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Briefs Drug raids lead to arrest in Chapanoke

Library plans open house
The Perquimans County Library will have an open house on Sunday, June 30 from 3-5 p.m. Renovations and furnishings will be showcased during this public event.

Tickets available
Tickets are still available for the Perquimans Jaycee fireworks fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, June 29. Pork barbecue plates are \$4 each. Tickets may be purchased from any Jaycee. A limited number of plates will be available on the day of the dinner.

Playhouse to meet
Perquimans Playhouse Inc. will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the private dining room at Angler's Cove Restaurant. Plans will be made for entertainment at Indian Summer Festival and the Playhouse Fall Production. Perquimans Playhouse Inc. is a non-profit corporation chartered in 1989 with membership open to all.

Holiday schedule
The Town of Hertford office will be closed on July 4. Garbage pick-up will be as scheduled. The town is encouraging its citizens to attend the 4th of July festivities slated at Missing Mill Park.

Chapter 1 sign-ups in progress at school
Applications are now being accepted for the Pre-K Chapter 1 Program. The site of this program is Hertford Grammar School. Applicants must be 4 years old by Oct. 15.

Applications may be picked up at the Hertford Grammar School office at 607 Dobbs St. or the Central office on Edenton Road Street.

NAACP holds workshop
The N.C. NAACP will sponsor a one-day conference on Saturday, June 29 from 12 noon-5 p.m. at the K.E. White Graduate Center on the campus of Elizabeth City State University. This conference is part of the Focus on the Black Male Project implemented by the N.C. NAACP to address problems impacting black males.

A training workshop for NAACP branch officers and members will be held June 29 from 9:30-11 a.m., prior to the conference.

ECSU sponsors lab school
The Elizabeth City State University Laboratory School is now accepting applications for Summer and Fall sessions.

The Laboratory School serves children between the ages of 2-5 years old. The ECSU Lab School offers an innovative program geared toward fostering the development of the total child.

Application information can be obtained by calling the director, Dr. Faleese Jenkins at 335-3374, Monday-Friday, between the hours at 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Department has made inroads into curtailing drug traffic in the last two weeks with two drug raids and marijuana plant confiscation.

Cecil Ira Elliott, 56, of the Chapanoke community was arrested on June 15 and charged with possession of a schedule 6 controlled substance (marijuana) with intent to manufacture, sell and distribute.

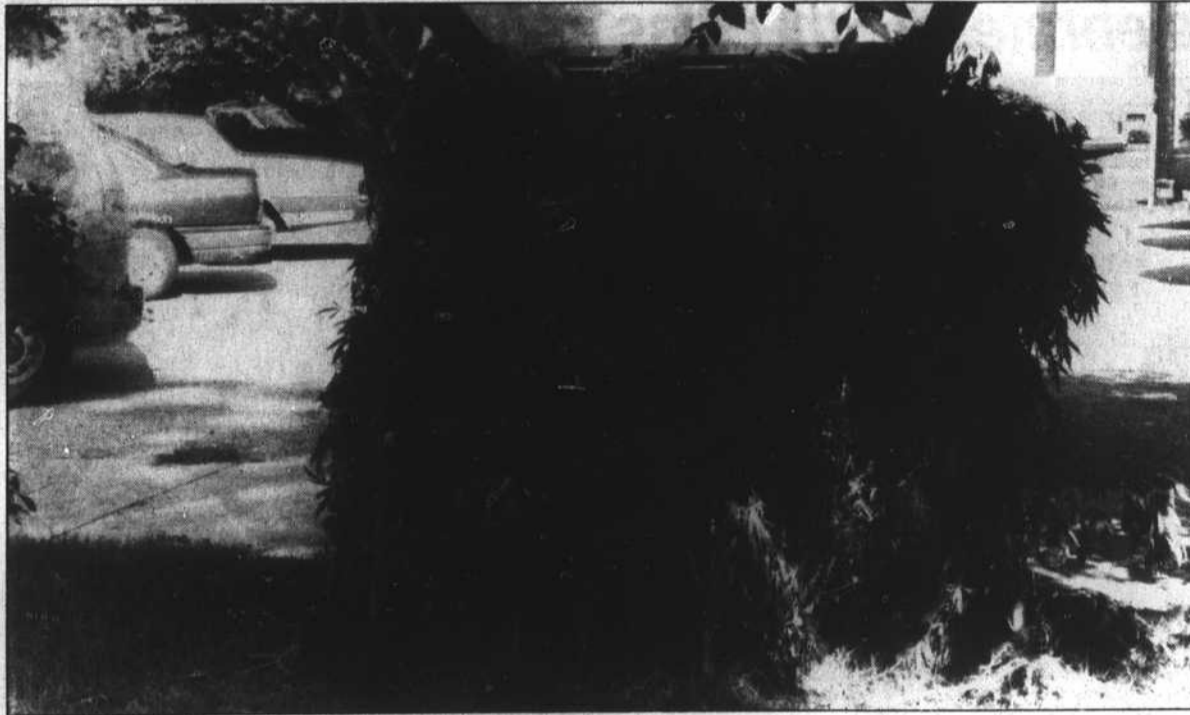
Elliott's arrest resulted from a long investigation.

