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## Briefs

### Comedy to be performed

The dinner theatre production of the hit comedy, "Love, Sex and the IRS," presented by the Bootstraps Acting Company at Angler's Cove Restaurant is being held over by popular demand for additional performances on August 9 and 10. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with the play following at 8 p.m.

For more information or to make reservations, please call 426-7294 or 426-9295.

### Notary class offered

College of the Albemarle will offer a one-night Notary Public Training class on August 8 in Elizabeth City.

The class will be held from 7-10 p.m. in room 229 of the A Building. Jeanne C. White, with the Perquimans County Register of Deeds office, will teach the course.

The cost of the course is \$25 plus \$5.25 for a required manual. A social security number is needed to register. For more information, call COA's Continuing Education office at 335-0821, ext. 250.

### Football practice to begin

Practice for those interested in playing football at Perquimans Middle school will begin on Monday, Aug. 26. The practice will begin immediately after school and last until 5 p.m.

### BPW to hold meeting

The Hertford BPW will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.

### Auxiliary holds raffle

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hertford Fire Department is holding a raffle. First prize is \$150, second is \$25. The drawing will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14 during the Indian Summer Festival. Tickets are \$1 each and may be purchased from Auxiliary and fire department members.

### Clinic schedules

The Perquimans County Health Department Clinic schedule for August 9-15 is as follows:

August 9: general p.m., pill/problems all day; August 13: prenatal a.m.; August 14: child health all day, WIC; and August 15: adult health a.m.

### Playhouse opens season

The Perquimans Playhouse Inc. announces its season activities for 1991-92. A reprise of the hilarious "Curse You, Jack Dalton!" will be presented at the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Indian Summer Festival on September 13 and 14 at the Perquimans County Courthouse.

The fall feature will be four performances of "Suitehearts" at Angler's Cove Restaurant on November 1, 2, 8 and 9. The spring feature will be four performances of "The Marriage-Go-Round" on March 6, 7, 13 and 14, 1992, also at Angler's Cove Restaurant. Climaxing the season will be the annual "Perry Awards" dinner dance on a date in the spring yet to be announced.

"Curse You, Jack Dalton!" was presented by the Playhouse at the 1988 Indian Summer Festival, and is being reprised by popular demand.

## Committee makes proposals to halt bus feud

### Board positive about recommendations

The Snug Harbor Transportation Committee presented a report to the Perquimans County Board of Education in regular session Monday night.

The committee was formed in response to parental complaints regarding bus driver Ethel White, who transports students on the Snug Harbor route. The parents met with the board on June 17 to register their concerns about discipline on the bus and what some considered unsafe driving by White.

Snug Harbor residents Gary DeWeese, Deb Kundee DeWeese, Marty Crawford and Susan

Chaney, along with board member Wayne Howell and assistant superintendent Jake Boyce, served on the committee. Their plan included performance standards for the bus driver, administrative responsibilities and community responsibilities.

The report calls for a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour in the Snug Harbor community, and for the bus driver to stop on the pavement when meeting a vehicle on a narrow street to allow the vehicle to pass. It further states that the driver will turn around only in authorized areas.

Discipline was also addressed. "The driver will maintain discipline on the bus, in a consistent and fair manner, using an assertive discipline plan approved by the administration," the report states. Specific behavior expectations are listed, and Chaney, who spoke to the board on behalf of the committee, said that the committee suggests that the rules of conduct be posted on the bus. Chaney also said that some community leaders had indicated that they would be willing to assist with distributing a copy of the rules of conduct to parents in Snug

Harbor.

The committee requested that the school administration periodically monitor the bus driver along with a community volunteer, contact N.C.D.O.T. to have low hanging limbs removed and drain pipes repaired, design and conduct assertive discipline workshops for all bus drivers and have a representative ride bus routes with drivers prior to the first day of school to instruct drivers on details related to performance standards.

Community responsibilities listed in the plan include providing monitors to accompany administrators on monitoring visits, establishing a committee to hear grievances and review

and monitor the plan, providing information to the community, encouraging parents to have students ready to board the bus when it arrives and providing adult monitors at designated bus stops if necessary.

Board members responded positively to the report, and several expressed appreciation to the committee members for their efforts to improve bus safety.

Boyce reported that the committee had met three times to look at transportation problems. He added that he saw the report not only as a recommendation for the Snug Harbor community, but as a plan that could possibly be implemented systemwide.



