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Schools set two ECIA meetings

The Educational Consolidation Improvement Act Chapter I District Advisory Council Meetings for the 1989-90 school year will be held November 8, 1989 at 1:30 p.m., and on May 10, 1990 at 1:30 p.m. Both meetings will take place at the Perquimans County Board of Education Building.

DOT unit cited for efficiency

Raleigh—The penny-pinching efforts of some 12,000 N.C. Department of Transportation employees have saved taxpayers \$36 million in cost avoidances this year.

Secretary Jim Harrington commended the DOT employees for their dollar-stretching efforts during the department's annual Cost Management Conference in Raleigh last month.

The conference emphasized spending highway dollars effectively and efficiently.

The Cost Management program began in 1981 as an effort by NCDOT to document improved public service to the General Assembly. NCDOT has saved more than \$194 million since the program began.

Awards were presented by Secretary Harrington and Deputy Secretaries Tommy Harrelson and Tommy Rhodes in 10 categories.

A most outstanding trophy, a perpetual award that is displayed by the winner for one year, was presented to Division 1, which includes Perquimans County. It was received because Division 1 best exemplified the overall operations of the cost management philosophy. Not only did the division save money, it also implemented long and short range programs which are designed to improve performance and efficiency.

Education office staffs honored

The Week of October 8 - 14 has been proclaimed National Educational Career Awareness Week by Martha L. Leach, President, National Association of Education Office Personnel (NAEOP).

NAEOP is a professional organization of over 5,900 educational office employees who are deeply committed to their position, their profession, and the people they serve. Educational office personnel serve in one of the most crucial and demanding roles in education and are dedicated to providing quality education for all students.

During this special week, educational office personnel will be visiting school classrooms all over the nation promoting the importance of educational office positions and encouraging students to consider educational office positions when choosing their careers.

NAEOP urges all citizens to join with them in giving recognition to all educational office personnel and encouragement to others to join in this profession.

Local units receive state tax

Distribution checks were mailed to 461 municipalities and all 100 counties in the State by the N. C. Department of Revenue on August 29. These checks covered both net collections of the intangibles tax for fiscal year 1988-89 and special allocations by the State.

Perquimans County received \$66,224, while the towns of Hertford and Winfall received \$5,717 and \$791, respectively.



Photos courtesy of R.L. Icard

A helping hand

Randy Green, Earl Bateman and Gary Sawyer use chain saws to remove this tree felled by hurricane Hugo's mighty winds. The three men were part of a local relief crew who went to help storm victims. At right, a grateful man from Sumpter, South Carolina, thanks Rev. R.L. Icard for the group's help.



Locals travel south to assist hurricane victims

Hurricane Hugo, the killer storm that blasted many North and South Carolina communities, left devastation in its wake. But it brought to those towns an outpouring of assistance from many people, glad to lend a hand and thankful that the storm did not move to their areas.

Perquimans County residents watched their television screens in horror as news and weather anchorpersons showed scenes of the storm's aftermath.

Wilbert Kemp was not satisfied with just feeling sorry for the people whose lives had been touched by the storm. He wanted to take action.

Kemp planted the seed which grew into a tremendous local effort to send work crews, ice, food, clothing and other much-needed items to South Carolinians hit by Hugo.

He spoke to his pastor at Evangelical Methodist Church, R.L. Icard, on Sunday, September 24 and enlisted his support in the local relief effort. On Monday, Kemp and Icard signed Tildon and Norma Dean Whitehurst up to help.

The Whitehursts were unable to travel to South Carolina, but sent their motor home to serve as a base for those who could. Kemp had a tractor-trailer and heavy equipment, Ronald Davis drove his camper van and the church van was also loaded.

Miles Jennings sent two generators to be sold to victims at wholesale, Albemarle Builders sent plywood and a third generator to be sold at wholesale, Allstate sent roofing supplies, Farm Fresh added 210 gallons of distilled water and bread to the donations, Ben Chambers packed up 500 pounds of ice, Monte Erp gave dozens of two-liter soft drinks.

