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# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Briefs Runaway car plows through bank building

### Applications accepted

College of the Albemarle's Bridges Program will be accepting applications for the next class on August 26 through October 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in room 218 of the C Building at the Elizabeth City campus. The 11-week GED preparation, job-seeking and job-keeping skills course will begin October 7 and continue through December 18, 1991.

The Bridges Program is funded under the Job Training Partnership Act and is free for qualifying participants. For more information, contact College of the Albemarle at 335-0821, ext. 242.

### Band calendars on sale

The Perquimans County Band Boosters are currently selling band calendars. The calendars sell for \$4 each, and each listing is 50 cents. For more information please contact Vance Hoover at 426-8411 or Ellen O'Neal before Sept. 13.

### Open House planned

Perquimans Central Grammar School PTA will host an open house on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Randall Henion will be the guest speaker.

### Nutrition menus

The Nutrition Site menus for September 9-13 are as follows:

**Monday-Swedish meatballs, rice, green peas, whole wheat bread, margarine, chocolate pudding and milk.**

**Tuesday-Fried chicken, dried lima beans, marinated tomatoes with peppers and onions, dinner roll, margarine, sugar cookie and milk.**

**Wednesday-BBQ pork, coleslaw, stewed potatoes, cornbread, margarine, hot spiced apples and milk.**

**Thursday-Tuna salad, potato salad, okra and tomatoes, 4 crackers, margarine, fresh cantaloupe or melon balls and milk.**

**Friday-Spaghetti, tossed salad, green beans, French margarine, chocolate chip cookie and milk.**

### Clinic schedule

The Perquimans County Health Department Clinic schedule for September 6-11 is as follows: Sept. 6 - general p.m., WIC all day; Sept. 10 - prenatal a.m.; and Sept. 11 - Child health all day, WIC.

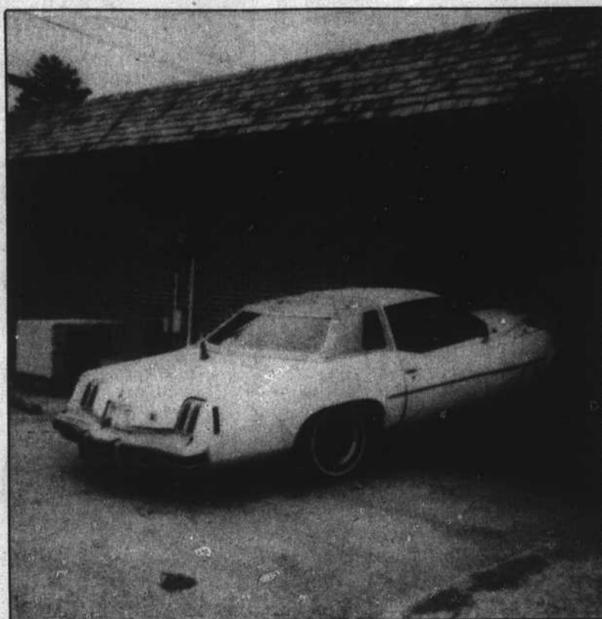
Law enforcement officials got a surprise Sunday morning when they were dispatched to an accident at Harris Shopping Center. A car had crashed through the back wall of the North Carolina National Bank building.

According to Hertford Police Patrolman Tim Bunch, he was dispatched to an accident around 11:30 a.m. Sunday. Upon his arrival with Perquimans County Sheriff's Deputy Eric Tilley, Bunch found a 1974 Pontiac Grand Prix with its front end inside the bank's lobby.

The car's owner, William Edward Armstrong, 38, of Hertford, told Bunch that he had been working under the dash of the car at the carwash at the rear of the parking lot when it started up, jumped into gear and began moving forward. Bunch said Armstrong told him he chased the car, but was unable to stop it. Armstrong told Bunch he estimated the car was travelling about 25 miles per hour.

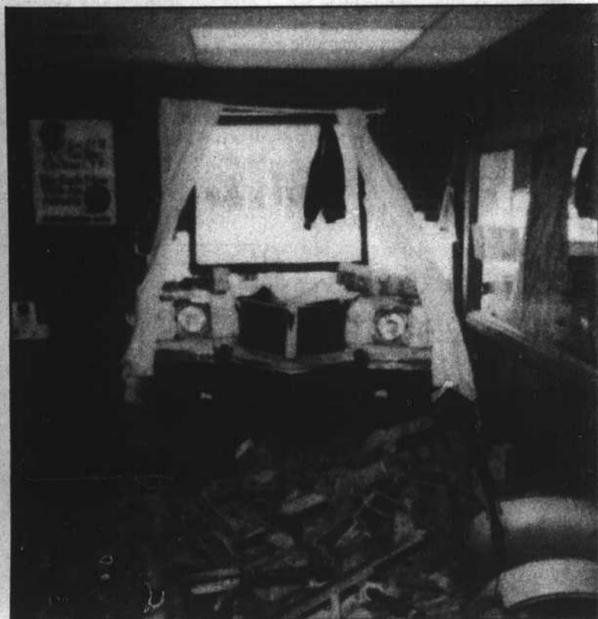
Damage to the bank building was estimated at \$25,000. Bank officials were called to the scene Sunday and began clean-up operations. The accident did not hamper operations, said NCNB branch manager Diane Stallings Tuesday morning, as the bank re-opened after the Monday holiday as planned.

The car was a total loss.



Law enforcement officials arrived at Harris Shopping Center Sunday just before noon to find this 1974 Pontiac Grand Prix sitting partially in the lobby of NCNB. Broken bricks and furniture were strewn across the interior of the building. Initial estimates on damage to the building approach \$25,000.

