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Local Briefs

Filing period opens here

The filing period opened for the November 7 non-partisan municipal elections in Hertford and Winfall on July 7th. Candidates can file until August 4th at 12:00 noon.

The Winfall Town Council has three seats available, including the mayor's seat. Hertford voters will choose two councilmen.

Incumbent Winfall Mayor C.W. (Bill) Bartlett has made no decision on whether he will seek re-election.

Present seat-holder on the Winfall Town Board William Ray Miller has not decided if he will run again. Shirley Yates, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of John (Jack) Symons, will seek re-election.

The seats of John Beers and Erie Haste are open in Hertford. Haste says he will definitely seek re-election. Beers, who has been on the Hertford board for over 25 years, does not know if he will again run for his seat.

Voter registration deadline for the election is October 9th. Persons who are already registered will not be required to re-register.

Musical set for Monday

The Perquimans County "Stage Right" summer school students will be performing a production titled "The Time Machine" on Monday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Perquimans High School auditorium. The students have worked very hard writing and developing the script, constructing and designing their scenery, and choreographing their dance presentation. One of the exciting features of the production is the utilization of "special effects" lighting.

This production has been developed under the direction of Brenda Hollowell, Sue Leete and Margaret Brothers. The teachers have been very impressed with the talent and dedication that the students have displayed throughout the development of the production. This has been a very exciting venture for the students and teachers.

The production will be open to the public and there will be no charge for admission. Come on out and enjoy some fantastic entertainment and witness some "stars" being born!

Peoples Bank profits up

Earnings for Peoples Bancorporation continued to gain momentum during the second quarter with the corporation posting a 34 percent increase in earnings as compared to the same period last year. This is the fourth consecutive quarter in which Peoples has experienced an earnings increase. Return on equity for the first six months was 16.36 percent.

Second quarter net income of \$3,158 million, or \$4.43 per fully diluted share, brings Peoples Bancorporation earnings at mid-year to a 32 percent increase over the first six months of 1988. Total net income on June 30 was \$6,207 million, or \$.85 per fully diluted share.

Wards do well in Great Race

Charles Ward and Pete Ward, the brothers who piloted Willis Jesup's 1936 Bentley four-door saloon across the country in the Great American Race, came in a respectable 41st out of a field of 120 classic cars in the competition.

According to reports from the entourage to Bill Glover, Mrs. Jesup's son, the pair and the car performed extremely well. The only trouble the team encountered was hitting a dog in Tennessee which damaged the car's fender. The machine ran perfectly throughout the race's course.

The racers, Glover said, picked up a lot of racing tips from other participants, such as pre-heating tires prior to race time.

The group reported being tired from the long hours required during the race. They rose about 3:30 a.m. and got to bed around 10:00 p.m.

A leisurely sight-seeing ride back began for the group this past Sunday. They should arrive back in Hertford early next week.

Board votes to transfer school principals

The Perquimans County Board of Education approved the transfer of two principals at their July 3 meeting.

Morris Kornegay will be moved from Central Grammar to Hertford Grammar School, and William Tice will transfer to Central Grammar School. The change will take place on July 15.

Personnel Officer Paul Ward asked the Board to accept the resignations of teacher Robin DeMurray and secretary Joycelyn Whidbee. Joseph Stroud was hired as Industrial Education Coordinator at Perquimans High School. Serving as Vocational Direct-Observer-Evaluator will be Ann White.

Parent-Preschool Program
Chapter I Director Chris Barber reviewed the proposed Chapter I program with the board members. The tandem program will provide pre-kindergarten instruction for the children, GED instruction for the parent who attends with the child and parenting classes. Fifteen children and their parent will be admitted into the program.

The county received a total of \$300,000 in Chapter I funds. In addition to the new program, the county offers intensive reading instruction on the elementary and middle school levels.

Student transfer policy
The Board voted to continue using its present student transfer pol-

icy for the 1989-90 school year. Plans are to make the policy more stringent for the 1990-91 term.

Odyssey of the Mind
Odyssey of the Mind (OM) coach Paul Gregory presented slides and a videotape featuring highlights of the five-member OM team's trip to the World OM Competition in Boulder, Colorado.

