

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Local Briefs

### NCDOT to hold public hearing here

Raleigh—The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting on Thursday, July 27 on a proposal to widen US-17 from the south end of the Hertford Bypass to the intersection of US-17 Business north of Hertford in Perquimans County.

The meeting will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Perquimans County Courthouse in Hertford.

Construction has been scheduled in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), NCDOT's planning document for highway projects, to widen the existing two-lane road to a four-lane divided highway in Fiscal Year 1991.

The public is invited to attend the informal meeting, ask questions, make comments or recommendations and submit material about the proposed project.

NCDOT officials are asking interested citizens to meet with them on a one-to-one basis. This will give the department a better opportunity to understand citizens' attitudes about the proposed project.

Other written material may be submitted to J. M. Greenhill, Manager of Planning and Research, N.C. Department of Transportation, P. O. Box 25201, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

### Peoples Bank kicks off campaign

Rocky Mount—Peoples Bank and Trust Company recently kicked off a public awareness campaign on the environmental crisis affecting our state's recreational fishing areas. As part of the campaign, Peoples has provided over 200 public service posters to marinas and tackle shops as well as fishing and wildlife magazines.

According to H. Kel Landis, Jr., Executive Vice President and Campaign Director, Peoples implemented this campaign in early June to encourage the public to preserve the magic and beauty of our state's rivers, lakes, sounds, and oceans which have been enjoyed by area fishermen for generations.

"We realize that the posters are a small contribution to this worthy cause. Yet, we feel compelled as concerned corporate citizens to do whatever we can to help preserve the beauty of our waters," commented Landis.

### NCNB has higher profits

Charlotte—NCNB Corp. reported net income of \$91.5 million for the second quarter of 1989, a 54-percent increase over net income of \$59.3 million in the second quarter of 1988. The current results also represented a 21-percent increase over net income of \$75.8 million in the first quarter of 1989.

Earnings per share rose 43 percent to \$1.00, compared to second-quarter 1988 earnings per share of 70 cents. These earnings were 22 percent higher than per-share earnings of 82 cents in the first quarter this year.

### Frierson will be new staff columnist

Marian Frierson has agreed to write a bi-monthly column for the Perquimans Weekly. Frierson's first submission appears this week on page four. It will be known as "Bits 'n Pieces."

A native of Perquimans County, Mrs. Frierson is a widow with five grown children and eight grandchildren.

Very active throughout the community, she is a member of Bay Branch Home Extension Club, Happy Days Senior Citizens Club, and Bay Branch Church where she serves as deaconess. She is very active with the youth and the church in her community. She has hosted a feeding site for the summer child nutrition program operated through the local school system for the past five years.

Mrs. Frierson once wrote a society column for the Norfolk-based newspaper "Journal and Guide."

The Perquimans Weekly welcomes the addition of Mrs. Frierson's column to the publication. Her feature will run every other week, with Charlie Skinner's "On the banks of the Perquimans" running on the other weeks.

## Hertford Police Department to be fully staffed

Yet another officer has defected from the Elizabeth City Police Department to the Hertford force.

Brad Krause will assume his duties as captain of the local squad in mid-August. Krause is a 16-year veteran of police work, and is eager to begin his tenure in Hertford.

He began his career as a cadet with the Elizabeth City Department, moving through the ranks to his present position as sergeant. His area of expertise is identification, and he has also attended drug investigation school.

In Elizabeth City, Krause served

as sergeant under Aubrey Sample, who is now chief of the Hertford Police.

"It's a good career move for me," Krause stated. "I like the town. I like the people. I believe my experience in the past will be of help."

Krause and his wife, Kim, and children Lana and Cal look forward to moving to Hertford. They are spending a lot of time over here on weekends looking around and getting to know the area. All of them feel are excited about coming to a smaller, friendlier town, and feel that the move will be a good

one for the family. Krause's hiring comes on the heels of months of turnover in the department.

The force was not fully staffed in March when former Chief Marshall Merritt resigned, leaving three vacancies.

In April, Anthony Jordan and Bobby Watson were sworn in as patrolmen. Jordan lasted only a short time. The department again had two vacancies.

May brought the resignation of Timothy Spence, a Hertford veteran who had been promoted to captain just prior to his resigna-

tion.

A new chief, Ernest Nixon, was sworn in on May 6. He would not serve out the month, resigning due to complications involving his property in northern Virginia.

The tide turned in July, when Aubrey Sample accepted the chief's position. A week later, Gregory Vick joined the force. Krause rounds out the staff, which will be back up to full capacity, six officers, when he assumes his post next month.

