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Briefs Hertford power customers decrease bills

Turkey shoot planned

Durants Neck Ruritan Club will hold a turkey shoot on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. until, at the Durants Neck Community Building. The cost is \$2 per shot. Call James McKeel at 264-3722 for more information.

Clinics changed

Effective in December, free blood pressure screenings at Chowan Hospital will be offered only on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. in the hospital lobby.

Seniors plan luncheon

The Memory Lane Senior Citizens Club will have a covered dish luncheon on Monday, Nov. 19 at 12:30 p.m. at the Perquimans County Senior Center.

Assistance available

Applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program must be submitted to the Perquimans County Department of Social Services by Wednesday, Nov. 21, according to DSS representative Carlyn Brown. The program provides February payments to help defray home heating costs to eligible persons.

Dance cancelled

The Nov. 23 dance scheduled by the Harbor Lites Square Dancers for Friday, Nov. 23, has been cancelled.

Books distributed

First grade students at Hertford Grammar School will receive a gift book titled 'My Favorite Book' thanks to the generosity of three county businesses: Hertford Savings & Loan Association, Hollowell Oil Company and Community Gas Company.

'My Favorite Book' is designed and written to bring a positive influence into each child's life. It illustrates the beauty of their world and the people who are in it, especially the children themselves.

Bookmobile stops

The bookmobile schedule for Nov. 16 is as follows: Library 9:45-10:30, Holiday Island Club House 11:00-1:00, Snug Harbor 1:30-2:15, Adams Family Country Store (Bethel), 2:30-2:45, K. Beals (E. Bear Swamp Rd.) 3:00-3:15, E. Kirby (Highway 17) 3:30, and Gladys Warren (Davenport Lane).

Health clinics

The November clinic schedule for the Perquimans County Health Department is as follows: Nov. 16 general p.m., WIC all day; Nov. 19 prenatal a.m.; Nov. 20 WIC all day; Nov. 21 child health a.m., PSC, Dr. Slade p.m., and Nov. 22-23 is a Holiday.

All clinics are held on appointment basis only and there is a charge for services based on income.

Nutrition menus

The Nutrition Site menu for the week of Nov. 19-23 is as follows:

Monday-smoked sausage, macaroni and cheese, buttered green beans, dinner roll, margarine, pineapple pieces and milk.

Tuesday-Brunswick stew with chicken, cold pickled beets, green beans, crackers, margarine, chocolate cake with white icing, and milk.

Wednesday-lasagna, tossed salad, whole kernel corn, French bread, margarine, hot spiced apples, and milk.

Thursday-BBQ chicken, broccoli, blackeye peas, whole wheat bread, margarine, oatmeal cookie and milk.

Friday-battered fish portion, coleslaw, stewed potatoes, cornbread, margarine, fresh orange and milk.

The town of Hertford is ahead of schedule on recouping its investment in the Electric-Save program, power agency representative Cecil Rose told the town's council Monday night.

The program is designed to reduce electrical demand during peak hours, therefore reducing the amount billed to the town each month. Electric customers who participate in the program save also. Power customers can sign up to have their electric water heaters and/or central air conditioners on the program. The town installs a switch at no cost to the customer which allows the power agency to cycle the appliances at peak demand periods. Control periods average just minutes at a time over two to three hours, typically from 3

to 5 p.m. in summer and 7 to 9 a.m. in winter. The switch is activated only three or four days each month. Customers receive credit on their electric bills for participating. There is a \$2 monthly credit year round for water heaters and a \$4 credit June through September for central air conditioners. Customers can decide to leave the program at any time if they are not satisfied with the service, again at no cost.

At present, 39 central air conditioners and 116 water heaters are on the program. Electric customers continue to express interest in the program. "We are having other people sign up for this every day," Mayor W.D. "Bill" Cox told the council.

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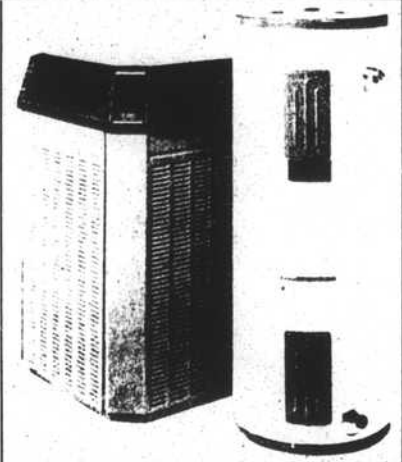
gram," councilman Jesse Harris commented.

