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## Briefs

### 4-H group to meet

The Friendship 4-H club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30 at the Whiteston Community Building. Also, on December 2, there will be a workshop on making lamps and Christmas decorations. The workshop will be from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 per child to cover all materials. The deadline for signing up is Sept. 15, and pre-payment is required. Six volunteers are also needed to help with the workshop. For more information, contact Vickie Harris at 297-2560.

### Open house planned

The Cornfield Cloggers of Gatesville are having an open house on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center on Highway 158 in Gatesville. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 257-1336 or 465-4166.

### Applications being accepted

The Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire department is currently accepting applications for the 1991-92 Fire Queen. Applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 21 and unmarried. Applicants do not have to live in the Belvidere community.

If interested please contact Jennifer Layden at 297-2901.

### Wetland workshop slated

A workshop on Wildlife on Agricultural Wetlands will be held Friday, Sept. 27 at Manns Harbor Community Center and Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge. The program covers all aspects of permitting and management of agricultural wetlands. Preregistration is required and you may contact Lewis Smith at 426-5428 for more information. Attendance is limited to the first 80 landowners who apply.

### Lessons offered

The Harbor Lite Square Dancers are offering two free lessons on Oct 1 and 8 at Holiday Island Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 426-8106.

### Meeting set

The Hertford Business and Professional Women's Organization will meet on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. at Jimmy's BBQ on Edenton Road Street. The subject of the meeting will be "Women Helping Girls with Choices Project."

### MSEN Advisory board to meet

The MSEN Local Advisory Board will meet at the K.E. White Graduate Center, Room 130, Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. The Education committee will meet before the Local Advisory Board at 5 p.m. in the same room.

### Library board to meet

The Pettigrew Regional Library Board will meet on Monday, Sept. 16, at 8 p.m. at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton.

### Senior center begins class

An exercise class for senior citizens has begun at the Perquimans Senior Center. The classes are held on Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. There is no charge. For more information or to register, call the center at 426-5404.

## Hertford continues clean-up with CDBG grant

The Town of Hertford will continue its efforts to revitalize the town with the receipt of another North Carolina Department of Economic and Community Development Block Grant.

Gov. James G. Martin announced recently awards for 14 county governments and 45 municipal governments across the state. The award to Hertford was for \$583,235.

"The grant will give us an opportunity to do some work in the Market Street area that certainly needs to be done," said Hertford Mayor and City Manager W.D. "Bill" Cox Monday at the Hertford Town Council meeting. "I think it's good."

In its application, the town requested funds to rehabilitate 30 housing units on Market and Grubb streets extending from West Academy Street to Edenton Road Street. The town agreed to contribute \$30,000 in local funds for demolition and housing rehabilitation.

The grant represents the fourth awarded to the town. Most of the dwellings in the project area have been classified as severely deteriorated. Three were determined to be dilapidated, and are scheduled for demolition under the grant.

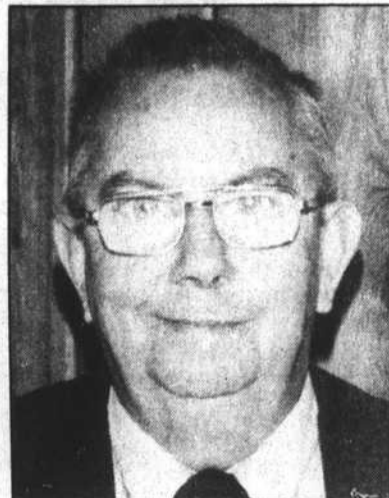
The town indicated in its grant application that the grant will effectively correct 100 percent of all housing needs in the project area.

In 1984, the town identified and prioritized areas of significant need with concentrations of low- and moderate-income populations. Since that time, grants have allowed the town to systematically alleviate slum and blighting conditions in those areas where funds have been made available. When work is finished on the Market-Grubb streets project, over 120 housing units will have benefitted from grant funds.

The town also adopted a minimum housing code in May 1984. Since that time the code enforcement program has been applied to 45 structures. Of that number, three have been demolished, two are still in the condemnation process and 40 have

been repaired to standard condition.

The community revitalization grants, totaling over \$29.1 million, are a portion of North Carolina's \$39.7 million CDBG allocation from the federal government for the program year that began on April 1, 1991. Requests for funds were received from 105 applicants. The grants are awarded on a competitive basis and must meet minimum eligibility requirements including benefit to low- and moderate-income persons. Local governments may request a maximum of \$600,000 in any one program year.