"They came back with a lot of memories, a lot of friends..." Gregory told the board.

Gregory said that no other school system whose representatives he spoke with were from schools participating in OM for the first time. Most teams who got to the world competition were from systems involved in the program for the past

five to seven years. "Our children are to be commended," he said.

Appreciation was expressed to Apricot, Inc. for handling correspondence; Don Juan Manufacturing for shipping the display to Colorado and back; the Board of Education for providing travel funds; Ms. Pasternak, Middle School teacher, for giving the team members suits; Sue Leete for preparing snacks for the trip; and all the teachers who supported the students.

The students, he said, were very appreciative. "They constantly said, 'Thank you,'" Gregory stated.

Approximately 20,000 people from all over the world attended

the closing ceremonies.

Compensation
The County Commissioners wrote the Board to inform them that their compensation has been raised to \$50 per meeting. The funds will come from the budget passed by the commissioners last month.

Meeting change
At the request of the Stage Right Players, the board members will attend the musical revue to be presented on Monday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Perquimans High School by the summer school students involved in the drama class. Afterwards, the Board will convene at the Schools Administration Building.

Hertford Police Dept. hires two new officers

The Town of Hertford is coming closer to its goal of reorganizing its police department. Two new officers have been hired, and the mayor and town council are confident that the department is headed in the right direction.

Aubrey Sample, a 17-year law enforcement veteran, has accepted the position of chief. Sample came to Hertford from the Elizabeth City Police Department.

"It is a challenge. It is a good career move," Sample said. "I'm excited about it."

In Elizabeth City, Sample worked his way up from patrolman to lieutenant. He worked in the criminal investigation and identification areas.

A one-year stint in the full-time Army National Guard gave Sample experience in training, as he was and NCO, assisting and coordinating training.

Sample's first priority is to hire another officer, which will make the department fully staffed.

Once his department is reorganized and working smoothly, Sample said he and his men will go after the drug dealers. He said that from his review of past records and his observations, drug-related

crimes are the most prevalent in Hertford.

Sample and Sheriff Joe Lothian will work closely in their efforts to rid the town and Perquimans County of drugs.

The town has also hired Gregory Vick to fill one of the empty patrol slots. Vick comes to Hertford from the Camden County Sheriff's Department.

"I'm excited about it (the new position)," Vick said. "They've got some good people over here."

After spending time in the Army assigned to the military police division, Vick spent 21 months in Camden.

He said the move to Hertford is an opportunity for him to increase his knowledge and to advance in his career.

Both Sample and Vick are welcome additions to the officers who have worked a tremendous amount of overtime during the past few months due to the department's understaffing.

Sample told the Town Council Monday night that he has developed a new schedule which will put two officers on patrol at night and will eliminate the need for overtime as soon as the sixth officer is hired.

Feige joins newspaper staff

The Perquimans Weekly is pleased to announce the addition of Eric Feige to its staff. Feige will serve as advertising manager of the newspaper.

Feige comes to the Perquimans Weekly from the Daily Advance, where he served as classified display advertising representative from August 1988 until June 1989.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to learn the management end of the business," Feige said.

He added, "I have enjoyed meeting the friendly people in Perquimans, and look forward to working with the advertisers."

A native of Edenton, Feige received an associates degree in Business Administration from the College of The Albemarle. He has also attended an advertising workshop in Atlanta, Georgia.

"I feel that Eric is going to be an asset to our staff," said Perquimans Weekly Editor Susan Harris. "He is making every effort to contact all the businesses, and to offer quality service. We are very pleased to have him in Perquimans."

"I have a lot of ideas to share

with advertisers," Feige said, "and look forward to implementing those ideas."

Feige and his wife, Shirley, live with daughters Jessica and Amanda in Elizabeth City.



Eric Feige

Hertford police make arrests

The Hertford Police Department has made the following arrests recently:

On June 26, Tammy Car. v. right, 22, was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

John R. Jones, 42, was arrested on June 28 and charged with passing a worthless check.

Arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon on July 1 was Peggy Hunter, 33.

On July 2, Kent Wayne Felton, 26, was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon and assault by pointing a gun.

