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Local Briefs

Duncan joins Swindell staff

The management of Swindell Funeral Home in Hertford is proud to announce the employment of Stephen M. Duncan as a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer.

Duncan, a former resident of Mount Olive, has been associated with funeral work since 1954 and has been licensed since 1960. In addition to working with several North Carolina firms, he owned and operated his own firm from 1976 to 1982.

Among his duties will be assisting in and conducting funerals, embalming and waiting on people who wish to pre-arrange funerals.



Ruritans honor first members

The Parkville Ruritan Club met September 5th with Less Parker, Deputy Commissioner, N.C. Department of Insurance, Raleigh as their guest speaker. Parker spoke on the many services the department has to offer.

The club business was the election of officers for 1990. Those elected were president - Jarvis Winslow; vice-president - Floyd Long; secretary - Russ Hollowell; and treasurer - Paul Smith, Jr.

The highlight of the evening was the celebration of the club's 40th anniversary and the recognition of three charter members: Floyd Mathews, who was first president of the club, George Baker and Paul Smith, Sr. Their wives were present, as was the District Governor, Joe Sawyer. He and Eddie Barber, president, made the presentation of the certificates.

Group sponsor mountain trip

We will depart Hertford on October 24 at 6:30 a.m. and should arrive on the Skyline Drive Parkway around 11:30 a.m. with a fifteen minute to a half hour stop in between for refreshments and break.

We will begin our sightseeing on the beautiful Skyline Drive and arrive at Big Meadows Lodge around 12:30. We will stay at the lodge till 2:30 p.m. to allow for lunch at the lodge, (the food is great and very reasonable) and the visitors center, viewing the valley and other areas of interest.

We will begin our return trip home at 4:30 p.m. and arrive back in Hertford around 10:00 p.m. We will stop for dinner (1 hour) at Morrisop's Cafeteria in Fredericksburg, Va. (meals are not included).

Cost of the trip is \$30 per person. For more information or to register call the Recreation Department-Senior Center at 426-5404. Reservations must be made by September 26, 1989.

Winfall woman murdered Friday

A Winfall woman was murdered in her home Friday morning in what Sheriff Joe Lothian described as "a very violent crime."

Rosa Lee Overton Newton's bloodied body was found in the kitchen area of her home after 7:00 a.m. Friday. When Mrs. Newton did not answer her telephone, a neighbor went to the Newton home to investigate. Upon finding the front door broken, the neighbor had a friend go back to the house with her. The friend found Mrs. Newton, and the authorities were called immediately.

Investigating the murder are the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department and the State Bureau of Investigation.

Because the crime scene reports had not been received by the sheriff's department, limited information was available at press time.

At this point, authorities believe the attacker entered the dwelling through the front door. The top section of the door was broken out, including the lock.

"I believe there was a definite struggle," said Lothian, commenting on his observations at the scene of the crime.

Lothian said that information obtained from neighbors and friends indicated that Mrs. Newton had moved to Winfall approximately one year ago, and was renovating the home for her permanent residence. She had been travelling back and forth between Winfall and Philadelphia, where she had lived for many years.

The law enforcement agencies investigating the case say that no murder weapon has been determined, nor has a motive for the murder. "At this point, we're not speculating. We're waiting to get the results of all the evidence that was gathered at the scene," Lothian stated.

Lothian praised the quick response of SBI officials to the call for assistance. He said that the department sent its best crime scene technician to thoroughly sift through the evidence at the Newton home. He said that his department and the SBI investigators have and will continue to work overtime to find the murderer and obtain a conviction.

The investigators are asking anyone with any information regarding the murder to contact the sheriff's department. Lothian said that all calls



Joe Southern photo

Murder scene

This Winfall dwelling was the scene of a violent murder sometime prior to 7:00 a.m. Friday morning. Law enforcement officials have been working overtime to solve what Sheriff Joe Lothian called "a very violent crime."

received will be held in strict confidence. He added that even small, seemingly trivial pieces of information could hold the key to unlocking this case.

"This is the kind of thing that we do not want happening around here," Lothian said, emphasizing his department's determination to break the case.

Three locals are honored by Governor Martin



Dan Berry, Elva Harrington and Ann White stand with Governor Jim Martin after receiving their Governor's Awards for Outstanding Volunteer Service in Kinston last week. The group also received the North Carolina "State of the Hearts" pins.