Icard called the Hurricane Hotline and found that Sumpter, South Carolina had sustained much damage, but had not received much in the way of relief. That would become the destination of a caravan of four vehicles loaded with eight men and supplies.

Along with Kemp and Icard went Jack Garrity, Randy Green, Gary Sawyer and Earl Bateman of Perquimans County, and Ronald Davis and Jerrell Saunders of Pasquotank County.

The crew's main mission was removing trees from

houses. "We put a damper in some people's plans," said Icard of the people who were charging exorbitant fees to clear fallen trees. The local group removed trees from approximately 50 houses at no charge.

Icard told of arriving at a widow's home just in the nick of time. A man was there who planned to charge the woman \$600 to remove a tree that had fallen on her roof. Icard's entourage offered to do the work for free. They were finished in only minutes.

Calls back to Tildon and Norma Dean Whitehurst told of the great need in South Carolina. The Whitehursts decided that more had to be done, and contacted Tanglewood Farms and Ferebee and Sons to secure a tractor and trailer to make a second trip. Wright Ice Company donated 44,000 pounds of ice. Other supplies were loaded with the ice. Tildon Whitehurst, Jr., Donald Morse and Eddie Price motored to Sumpter with that load.

Aware that all the victims' needs had not been met, the Whitehursts again sought to help. Radio stations were called and asked to announce that their home would be a collection station for supplies for the hurricane victims.

Ben Chambers and Wright Ice Company donated another 44,000 pounds of ice to send. Sue Green Overton was especially concerned about the infants without food and diapers. She called over 40 people who donated money to purchase baby supplies.

New Hope United Methodist Church collected a love offering to send. Patti Whitehurst contacted Hertford United Methodist Church and enlisted their support. Telephone calls and radio stations let people know about the effort. People from all over Perquimans and Pasquotank counties donated food, clothing and other items.

Tildon Whitehurst, Jr., Donald Morse and Tildon's son Patrick made the third trek to South Carolina.

The tremendous response to the project was overwhelming.

Icard said that any funds received will be forwarded through the proper channels for distribution in South Carolina.

The one seed planted by Wilbert Kemp grew into a garden of concern for those in need.

Hertford man fatally wounded in shooting

One Hertford man is dead and another incarcerated at Albemarle District Jail as the result of a Thursday morning shooting.

Hertford Police Captain N. B. Krause responded to a 1:54 a.m. call on September 28 at the intersection of Market and Edenton Road Streets. Upon his arrival, Krause found a man identified as Shelton Clifton Zachary, Jr. lying in the intersection apparently suffering from a gunshot wound in the abdomen.

Zachary was transported by the Perquimans County Rescue Squad to Chowan Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 3:40 a.m. by Dr. Robert E. Lane.

As the result of an investigation

by the Hertford Police Department and Perquimans County Sheriff's Department, officers went to the home of Jeffery Felton at 323 Market Street. Felton arrived after the officers and presented himself to the authorities for questioning.

Felton told officers that he and Zachary had argued on occasions on September 27, several hours before Felton allegedly shot Zachary with a shotgun.

Felton was subsequently arrested and charged with first degree murder. He was taken before Magistrate Broughton T. Dail, Sr. and was ordered to be placed in Albemarle District Jail where he is being held without bond.

Governor sets reward for information in Newton case

Governor Jim Martin has made available a \$5,000 award for anyone who provides new information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of Winfall resident Rosa Lee Overton Newton.

Sheriff Joe Lothian received the proclamation from the Governor Monday. Martin stated that the person or persons "who committed this infamous crime must be brought to justice."

Lothian contacted the Governor's office earlier to request financial

assistance in solving the heinous crime. Newton was found dead in the kitchen of her home on September 8 by neighbors. An autopsy report received this week by the sheriff's department revealed that Newton was stabbed approximately 25 times.