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## Jessup donates land to schools

Perquimans County Schools moved one step closer to completing the new wastewater treatment facility at Perquimans County Middle School last week when Willis Jessup donated land to the school system for the project.

Jessup gave the school system a five-acre tract adjacent to the school property, valued at \$19,000, for the construction of the facility.

"By making this gift, Mr. Jessup is making a statement of financial support toward the Perquimans County Schools," said Dr. Randall Henion, schools superintendent.

Jessup was presented with a letter of appreciation in Henion's office Friday. The land donation was officially accepted by the board of education in a Wednesday meeting.

### State officials notified

school administrators in mid-1989 that a new wastewater treatment facility was required at the school. The school board initially worked with the planning department at North Carolina State University and local agriculture and conservation personnel on the project, but plans drawn with the assistance of those groups were rejected by state officials. McDowell & Associates, an Elizabeth City engineering firm, has been working on the project since February.

Henion said that the permit to begin work on the facility was issued on July 1, and that construction was begun on the portion of the facility located on property owned by the school system at that time.

The schools are working under a tight timeline. The state has mandated that the

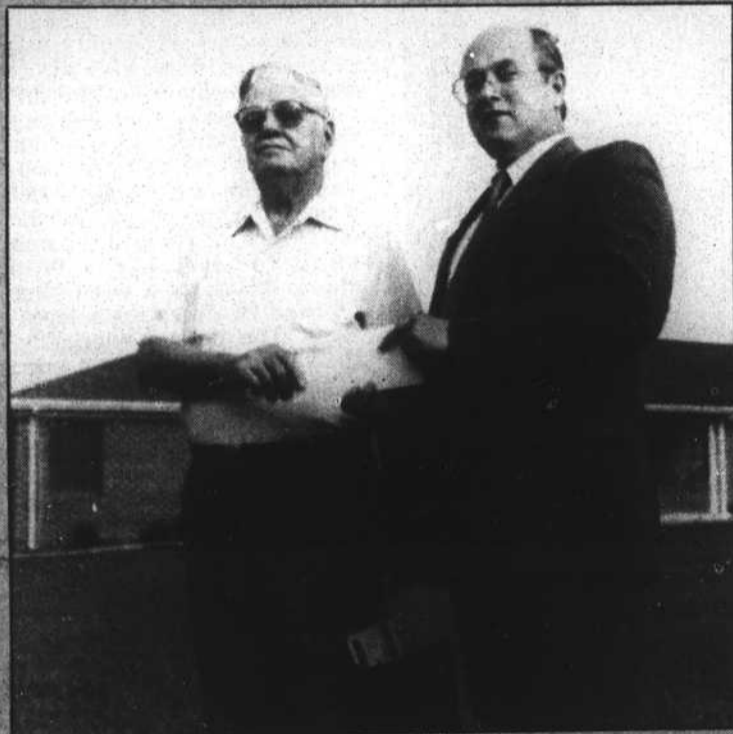


Photo by Nancy Royden-Clark

Schools Superintendent Dr. Randall Henion presented Willis Jessup with a letter of appreciation Friday for his donation of five acres of land to the school system. The property will be used to construct a state-mandated wastewater treatment facility.

treatment facility be operable by Dec. 31, a date Henion said is possible to meet.

"The facility is necessary in order to accommodate the expanded student population," said Community Schools Coordinator Jeanie Umphlett. "Due to the generosity of Mr. Jessup, the Board of Education can move forward on the project."

Jessup is a native of Winfall who has made his home in Perquimans County for 78 years. The retiree spent many years farming property in his hometown.

Philanthropy is not new to

Jessup. He has supported other local causes such as the Perquimans County Marching Pirates Band and the county library. Jessup said he enjoys giving to good causes in a community that he proudly calls home.

The school board must submit plans and specifications to the state for a wastewater treatment facility at Perquimans Central School by Feb. 1, 1991.

## County hires fire marshal

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners filled the position of county fire marshal last Tuesday. John M. Long, 42, was chosen from a field of four candidates.

