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A.A.R.P. to meet

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Perquimans Chapter 4118 of

Matt Joyner from Swindell

Chapter 4118 is open to

A.A.R.P. Inc. will meet Monday.

Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. at the Senior

Funeral Home will be the guest

speaker. Everyone interested in

this subject is invited to attend

membership for all of the sur-

rounding counties. The A.A.R.P.

is here to serve, not to be

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Center at 426-5404 or contact

Citizens Center on Grubb St.

Hertford, Perquimans County, N.C., Thursday, February 14, 1991

30 Cents

Commissioners raise water tap fees

The county commissioners voted Monday night in regular session to raise the prices of water tap installation and the charge for moving meters.

Commissioner Mack Nixon said during lengthy dis-cussion on the move that he would "strongly suggest" that tap fees be increased to allow the county to raise funds within the water department to replace equipment in the future. Nixon said that it was a good business practice to set prices that allow for future capital needs.

The commissioners also voted to increase the price of moving meters from \$25 to \$175 plus the cost of materi-

als. "We need to give some plain direction to the water de-partment," Nixon said. "It's just good business."

Commissioner Wayne Winslow made the motion to increase the rates effective May 1. On that date, the cost of installing a three-quarter inch tap will increase from \$300 to \$425, a one inch tap will go from \$375 to \$500, and a two inch tap will cost \$900 rather than \$750.

According to meter installation figures compiled by county manager Paul Gregory, the county was covering the cost of meter installations, but was not collecting sufficient funds to raise capital to replace trucks, backhoes and other were both present at that equipment purchased and

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maintained by the water de-

Nixon did not vote for the

change, saying he thought the

increase was too steep. He did

not, however, vote against the

structed Gregory to advertise the price change twice, once the first week of March and again the first week in April.

Commissioners Leo Higgins

said the notice would give

those considering tapping into

the water system time to pay

the connection charges before

water department, the commis-

sioners were apprised of the calculations used by Gregory to adjust the water bill of

Marty Stallings, a hog farmer who uses county water at his

the commissioners at their last

meeting to seek a reduction in

his bill, which he told commis-

sioners exceeded \$9,000. Water

department supervisor Russell

Chappell and Keith Haskett

Stallings had approached

In old business with the

the new fees take effect.

The commissioners in-

Commissioner Thomas

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County Commissioner

Mack Nixon

meeting. Haskett told commis-sioners that when the water department read all the meters in the county in November per their policy of reading all me-ters every six months, he noted a drastic increase in usage on Stallings' meter. Haskett said he requested that the meter be read again. The meter was rechecked, and the initial reading was determined accurate. The water department employees advised personnel at the hog operation that the reading was significantly higher than usual.

Upon receiving the bill for over \$7,000, Stallings contacted Haskett. Haskett told Stallings that the water department had no authority to re-duce a bill, and that Stallings should contact Gregory. Gregory suggested that Stallings meet with the commissioners if he wanted to request a reduction in his bill.

Stallings met with the commissioners on Feb. 4. He admitted at that time that he had not read the meter during the period when the water usage as in question.

A new policy went into ef-

fect on Nov. 1, 1990 stating that the commissioners would no longer reduce water bills unless it could be determined that a meter was faulty. Chappell said that the meter on Stallings' farm was replaced and the old meter tested. The old meter was accurate.

Because the water was consumed before the Nov. 1 deadline, the commissioners voted to apply the formula used prior to the new policy to Stallings' bill.

Formerly, the commission-ers calculated the average consumption over a specific period, subtracted that amount from the total due during the same period, and forgave onehalf of the overage.

Using that criteria, Stallings will have to pay \$3,176.10 this week and will be allowed to spread the remaining \$2,021.20 over the next six months, to be paid in addition to his regular water bill. The commissioners dis-counted the bill by \$2,021.20.

The commissioners were told by Gregory that the meters of large consumers will now be read each month by the water department. The commissioners said they would like to re-mind all water department customers that meters should be read each month so that large bills are not the result of the bi- annual checks by the water department.

Belvidere man dies in logging accident

A Belvidere man died following a logging accident near his home last Thursday afternoon.