Armstrong was charged with stopping the engine and effectively setting the break in accordance with North Carolina general statutes.



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## Courthouse annex renovations are complete

The Perquimans County courthouse annex has received its final inspection and will soon be occupied, according to County Manager Paul Gregory.

Gregory said Friday that the offices of the building inspector will be moved from the extension building to the annex as soon as the telephone system is installed.

The annex will house the sheriff's department, dispatch office, building inspector's office, commissioner's room, law library and second courtroom by year end. A small office will be occupied by Clerk of Court personnel during court sessions only. There will initially be empty offices in the building which will provide for expansion and/or separation of departments presently housed together.

The new courtroom, located on the second floor of

the annex, will seat 96, and is accessible by staircases in the front and back of the building and by elevator. Gregory said chief judge Grafton Beamon was instrumental in the design of the courtroom which features the jury box in front, rather than on the side as in the present court facility.

The Register of Deeds office will expand into the present commissioner's room. The former law library will be designated as the mapping office of the tax department once the county mapping process begins. The old dispatch office will be used for court purposes. What is now the sheriff's department will become a storage and filing area. The county manager's offices will be the only offices occupied on a regular basis in the upstairs



County manager Paul Gregory and the county commissioners reviewed this scale drawing of the courthouse annex after renovation many times during the rebuilding process. Gregory said last week that some departments should move into the building immediately.

of the main courthouse.

Features of the annex include zoned heating and air conditioning for energy efficiency, a smoke and fire detection system, a back-up generator in case of power failure, an elevator telephone connected directly to the dispatch office and a security system.

"It is a nice-looking building with efficient, I think, office space utilization," Gregory told the commissioners in August. "The architect did a good job and we held down the cost to close to what the contract was."

Gregory told the commissioners that the renovations were within \$10,227 of the original bid price. Including the purchase price, Gregory reported that the cost of the renovations was approximately \$42.83 per square foot.

"I haven't heard anybody kick on it that's been and looked," commissioner Thomas Nixon commented.

"I think it's a big boost for downtown Hertford," commissioners chairman Lester Simpson said.

Present furnishings will be used where possible for the

new building. Furniture for the courtroom will cost approximately \$19,500, to be paid from court facilities funds. The chairs presently used by the commissioners during their meetings will be recovered, and a new horse shoe-shaped table has been ordered for the commissioner's room.

Gregory estimates that all departments will be moved by Nov. 1.

## DMV seeks assistance from public

RALEIGH--The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles recently turned to the public for help in apprehending a fugitive wanted on 24 charges of using worthless certified checks to buy vehicles from owners who advertised in newspapers.

DMV identified the fugitive as James David Darnell, a 35-year-old white man weighing about 240 pounds. Darnell, 6'5", has brown hair and brown eyes. Officials said Darnell has an undetermined number of counterfeit identification cards and driver's licenses with fictitious names. He has been known to change the color of his hair and shave his beard about every two weeks. He may be traveling with a blonde female who uses the name of Deborah Blau Coryell.

According to officers, Darnell contacts individuals who advertise their vehicles for sale in the newspaper and makes personal contact only with those who have the vehicle titles in their possession. Darnell arranges to purchase the vehicles with worthless certified checks printed in various business names.

After gaining possession of several vehicles, Darnell contacts various automobile dealers, representing himself as a used car dealer, and arranges a sale. He immediately cashes the checks received from the dealers. Officials said both owners and dealers end up victimized.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Darnell is asked to contact the nearest law enforcement agency, the nearest Division of Motor Vehicles enforcement office, or to call Crime Stoppers, which offers a reward up to \$1,000.

## County property owners to receive first solid waste user fee bills

Perquimans County residents will soon be receiving their annual ad valorem tax bills which will reflect the \$25 per residence solid waste user fee for the first time.

The fee was authorized by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners on June 17 to cover the cost of Perquimans County's share of the operational costs of the Tri-county Landfill. The owner of each residence in the county will be billed. Dwelling owners who rent their property to others can elect to

pass along the cost to their tenants.

Lots used exclusively for camping will be assessed \$12.50.

The ordinance passed in June states that the funds collected from the user fees will be used for landfill operations, not for the collection of solid waste. Expenditures for collection will continue to be paid from the general fund.

Also under the terms of the

ordinance, county businesses are required to provide for their solid waste disposal needs through private enterprise. Municipalities using the landfill are billed by the county for waste taken to the landfill.

Tipping fees were also addressed in the June ordinance. Anyone hauling residential or commercial solid waste to the landfill which weighs 500 pounds or more is charged \$25 per ton to dump. A fee of \$10 per ton for demolition materials is charged. Demolition materials

include wood, cement without rebar, brick, mortar and block.

The county was authorized to impose the solid waste user fee by the North Carolina General Assembly. House Bill 86 allows counties to impose solid waste fees and authorizes counties to bill the fees with property taxes. Further, House Bill 86 states that counties can collect delinquent user fees in the same manner as delinquent property taxes. The fees, like property taxes, become a lien on the property if they are not paid.

Owners of residential property have until Jan. 5, 1992 to pay the fees. A 2 percent penalty will be assessed during the remainder of January. Those who do not pay until February will pay a 2.75 percent late fee, and in March the late penalty will rise to 3.5 percent. The county will add .75 percent per month to the 3.5 percent penalty thereafter.

### DEADLINES FOR THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NEWS RELEASES . . . MON. 3 P.M.

RETAIL ADVERTISING . . . MON. 3 P.M.

CLASSIFIED & LEGALS . . . MON. 3 P.M.

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