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Hertford
councilman

Rose told the council that the power agency hopes to see the program triple. "What we hope to get you to is a minimum of 30 percent of your customers on the program within the next two years," he said. A little over 10 percent of the town's customers are on the program at present.

Rose also urged the council to get businesses with water heaters to sign up for the load management system.

The town invested \$3,300 in sign-up monies to participate in the program. There is also a \$300 per month fee to cover the costs of the telephone lines and FM stations through which the system operates. In addition, the town pays for the switches and for installation, which usually costs about \$50 per switch. The power agency estimated when the town signed up that it would take approximately two years to recoup their investment and realize a savings on their power bill. Rose told the council that they are running about six months ahead of schedule.



Hertford's electric customers can shave up to \$40 per year off of their power bills by signing up for the load management program, Electric-Save.

CT&T begins to recycle

Carolina Telephone, which uses a large amount of paper in its operations and in its telephone directories, is initiating a companywide paper recycling program.

Janis Plummer, director-corporate communications, said, "Employees at Carolina Telephone are as conscious of the declining quality of our environment as are other Americans. The recycling of paper helps reduce the demand for trees, which are the filters of the air we breathe."

Although company employees are participating in paper recycling programs in several locations in varying degrees, this companywide program will make it effective throughout the company's 50-county service area, Plummer said.

In addition, Carolina Telephone will encourage its customers to cooperate in a program to collect and recycle old telephone directories once a year in each directory location as new directories are issued to replace the old ones.

Plummer said, "Monies derived from the sale of reusable paper will be donated to environmental organizations."



Photo by Susan Harris

No settlement

Almost two weeks after fire blazed through the Hertford Police Department, no word has been received from the insurance company on a settlement. Mayor Bill Cox said Monday night that the town carried \$73,000 coverage on the building and over \$15,000 on contents. Both the Chamber of Commerce and the police department are working in temporary office spaces.

Recycling days canceled in Perquimans County

Monthly Recycling Days in four counties are being canceled until further notice, the Albemarle Environmental Association announced.

Recycling days have been held monthly for a year in Perquimans and almost that length of time in Pasquotank, Camden, and Currituck counties. The Saturday pickup days were well attended because of the wide range of items collected and the fact that cash was paid for aluminum, glass, and plastic.

"We regret this inconvenience to so many who have gotten into the habit of sorting and recycling. Most families who were faithful about re-

ycling found that their trash was reduced tremendously—sometimes to just one bag a week. We estimate that household recycling reduces volume of trash by as much as 75 to 90 percent. At the present time we have no alternative except to cancel the days, as we have had no time to find a replacement (for Riddick Recyclers) and do not see any prospects on the horizon," stated Carolyn Hess, president of AEA.

AEA members had announced that the recycling days were canceled because Riddick Recyclers, the company that worked with the AEA at the recycling centers, had gone out of business. But owner George Riddick told The Daily Ad-

vance that he has not gone out of business. The AEA reported that Riddick did not show up for the Nov. 3 recycling day in Pasquotank County at Knobbs Creek Park.

The environmental group is urging area residents to continue recycling where possible. In Pasquotank County, convenience centers behind the fire station on U.S. 17 North and opposite the Coast Guard base will accept glass, aluminum and newspaper. A recycling center in Mt. Hermon and the landfill will be open by the end of the month.

The group also suggests that people call county officials to learn when permanent recycling programs will be implemented. AEA is

urging people to purchase recycled goods whenever possible.

"A big part of the problem is economic," according to Jim Davis, AEA vice president. "Markets for recyclables are not expanding as rapidly as they could, despite adequate technology. People are not yet attuned to buying recycled goods—for example, paper. When schools, government, and industry—the major purchasers of paper—begin to choose recycled paper over paper produced from virgin fibers, the loop will be closed and we will begin to see some real economics and conservation of the environment."

Newspapers enhance curriculum at Perquimans Middle School

Advance Publications, Inc. has played a very special part in education in Perquimans County this year through their Newspapers in Education program.

Bonnie Morgan, a former teacher who now heads the company's NIE department, said she has been very pleased with the response of the local school system and businesses to the NIE program. Through the program, The Daily Advance, local businesses, and school systems become partners in education, providing newspapers to be used in the classrooms.

The first Perquimans County classroom to benefit from the NIE program is Cindy Geouge's sixth grade class at Perquimans Middle School. Especially valuable, according to Mrs. Geouge, has been the Mini Page featured in the Lifestyles section of The Daily Advance. Articles on the Mini Page deal with a wide array of topics from world events to ecology. The information is presented so that it is interesting and understandable, and gives students a chance to realize how events affect their lives.

