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Perquimans sees first White Christmas in 54 years

Briefs

Hertford DMV office to close for holiday

The Hertford Department of Motor Vehicles will be closed for New Years on Dec. 30 and Jan. 1.

Sports contest was successful

The football contest sponsored by the Perquimans Weekly and local advertisers was quite successful. Competition was tough on many weeks, coming down to a tie-breaker to determine the winner.

A total of \$340 in prize money was distributed to 16 people during the 16-week contest. During the first six weeks, a \$15 first prize was awarded. Because of the popularity of the contest, a second place prize of \$10 was added the last 10 weeks.

The Bud Cayton family compiled an impressive number of wins. Elizabeth captured first place twice and second once. Her husband, Bud, won two first place prizes. Brian projected correctly for a top distinction. Brian III guessed the winning teams for a first and two second place wins.

Eddie Jennings was hot in the beginning, capturing first place the first two weeks and adding another on week 6. J. W. Dillon was also a top competitor, with two first place weeks. Vivian Davis hit second place twice.

Pat Roundtree won a first and second place prize - both the same week. Susan Chaney also prevailed against the odds to win a first and second place prize.

Other first place winners were Bill Williams, Carolyn Hollomon and Brian Baker. Second place monies also went to Bill Cox, Danny Eure, Carolyn Trueblood and Cindy Eure.

With the overwhelming response to the contest, there are plans underway to sponsor the feature again next year.

Federal tax packets mailed

Over 2.7 million packets of federal income tax forms are in the mail to North Carolina taxpayers.

"The federal tax forms being mailed contain few changes and for the most part remain the same as last year," said John E. Burke, district director of the Internal Revenue Service.

"Taxpayers will notice a separate line on Forms 1040 and 1040A for each taxpayer's name to be entered in a joint return filing situation," said Burke.

The Internal Revenue Service encourages taxpayers to file their tax returns as early as possible. "Early filing will generally result in the early receipt of any refund that is due," said Burke.

Taxpayers in North Carolina have the option of filing their tax returns electronically. Returns filed in this manner are more accurate and the refund can be deposited directly to the taxpayer's checking or savings account. Refunds which are directly deposited are received in 10 to 14 days.

North Carolina taxpayers can receive tax information by calling toll-free 1-800-424-1040 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Forms and publications can be ordered by calling toll-free 1-800-424-3676 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

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Frigid temperatures, biting winds and snow visited Perquimans County over the holiday week-end, freezing water pipes and making driving hazardous. This view of the Albemarle Sound shows low water levels, and ice and snow reaching out into the Sound.