Long, currently a lieutenant in the Winfall Volunteer Fire Department, brings to the position over 20 years of fire protection experience. He began his firefighting career in 1971 when he joined Elizabeth City Fire Company No. 1. In 1985, he signed on with the Winfall department. While in Elizabeth City, Long took courses dealing with alcohol, tobacco and firearms. He has also had fire and rescue training through the N.C. Department of Insurance.

"He has been involved with the Elizabeth City Fire Department. He's also dealt with large fires, be it industrial, lumber companies, warehouses, chemical spills and plane crashes. John has gone into the school already in Elizabeth City. He has also gone with the fire inspector into the rest homes where he was in Elizabeth City," county manager Paul Gregory told the commissioners.

Long began his duties immediately after his appointment. His primary responsibilities, according to Gregory, are inspecting public buildings including schools, and day care and rest home facilities. He will work with fire education and with local fire chiefs to apprise them of training opportunities in the district.

Long was appointed to fill the position which was left open by Charlie Skinner's June 30 retirement.

Gregory said all four appli-



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cants for the job were good candidates. In addition to Long, Parker Newbern, Edward Leicester and Ray Cullipher applied for the position. The men have logged 18, 14 and 11 years of experience in firefighting, respectively. Newbern and Leicester serve as officers on the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department. Cullipher is chief of the Durants Neck squad.

Long is employed at the Harvey Point defense base. He is a disc jockey at radio station WKJX96 KIX and is a member of the Parksville Ruritan Club and Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106.

He and his wife, Belinda Hurdle Long, have three children, Wayne, Karen and Holly.

## Hertford changes fishing law

The Hertford Town Council last month passed an ordinance restricting fishing on the Hertford-Winfall causeway and the "S"-shaped bridge in Hertford.

Effective August 22, the ordinance prohibits fishing on the west side of the causeway and the bridge. Anglers will be allowed to fish on the east side of the causeway and the bridge.

The Council passed the ordinance because members feel that fishing on the narrow west

shoulder of the causeway and the side of the bridge with no sidewalk is a hazard to both fishermen and motorists. Councilmen also reported receiving requests from citizens to take formal action.

Signs were recently erected informing anglers of the new restrictions.

Noncompliance with the ordinance carries a civil penalty of \$50, according to Hertford Police Chief Aubrey Sample.

## Head Start sponsors nutrition program

The Economic Improvement Council Inc., Full Year Head Start announces the sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Meals will be available at no separate

charge to enrolled children at the center including both centers in Perquimans County, and will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex or handicap. For

more information, call 482-4495.

The following family size and income standards are used to determine eligibility:

FAMILY SIZE	WEEKLY		MONTHLY		YEARLY		
	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	
1	\$ 166	\$ 256	\$ 718	\$ 1,021	\$ 8,606	\$ 12,247	
2	222	316	963	1,369	11,544	16,428	
3	279	397	1,207	1,718	14,482	20,609	
4	335	477	1,452	2,066	17,420	24,790	
5	392	558	1,697	2,415	20,358	28,971	
6	448	638	1,942	2,763	23,296	33,152	
7	505	718	2,187	3,112	26,234	37,333	
8	561	798	2,431	3,460	29,172	41,514	
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBER ADD:							
	+57	+81	+245	+349	+2,938	+4,181	

### 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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119 W. Grubb St.  
426-5728

## EMC to hold annual meeting

The Alhmarle EMC Board of Directors has set a date for the Annual Member meeting. The electric co-op's president of the board, L.A. Harris, announced that the Saturday, Sept. 21 meeting will take place in Hertford at Perquimans County High School. Harris pointed out that registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 2 p.m.

The 1991 meeting will include election of three directors - District #1 Camden County; District #3 Pasquotank County and District #5 all counties served. Each district will elect one director.

A nominating committee is submitting the following names for election: District #1 - Camden County - James Burrus - Glenn Carey - Incumbent. District #3 - Pasquotank County

- Robert Earl Hewitt - John Winslow Spence - Incumbent District #5 - All counties served - Marjorie Allen Copeland - Tommy Harrell - Virgie P. Whitehurst - Incumbent

Other business will include the yearly report from general manager, Dorris B. White. White said that members need to attend the meeting and get involved with the co-op way of doing business.

The local EMC covers portions of five counties - Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Currituck and Camden - and serves approximately 7,800 member-consumers.

A number of attendance prizes will be awarded. A member must be present to win.