"He has been dealing for a long time," sheriff Joe Lothian said. "He was a major distributor. We had worked on this one for a while."

Lothian said direct buys were made from Elliott. On the date of Elliott's arrest, all sheriff's deputies, Hertford Police officers Tommy Teague, Tim Bunch and Ray Jadele, and Winfall Police Chief Dale Vanscoy watched Elliott's residence closely. Officers moved to within several yards of Elliott while he was moving his marijuana.

The law enforcement team moved in and arrested Elliott. Lothian said the officers found marijuana in a junk vehicle parked outside the residence and a large quantity of marijuana in the master bedroom inside.

Elliott is being held in Albarne District Jail under a



A helicopter air search reaped over \$60,000 in joint effort of the National Guard, SBI and marijuana plants Monday, said Perquimans sheriff Joe Lothian. The air surveillance was a

\$25,000 bond pending his probable cause hearing.

The same officers raided a mobile home at Dogwood Trailer Park belonging to Vera Brown on June 22. Lothian said the

mobile home had been under surveillance for quite a while.

The team moved in at around 11 p.m. and found drug paraphernalia, residual amounts of cocaine, a quantity of money

and weapons, which were confiscated.

Lothian said three residents of the mobile home, two from Virginia and one from New York, are suspected of being mid-level

dealers in a local drug distribution ring.

"We're finding more and more people from out of state taking active roles in our local distribution business and that concerns me," Lothian said.

No arrests have been made in the case. Lothian said his office is waiting for an analysis from the criminal lab before taking further action.

Air patrol resulted in the confiscation of an estimated \$60,800 in growing marijuana plants in the county Monday.

A joint venture involving National Guard helicopters, SBI investigators and local law enforcement officers located the plants in both the Whiteston and New Hope communities. Lothian said the largest number of plants were found growing northwest of Whiteston, while the largest plants were taken from the New Hope area.

The plants were spotted from the air, then radio communications sent ground crews in to recover the drugs.

No arrests have been made pending further investigation. The plants are being held as evidence until cases can be built.

All sheriff's department employees and Teague participated in the air maneuvers.

Business renovations highlighted

The business district on Market Street has taken on a new look, thanks to local business women Dianne Banks and Rhonda Gregory. The two have revamped their headquarters inside and out.

Last Thursday an open house was held at Dianne's Hair Styling, Tanning and Toning and Rhonda Gregory, C.P.A. to allow clients and community citizens to get a glimpse of the transformation of the buildings. Gary Underhill, attorney at law, Gregory's tenant, also participated in the open house.

After a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce, throngs of people filed through the buildings, surveying the work which was described by many who attended as "gorgeous," "wonderful," and "a great improvement to the downtown area."

Months of planning and work went into the renovations. Lights could be seen on in the buildings as work went on until the wee hours of the morning.

Hertford Mayor W.D. "Bill" Cox said he was delighted that the two took the initiative to refurbish their buildings, and hopes that the renovations will spread throughout the business district.



Photo by Nancy Royden-Clark

Gary Underhill, Nancy Newbern, John Christensen and Dianne Banks braved the rain to attend the ribbon cutting/open house held at Dianne's Hair Styling, Tanning and Toning, Rhonda Gregory, C.P.A. and Gary Underhill, Attorney at Law last Thursday. Hundreds of people turned out to survey the newly-renovated offices which have improved the looks of downtown Hertford.

Cox will not seek sixth term

Mayor W.D. "Bill" Cox will not seek a sixth term as mayor of Hertford in the November municipal election, he announced Tuesday.