Ponce Lamont Lee, 25, was ar-

rested on July 3 and charged with assault on a female.

Paul Robin Jordan, 21, was arrested and charged with hit and run on July 5.

On July 6, Victor Whitehurst Askew, 29, was arrested and charged with larceny from a person.

Arrested and charged on July 6 was Wilbert Lee Jones, 28, who was cited for obstruction and delay.

Julia Ann White, 27, was arrested and charged with larceny by trick on July 7.

Gloria Geine Hunt, 32, was arrested on July 7 and charged with simple assault.

Whistleblowers are protected

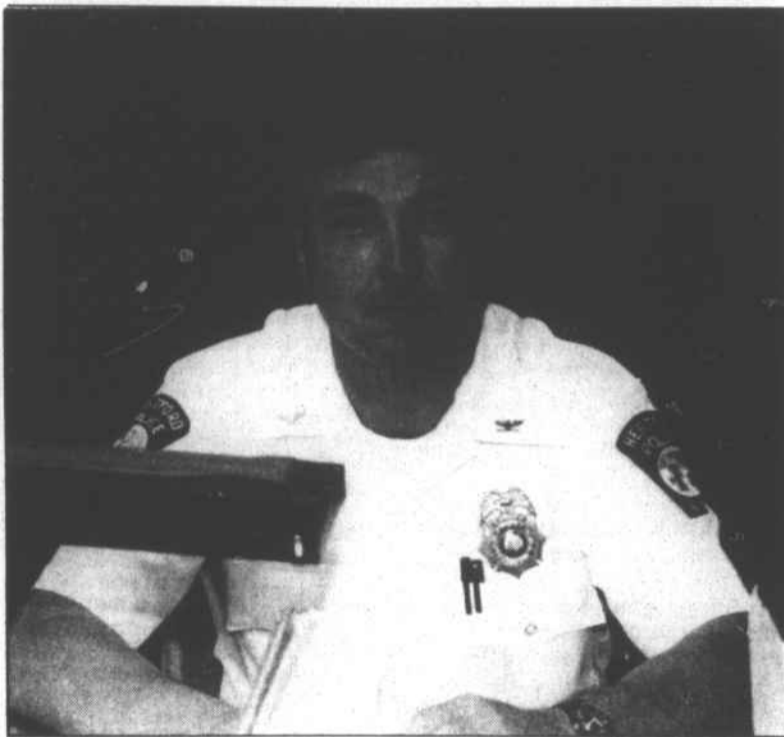
Raleigh—For a good feeling—and respect in the morning—call 919-733-3276.

That's the message to be posted in state offices and state agencies throughout North Carolina, according to legislation recently passed by the General Assembly. The phone number goes straight through to the State Auditor's fraud, waste and abuse section.

The recently passed law makes it the policy of the state to encourage the reporting of violations of state or federal law, fraud, misappropriation of resources and acts

which endanger the public health or safety. State, public school and community college employees are encouraged to report such abuses to their supervisors or on the hotline directly to the auditor's office.

The General Assembly has protected any employee who "blows the whistle" from retaliation such as dismissal, demotion, relocation, salary loss or change in job terms or conditions. The same protection applies to employees who refuse to carry out orders in violation of laws, rules or regulations.



Chief Aubrey Sample sifts through paperwork at the Hertford Police Department.



Clerk of Court Gail Godwin swears in Officer Gregory Vick.

Town will condemn properties

Hertford residents are still concerned about unsafe buildings in the town, so they told the Town Council Monday night.

The Rev. Ray Wittman and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Farthing, who have come before the council before to discuss the issue, returned to request an update on the council's plan to rid the municipality of unsightly, structurally unsound buildings.

Wittman told the council that he found beer cans under the porch of the Buck house. It appeared, he said, that a person or persons have recently been under the house.

The town earlier this year boarded the doors and windows to keep people out of the structure.

Town attorney Walter Edwards said that an amended complaint was filed by the town in May to proceed with condemnation proceedings. In the meantime, the owners reached a property settlement in conjunction with their divorce proceedings, which gave ownership to the wife.

