people down there that are shooting squirrels." He also told the commissioners that hunters come to the edge of the reserve, are shooting and people are getting shot. Gray himself was shot with buckshot.

Target practice has been held in the area to the dismay of many residents. Commissioner Lester Simpson said, "It sounds like a war going on down there sometimes." Simpson lives on property adjacent

to the Snug Harbor community. Gray said that his group wants some "teeth" put into the laws in the community so that the residents can feel safe. "They (the residents) are very much concerned about their protection," he said.

Gray's group also suggested licensing dogs due to the nuisance of free-roaming dogs in the area. He said that people who want to walk through the community must sometimes resort to carrying sticks in order to fend off the animals.

The commissioners told the group that there is an ordinance in the county dealing with animals. If a dog is off of the owner's property without a collar, it is considered a stray, and can be reported to the animal control officer for pick-up, they were told.

Gray told the board that Snug Harbor now has over 200 full-time residents, and that the Snug Harbor Board of Governors is trying to clean up the community and be an asset to the county.

The commissioners instructed county attorney John Matthews to study alternatives to the firearm concerns of the residents.

**Nursing home reports**

Annual Domiciliary and Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee reports were presented by chairpersons Mrs. Jean Weidner and the Reverend Raymond Needham.

Weidner's group was responsible for visiting South Haven Manor, Russell's Rest Home, Morgan's Rest Home, New Hope Rest Haven and Place Family Care. That committee found that New Hope Rest Haven and Morgan's Rest Home have excellent community involvement. The others were found to be somewhat lacking in that area.

The group reported that facilities were the biggest problem they found in their visits, rather than caregiving, although Social Services was contacted on the grievances at South Haven Manor. The committee heard complaints of insufficient food, violations of patient's rights, not allowing interaction with other residents and medical services being withheld when a change in medical condition occurred.

Weidner and her committee recommended a county or inter-county training program for volun-

teers and paid personnel to plan activities. They said the biggest weakness is patients who would better be served in other facilities, such as mental patients and Alzheimer's patients, being placed in the county's rest homes. Lack of an activity program at South Haven Manor was also considered to be a problem.

Weidner said that someone close to the Woodville area should monitor South Haven Manor.

Needham's group was responsible for working with Brian Center. They found that they considered routine problems with a young facility, such as lost laundry and spotted or soiled bed linen. Needham said that the facility began making efforts to rectify the problems immediately when it was brought to the attention of the administrator.

The committee recommended sensory stimulation for residents with low levels of awareness, which has been implemented. Needham also said that communication between patients, their families and the nursing home staff has been improved.

"We've been real pleased," he told the commissioners about the

overall conditions at the center.

**Building inspector report**

Building inspector Aubrey Ownley made his annual report for 1988 to the commissioners. According to values placed on structures by the owners, \$4,720,400 of construction was permitted in Perquimans County in 1988. The figure includes new buildings, repair and remodeling (including electrical and heat and air conditioning projects), and mobile home installations.

Ownley told the commissioners he made approximately 1,400 inspections last year, and generated total permit fees of \$12,791. He recommended that the county consider raising fees, as the department is not self-supporting. Perquimans now has the second lowest fee schedule in the area, he said.

In addition to the low fee schedule, Ownley cited residents neglecting to acquire permits and low valuations as other contributors to the department's income situation. He suggested that the county crack down on repeat offenders.

**Recreation resolutions**

The commissioners passed resolutions that will facilitate the funding of the proposed athletic com-

plex in Winfall. County Manager Paul Gregory informed the board that if the county ever decides to discontinue the use of the proposed facility as a park, permission must be granted by the Secretary of the Interior, and the facility must be replaced with another park.

**Vandalism prevention**

It was decided to put sensors on many county buildings in an effort to prevent further thefts. The system will involve lights and alarms that will go off when someone steps in front of a unit or tampers with the unit. "We've lost a lot of equipment in the last 12 months which was not covered by insurance, plus the aggravation and replacing the windows," Paul Gregory told the board when he proposed the alarm system.

**Hunting policy**

The commissioners reviewed the county's hunting policy and found that the present hunting ordinance does not prohibit having a loaded gun on the side of the highway. The policy does state that there can be no hunting from the right of way. Because the present ordinance does not outlaw holding a loaded gun on the roadside, the commissioners will not look into any policy changes.