"I just feel that it's time for another elected official," Cox said. "I've given this a lot of thought."

Cox was sworn in as mayor on June 14, 1971, after having served the previous four years as a councilman. He began serving as town manager part-time upon his election as mayor. He was hired full time in March 1975. He is not resigning from his position as town manager.

"I appreciate the cooperation from the town council over the years and from the citizens of Hertford," Cox stated.

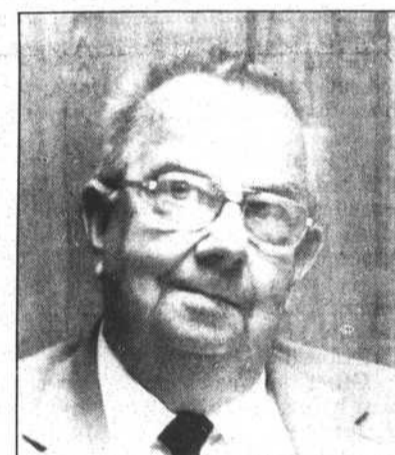
Councilman Jesse Harris, who has served a total of 20 years on the council, will file for re-election.

Harris is concerned about rising electric rates and said he will work to halt the increasing cost to Hertford citizens if elected to serve another four-year term.

"I hope that I could have some input, in particular, to stop the spiraling electric rate increase. It must be capped," Harris commented.

Harris serves as the town's representative to the 32-member NCEMPA, the municipal power agency from which Hertford purchases its wholesale electricity.

The veteran councilman also said he would work to hold the line on ad valorem tax rates by cutting the budget. Harris mentioned law enforcement and cemetery upkeep as two areas he believes spending could be



Bill Cox
... no re-election bid

curtailed. He also would like to see the county pick up the full cost of the dispatch department to avoid what he tabs "double taxation" for Hertford residents.

Billy Winslow, also a 20-year councilman, said he has not decided whether he will toss his hat into the political arena.

Mayor Bill Bartlett could not be reached for comment on whether he will seek another term as Winfall mayor.

Winfall councilmen C.D. Barclift and Jake Chesson said they had not decided whether they will seek re-election.

The filing period for the non-partisan municipal elections in both Hertford and Winfall will open July 5 at noon. The last date to file is August 2 at noon. Residents have until October 7 to register to vote in the elections.

4th of July celebration to honor veterans

The 4th of July celebration sponsored annually by the Perquimans County Jaycees will kick off with a tribute to the armed forces, according to chairman Chris Peckham.

At 3 p.m., a parade will leave Harris Shopping Center and move down to Missing Mill Park, where a ceremony featuring U.S. Navy (ret.) Admiral Harry Train will be held.

"All veterans are invited to participate in our 4th of July ceremony," said Chris Peckham, chairman of the event.

Veterans should report to Harris Shopping Center at 2:30 to join in the parade. American Legion and VFW members have been asked to report to the American Legion building on West Academy Street at 2.

Following the ceremony, entertainment, games and food will be available. Performances by the Leroy Lilley band, Perry family, the Silver Threads and dance groups are scheduled.

New to this year's celebration will be Kiddie Korner, where children can play 25-cent games, have their faces painted and ride in the Tiny Town Fire Truck. The popular dunking booth will be operated by the Perquimans Band Boosters, who expect long lines to dunk band director, David Ziemba.

A charity pie auction is slated for 7 p.m. which will be followed by an interdenominational religious service led by the Rev. John London and the J.H. London Crusaders.

Dance music will begin at 8,

courtesy of the Hertford Rotary Club.

The climax of the day will be the fireworks which will begin at 9:15. A spectacular show has been ordered featuring an American flag.

"We hope the entire county will turn out for this very special 4th of July celebration," Peckham said. "The town of Hertford and Chamber of Commerce have joined our efforts to plan and promote what we hope will be the best observance of Independence Day ever."

Civic groups and others interested in participating in the event are asked to call Peckham at 426-7743 or Susan Harris at 426-5307.



Photo by Jennifer Layden

Future firemen

Belvidere firefighter C.W. Overton works with Friendship 4-H Club members Amanda Byrum, Bob Layden, Daniel Fowler and Charlie Layden Friday evening during a fire safety program.

DEADLINE FOR JULY 4 PAPER IS FRIDAY JUNE 28 AT 3 P.M.
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