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Briefs

Arrests reported in county

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests:

Faith Felica Woodard, 24, 121 Wynn Fork Ct., Hertford, was arrested on April 2 on a criminal summons for a worthless check on a Chowan County warrant on May 2.

Annie Vaughn, 47, P.O. Box 363, Hertford, was arrested on a criminal summons for a worthless check on a Hertford County warrant on May 7.

Jerry Wayne Edwards, 47, Rt. 1, Box 830, Hertford, was arrested and charged with assault on a female on May 8 and was transported to Albemarle District Jail in lieu of a \$200 secured bond.

Jeffery Rickard, 21, 308 Church St., Hertford, was arrested for failure to appear on a Washington County warrant on May 9 and was released on a \$200 secured bond.

Thomas Dean Halstead, 21, Rt. 3, Box 389, Hertford, was arrested and charged with injury to personal property on May 12, and was released on a \$200 unsecured bond.

Clifton Tillet, 39, Rt. 4, Box 111, Hertford, was arrested and charged with second degree trespass on May 14 and was released on a written promise to appear.

Gloria Jean Walker, 39, Rt. 4, Box 884, Hertford was arrested on a criminal summons for a worthless check on a Pasquotank County warrant on May 14.

The Hertford Police made one arrest.

Shawn Owens, 27, Rt. 2, Box 6A, Hertford was arrested and charged with being drunk and disruptive on May 6.

Youth program needs help

Chowan-Perquimans Partners with Youth desperately needs volunteers to work with young people.

Organized under the Governor's One-on-One program, Partners with Youth pairs children who have special needs with adults willing to help them through tough times and provide a role model.

There are children waiting for someone to care, but no volunteers to complete matches. Some youth have only their partner to give them attention, to care about them, to encourage them. Without Partners with Youth, these children founder, often ending up as juvenile delinquents.

Please help to make life easier for our children before it is too late. Call Partners with Youth at 482-3993 or Diane Hoofnagle at 426-7993 to learn more about volunteering to help tomorrow be a little brighter for a child.

Student physicals rescheduled

Dr. Robert Earl Lane has announced that the health examinations scheduled for females who wish to participate in any sport in Perquimans schools during the 1990-91 school year have been rescheduled until May 24 at 3 p.m. The physicals were originally slated to begin at 4 p.m., but the time has been changed.

Anyone not receiving an examination at this time should make an appointment for a private appointment at the expense of the patient.

Tilley announces run-off

Perquimans Board of Elections Chairman William "Buddy" Tilley announced recently that Michael Easley has requested a run-off primary against his Democratic opponent for the U.S. Senate seat how held by Jesse Helms, Harvey Gantt. Although Gantt received more votes than Easley in the May 8 primary, he did not receive 40 percent of the vote.

Thinking of placing a Classified Ad; but not sure how to do it? Just call our friendly Advisor, 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.

Commissioners adjust large water bills

The Perquimans County Commissioners were once again asked to consider forgiving a portion of customers' water bills at their May 7 meeting.

The water customers received their high bills after water department employees took their bi-annual meter readings.

Robert Litteress received a \$356.10 bill; Andre Henry, \$259; William Bowser, \$214.97 and Todd Smith, \$131.70.

Commissioner Wayne Winslow stated that he felt that the board should be tougher on the bill-slicing policy, especially after the six-month water department readings. The county, he said, should not be

responsible for leaks or excess usage allowed to continue because the customer failed to read a water meter monthly.

Commissioner Durwood Reed agreed.

Water Department Supervisor Keith Haskett said that the bills sent out each month contain a section where customers should indicate the current meter reading. They are also instructed to read meters monthly.

The board voted to cut the billed amounts for the four bills in half, and also decided that a written policy should be set and enforced.

Hertford Town Councilman Erie

Haste asked that the board adopt a resolution requesting that the N.C. D.O.T. name a portion of Hwy 17 in Perquimans County for Hertford Mayor Bill Cox to acknowledge his devotion to four-laning Hwy 17.

Commissioners Chairman Lester Simpson told Haste that the county had refrained from naming public buildings in honor of citizens, and felt that adopting the resolution might be in conflict with the policy.