The victim was identified as William Bryant Chappell, 20.

Hertford Fire chief Edgar Roberson said that the department's Emergency Response Team responded to the call at around 2:30 p.m. The Belvidere Fire Department was first on the scene

Roberson said Chappell had been logging in a wooded area near the Puzzletown community, close to the Chowan-Perquimans county line. The tractor Chappell was driving apparently flipped over on him, Roberson

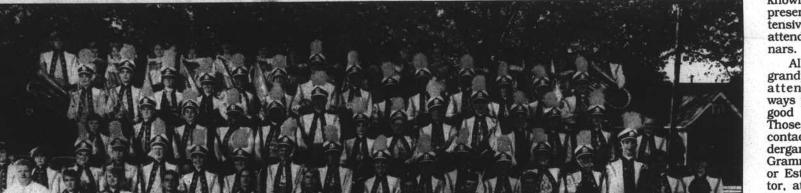
Chappell was transported to Chowan Hospital by the Perquimans County EMS. He was dead on arrival at the hospital.

Chapter 1 will meet

There will be a Perquimans County Schools Chapter 1 prekindergarten training session for parents on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. in the Board of Educa-tion building on Edenton Road Street.

Joyce Felton, diretor for Head Start Cthe Head Start program and brings first-hand knowledge and experience to her presentation. She also has ex-tensive training gained through attendance at many state seminars.

All parents, guardians and grandparents are encouraged to attend this session to learn ways to help their children get a good start in their schooling. Those planning to attend should contact Thelma Finch, pre-kindergarten teacher at HErtfrod Grammar School, at 426-7439 or Estelle Felton, PAC coordinator, at 426-5741. Any questions or concerns should be directed



president Mona Sadler at 426-

NAACP sets meeting

The Perquimans County branch of the NAACP will hold its monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall in Hertford. The Hall is located across from First Baptist Church.

Booster meeting changed The Band Boosters will have a

meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the PCHS band room. This meeting was originally scheduled for March 5.

Annual dinner slated

The annual dinner meeting of the Perquimans County Committee of 100 will be held at Angler's Cove on Monday, Feb. 25. Rick Tobin and Ben Berry, officers with Centura Bank, will present the program "Doing Business in Eastern North Carolina."

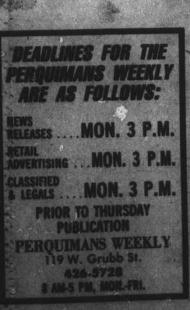
The cost of the meal is \$8 per person. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will follow at 7:30.

Programming set

The Perquimans County branch of the NAACP is observing Black History Month with a black history skit, "A Struggle for Self-Esteem."

The NAACP is also sponsoring a student essay/art contest. First prize is a \$50 savings bond and second prize is a \$25 savings bond. The prizes will be awarded at a meeting at Poole Greve Baptist Church on Saturay, Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. Music will be provided by a youth choir.

A Black History Month Fellowship Service is scheduled at First Baptist Church in Hertford on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 2:30 p.m. The Rev. Ray Omen of Kadesh A.M.E. Zion Church of Edenton will be the speaker. Music will be provided by members of adult choirs from county churches.





A program of patriotic songs and military marches is being veterans of other wars.

The Perquimans County High School band has planned a practiced daily by the group. During the concert, families of concert in support of the troops stationed in the Middle East. local troops in Saudi Arabia will be recognized along with

PCHS band plans patriotic concert for March

The Perquimans County High School Band will show its support of the local men and women stationed in the Persian Gulf, their families, and veterans of other wars with a concert scheduled for Sunday, March

Patriotic and military music will fill the high school auditorium beginning at 3 p.m. Melo-dies ranging from the national anthem to marches will combine to represent the band's concern for troops fighting in the Middle

Band director David Ziemba id practices for the concert ave been very touching. Many of the present band students performed with former members ho now serve in the armed forces overseas. Knowing some-one stationed in the combat zone has added a special dimen-

sion to the practices, Ziemba said.

The band will field an honor guard consisting of the national, state and county flags, as well as the school banner and the inaugural banner brought back from the inaugural parade of President George Bush.