"I'm real enthused about what's happening in the police department," said Mayor and City Man-

ager W.D. (Bill) Cox. "We've got the makings of a first class small police department."

Sample will initiate a new scheduling procedure when Krause arrives that will eliminate the many overtime hours worked by the officers during the past several months. The chief also plans to put two officers on duty at night, when he feels the need is the greatest.

Officers serving in the town of Hertford now include patrolmen Robert Harvey, Steve Thomas, Bobby Watson and Gregory Vick and Chief Aubrey Sample.

Chief Sample stated last week that his first priority will be to go after the drug dealers. He will work closely with Perquimans Sheriff Joe Lothian. Together the departments hope to make a difference in Perquimans County's fight against drug trafficking.

## France joins Brian Center staff



Joe and Becky France pose with children, Erin, 4, and Joey, 3, in their new Sunset Drive home.

A new administrator is at the helm of Brian Center/Hertford. Joseph France, formerly a medical technician in Charleston, South Carolina, has changed career courses, and finds his new position, as well as his new town, very satisfying.

After 15 years of shift and holiday work in a hospital laboratory, Joe and his wife, Becky, also a medical technician, threw caution to the wind, leaving the security of Charleston.

Joe enrolled in a state-required course in Thomasville to train to become a long-term care administrator, and moved his wife and children, Erin, 4, and Joey, 3, to High Point. There was no guarantee of a job upon course completion.

The family was looking for a small, rural place to locate, and, as France said, "Hertford just seemed to fit in."

Becky is especially happy with her new home, and the friendliness of her new neighbors. "I just love my new house!" she says delightedly.

Erin and Joey are happy to have a nice yard to play in, quite a change from the apartment parking lot in High Point.

Joe is obviously very dedicated to providing quality care to his residents at Brian Center. And Becky is obviously certain that her husband will succeed, and vows that she will support him 100 percent.

Perhaps Becky summed up the family's feelings about coming to Hertford best, "I hope we can call this home for a long, long time."

## Spencer White resigns to assume Bertie post

Athletic Director and head football coach Spencer White resigned recently to accept a position at his alma mater, Bertie High School.

White came to Perquimans last year to replace Bill Flippen.

The move is one more step towards fulfilling White's career goal of being named athletic director and head football coach in a large school system.

Although White is excited about returning to Bertie, he said, "Anytime I leave a school I leave very sadly, because I love my athletes." He said it's hard to leave when you become so involved with your players.

White feels that his greatest accomplishment at Perquimans was the improvement in player attitudes. He said he has witnessed a lot of growing over the past year.

Last year, Perquimans posted a 7-5 varsity football record, ending the season with a two-way first place conference tie with Currituck.

Prior to joining the local coaching staff, White coached a formerly underdog Columbia High School into the state 1-A championship, quite an accomplishment for a team with a long-running losing

streak. His first position after graduating from Chowan College and Temple University was assistant football coach and head wrestling coach at Northern Nash High School. He kept that post for five years.

After that, he spent two years at Southern Nash as head football coach and wrestling coach.

White says he believes the football program at 3-A Bertie is strong. The ninth grade teams plays a 4-A schedule. Students in the tenth grade are assigned to the junior varsity team, which plays the regular 3-A conference circuit. Juniors and seniors comprise the varsity squad.

Bertie also boasts six junior high football teams, which play on an intra-system circuit. The philosophy in the junior high program is to instill a love of sports. The coaches try to get as many youth involved as possible, so that they will learn that the game can be fun.

White's wife, Gaynor, is assistant superintendent in the Camden School System. The couple lives in Elizabeth City.

Although commuting long distances does not provide a perfect

family life, White said he and his wife have accepted the fact that it will be difficult for both of them to be employed by the same school system, and are willing to make the necessary sacrifices to grow in their careers.

He said he appreciates the cooperation from Principal William Byrum and Superintendent Mary Jo Martin while at Perquimans. He also stated that he feels that Per-

quimans will have a good team if the players keep positive attitudes. "I think the potential is here," he stated.

Tomorrow is White's last day here. Football practice is scheduled to begin on July 31. At present, the athletic program must acquire an athletic director, head varsity football coach, junior varsity football coach and cheerleading sponsor.



Spencer White will leave his post tomorrow to accept a position in Bertie.

## Taxpayers get break

### Legislature enacts law giving taxpayers grace

Raleigh—Tax evaders, phone home—all is forgiven. Or it will be, if you pay your back taxes plus interest.