## Commodities distribution to be held in county

Perquimans County will receive butter, cornmeal, all-purpose flour, dry beans, raisins, pork and egg mix for distribution in February. The Hertford Lion's Club will begin the distribution at 11:00 a.m. on February 21, 1989, with a rain date scheduled for February 22, 1989, beginning 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 their 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 no exceptions.

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. Again, there will be no exceptions.

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

Applications may be obtained from the following agencies beginning February 6, 1989: 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, N. C., or from your county department of social services.

The income criteria are listed below:



Four people were injured in an early-morning wreck in Belvidere last Thursday as a result of a two-car collision.

## Four injured in Belvidere wreck

Four people were transported to local hospitals as a result of a two-car collision at the intersection of Highway 37 and County Line Road (Rural Paved Road 1002) last Thursday.

According to N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper C.S. Adams, a 1985 Volvo driven by Thomas W. Chappell, Jr. was traveling north on County Line Road and pulled into the path of a 1983 Chevrolet operated by Carlton Nixon. Upon impact, the Volvo ran off the road, striking a building.

The three passengers in the Chappell car were unconscious following the accident. They were Chappell; his wife, Peggy, and daughter, Julaine. All were transported to Chowan Hospital by the Perquimans County Rescue Squad.

Chappell was treated for a broken arm and was released. Mrs. Chappell sustained a broken leg and ribs, and was admitted for observation. Julaine, who suffered a concussion, was transported to Kings Daughters Hospital in Norfolk for observation.

Carlton Nixon was transported to Albemarle Hospital. No report of his condition was available.

The building hit by Chappell houses the Christ Sanctified Holy Church. The impact of the crash knocked a hole in the front wall of the structure, and caused the rear corner to separate from the foundation by about two inches. The church members have not received an estimate of the damages.

Damage to the Volvo was estimated at \$15,000. No estimate on the Chevrolet was available at press time.

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

## Committee of 100 to hold annual meeting

The Perquimans County Committee of 100 announced its annual meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 21 at Angler's Cove Restaurant. A social hour will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and the business session at 7:30.

According to Chairman Erie Haste, the Committee has not been as successful as had been hoped in promoting economic development in Perquimans County since its 1983 inception. "At this point, I would say that the Committee has not been as effective as we would like to have been, but we are striving to reach our goals," Haste said.

Haste said the group's purpose is to promote the economic development of the county. He sees the primary areas of focus as tourism, retirement opportunities and attracting new businesses. The greatest need here, according to Haste, is employment.

"We certainly are seeing an increase in the number of people interested in the area," Haste said. The Committee receives most inquiries through the Chamber of Commerce and City Manager of Hertford Bill Cox.

Haste sees the need to promote the county as a pleasant place to live and visit, to promote the his-

torical areas, and to promote the recreation potential here. He also recognizes the value of a good educational system. "We probably have one of the best school systems in the state," Haste said, adding that schools are important to attracting people to the area.

"If we could develop in people's minds an awareness and appreciation of what we have to offer here," Haste commented, perhaps the county's efforts to promote itself would be more productive. He cited physical attractiveness as a big plus to drawing people into the community. "We need to instill a sense of pride, and to get the people as a whole involved in the process," Haste stated.

He said professional help is available for such projects as beautification.

The Committee encourages community suggestions that might help their efforts in the economic development areas. "The Committee of 100 needs to reflect the wishes of the county as a whole," he said.

The public is invited to attend the annual meeting. Tickets are \$7.50, and are available through the Chamber of Commerce office. Reservations should be made by February 15.

## Free legal assistance available

On February 2, 1989, Legal Services of North Carolina released "The Unmet Promise," a record of the statewide group's first ten years and its "Plan for Action" for the new Bush years. "You've really got a story to tell, about what you have accomplished and the important court decisions for which you have been responsible," N. C. Supreme Court Chief Justice James Exum said in a keynote address televised statewide. "Get busy telling your story."

"The legal services movement—providing free legal assistance to poor people—has reached a watershed point in its history," explains Legal Services of North Carolina Executive Director Dick Taylor. "For eight years, Ronald Reagan attempted to eliminate this program. We don't know yet whether President Bush will reverse this posture, but we do know that we can't abandon one million people living in poverty in North Carolina. And we do know that Legal Services of North Carolina has moved into its second decade, into the post-retrenchment Reagan era, with an impressive track record."

