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### GED classes offered

College of the Albemarle is now offering free GED classes at two sites in Perquimans County for adults who wish to earn their high school equivalency.

Perquimans residents who are out of work or having difficulty finding a job because they do not have a high school diploma may come to the sites to work on earning a high school equivalency diploma. Basic reading, writing and math courses are also taught. Caring instructors will enroll students for the following classes: on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Perquimans High School Vocational Building or on Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m.-12 Noon in the Snug Harbor Community Church.

Details are available by calling 335-0821, ext. 278, or visiting a class site to talk with one of the instructors.

### NAACP to meet

The Perquimans County Branch of NAACP will hold its monthly meeting on Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Senior Center. An executive meeting will be at 7 p.m.

### 'Suitehearts' hits stage

Final preparations are being made for the upcoming production of the award winning two act comedy "Suitehearts" by the Perquimans Playhouse, a non-profit community theater group in Perquimans County. The performances will be held in dinner theater format at the Hertford Lions Club on Nov. 1, 2, 3 (Matinee), 8, 9 and 10 (Matinee). The performances on Nov. 2 and 3 will be no-smoking performances.

For more information or to make reservations contact Mary Harrell at 426-5657.

### Centura records profit

Centura Banks Inc. (NYSE:CBC) recently reported third quarter net income of \$2.0 million, a decline from \$5.7 million during the same period of 1990. Fully-diluted earnings per share were 15 cents compared to 40 cents for the third quarter of 1990.

For the first nine months of 1991, net income was \$9.7 million compared to \$17.8 million for the same period last year. Fully-diluted earnings per share were 69 cents compared to \$1.25 for the first nine months of last year.

### NCNB reports earnings

NCNB Corp. recently reported net income for the third quarter of 1991 of \$131.1 million, an increase of 130 per cent from net income of \$57.0 million in the third quarter of 1990. For the first nine months, NCNB's net income climbed 20 per cent to \$401.7 million, up from \$334.5 million for the same period one year ago.

In the third quarter, earnings per common share rose 114 per cent to \$1.09, compared to third quarter 1990 earnings per common share of 51 cents. Year-to-date, NCNB has earned \$3.53 per common share, a 12-percent increase versus the \$3.15 per common share reported in the first nine months of 1990. NCNB's return on common shareholder's equity was 15.67 per cent in the first nine months of 1991.

## Two parked vehicles, Jim Hunter monument damaged

A New York minister was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated after hitting two parked, unattended vehicles on Church Street Friday around 8 p.m.

Claude Mann, 73, of Box 204 Lincoln Station, N.Y., was operating a 1984 Ford pick-up truck traveling south on Church Street when he hit a parked vehicle on the right side of the street, then veered to the left and struck a second parked vehicle on the left side of the street. Mann's vehicle continued forward over the curb and sidewalk onto the courthouse lawn, struck the Jimmy Hunter monument, veered left and came to rest when it struck an oak tree, according to Hertford Police Officer Tim Bunch, who investigated the incident.

The car struck by Mann parked on the right side of Church Street was owned by Melody C. Hollowell. The 1984

Chrysler sustained an estimated \$500 in damages. The parked vehicle on the left side of the street was owned by Perquimans County. The 1989 Jeep belonging to the sheriff's department received damages estimated at \$6,000. According to Perquimans County Sheriff Joe Lottian, the vehicle might be deemed a total loss by adjusters. Mann's vehicle received an estimated \$3,000 in damages. Larry Swindell, through whom the monument to Jimmy Hunter was purchased, contacted his distributor to get an estimate on damages to the monument. No figure was available at press time.

Mann, who is employed by the Church of Christ in Bronx, N.Y., was charged with driving while intoxicated and driving left of center. He was placed in Albemarle District Jail under a \$1,000 secured bond.

