



# Happy Mother's Day



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### Briefs

#### Local Ford dealer honored

Winslow-Blanchard Mtr. Co. Inc. of Hertford has been selected as one of the nation's outstanding Ford dealerships and will receive Ford Motor Company's Distinguished Achievement Award For Quality. This award is presented "in recognition of progressive management...sound merchandising practices...high quality standards...and continuing interest in rendering superior service to Ford owners."

Winslow-Blanchard Mtr. Co. Inc. has been a Ford dealership in Hertford since 1936. The dealership is located on U.S. Hwy. 17 Business.

#### Job Service places 83

In March, the Edenton Job Service office placed 83 individuals in jobs. Since July 1, 1989 the Edenton office has placed a total of 710 individuals in jobs. The Edenton Job Service office has a year to date total of 996 placement transactions. Placement transactions include applicants placed in more than one job during the year. Area employers have listed 1109 job openings and Employment Security Commission staff has filled 996 of the openings.

#### Summer school announced

Perquimans County Summer School for students presently enrolled in Grades 1-12 will begin on July 2 and will end on July 30. July 4 will be a holiday. Classes will begin at 8 a.m. and end at noon. Breakfast and lunch will be served to all students.

For students in grades 1-8, the summer program has been divided into two parts. The first, Remedial Summer School, will be a literature based program offering across the curriculum learning activities. The second, Enrichment Summer School, will include choices of computer skills, arts and crafts, sports and drama. Brochures explaining specific details were sent home with students on May 7 and must be returned to schools by May 11. Further information can be obtained by calling 426-5741 or 426-5778.

#### Hardee's donates to 4-H

Hardee's of Hertford has joined the Campaign for 4-H. Since Sunday, Hardee's has donated 25 cents to the Perquimans County 4-H program every time someone purchased a large order of French fries.

The campaign will last until Saturday, so hurry on down to Hardee's to enjoy hot, tasty fries, and help the 4-H raise \$10,000.

#### NCNB receives state award

NCNB was awarded the North Carolina Child Advocacy Institute's Outstanding Service to Children Award for its progressive work-family benefits.

"We are honoring NCNB for leadership in the corporate community in making personnel policies more responsive to employees and families," said John Niblock, the institute's president. NCNB has received recognition-regionally and nationally-for being a pacesetter in implementing nontraditional work-family programs such as child-care resource and referral services, dependent-care reimbursement accounts, extended parental leaves and flexible work schedules for employees with dependent family members.

Working Mother magazine recently listed NCNB as one of America's 60 best companies for working mothers.

Thinking of placing a Classified Ad; but not sure how to do it? Just call our friendly Ad-Visor, Elenora. She will be glad to help you.

426-5728

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119 W. Grubb St. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

### Higgins takes commissioner's race by 14 votes

The incumbent was unseated by 14 votes in the 1st District Democratic primary for Perquimans County Commissioner.

Leo Higgins edged by Durwood Reed, Jr. 744-730. Dian Riddick received 228 votes.

Higgins carried four of the seven precincts, collecting 44 percent of the votescast.

Bethel, Higgins' home precinct, gave him his widest margin, 170-69. East Hertford supported Higgins by a 211-155 vote. The balloting was

close in Belvidere, where Higgins got 53 votes to Reed's 52. Higgins took Parkville by five votes, 149-144. Six absentees voted for Higgins, three for Reed.

Reed collected his widest margin in West Hertford 146-58, and also collected the most votes in New Hope (136-78) and Nicanor (25-19.)

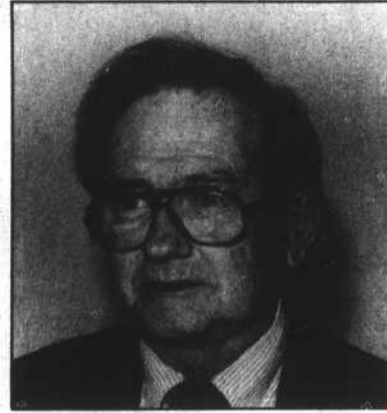
Riddick's best precincts were New Hope and East Hertford, where she got 56 and 45 votes respectively. She received 11 votes in Nicanor, 29 in Belvidere, 18 in West Hertford, 34 in Bethel and 35 in

Parkville, a total of 13 percent of the 1702 votes cast.

Higgins, who lost to Reed in 1986, said after receiving the final tally, "It feels good to win. I've enjoyed the campaign tremendously."

He said he had met a lot of "extremely nice" people during the primary process. He stated that he appreciated the support and trust the voters had shown by voting for him.

No Republican candidates filed for the 1st District seat.



### Leigh wins

#### First black elected to school board

Perquimans voters seated their first black Board of Education member Tuesday.

Walter Leigh defeated Tildon Whitehurst, Jr. 975-878 in the non-partisan election. Leigh will fill the vacancy created when present school board member Mack Nixon's term expires in January. Nixon chose not to seek re-election to the school board, but to run for county commissioner.

Leigh was the top vote-getter in Belvidere (93-59), East Hertford (259-177), New Hope (174-137) and Parkville (199-150) precincts.

Whitehurst carried Nicanor (36-27), West Hertford (145-83) and Bethel (166-138), and also got eight absentee votes to Leigh's two.

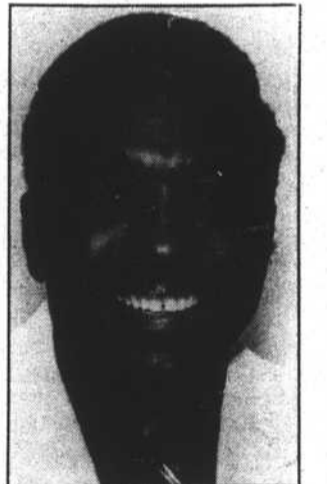
"It's a good feeling (to win)," Leigh said after the election.