Three Perquimans residents were honored by Governor Jim Martin along with 120 other outstanding volunteers representing 33 eastern North Carolina counties during a ceremony last Wednesday in Kinston. The ceremony was part of the statewide Governor's Volunteer Awards Program.

Recognized for their contribution to the community were Dan Berry and Elva B. Harrington in the community service category and The Open Door in the organizational category. Ann R. White, director of the Open Door, accepted the award on behalf of the agency.

The ceremony, which included a reception and awards presentation, was held at Lenoir Community College. The Governor presented each recipient with the Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service and the North Carolina "State of the Hearts" pin. "Proper recognition of North

Carolina's volunteers and the service they provide is important to the individual winners and to volunteerism as a whole," Governor Martin said. "Just as we are putting these individuals and organizations on a pedestal for their efforts, the act of volunteerism must also share the spotlight so it will continue to have a positive effect on the quality of life in North Carolina."

Counties are invited to choose as many as four award recipients who deserve recognition for service to their communities. In most cases, local committees of community and volunteer leaders were formed to seek nominations and select winners. The Governor's Office of Citizens Affairs coordinated the nomination process and accepted each county's selections.

Similar ceremonies were planned to recognize western and central North Carolina's outstanding volunteers.

Candidates talk about issues in Hertford

Candidates from Hertford Town Council were recently sent questionnaires on issues facing the citizens of Hertford and its governing body over the next few years. All of the candidates' answers except those of John London appear in this week's issue. Rev. London was out of town and has been ill since his return, and was unable to finish his responses in time. His answers will appear next week.

John Beers

Continuity and a good background in town affairs are two of John Beers' assets as a candidate for Hertford town council. Beers has served on the governing board for 26 years.

"I feel that as a member of council I will continue to give a sincere and honest effort to serve the people of Hertford," Beers stated.

Beers feels that the major problem facing the council at present is being able to provide the necessary services for Hertford's future growth. The council has dealt with this problem by upgrading the water and sewer systems and annexing to extend the city limits, which he feels will assure proper growth and development.

To the question of how to bring more jobs to Hertford, Beers said that the fore-mentioned upgrading and annexation was accomplished. He stated, "The town has and still is welcoming all new business inquiries, and helping them (new businesses) obtain grants if needed. The past few years have shown growth in this area of concern."

When asked about his views on the condemnation proceedings

presently in progress on some building in town, Beers commented, "...there is a great need for the condemnation proceedings on those structures that create a health and safety hazard and downgrade the neighborhoods." He also said that the town is working on its third HUD redevelopment grant to upgrade neighborhoods.

Junk cars are eyesores, say many Hertford residents. Beers said that the council passed a junk car ordinance and was informed shortly thereafter that the state had passed legislation addressing that issue. The council will now work under the conditions of the state law, in conjunction with the town ordinance, "so it will be more forceful."

The condition of the town's facilities at the former location of the ice plant and fire department has also been of concern to residents and the council recently. Beers feels that the cost of renovation should be weighed against the cost of demolition and construction to determine the better solution to the problem. Also to be considered should be the use of the building, such as equipment storage. The present structure cannot shelter large equipment due to deterioration and the ice plant design and equipment. "The condition of this structure was the reason for building a new fire station," Beers said.

There has been of late criticism of the mayor's and town manager's positions being held by the same person. Beers stated that Hertford is by its charter a mayor-council government. A resolution was passed by the state legislature which allowed the town to hire Mayor Bill Cox as city manager. "Town council has the authority to hire whomever they wish for this position," Beers stated. "In years

past, mayors have served as 'town manager,' police chief, fire chief, and head of all departments," he added.

In response to a question concerning the town going to a ward system for electing councilpersons, Beers said he feels that is unnecessary due to the size of Hertford and the non-partisan election. "All people who file for office stand an equal chance of being elected if the voters so wish," Beers said.

Should the town develop its waterfront? "Yes, we should," Beers commented. "We should try to maintain and preserve our natural resources. At the present time, we are having a waterfront study conducted, and it will be presented to council," he stated.

"In theory, it's good - in reality, as tried before, it didn't work because interest was not shown by the youth," Beers answered in response to a question regarding the town funding a youth center. He said the town, county, churches and schools should work together to help provide a healthy and responsible atmosphere for youth.

Beers does not feel that the police department and sheriff's department should be combined into one force. "I feel that we should maintain and provide our own police department for the protection and welfare of the citizens of the town of Hertford," Beers said. He added that the town has a well-staffed, qualified department with good leadership that works well with the sheriff's department.

