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## Briefs

### Teen Challenge program to come to Hertford Saturday

The Hertford Pentecostal Holiness will bring a week-end of enlightenment to Perquimans County on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. when they host participants in an exciting program dubbed "Teen Challenge."

Teen Challenge is an innovative drug rehabilitation program begun by David Wilkerson. Only those who want to be drug-free are allowed to enter the centers. The addicts must come off the drugs "cold turkey." They are not given prescription drugs to help them get off of the controlled substances.

The stay at the drug centers lasts for about a year. It is an extensive, comprehensive program. When the now-former addicts are ready, they are sent to a training center in Pennsylvania, where they learn skills to help them to get and keep stable employment.

According to a U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare study, the program has an 86 percent success rate.

The centers are funded through the Assemblies of God churches. There are centers for men and for women. Three centers are in North Carolina.

Director of the Myrtle Beach, S. C. program, Charlie McPherson and three men who have gone through the program will visit Hertford for the two nights of special services. The men will give their testimonies, telling how their involvement with the program changed their lives.

Pastor at the Hertford Pentecostal Holiness, Gene Boyce, has called other ministers and youth leaders in the county to invite their congregations to share in this informative, inspiring week-end.

"It's a real problem here," Boyce said of the county's drug problem, adding that he hopes these services will be beneficial.

### Schools to dismiss early

The Perquimans County Board of Education has approved the early dismissal for students on Thursday, Jan. 25 and Tuesday, Feb. 13 for staff development activities. Staff development activities will be conducted in each school on Thursday, Jan. 25, to discuss waivers, school improvements plans, and accountability in compliance with Senate Bill 2 requirements. On Feb. 13 there will be a systemwide meeting to be held at Perquimans High School with presenter Dr. Robert Fortenberry, Superintendent of the Jackson, Mississippi School District.

Students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. at Perquimans Central Grammar School, Hertford Grammar School and Perquimans High School on both dates. The Perquimans Middle School students will be dismissed at 1 p.m.

### Peoples Bancorporation announces 1989 earnings

Peoples Bancorporation recently reported net income of \$12.402 million in 1989, a 20.4 percent increase over 1988. Fully diluted earnings per share for 1989 were \$1.70, compared to \$1.44 in 1988. Return on average shareholders' equity was 15.69 percent. Earnings for the fourth quarter of 1989 were \$3.226 million or \$4.44 per fully diluted share.

Robert R. Mauldin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer commented, "I am particularly pleased with our record earnings for the year. These earnings are not only the result of our continuing emphasis on improving operating efficiency in every area, but also reflect the fact that non-interest income has become and will continue to be a major source of earnings for our company. Our return on average equity during 1989 was 15.69 percent up from 14.65 percent just one year ago. In addition, our return on average assets was .98 percent compared to .88 percent during 1988."