Haste replied that the highway was unlike public buildings in that the county does not own or control it.

"Bill Cox is known up and down the coast as 'Mr. Highway 17,'" Haste stated. "I feel that only good

can come to this county by doing something like this."

Haste said that N.C. Senator Marc Basnight supported the highway naming, and that he would contact other state officials soon to enlist their support.

The board adopted the resolution. In other business the board:

-heard a report that the county has collected 94.15 percent of ad valorem taxes billed.

-accepted the resignation of Diane Stallings from Social Services.

-heard that the athletic fields will be ready for use in May.

-agreed to purchase 400 books about county government for the county's fourth graders.

Council votes to honor Cox

By NANCY ROYDEN-CLARK
Daily Advance Staff Writer

The Hertford Town Council agreed in Monday night's meeting to name a section of Highway 17 in honor of Mayor Bill Cox.

This action follows in the footsteps of the county commissioners, who agreed unanimously on the decision.

The resolution states, "Mayor Bill Cox has been a constant and persistent driving force for the expansion of Highway 17."

Cox thanked council members saying he didn't know if their action was the right thing to do, but he offered his gratitude.

No decisions were made concerning electric rates, however, power saving switches were discussed.

About fifty switches have been installed in the area. Eventually, 300 switches will be installed. Council members are interested in determining exactly when the demand for power is at its greatest.

Cox noted that 7-9 a.m., 3-5 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. (hot weather) will normally be the times when power usage is high.

In other business:

Council members expressed a desire to have the Coca-Cola banners on Church Street taken down.

It was announced that June 11 would be the date for a public meeting concerning re-development of the area. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Hertford.

A work session will be held on Tuesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. The budget will be discussed at the meeting.

Winfall will purchase aerator

By NANCY ROYDEN-CLARK
Daily Advance Staff Writer

A round, molded fiberglass frame with polyvinylchloride (PVC) piping will be purchased by the Town of Winfall to aerate the town's water supply at the town water treatment facility.

The new equipment, consisting of 10 units, will cost about \$1600. It will allow iron and magnesium to be filtered from the water.

Recent road improvements were also discussed, including the River Street area road.

Councilwoman Shirley Yates expressed concerns over the longevity of improvements, adding that the widening project seems to be good.

Yates offered a suggestion that additional funds may be available for further road improvements.

"You just have to look for them," she said.

Council approved Perquimans County's request for water service to the new park near Cedar Street.

The water service will be provided free of charge for one year. After the year has ended, council will study the matter further.

Council moved on to discuss staff insurance.

Town employees may be subscribers to a new insurance company.

IRNF, a self-funded, non profit company may be solicited. It would provide all insurances, including liability. The company is geared towards serving municipalities' insurance needs.

Council added one stipulation concerning the policy. If quotes are determined to be unusually high, the town may not use the company.

New Rivercross resident Burt Hayes asked council members if they could investigate the possibility of using grass killing chemicals to stop it from growing under paved roads. He also asked if council had a copy showing proposed construction on Highway 17 near his home. He was interested to learn if he would have direct access from his home to the highway. Mayor C.W. "Bill" Bartlett said he was not certain about the access at the current time.

In other business:

Council members discussed adding a part-time police officer to the town's staff. At the current time, they are gathering information about an applicant's schooling before taking further action on the matter.

A proposed budget was distributed to council members to begin studying.

Funds amounting to \$159.15 are to be transferred from the general fund to purchase office supplies.

A new check printer will be purchased.

Fearn takes over reigns as new county librarian

Perquimans County welcomed librarian Shelley Fearn on Tuesday, May 1.

Ms. Fearn came to Hertford from Greenville, where she worked as a reference librarian at both Pitt Community College and East Carolina University.

"I always wanted to be a librarian, since I was a little girl," Ms. Fearn said.

She reached her goal by way of a long, winding path which led from her dream to its reality.

One of seven children, Ms. Fearn was responsible for finding her own funds for college. She chose to go after an ROTC scholarship, but couldn't study library science under that program. So Ms. Fearn earned an undergraduate degree in labor relations from the University of Connecticut.