Photo by Susan Harris

### Chappell retires

Roy Chappell Jr. was honored for his 35 years of service to Centura Bank (formerly Peoples Bank & Trust) last Wednesday. Co-workers and customers stopped by to wish Chappell well during his last day with the company. Pictured with Chappell are his

co-workers (l to r) Anita Tillett, Renee Byrum, Linda Hurdie, Bobbie Webb, Audrey Bunch, Rick Tobin, Chappell, Janie Proctor, Frances Jordan and Becky Winslow.

## Apricot, Inc. sponsors education mini-grant

The Board of Education accepted a partnership grant from a local business in regular session Monday night.

Apricot, Inc. will sponsor a \$500 mini-grant through the school system. The company will make the funds available to a teacher who devises an inno-

vative plan to improve writing skills, and therefore scores on the state writing test.

Grant proposals submitted by the Oct. 15 deadline will be reviewed. The funds to implement the project will be available in November.

Superintendent Randall He-

nion said he appreciated Apricot taking the lead in local business-school partnerships, and he hopes other businesses will be encouraged to follow suit.

The project has been tagged Sew Write.

## Thatch released on bond

The man charged with the murder of Perquimans County native Joseph Richard Rogerson Jr. was released from Albemarle District Jail last Wednesday night after posting bond, according to Chief Jailer Aubrey Onley Sr.

William Lloyd "Hawk" Thatch, 42, appeared in Perquimans County District Criminal Court around noon last Wednesday, where he was scheduled for a Thatch probable cause hearing. Thatch agreed, through his legal counsel Michael Johnson of Elizabeth City, to waive his probable cause hearing in exchange for a bond recommendation from the state.

Eight members of Rogerson's family sat in court and listened as assistant district attorney Frank Parrish recommended bond be set for Thatch. They said they were disappointed with the terms of Thatch's release.

"It was a disappointment to our family that Thatch was released on bond, especially one so low. Certainly we expected a man charged with murder to be incarcerated while awaiting trial," said the victim's sister, Ann Rogerson.

Parrish recommended, and Judge J. Richard Parker ordered, bond in the amount of \$50,000, \$25,000 secured and \$25,000 unsecured. The only stipulations were that Thatch have no contact with any member of Rogerson's family, Damone Kee, Emma Kee or Manuel Miller pending his trial. Thatch, Damone Kee and Emma Kee all

reside at Miller & Meads Mobile Home Park. Miller also resides in Hertford.

Damone Kee was arrested on July 17 on drug charges and charges of breaking and entering. Initially, his bond was set at \$91,000. His bond was reduced Wednesday in court to \$85,000, \$60,000 unsecured and \$25,000 secured. The breaking and entering charge was dismissed.

Kee was held in the Chowan County jail awaiting his probable cause hearing. Hertford Police Captain Brad Krause would not comment on the reason Kee was not held at Albemarle District Jail.

Thatch was arrested on July 17 and charged with Rogerson's murder. His trial date was not set during court. However, the next Criminal Superior Court in Perquimans County is scheduled for Sept. 23.

Rogerson's body was found by a surveyor from Tyner on July 11 on the north end of Bear Swamp Road.

An autopsy revealed that Rogerson received a gunshot wound to the head fired from a small caliber weapon. According to Chowan County Sheriff Fred Spruill, there were also abrasions to Rogerson's head. A full autopsy report has not been received.

The Chowan County Sheriff's Department, State Bureau of Investigation and Hertford Police Department are investigating the case.

## Politicking begins in town

Hertford voters will go to the polls in November to seat a new mayor, fill a two-year vacancy left by the resignation of John Beers and decide whether to re-seat incumbents or elect new faces to represent them in two 4-year seats. The seats held by Billy Winslow and Jesse Harris are up for grabs.

John Beers, a 27-year veteran of the council, is the sole candidate for mayor. Beers said the knowledge he has gained while sitting on the council has prepared him to serve as the town's top elected official. Election laws forced Beers to resign from his present council seat before he could file for the mayor's slot.

Carlyn Brown was the first to file for a four-year seat. Brown, a Hertford native, moved out of the area for a number of years after high school. Since her return, she has encouraged the town council to proceed with the condemnation of substandard buildings. She said she feels she has a right and a responsibility to be involved in the community.

Larry Chappell, owner of Larry's Drive-In, has also declared his candidacy for a four-year seat. The 36-year-old businessman has been actively involved with the Hertford Fire Department and Perquimans County Rescue Squad for many years. He said he feels it's time for some younger citizens to become involved in government.

Incumbents Winslow and Harris have both filed for re-election.

Winslow has retained his seat for 20 years, never failing to be re-elected. He foresees tough economic times ahead, and believes that his experience will help the town weather the economic storm.