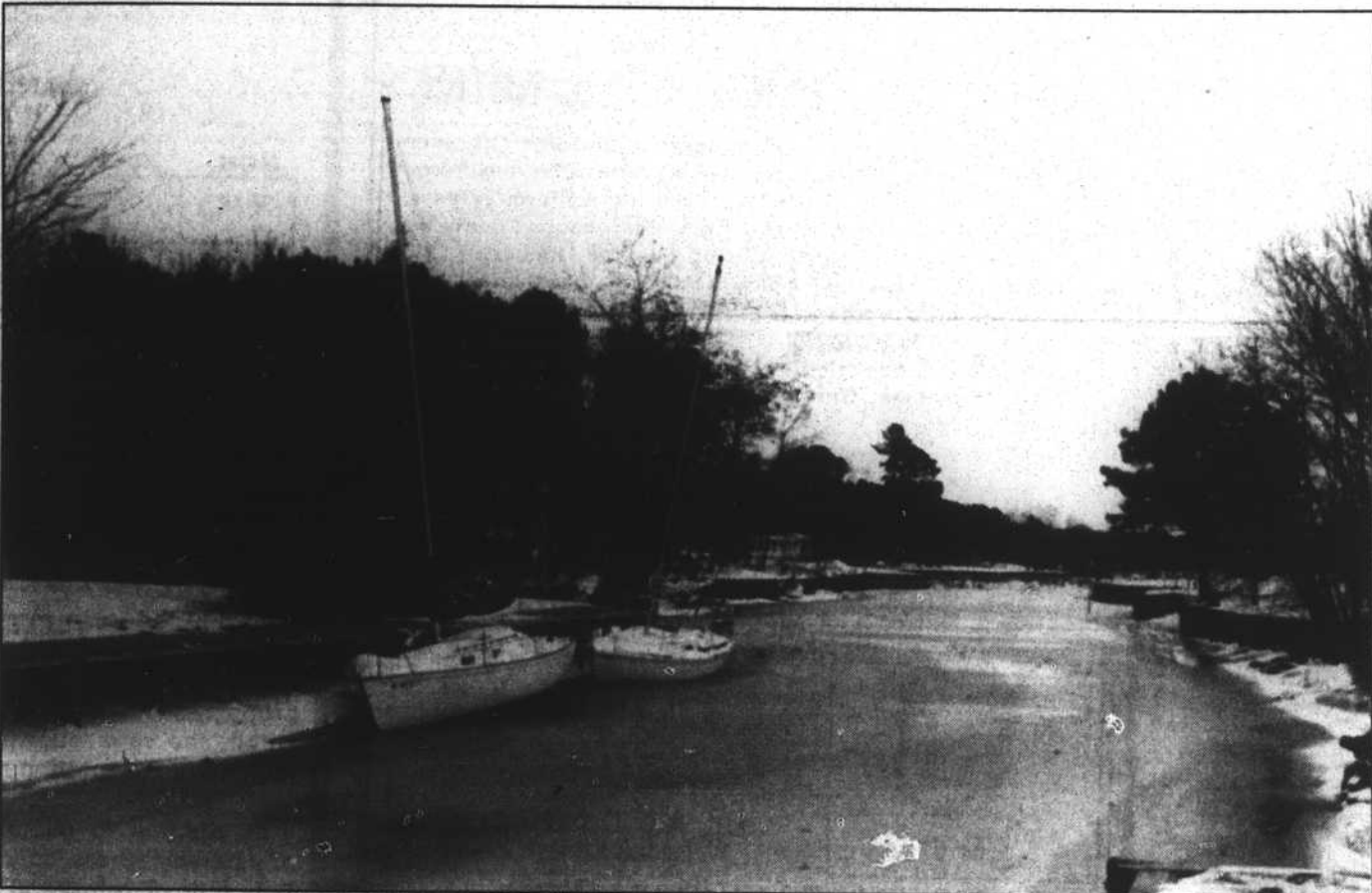


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Smooth sailing?

These boats docked in a canal at Holiday Island couldn't have borne any passengers over the week-end. They were iced in. Perhaps rising temperatures at the end of the week will make them fit to sail the sound once more.

Albemarle Commissions announces Region R Senior Games have been sanctioned by state

The Albemarle Commission is pleased to announce that Region R Senior Games have again been sanctioned by North Carolina Senior Games, Inc., for 1990. This year's Games will be held at Elizabeth City State University April 19 and 20.

Senior Games is a competitive, athletic event for individuals 55 or older. A wide variety of events are offered from rigorous race-

walking and cycling, to less strenuous croquet, shuffleboard and spin-casting. Most of all, Senior Games is fun!

For seniors who don't care to compete, but like the opportunity to socialize with peers and get outdoors, there is the Fun Walk. Offered for the first time last year. This popular, non-competitive event, features walking a race-track to music. Participants receive a

ribbon and can go on and walk at the State Games in Raleigh held each fall. Gold, silver, and bronze medal winners in each age category for each event are also eligible to compete in Raleigh at the State Games.

The first planning meeting for Senior Games was held at the Albemarle Commission on Monday, Dec. 18. Individuals interested in helping to plan this year's Games or requiring further information, should contact Leanne Schultz at 426-5753.

FmHA loans to area farmers

Loans and grants approved by the Farmers Home Administration Office serving Perquimans County totaled \$1,446,330 during 1989, according to Melvin E. Howell, FmHA County Supervisor.

Farmer Program loans led the investments, totaling \$1,394,500. Twenty-seven county farmers borrowed for farm operating expenses, purchase of livestock, farm equipment and farm land. Six guaranteed loans were made under the guaranteed operating loan program and one line of credit guarantee was continued.

Under the Rural Housing Loan Program, four loans were made for new construction and repair of dwellings. Six houses were repaired with housing grants.