"The road might have seemed long, the curves might have been sometime hard to turn, but thank God and the people for the victory," he said.

"I won as Walter Leigh," Leigh continued. "I will continue to be Walter Leigh."

He said he plans to begin attending the school board meetings immediately so that he will be familiar with issues and the way the board operates when his term convenes in January.

Clifford Winslow, who ran unopposed, received 1144 votes.



Walter Leigh Tuesday night became the first black elected to the local school board.



Janice Cole (right) speaks with husband J.C. (left) and Fred Yates at a fish fry given in her honor Monday by Joe Lothian at Missing Mill Park.

### Cole wins judicial race

#### Takes 43 percent of district vote

A Perquimans resident took the Democratic primary for District Court judge in the 1st District.

Janice McKenzie Cole, and attorney practicing in Perquimans, received 43 percent of the vote across the district, garnering 6,742 of the 15,507 votes cast for the four candidates. Cole carried five of the seven counties in the district.

Sixty-four percent, of 1104, of the 1729 Perquimans ballots marked in the primary back Cole. Chowan County also stood solidly behind Cole, casting 51 percent of the vote (1247-2458) for her. Cole got 498, 50 percent, of the 990 votes tallied in Gates County.

The surprise came in Pasquotank County, where Cole defeated Elizabeth City attorney John Halstead 1896-1054. Halstead, however,

edged out Cole 626-557 in Camden. Cole was also the frontrunner in Currituck County, collecting 708, 37 percent, of the 1925 votes cast.

Dare County stood behind native son Jerry Tillett, casting 1526 of 2617 votes for him. Cole was second-place vote-getter with 732.

Cole thanked those gathered at her election headquarters at the Albemarle Commission building for their support. She said her campaign was based on her qualifications for the position, and she feels that she won because of her qualifications.

"This has been a people's campaign right from day one," said Cole's husband, attorney J.C. Cole. "Now let's get to work and get ready for November."



(Left to right) James Logan, Richard Copeland, Russell Chappell and Eric Tilley fry fish at the dinner honoring Janice Cole at Missing Mill Park Monday.

### Local candidates celebrate together

Winners from Perquimans County celebrated together at Janice Cole's election headquarters Tuesday night.

Cole, Leo Higgins, Walter Leigh, Joe Lothian and Gail Godwin exchanged congratulatory messages after local vote totals were received.

Approximately 100 people

from Perquimans, Chowan, Pasquotank and Camden counties waited together for election returns from across the 1st judicial district. A round of cheers and applause went up when the final numbers were received and Cole campaign workers determined that she had earned over 40 percent of the vote cast across the district.

County Democratic Chairman Julian "Little Man" Broughton, commissioner Thomas Nixon, County Manager Paul Gregory, Register of Deeds Jeanne White, Hertford Mayor Bill Cox, Hertford Town Councilman Billy Winslow and Winfall Town Councilwoman Shirley Yates were on hand to support Cole.

### Primary voter turnout good

Over 1900 residents exercised their right to vote Tuesday in the primary election for 1st District Judge, N.C. House of Representatives, Court of Appeals Seat B, U.S. House, U.S. Senate and Perquimans County Commissioner, as well as the non-partisan Perquimans Board of Education race.

East Hertford had the highest voter turnout with 441. Parkville had 358 voters, Bethel 329, New Hope 313, West Hertford 235, Belvidere 159 and Nicanor 65. Ten absentee ballots were received.

Several candidates did not appear on Tuesday's ballot because they ran unopposed. Sheriff Joe Lothian and Clerk of Court Gail Godwin, Democrats seeking reelection, had no opposition, nor did Democratic county commissioner candidate Mack Nixon or Republican county commissioner candidate H.R. "Bobby" Jones.

Voters will make their final choices in the November 4 general election.

### Health examinations scheduled for athletes

Health examinations for county school athletes have been scheduled for this month, according to coach Carolyn Rogers.

Girls wishing to participate in scholastic athletics during the 1990-91 school term should go to the office of Dr. Robert E. Lane on Market Street on May 24 at 4 p.m.

Male athletes have been scheduled to receive physicals on May 31 at 4 p.m.

Dr. Lane offers the physicals free of charge as a service to local athletes. These are the only dates available for the courtesy examinations. Students not able to be present on the scheduled dates should call several weeks in advance to

schedule private examinations at the students' expense.

Sports offered at Perquimans High School and Perquimans Middle School include football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball, track and cheerleading. Team athletics are available for male and female students during each season.

### Thompson, James get local support

Local Democrats chose to continue to support incumbents R.M. "Pete" Thompson and Vernon James in their bids to gain reelection to the N.C. House of Representatives.

Thompson tallied 1125 votes, carrying all seven of Perquimans' precincts. James collected 915 votes, and was second place in all precincts except East Hertford, where Charles Foster won. Foster took 677 votes in the county.

For Court of Appeals Seat B, Eugene Phillips blasted Ellen Scouten 829-484 in the Democratic race.

John Ingram was the frontrunner in the Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Republican Jesse Helms. He got 543 votes. Harvey Ganit took 525 votes, Mike Easley 216, R.P. Thomas 186, Lloyd Garner 88 and Bob Hannon 53.

In the Republican primary, Jesse Helms was the U.S. Senate choice. He got 88 votes to L.C. Nixon's 12 and George Wimbish's eight.

Howard Moye got the most votes into 1st U.S. House District, taking 56 votes to Marvin Jones' 54.