Harris has also been on the council for 20 years. His cites his main concerns are escalating ad valorem taxes and electric rates. He said expenses, possibly services, should be cut in order to control spending.

Filing for the vacancy left by Beers were Sid Eley, Franky Brown and Joe Towe White.

Eley said his main objective in running for council is to add some new ideas while planning for the town's future. He believes his involvement in the school system, fire department and rescue squad helps him to see needs in the area.

The youngest of the candidates, 22-year-old Brown plans to use his age as a campaign tool. He said the town can benefit from young, fresh ideas. Cost-cutting and recycling are two areas of concern for Brown.

White served on the council from 1981-85. He said he feels that the experience he gained during his tenure as a councilman and his experience as a businessman can help the town grow and thrive, despite tough economic times.

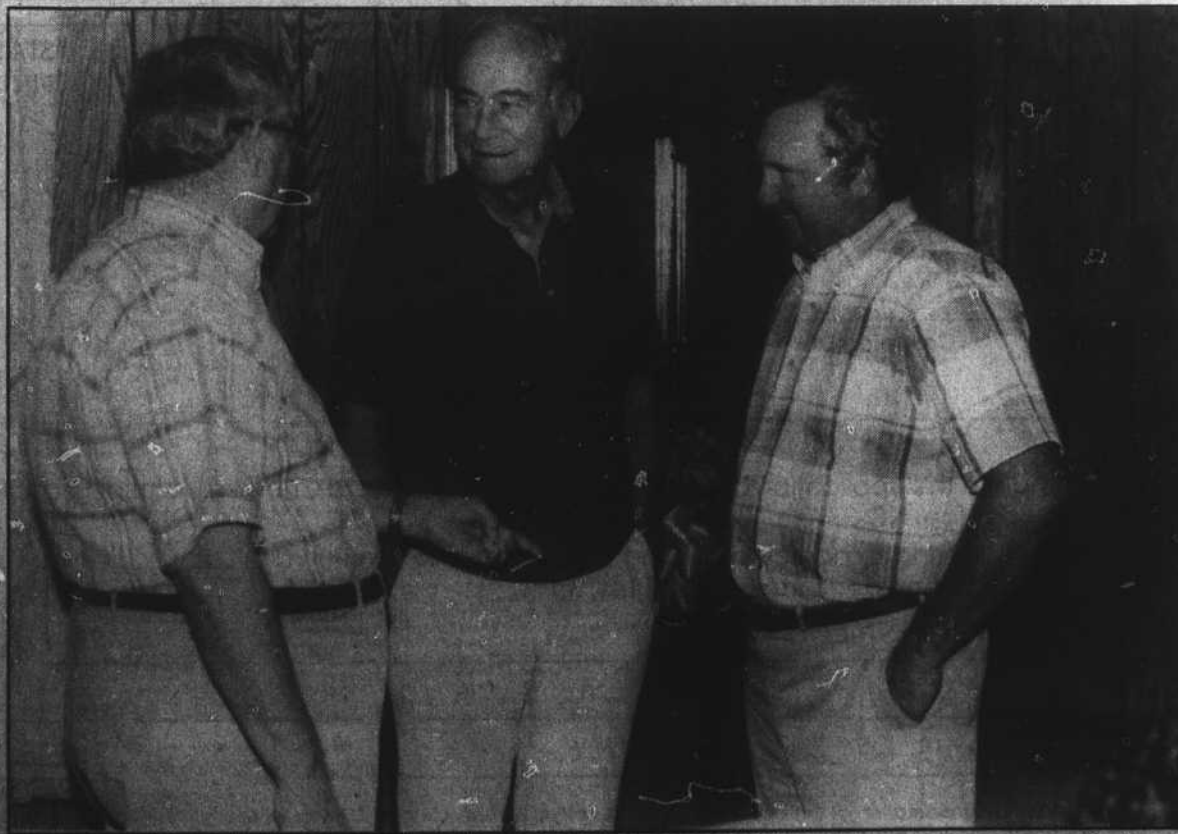


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North Carolina Representative R.M. "Pete" Thompson (center) visited Hertford Saturday morning for a Democratic party breakfast at the Senior Center. Thompson explained state budget woes and the process of finalizing the

budget to a packed house. Afterwards, Thompson visited with his friends like Julian "Little Man" Broughton (left) and Paul Smith Jr.

DEADLINES FOR THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NEWS RELEASES MON. 3 P.M.

ROYAL APPOINTING MON. 3 P.M.