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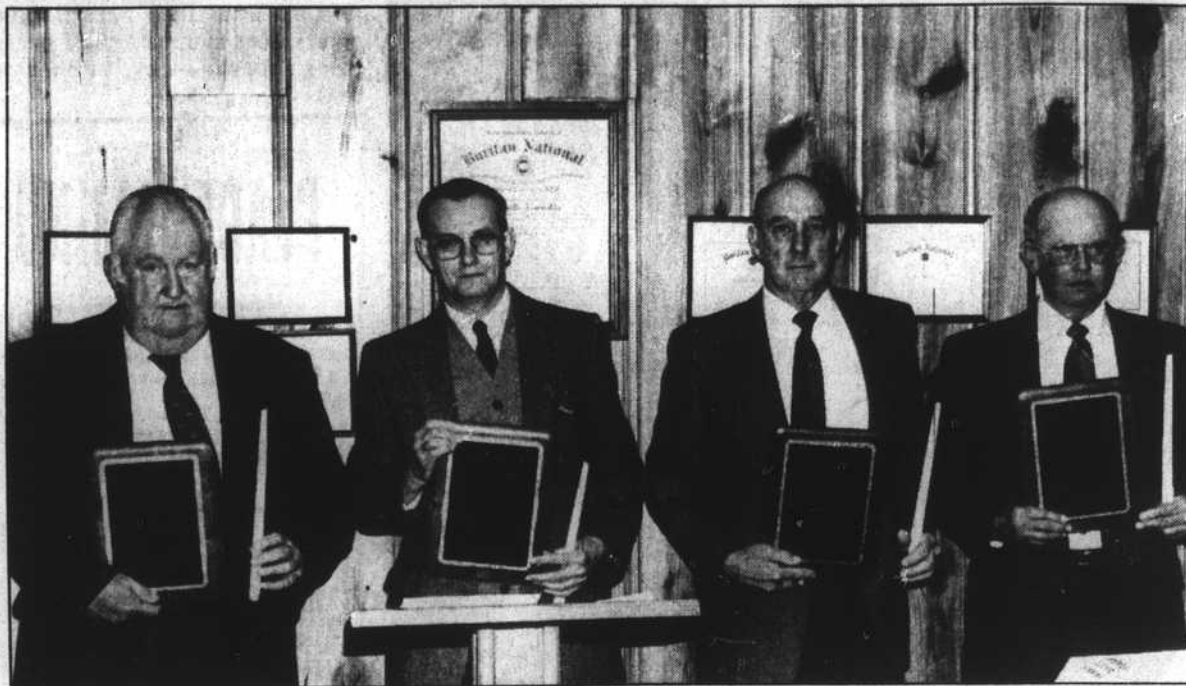
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## Winfall Fire Department retires four founding members at banquet

The members of the Winfall Fire Dept. held their annual Ladies' Night and Fireman Awards Nigh banquet on Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Winfall Community Building.

Floyd Long was named Fireman of the Year by his fellow department members. Long is a charter member of the squad.

Receiving the honor of Outstanding Young Fireman was Dennis Williams, who serves as the pumper engineer.

In a moving candlelight ceremony, the department bid farewell to four retirees, the first founding members to retire from service to the the squad. Joseph Barber, C. D. Barclift, Floyd Long and Paul Smith, Sr. stepped down, each having served for over 22 years.

Chief Wayne Winslow said in honoring the four, "We are losing nearly a century in firefighting experience. They will be missed."

Mayor C. W. "Bill" Bartlett was recognized for his support of the department.

Magistrate John H. "Jack" Symons installed the 1990 officers. They are chief - Wayne Winslow, assistant chief - Richard Copeland, captains - Paul Smith, Jr. and Al Whitehurst, lieutenants - John Long and Kelvin Roberson, treasurer - Gerald Christian, corresponding secretary - Jarvis Winslow and recording secretary and chaplain - Dennis Williams.

Representatives of the Winfall Town Council and Perquimans County government attended the banquet.

## Council views waterfront development plan

By LEO HIGGINS  
Daily Advance correspondent

About 15 Hertford area residents met Tuesday, Jan. 9 with the Hertford Town Council to review and comment on a Hertford Waterfront and Access Plan. The plan was drawn up and presented, at the request of council, by Howard T. Cappa Associates, landscaping architect from Wilmington.

As proposed, the area between Grubb Street and Perquimans River, from Town Hall to Missing Mill Park would be re-zoned waterfront commercial. Future use would then be restricted to water-based businesses and facilities. Major businesses would be a restaurant, an inn, and marina.

Also recommended was construction of a bulkhead and riverwalk from the boat ramp at Punch Alley, to Missing Mill Park.

Architect Capps emphasized the Waterfront Plan was designed to complement the previously approved Hertford Horizons Plan which addresses the restoration of the downtown business area.

When questioned about funding for the plan, Mayor Bill Cox stressed "private development with a commitment from the community was required. Not scarce Hertford money," Cox also stated, "Nobody would be forced to sell their property. It is a long-range project and when sites become naturally available in the future, they will be put to new uses," he said.