Investigation into the murder is continuing. No arrests have been made in the case. Lothian said that calls received by his office can be kept confidential. Anyone with any information that might lead to a solution to the crime is urged to call the sheriff's department immediately.

Deadline for registration to vote is Monday

Perquimans County residents must register to vote by Monday, October 9 at 5 p.m. in order to participate in the November 7 elections.

Hertford residents will choose two councilmen. The seats presently held by John Beers and Eric Haste are being sought by six candidates: Beers, Haste, Jordan Bonner, Bill Glover, Vance Hoover and John London.

In Winfall, two councilpersons and a mayor will be elected. Incumbents Shirley Yates, William Ray Miller and Bill Bartlett are running unopposed.

All Perquimans voters will be

asked to decide whether they want the county to institute up to a one percent tax on all real estate transfers. The county commissioners and board of education have joined forces to support the tax which would be used for capital needs in the school system.

Absentee ballot applications will be available until October 31.

Any resident who cannot register during office hours at the board of elections office in the county office building on Edenton Road Street (Extension office) can make special arrangements to register at the homes of registrars, judges, registration commissioners, the supervisor of elections or any member of the board of elections.

Cox to participate in municipal convention

Raleigh—Hertford Mayor William D. Cox will participate in the program of the upcoming 1989 Annual Convention of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, to be held October 15-17 in Winston-Salem. About 2,000 municipal officials and guests from across North Carolina are expected to attend the convention.

Cox is completing his second term on the NCLM Board of Directors and will be recognized for his service during the convention.

This year's convention will focus on the theme, "Back to the Future." More than 20 workshops and general sessions will examine the issues that have affected cities and towns in recent years and those likely to be critical in the 1990's. Workshop topics include the following: how to measure the effectiveness of your community; solid waste management; employee compensation trends; how the state's annexation law has aided municipalities; environmental challenges; how the census may affect municipal election districts; and the municipal role in the war on drugs.

Terry Goddard, mayor of Phoenix, Arizona and president of the National League of Cities, will address the convention on the state

relations between the federal government and municipalities. Donald W. Bryan, mayor of Nags Head and president of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, will report to delegates on the state of North Carolina's cities and towns. He will discuss the financial picture for North Carolina municipalities and how cities and towns are coping with increased responsibilities.

The League's Committee on the Future of Cities and Towns will hold a public hearing during the convention to hear what issues municipal officials believe will be critical in the next few years. This committee will be identifying new challenges and trends for cities and towns and recommending strategies municipalities can use to meet these challenges.

During the business meeting of the convention on Monday, October 16, member municipalities will adopt legislative goals and municipal policies for 1990 and elect officers and directors for 1989-90. The League is a voluntary, non-partisan federation of 486 cities, towns and villages. The League advocated municipal interests before the General Assembly, works with the National League of Cities to address municipal concerns at the federal level and provides a range of services to member municipalities.

Man injured in Friday accident

By: Joe Southern
Daily Advance reporter

One man was injured when the truck and trailer he was driving overturned in a ditch on U.S. Highway 17 about three miles south of Hertford Friday morning.

James Albert Beverly of Rt. 1, Box 57, Winton, was taken to Chowan Hospital with minor injuries. He was held over night for observation, and was released on Saturday.

Beverly was driving a truck and trailer belonging to Perdue Farms Inc. in Lewiston. He was hauling 76,000 pounds of chicken feed. An estimated \$20,000 in damage was done to the 1985 Mack truck and trailer.

State Trooper Clyde Adams said Beverly came up on a stopped school bus with several cars behind it when the brakes.

No citations were issued though the incident is under investigation.



photo by Alice Owens

This tractor trailer overturned Friday on U.S. 17 south of Hertford after its breaks failed. The driver, James Beverly of Winton, sustained minor injuries.

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