From there, she entered the Marine Corps, a family tradition. Her grandparents and parents had served, and all the children in her family were expected to enlist, even if for only a short time.

She attended Officer's Training School and spent five years in the Marines.

"You owe something to your country," Ms. Fearn said, so she served. "I enjoyed it."

After her honorable discharge, she was free to pursue her dream of becoming a librarian. Having

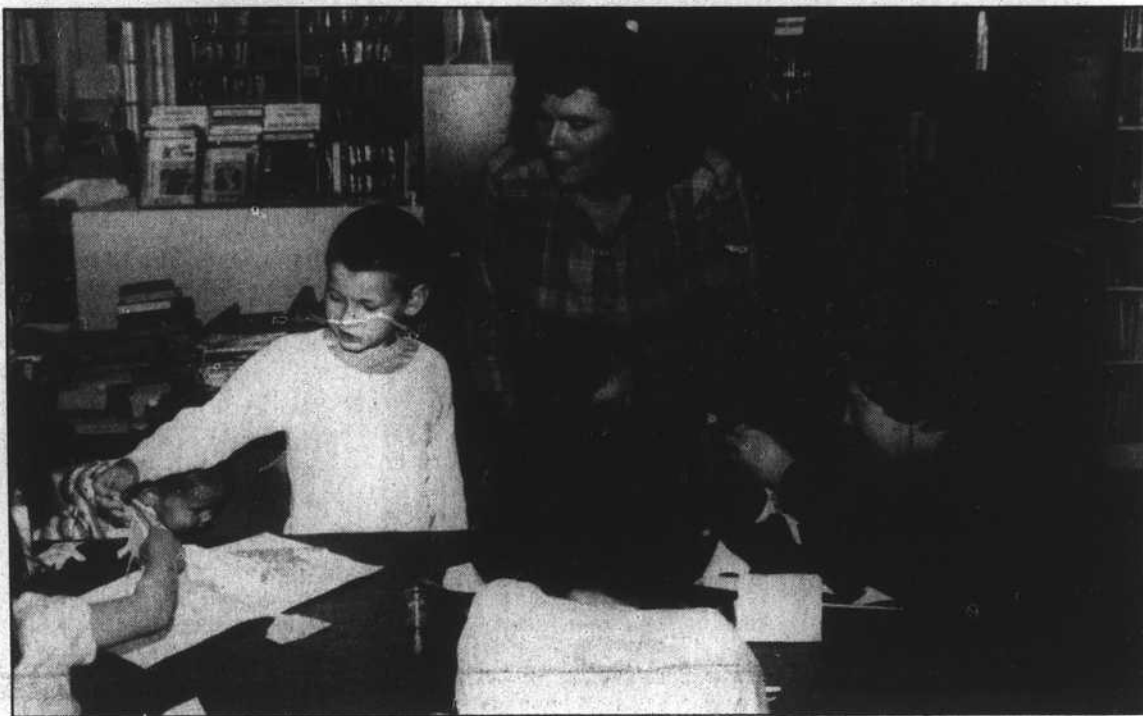


Photo by Susan Harris

Shelley Fearn (standing) and library assistant Connie Reid (right) help children make Mother's Day presents to take home from story hour last week. Ms. Fearn assumed her position as librarian May 1.

moved to North Carolina, she enrolled at East Carolina University. She is now only a report or two away from earning her master's in library science.

Before deciding to accept the

Perquimans position, Ms. Fearn researched the county.

"I'm impressed with the county's commitment to the library," she commented, referring to the \$25,000 raised for the library ex-

pansion.

Beginning this week, Ms. Fearn will write a column to be titled "Bookmarks" which will tell about library activities and new books.

Six locals attend first phase of N.C. Rural Leaders Program

Six Perquimans County residents, Willie Ann L. Bines, Carlton A. Davenport, Jr., Fondella A. Leigh, Brenda C. Hollowell and Chris K. Kornegay of Hertford, and Capt. Minnie S. Yates (USN-Ret.) of Winfall are among 40 participants selected by The Center for Rural and Coastal Living (CRCL) at Elizabeth City State University to participate in the 1990 North Carolina Rural Leaders Program.