Councilman T. Erie Haste said, "With a plan in place, the city would be ready for action should state or federal money become available."

One citizen voiced concern about damage to the river. She was assured nothing would be allowed which would degrade water quality.

Another speaker questioned the wisdom of bringing in additional people and vehicles to compound the already crowded parking around the public boat ramp at Punch Alley.

At the meetings' conclusion most present said they would support the plan as presented. Hertford resident Roy Reed praised the council for their vision in developing a waterfront plan, but suggested they might also consider the property for residential use. Reed said, "The charm of Hertford is in our older homes and maybe consideration should be given to use this valuable waterfront resource for residence."

Hertford council did not vote on the project at this meeting, but indicated it would be on their agenda for future action.

## Cole garners support for district court judge

A Perquimans resident formally announced that she has filed as a Democrat to succeed the Honorable John T. Chaffin as a judge of the District Court of the First Judicial District.

Janice McKenzie Cole told a gathering of friends at the Perquimans Senior Center last Tuesday that she will seek one of the three judgeships available.

"There are some who say that this is not likely, that the obstacles that I will have to overcome are insurmountable," Mrs. Cole told the group of approximately 75. "And I say to them that 'Obstacles' is my middle name."

Mrs. Cole stated that overcoming obstacles has helped her to grow into a stronger, wiser person, and helped to build her character.

A night student, Mrs. Cole worked full-time while earning her bachelor's degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, a branch of the City University of New York. She was accepted into a program to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees concurrently. However, the demands of two intense programs and a full-time job became too much, and Mrs. Cole was forced to delay the master's degree. She graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Government.

Fordham University Law School was Mrs. Cole's next stop. Still working full-time by day, she attended law school at night for four years, earning a place on the dean's list during two of those years.

While still in law school, Mrs. Cole earned a master's degree in Public Administration from John Jay College. Not having gotten the master's degree and achieved her goal bothered Mrs. Cole, so she used a summer break and Christmas vacation to take care of what she considered unfinished business.

One year later, she graduated with a juris doctorate degree.

Having worked as a New York City police officer while studying for her bachelor's degree, Mrs. Cole said that her employment experience would serve as important background for her judgeship.

"I learned more about people and psychology those years that I spent as a police officer than I ever learned from any textbook," Mrs. Cole said. "It is this sort of understanding of people that I can bring to the bench."

Mrs. Cole said she understands the feelings of the victims, as well as the rights of the criminal.

After law school, Mrs. Cole was hired as an Assistant United States Attorney in New York's Eastern District, quite an honor for one just out of law school.

Mrs. Cole said she prosecuted a wide variety of cases while working in that office, many involving drug traffic. She also argued cases in the ABCAM scandal against some premiere defense attorneys.

In 1983, the Coles moved to rural Hertford to escape the frantic pace of New York City. Rather than ally herself with an established law firm here, Mrs. Cole chose again to meet obstacles head-on. She opened her own practice in her home. Many told her she would fail, but her determination and ability helped her to forge a successful practice. Since that time, her husband, J.C. Cole, has also earned his juris doctorate and the two practice as Cole and Cole.

"There are three district court judgeships in this district," Mrs. Cole said, "and you are entitled to have me in one of them."

In his endorsement of Mrs. Cole's candidacy, Roper Mayor E.V. Wilkins said that Mrs. Cole had asked for support based on her excellent qualifications, not her race or sex. "She will be a good representative. She will be something of a role model for a lot of people, not just children, but adults," Wilkins said.

"I will endorse her candidacy with a great deal of enthusiasm," said Winnie Wood, with whom Mrs. Cole has worked extensively on projects such as Albemarle Hopeline. "I think it is so important that we choose the very best people we can every time we have a choice," Mrs. Wood said, adding that Mrs. Cole is a good person and a highly qualified candidate.