A person had negotiated an oral contract to buy the property from the wife which was supposed to be acted upon last week, but has not been.

The wife has now filed an appeal to the decision of the building inspector to condemn the property. The town cannot move to destroy the house until the appeals process is completed.

Wittman also expressed concern over an abandoned house at 322 Market Street commonly known as a "crack house." He said that people are afraid to drive in some neighborhoods at night.

The council set a special meeting for July 19 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the condemnation of several properties in the town. Building Inspector Aubrey Onley will be asked to submit his reports on the inspec-

tion of the properties to the council. A decision is expected at that time to go ahead with condemnation proceedings on some properties.

Waterfront revitalization
Land planner Howard Capps of Howard Capps and Associates presented the work he has done on the waterfront revitalization project. Capps suggested rezoning along the riverfront to allow water-related commercial businesses to locate there.

The long-range plans include the possibility of a visitor's center, waterfront shops, a restaurant, a marina, a bed and breakfast inn and other water-related businesses along the river.

The implementation of the project is expected to be a joint effort using public and private funds. There are no immediate plans to proceed, but rather the town felt that a long-range plan was needed.

Steve Gable of the CAMA office said the plan "fits right in with the atmosphere of Hertford...and can be a real boost to the local economy."

Causeway traffic
Councilman Billy Winslow suggested that the council ask the state to disallow tractor-trailers on the causeway. He said they pose a hazard to other motorists.

Police report
Patrolman Gregory Vick was introduced to the councilmen.

Chief Aubrey Sample told the council, "We are putting together an excellent police department in Hertford."

Sample told the council that Officer Steve Thomas was injured when he answered a breaking and entering call. A man trying to flee jumped on Thomas, breaking a bone in his shoulder.

Other business
Edward Griffin was appointed to the Board of Quality Committee.

WIC program provides food supplements

The Woman, Infant and Children (WIC) program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education to pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, as well as to infants and children, from birth to their fifth birthday.

The program is currently being conducted in Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden, Chowan and Currituck counties. It provides special vouchers, similar to food stamps, which can be redeemed for cheese, eggs, milk, juices, dry beans, and peanut butter at many local stores.

Special infant formulas can also be obtained from area drugstores, using the vouchers. A WIC poster identifies participating stores.

In order to be eligible for the program, an applicant must:

- Be a pregnant, breastfeeding or postpartum woman, infant or child under the age of five.
- Reside in the local health service delivery area.
- Meet the financial eligibility guidelines of the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Chowan-Camden (PPCC) Health Department.
- Be found to be a nutritional risk.

Persons who think they are eligible for the program should contact the health department of the county in which they reside. The telephone number in Perquimans County is 436-5498.

Office hours are 8 a.m. - noon and 1-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Standards for participation in the program are the same for everyone regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, political beliefs, sex or handicap.

Dismal Swamp booklet ready

The Dismal Swamp Canal Visitors' Center brochure committee now has a much-needed brochure on the history of the Canal, a first of its kind. The new brochure was under the leadership of Chairperson Loraine Simpson of Northeastern Historic Places.

The Committee depended on the business corporate sector for help. Typesetting courtesy of Precision Printing Company and complimentary printing by Carolina Telephone meant a great deal to the Center in being able to have this brochure available to travelers whether by land or water.

The brochure highlights the history of the Canal. The Canal has experienced numerous changes and periods of prosperity and neglect. Though once a vital commercial link from Virginia to North Carolina, the Canal is quiet now and plays host to picnickers and pleasure boaters.

Being a historic landmark serves to remind Canal visitors of its contributions to the economic and social development of northeastern North Carolina.

Its inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places and its designation as a National Civil Engineering Landmark are honors worthy of its colorful past.

With the location of the new Center on the Canal, stronger interest of the Canal with its sources of pride, mystery, unique wildlife and tales of every variety are now here for our travelers to experience as they share with us in northeastern North Carolina.

With the new Dismal Swamp Canal Visitors' Center, this is now the place for travelers to stop for information on attractions, accommodations, historic tours and information packets.

For further information please call or write: Visitors Center, Rt. 1, Box 149, South Mills, NC 27976, Phone (919) 771-8333.