Especially helpful recently have been articles dealing with the situation in the Middle East. Through the use of the Mini Page, the events

taking place in the Persian Gulf have become clearer to the students. They are now better able to understand the international impact on their lives and the lives of others around the world.

The Language Arts curriculum has also been enhanced with the use of newspapers. Reading comprehension and grammar skills are strengthened by practice. When students are allowed to read articles they want to read, whether on the sports, lifestyles, or entertainment pages, their interest is piqued. Textbook learning is often boring to students. The opportunity to read something they are interested in helps to keep them more focused, and therefore willing to read more.

The newspaper delivery to Mrs. Geouge's class has become one of the highlights of the students' week. They look forward to learning something new each time they pick up a newspaper.

Reading is fundamental to learning. Without good reading skills, students cannot perform well in any subject area. The aim of the NIE program is to help students learn to enjoy reading, and also to learn to comprehend what they read.

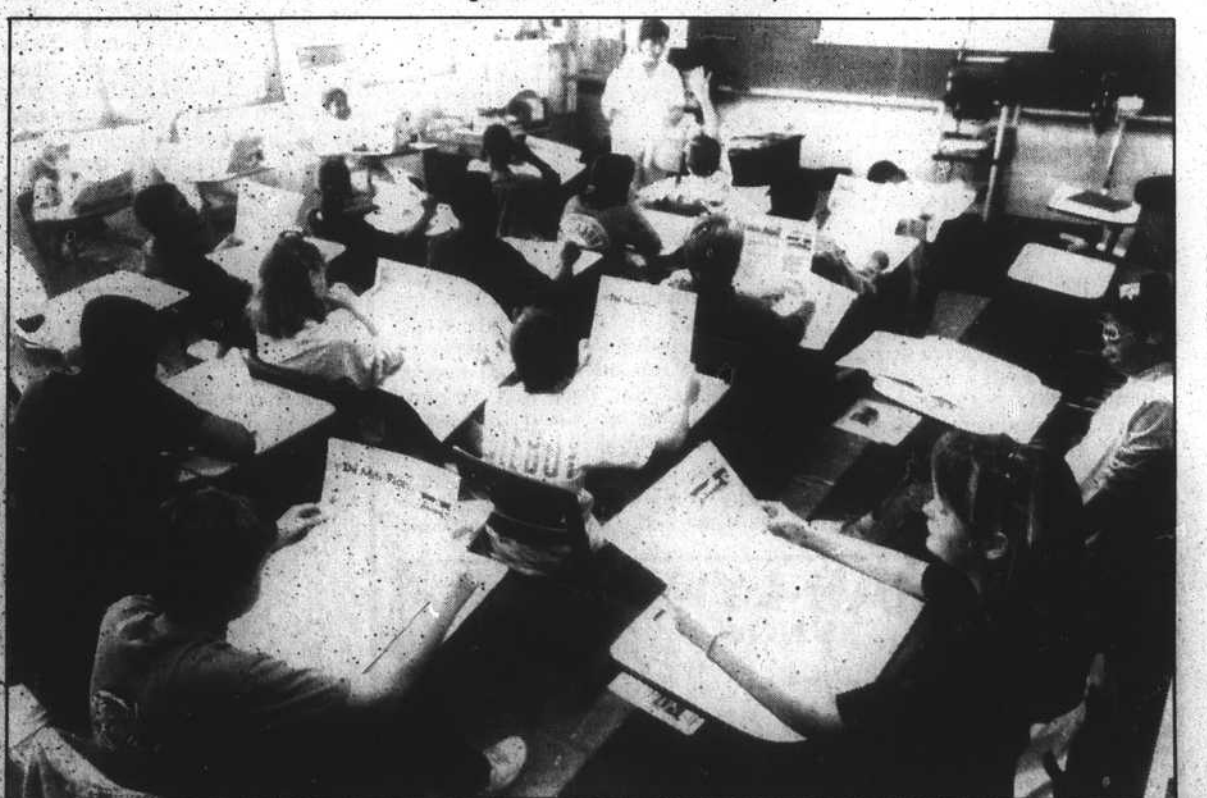


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Students in Cindy Geouge's sixth grade class use the Mini Page in the Lifestyles section of The Daily Advance to enhance and expand their curriculum.

HOLIDAY DEADLINES FOR THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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