The town offers wholesome services and that suggestions for expanded services and facilities are always encouraged was Beers' response to a questions concerning services and facilities offered by the town.

Large, heavy trucks should not be allowed on the causeway, Beers feels. He said the town requested that NCDOT decrease the load limit on the causeway and bridge and that they agreed, but that DOT has not enforced the limit. "I will continue to work to see that it's (the load limit) enforced," Beers said.

Beers foresees growth in Hertford's future. "...we will grow and provide the opportunity for a stable community, but we all have to recognize that in order for Hertford to stay alive, we must support our businesses and our community."

He thinks the best local resources are the people working together in harmony.

Although he is not a native, Beers married a Hertford native and moved here 37 years ago. This is home now.

He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, American Legion, V.F.W., D.A.V., charter member and treasurer of Perquimans Co. Volunteer Rescue Squad and a retired volunteer fireman. He is a member of Hertford United Methodist Church where he sings in the choir. He serves on the Hertford Town Council and is the Perquimans County Veterans Service Officer.

Vance Hoover

Vance Hoover thinks that young people should be involved in Hertford's government, so he's acting on his beliefs by running for town council. He feels that he could fulfill the needs and wants of the people of Hertford in that position.

When asked what he feels is the biggest problem facing Hertford, Hoover answered, "The town has to be cleaned up all the way around, from the houses and buildings to

Hertford man falls to his death recently

By: Joe Southern

Daily Advance staff writer
A 20-year old Hertford man fell to his death from the roof of the hangar at Airship Industries sometime late Friday night or early Saturday morning.

Pasquotank County Sheriff Davis Sawyer said Robbie Glen Priddy of 383 Pender Road, Hertford, died as the result of a fall off the roof of the hangar at the Elizabeth City blimp factory.

Sawyer said Deputy Sam Keith responded to the call at approximately 5 a.m. Saturday and found Priddy's body on the ground outside the hangar. Two other men were with Priddy at the time, Keith reported. Sawyer said Glen Corrae of 402 N. Road St., Elizabeth City, and Kevin Staples of South Mills were with Priddy when the three men went to the hangar.

"For some unknown reason Staples and Priddy forced entry and went up the long steps to the roof," Sawyer said.

It is still uncertain what happened next, but Sawyer said it is believed Priddy lost balance and fell off the roof.

"Nobody can give any reason for the forced entry," Sawyer said, adding that the case is still under investigation. "There appears to be alcohol involved," he said.

Priddy was declared dead on arrival at Albemarle Hospital Saturday morning. His body was taken to the medical examiner at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville for an autopsy.

County EMS to observe state's EMS week

Governor Jim Martin has designated the week of September 17-23 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week in North Carolina. The observance was established by the National American College of Emergency Physicians.

The Perquimans County EMS will observe the week with open house at the Rescue Squad building from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. September 18-22. At that time, the public is invited to visit the facility to look over the equipment used by the EMS and Perquimans County Volunteer Rescue Squad, as well as get a complimentary blood pressure check.

Milton Dail is the director of the county's EMS program. He and Darleane Perkins are the two full-time employees. Part-time employees are Tim Corpew, Melody Overton, Jerry Fitzgerald, Ann Schallack, Mary White, John Simpson, Leona Parks, Laverne Woodward, Mary Beth Layton and Ida Harris.

In addition to handling emergency needs in the county from 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, the EMS does all of the billing for their squad and for the volunteer organization, transports patients to or home from the hospital, keeps up the equipment and buildings and purchases supplies.

State law mandates that the county provide emergency services, and Perquimans has crews on duty 24-hours a day, 365 days per year. The volunteer squad pulls duty from 6:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m. Monday-Friday, and on weekends and holidays. Todd Tilley is the captain of the volunteer squad.

In order to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and be certified to administer emergency first aid, people must take a tough 120-hour course, which includes working 10 hours in a hospital emergency room. Then they must take a written exam and a practical exam. If they pass both tests, applicants become EMTs. If they pass certain portions of the test, they can become Ambulance Attendants (AAs). The state requires that at least one AA and one EMT respond to all calls.

EMTs and AAs must pass recertification tests every two years. All trainees ride as third persons during their training period.

Dail and Perkins feel that the EMT training is a great course for anyone to take, saying that you never know when you will be in a situation where you could save someone's life by administering immediate first aid or life-saving measures such as CPR or the Heimlich maneuver for choking victims.

The squads are backed up by all fire departments. The units share training opportunities to help increase the knowledge of all emergency responders.