The program is underwritten by the N.C. Rural Economic Development Center to promote economic development through community-based involvement. The Rural Center is a non-profit state-funded agency located in Raleigh.

Capt. Yates serves on the town council, Ms. Bines is employed by Albemarle Electric Membership Corp., Mr. Davenport is a consulting engineer with Quible & Associates, Ms. Hollowell is a visual arts and drama teacher, Ms. Leigh is acting secretary for the NAACP, and Ms. Kornegay is the executive director of Hertford Housing Au-



thority.

"We want to thank Perquimans

County for its contribution to our success," said CRCL Executive Director Philip S. McMullan, Jr. in

making the announcement. "These folks immediately grasped the opportunity before us and the magnitude of the task at hand."

The first of three introductory sessions was held March 29-31 at ECSU's Kermit E. White Center for Graduate and Continuing Education. Events began with a Thursday evening dinner as participants from the eight-county Albemarle region were welcomed by ECSU board member Shirley L. Mays, Vice Chancellor Ulysses Bell and Elizabeth City Mayor, Sidney M. Oman.

Friday and Saturday workshops were presented by Rural Center staff, by CRCL staff and ECSU faculty, by East Carolina University's Regional Development Institute, by the Center for Creative Leadership of Greensboro, and by MDC, Inc.

The program includes round-trip transportation expenses, meals and overnight accommodations. Participants returned for a second session April 26-28 and a third session is scheduled for May 17-19.

Pirates take Manteo Redskins

Manteo came to Hertford last Tuesday expecting a win. They got disappointed.

The Pirates fell behind 4-1 in the second inning, then orchestrated a 10-run scoring attack in the bottom of the fourth to put themselves on top 11-4. Manteo never recovered, and was defeated 13-7.

"We got 11 hits for the first time this year," said Pirate coach Phil Woodell. "Hopefully it shows a sign of improvement."

Robbie Ponton led off in the fourth with a single. After Manteo helped out with three walks, a passed ball and a hit batter, the Pirates had tied the game and loaded the bases with no outs.

Derek Scaff slapped a single, which scored the go-ahead run. Tommie Dale took a walk, and

Steven Langley sent a shot so deep into the outfield, it appeared that he had nailed a grand slam. The Manteo outfielder went all the way to the fence to catch the shot, leaving Langley with a sacrifice RBI.

Ponton singled to widen the lead. Rustin Howell doubled and Allen Stallings tripled before Manteo retired the Pirates, who had jumped past the Redskins 11-4.

Perquimans scored two more runs in the fifth inning. Manteo tallied three in the top of the seventh to end the game at 13-7.

Senior Steven Langley took the win, pitching 6 1-3 innings before being replaced.

The win upped the Pirates to 4-12 (3-7). Their Friday game at Northampton West was postponed due to inclement weather.

Commission gets housing grant

RALEIGH—The Albemarle Commission in Hertford has won a \$135,000 grant from the N.C. Housing Trust Fund to rehabilitate approximately 27 standard homes and apartments in Chowan, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Washington counties. The project is one of 30 funded from among 81 applicants statewide.

Perquimans County's share will be approximately \$15,000, most of which is a grant for the town of Hertford. The town is presently using a \$30,000 Community Development Block Grant to upgrade housing.

The money is part of the state's settlement under oil overcharge litigation, which the General Assembly earmarked for low-income housing. It is distributed by the 13-member Housing Partnership with state assistance from the N.C. Housing Finance Agency.

"We are extremely pleased by how effectively the projects we're funding will reach low-income families," Garrett said. "More than 90 percent of the money will assist households that earn half the local median income or less, and more than half of the funds will serve households earning less than 30 percent of local median income."

The grants will generate repairs worth \$8.4 million, since each project sponsor must commit local or private funds in order to receive state assistance.

Applications are currently being accepted for \$4 million in forgivable loans to local governments, nonprofits and private developers that build new houses and apartments affordable to low-income residents. For information contact the N.C. Housing Finance Agency, Program Development Dept., P.O. Box 28066, Raleigh, NC 27611-8066.