But, this is a one-time offer and good only for the three months between September first and December first of this year.

In an effort to collect millions in back taxes and encourage the payment of future taxes, the General Assembly has created a one-time amnesty period for individuals and businesses who failed to report or pay back North Carolina taxes.

Penalties and criminal prosecution are waived for taxpayers who participate by filing returns and paying taxes and the appropriate interest.

The amnesty applies to North Carolina inheritance, license, franchise, income, sales and use, gift, intangibles, motor fuels and inspection taxes.

Experts estimate North Carolina's tax amnesty program could collect at least \$25 million in past taxes. Thirty-one states have completed an amnesty program—some of them collecting more than eight times as much money as originally estimated. Another two states, including Virginia, have similar amnesty programs in the works.

To discourage future tax evasion, the Legislature substantially

increased tax avoidance penalties. The strictest penalties go to those who willfully evade paying tax: from a \$1,000 fine-six month imprisonment misdemeanor to a \$25,000 fine-five-year-imprisonment felony. The stiffer penalties go into effect the day after the amnesty period ends.

In addition, legislators appropriated \$10 million over the next two years for more auditors, tax collectors and other personnel in the Department of Revenue in an effort to increase enforcement and compliance with the existing state tax laws.

Beefed-up enforcement and compliance efforts could produce an additional \$69 million per year in permanent tax collections for the state.

North Carolina collects more than 95 percent of the taxes due to the state and local jurisdictions. The remaining five percent due but not paid means honest taxpayers must pay approximately \$350 million in higher taxes to carry those who do not pay their fair share.

The revenue produced by fair tax compliance will help ease the strained budget situation produced in part by slowed revenue growth and costly federal mandates. Legislative researchers consider the 1989-90 budget one of the tightest since the 1981-82 recession.

## Drowning victim saved by child

Ramona Murphy and Rene Toon are long-time friends. Neither would have ever guessed that Rene's son would rescue Ramona's daughter from drowning.

The Toons and the Murphys both reside at Hollowell's Mobile Home Park in Winfall.

Mrs. Toon, her two children and Anna were outside by the Toon's pool on a recent hot summer afternoon.

Anna announced her intention to go in the house, and proceeded to the door. Another neighbor, Sue Copeland, shouted to Mrs. Toon that Anna was running in the direction of the Murphy's home.

Mrs. Toon asked her six-year-old son William to run after two-year-old Anna and bring her back. William said he ran, falling by the side of the Murphy's mobile home. When he got up, he saw that Anna had gotten in to her family's pool, which was over her head. William said she was lying face down in the three-foot pool spashing wildly.

An outstanding swimmer, William climbed into the pool and lifted the choking Anna to safety.

Mrs. Murphy was returning to her home as the drama unfolded. She drove up to see Anna in the pool, with William running towards her. Before she could stop her car and get out, William had saved the drowning child.

The Murphys do not allow their children to play in the yard alone because of the pool.

Now, Anna won't even go in the pool with her parents. The accident obviously frightened her.

When you ask Anna what happened, the petite blonde says, "I was drowning and Buggy (William's nickname) saved me."

Experts estimate that over 300 children could drown in pools this summer, and say that children should never be allowed to swim alone.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said that the majority of the 630 pool drownings reported last year were toddlers and children under five. Another 4200 children are treated in hospital emergency rooms for submersion and near-drowning accidents in backyard pools.

Typically, the drowning victim is a boy who is one or two years old. One of every three children who drown was last seen in or around the pool prior to the accident. They all were in the pool prior to drownings.

CPSC said that drowning happens quickly and without warning; there is no cry for help in many cases.

If an adult must leave the pool area and another adult cannot supervise children, the children should be escorted into the house until the adults returns to the pool. Under no circumstances should a child be left in a pool area unattended.

Some pool safety measures are: Constantly keep your eyes on young children while they are in the pool;

Never leave young children alone in or around the pool; if you leave, even for a few seconds, take the children with you;

Avoid confusion by always assigning one adult to watch young children who are in and around the pool.

Know how to administer CPR to a drowning victim before rescue help arrives.

Another pool safeguard is teaching children to swim, which will help them to avoid panicking if they get into trouble while in a pool or other recreational waterway.

Even a very wise and careful pool owner who adheres to safety rules can have an accident. Preparation can help to save lives of drowning victims.

William Toon and Anna Murphy stand beside the pool from which William pulled Anna just in time.