Although loan activity during the past year was lower as compared to prior years, the borrowers served by the Hertford office are to be commended for their efforts in repaying their loans in a timely manner.

There are 226 Rural Housing Borrowers served by the Hertford office. Only 2.7 percent of these were 30 days or more behind on payment while 4.7 percent of the nation's borrowers were 30 days behind.



Snow-covered vehicles dotted the landscape Sunday morning when county residents awoke to find a blanket of the white stuff awaiting Santa's Christmas Eve arrival.

Old Man Winter visited Perquimans County along with Father Christmas this year, bringing frigid temperatures and the first white Christmas since 1935.

Temperatures began to fall Thursday afternoon, dipping down into the teens and below over the next few days. The wind-chill factor plunged to between 10 and 20 degrees below zero.

Friday was bitterly cold, with the sun peaking through the clouds intermittently.

On Saturday morning, snow flurries were seen in most parts of the county, but stopped before any snow accumulated. The snow began to fall again Saturday afternoon, dumping four inches before stopping in the early morning hours Christmas Eve.

Roads quickly became covered with snow and ice, forcing traffic to slow to a snail's pace by Saturday night. Traveler's advisories were in effect, along with gale warnings on coastal waters. State highway employees began scraping roads and coating them with sand and salt.

Sunday brought no relief from the sub-freezing temperatures. State highway crews were still working to clear roadways for holiday travelers.

Christmas Day brought a warming trend, with the mercury rising to 33 degrees. A little of the ice and snow melted, but not enough to get the ice and snow off of the roads.

Water pipes froze throughout the county, leaving some with no water over the holiday week-end. Furnaces ran constantly, trying to keep pace with the bitterly cold winds and temperatures.

The Perquimans River and Albemarle Sound froze in some places, and the strong winds carried the waters out. Snow covered much of the waters surrounding the shoreline.

The town of Hertford had to replace a transformer that provided power to the town's fire department, but no other outages were reported. Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation was closed at press time, and no information on outages was available.

Temperatures were expected to be in the 30s on Tuesday, but forecasters predicted that they would drop back into the 20s Tuesday night. Some radio and television stations said Wednesday would bring 40-plus degree temperatures, others said a high of 35 degrees could be expected.

A warming trend is expected by the end of the week.

Martin appointed to study panel

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bob Etheridge has appointed members to seven study panels considering ways of improving secondary education in North Carolina. The study panels will report to the Task Force on Excellence in Secondary Education, and final recommendations will be made by the Task Force in the spring of 1990.

Dr. Mary Jo Martin of Hertford has been appointed to the Finance Study Panel. She is the Superintendent of the Perquimans County school system.

The study panels will meet throughout this winter to develop recommendations. The seven panels include panels for administrators, principals, teachers, higher education, parents, Department of Public Instruction staff and students.

"I cannot overstate how important the work of these study panels will be in our efforts to improve North Carolina's secondary schools," Etheridge said. "I am confident that by calling on the expertise of such diverse groups we will create a plan to dramatically improve the state's schools."

Etheridge also has appointed several additional members to the Task Force on Excellence in Secondary Education, which he organized in September to find ways to boost North Carolina's Scholastic Aptitude Test scores and improve secondary education in general. New Task Force members are W. D. (David) Stedman, Stedman Foundation, Asheboro; William D. Snider, former editor, Greensboro News and Record, Greensboro; Andrew L. Wood, attorney, Chapel Hill; Lloyd Bond, professor, University of North Carolina, Greensboro; Meredith Holmes, businesswoman, Durham; and Christine Marischak, businesswoman, Roseboro.

L. Richardson Preyer of Greensboro, a former U. S. Representative and federal judge, is chairman of the Task Force.

Edenton Job Service places workers

During the month of November the Edenton Job Service office received thirty-nine openings from area employers. Thirty-eight of these openings were filled by Employment Security Commission Staff. Since July 1, 1989, the Edenton Employment Security Commission has filled 664 job openings.

Statewide totals show that employers listed 20,780 job openings with the agency during November and the ESC staff filled 14,727 of these openings.

Placement services are provided free of charge to employers and to applicants seeking work. Employers with openings are encouraged to contact the Edenton Job Service office at 709 North Broad Street (919-423-2195). Applicants seeking work are encouraged to come in to apply for work. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.