"We call for a new awareness of the broad LSNC mission—to pro-

vide justice for poor people," says Geoffrey Simmons, a Raleigh attorney and President of the LSNC Board of Directors. "And we seek a full appreciation of the three aspects of our mission:

- to make the system work more justly for poor people,
- to bring people into the system, and
- to empower persons to break out of the cycle of poverty."

The valiant work of the N. C. Bar Association's Pro Bono Project, the N. C. State Bar's Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts program (IOLTA), and other partners with LSNC are recorded here. Also, the LSNC eight-point plan for the future is explained, item by item.

Through the LSNC umbrella organization, 15 locally-based legal services programs and six statewide programs serve low-income clients in all 100 North Carolina counties. Congress appropriates federal funds to the federal Legal Services Corporation, which in turn allocates these monies to states through structures such as LSNC. About 85 percent of the LSNC budget comes from these federal funds; the remainder

comes from the North Carolina State Bar IOLTA Plan, private foundations, and other sources. The LSNC network of 100 attorneys, administrative and support staff, and some 230 local board members functions as a full-service law firm for poor clients.

Perquimans County residents can get assistance through Legal Services of the Coastal Plains in Ahoskie. The director of that office is Renauld Williams. Clients are interviewed in Elizabeth City on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the Griffin Building on the campus of Elizabeth City State University. Telephone interviews are conducted every Tuesday and Thursday. Emergency cases are dealt with daily.

Most cases are handled through the Ahoskie office. Some cases are referred to private attorneys in the client's county through the Private Attorney Involvement program. The attorney fees are paid through the state; however, the client may be responsible for court costs.

No criminal cases or fee-generated cases are accepted by LSNC, but those needing help in those areas will be referred to a local attorney.

For assistance, call toll-free 1-800-682-0010.

## Open Door robbed Thursday

Vandals robbed a local food pantry Thursday night, taking food and office equipment.

The Open Door was burglarized. The thieves stole about two and one-half cases of canned meats, a few cans of canned vegetables, a telephone and an answering machine, according to Open Door Director Ann White.

According to the report of investigating Hertford Police Patrolman Robert Harvey, the suspects allegedly entered the building by prying open a window and crawling through. Then it appears that they kicked out a small wooden door and entered the food pantry.

The vandals also knocked over a large filing cabinet, but office per-

sonnel did not discover anything missing from the records.

The shelves of the Open Door had been restocked on the Monday prior to the robbery, mostly with foods donated by members of Hertford Baptist Church.

White expressed anger and surprise at the crime. "Why did they have to steal it?" she questioned. "We would have given food to anyone who truly needed it."

Police do have some physical evidence, however, no suspects have been apprehended.

Anyone wishing to contribute food or clothing to the Open Door may do so by contacting the office between

## Fire extensively damages home

A child playing with a cigarette lighter started a fire that caused extensive damage to a New Hope home recently.

On January 24, the Durants Neck Volunteer Fire Department responded to a call at the home of Loreta Weeks. Upon their arrival, the firefighters found the house full of smoke, with active flames in a bedroom. "When I got there you couldn't even see anything in the house for smoke," said Durants Neck Fire Chief Ray Cullipher, who was first on the scene. Weeks was nearby at her mother's home when the fire started.

Cullipher called for back-up from the Hertford Fire Department, who brought two Hertford trucks, as well as the two county trucks housed at their station. The Hertford van was also sent later to refill airpicks.

Firefighters donned airpicks to enter the home. They threw a burning mattress out of the bedroom window, extinguishing the flames outside. An exhaust fan was placed in the bedroom window to draw out the thick smoke. Things Weeks had stored in the garage were moved outside.

Initially, the cause of the fire was thought to be Weeks' daughter having smoked in the bedroom earlier in the day, and not having properly extinguished her cigarette. But investigators called in by Chief Cullipher discovered that a child had found the daughter's cigarettes and lighter. The child lit a cigarette which apparently went out, then played with the lighter, catching the bedspread on fire.

Damage to the structure was estimated by Cullipher at \$15,000, with contents damage of \$10,000. No injuries were reported.