Family members of local troops will be recognized during the free concert, along with veterans of other foreign wars. The two groups will be seated in re-served sections signified by the yellow ribbon that has come to represent the hope for peace across the country.

Ziemba said he and the band members are proud to be organizing what they hope will be a county-wide show of love and support for the families of the troops. He said that he hoped to have a full house for

the concert, as people gather to let their neighbors and friends know that all county citizens are concerned about the brave men and women from Perquimans County who are serving their country during a difficult period.

Family members and veterans of other wars who plan to attend the concert are asked to call the Perquimans Weekly of-fice at 426-5728 so that sufficient seats can be reserved for those to be honored.

All students in the county schools will have the opportunity to enjoy the band's patriotic program. On March 11 at 2:30 p.m., students at the high school will gather in the audito-rium. On March 12, students from Hertford Grammar School and Central School will be bussed to the high school for a performance. The band also

plans to give the concert at the middle school. Ziemba said the public may attend these concerts.

The band will also perform at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Vaughan Center at Elizabeth City State University during Operation Inspiration. The program is being sponsored by WCNC Radio and with the cooperation of the Elizabeth City Downtown Association and Elizabeth City State University.

After that performance, the band will travel to the C.P.O.A. Club located behind the Pizza Hut in Elizabeth City to play during Operation Support at 12:30 p.m. The event is being sponsored by VFW Post 6060.

Ziemba said he was honored have the Perquimans band invited to participate in the support rallies in Elizabeth City.

to Chris Barber or Felton at 426-5741.

Democratic precincts to gather

Perquimans County Democrats have scheduled their annual precinct meetings to be held at their regular polling places on March 7 at 8 p.m.

"We want all Democrats to attend this meeting, whether they're party regulars or just want to get involved with the party again," said County Democratic chairman Julian Broughton.

Broughton said that precinct meetings are the most basic in-gredient for Democratic succes. "The precinct level is where all policy-making begins," Broughton said. "The more that people get involved in precint meetings, the better the party can represent the views of all Democrats.

At the March 7 meetings, Democrats will elect precinct officers and delegates to the April 6 county convention. Precincts also will have the opportunity to pass resolutions on the party's public policy issues.

For more information, call Julian Broughton at 426-5667 or 426-5438.

distribution commodities for local Social Services to receive

Perquimans County will re-e butter, commeal, honey, ceive butter, commeal, honey, flour, pears, and rice for distri-bution in February. The Hertford Lion's Club will begin distribu-tion at 9 a.m. on Feb. 26. It will be conducted at the Ice Plant on Grubb Street and will be avail-able to all income eligible house-holds in Perquimans County. A rain date has been set for Feb. 27. Households having four or more members should bring a helper with them to assist in carrying food to their car.

All households who will not able to pick up their commo-

dities may use a representative for this purpose. The commodi-ties card or application must be signed in the correct places for this to be acceptable. No house-hold will be allowed to pick up food for more than themselves and one other household as rep-resentative. There will be no exative. There will be no ex-

There will be two lines at the tribution site. The second line all be for the physically hand-apped and/or disabled who re present at the distribution to of up their formation to tr food. A doctor's

proof of handicapped license plates for their vehicle must be provided. Those persons using the handicapped line may pick up food for their own household only. Again, there will be no ex-

Cars may not be driven into the distribution area. Please re-member to park only in autho-rized parking areas as the Hertford Police Department will be patroling the area.

Applications may be ob-tained from the following agen-cies beginning Feb. 11: Department of Social Services,

Health Department, Economic Improvement Council, Catholic Social Ministries, Senior Citizen Center and the Open Door Min-istries at the Ice Plant.

The Commodities Distribu-tion Program is available to all eligible persons without regard eligible persons without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, handicap, or political beliefs. Information about regulations against dis-crimination and how to file a complaint may be secured from the N. C. Division of Social Serv-ices, 325 N. Salisbury Street. Raleigh, N.C. or from your

county department of Social Services.

The income criterior are available at the Department of Social Services.

Last year the department elected not to hold one of the distributions due to poor response. Counties are not required by law to organize the food distributions.