ECSC Chancellor Jimmy Jenkins pledged his support to Mrs. Cole, saying that he believes she is capable of bringing all facets of the community together. "I pledge, certainly, my support this morning," he said.

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox challenged the group to remain steadfast in their support of Mrs. Cole. "Don't leave here today and forget that promise of support and commitment," he said. Getting Mrs. Cole elected will be a long road paved with hard work, Cox stated. "We will all do what we have to do to get her elected," he said.

## Felton found competent to stand trial for murder

By JOE SOUTHERN  
Daily Advance staff reporter

Edenton—Claude A. Felton, Jr., a deaf mute, was found competent to stand trial on charges of murdering his former girlfriend and her daughter.

Working with the aid of two sign language interpreters, Felton entered pleas of not guilty on two charges of first-degree murder. The charges stem from the 1988 slayings of Sarah Ann Jones and her daughter, Falinda Brooks. Jones was found dead in her residence of multiple stab wounds, and Brooks was fatally shot in the head.

A hearing in the case was held Monday, Jan. 8, in chowan County Superior Court before Judge Frank Brown. The trial is scheduled to begin during a special session on Jan. 22.

After hearing reports from physical and psychological tests Brown determined Felton was "capable of proceeding with the trial. He is able to understand the charges against him and is able to work with his attorneys."

Felton's attorneys, William Culpepper and Samuel Dixon, were denied several motions to receive various information about the case from the district attorney, including lists of evidence and states witnesses. District Attorney H. P. Williams remained true to form by refusing to allow any more information to the defense than he is required to by law.

Felton, 36, of Hertford, was arrested in September 1988. The bodies of Jones and Brooks were found a few weeks earlier. According to police reports Felton had twice caused disturbances after Jones broke off their relationship.

## Schools receive \$25,000

By JEANIE UMPHLETT  
Community Schools Coordinator

The Perquimans County school system has received a grant of \$25,000 from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Incorporated, for a project sponsored jointly by the school system and the College of The Albemarle. The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation was established in 1936 as a memorial to the youngest son of the founder of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. In recent years the Foundation has focused its attention on improving the criminal justice system in North Carolina, on strengthening public elementary and secondary education, on preserving the environment and on issues that impact on minorities and women.

Dr. David Martin, teacher-coordinator of the Family Literacy Program at Hertford Grammar School, wrote the grant proposal entitled "Teaching Standard English Expression of the Nonstandard English Language Structure." The program is de-

signed to work with two key groups, parents and young children. Both groups will be taught to recognize and translate nonstandard English and standard English versions in language expression.

Nonstandard English language usage often creates barriers to success in the school setting and in the workplace. Nonstandard English language forms are not present in early school reading materials or any other areas of the school curriculum. This can present a problem for a student when learning to read, write and/or acquire language arts skills.

Both students and parents will be tested on nonstandard patterns of speech. Appropriate strategies will be implemented to translate nonstandard English to standard English. Parents will be trained to reinforce at home the skills taught in the classroom. The goal of the program is to improve student achievement and increase the probability of success in school, and ultimately, in the work place.



Photo by Leo Higgins

This scene from an earlier recycling day shows how much recyclable material can be collected in a short period of time. The AEA says the public must begin recycling to protect the environment.

## AEA plans third recycling day in Hertford

First two days are successful

A third Recycling Day will be held in Perquimans County this Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Harris Shopping Center on Grubb Street. The Recycling Day is sponsored by the Albemarle Environmental Association in conjunction with Tri-County Recyclers.

Tri-County Recyclers will collect and pay for glass; hard plastic; aluminum brass and copper; car batteries and car radiators. The firm will collect tin, steel, mixed metals, all kinds of paper, used motor oil and large appliances, but will offer no payment for those items. Please remember that Pepsi product cans are not 100 percent aluminum and therefore should be placed with mixed metals.

Because of the good response to the first two Recycling Days, they have been scheduled for the third Saturday of each month at Harris Shopping Center.