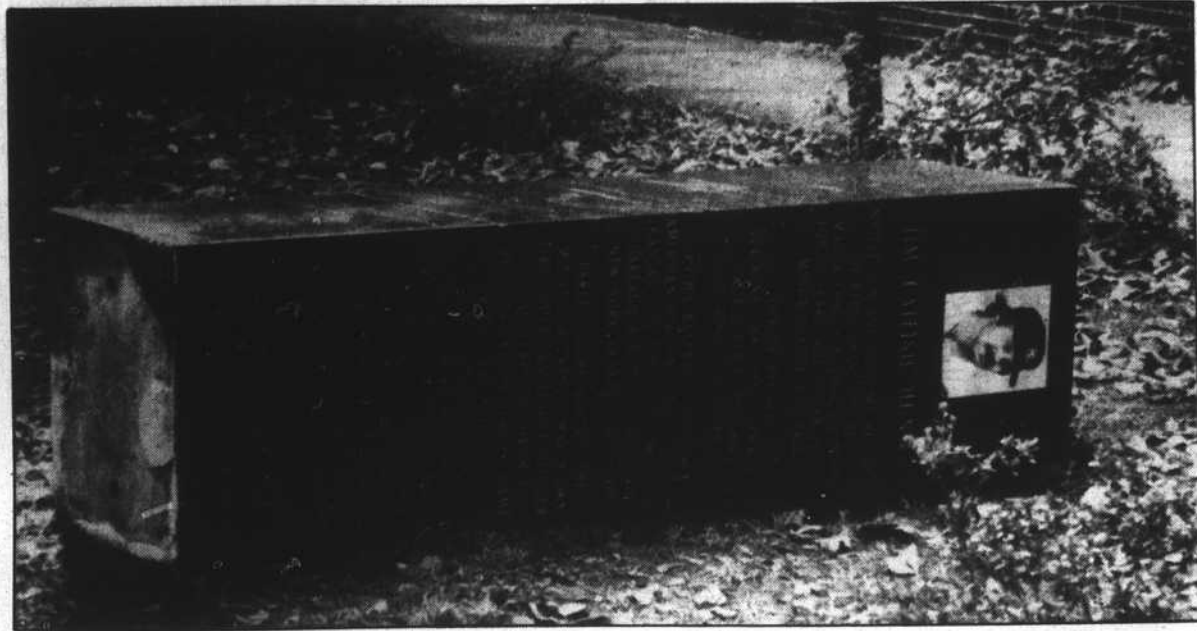


Photo by Susan Harris

A New York minister hit two parked, unattended cars before careening into the Jimmy Hunter monument on the courthouse lawn and knocking it off its foundation Friday night. Claude Mann, 73, of New York was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and driving left of center after the accident.



Photo by Nancy Royden-Clark

Hertford mayoral candidate John Beers speaks to the audience about his political agenda during the "Meet the Candidates" forum sponsored by the Hertford BPW last Thursday evening. Looking on are seven of the eight candidates also seeking offices in Hertford.

## Candidates speak on issues

Candidates for Hertford Town Council seats and the mayor's position presented their platforms publicly at the "Meet the Candidates" program sponsored by the Hertford Business and Professional Women's Local Organization last Thursday evening at the Perquimans County Courthouse.

All office-seekers in the Nov. 5 non-partisan municipal elections for both Hertford and Winfall were invited to attend the forum, however no candidates from Winfall were present, nor was Joe Towe White Jr., who is running for the two-year seat on the Hertford board left vacant by the resignation of John Beers to run for mayor.

All candidates were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and share their agendas in a three-minute speech prior to the question-and-answer segment of the program. Participating in the forum were mayoral candidate John Beers; candidates for the two, four-year terms, incumbents Billy Winslow and Jesse Harris and challengers Carlyn Brown and Larry Chappell; candidates for the one-year seat, John London, Sid Eley and Franky Brown.

"As a candidate for mayor, I want to represent you to the fullest of my ability," said Beers.

"It takes all of us together as one body, the citizens of Hertford to challenge each other to move ahead. One mayor can't do it. One four-man council can't do it. It takes the board plus you."

Beers summed up his speech with an appeal. "I want the opportunity to serve you and I want you to challenge me to do

so," he said.

Candidates for the two available four-year terms spoke next. "With my experience in serving for the last 20 years, I feel that I am very well qualified to serve you again, and I would certainly appreciate the opportunity," Winslow said.

"My slogan for this campaign has been 'preserve the past, plan for the future.' I think we do need to preserve the past...but if we're going to have a future, we need to start planning for that now," Brown said.

"I've come here tonight to ask for your support. I owe no political favors. I do not own a business in this town. I can make fair and impartial decisions. I hope you will vote for me and let me work for you the next four years," Brown concluded.

"I would like to say one thing," Harris began his comments. "My major goal is to me the most important thing that we're here tonight for, and that is the electrical rates. I sincerely believe that they are too high."

Harris continued, "Enough is enough. We must stop this increase in electrical rates in particular. I hope that I can get your support."

"I'm not making any promises that I can't handle," said Larry Chappell. "I have been the captain of the rescue squad and the fire department, and I have made some very important decisions. I would appreciate your support in the election."

"I feel that I do have something to offer to the town council, not because I think I'm better than anybody who presently serves, but feeling the

need to help have an opportunity to shape the development of the future of this community. I would like to have your confidence by having your vote to serve on the commission," said London.

"I've spent my life here and I love Hertford, and I love the people of Hertford..." Eley stated. "I think that we have a whole lot that we sell ourselves short for. We don't sell Hertford as we should."

Eley continued, "What I can do for the town of Hertford, I can do what you want, and I'll be willing to serve you."

"My name is Franky Brown and I'm 22 years old. Many of you feel like that is not old enough to be able to run for the town council in Hertford," Franky Brown began. "Personally, I feel like it's an advantage to the town because I look on things different from what a lot of people in the town are looking at."

Brown said that youth having nothing to do contributes to the town's drug problem, and few jobs mean educated youth do not return after college.

BPW forum chairperson Juanita Bailey was pleased with the session.

"The reason we hold the candidates' forum every year is to give potential voters an opportunity to hear the platform of the different people who are running for office," Mrs. Bailey said. "I thought that it went well. The speakers seemed to be prepared. I was real glad the turn-out was as good as it was."

About 25 people were on hand to meet the candidates.

## Hertford resident: Where is town's million bucks?

A Hertford resident questioned Hertford Town Council about the \$1 million-plus surplus councilman Jesse Harris is touting in his political advertisements and campaign speeches when the council met in open session Monday, Oct. 14.

"Is there a million dollar surplus?" Eldon Winslow asked council.

Mayor and city manager W.D. "Bill" Cox told Winslow that the figure quoted by Harris did not subtract restricted or designated funds, and therefore did not accurately reflect the amount of surplus the town actually has on hand.

The million-dollar figure Harris used was taken from a June 30, 1990 financial report completed by the certified public accountant who performs the town's annual audit. The accountant, S. W. Hibbard of Elizabeth City, said in a telephone interview Friday that the figure Harris used came from a column of figures to be used for "information only." Mrs. Hibbard said that municipal financial reports are very complicated, and no one figure can be drawn from the statement without considering its relationship to the entire report.

According to the June 30, 1990 financial statement, Hertford had \$344,170 in undesignated funds on deposit. The \$1.19 million figure included funds designated for utilities needs, restricted funds and reserve funds required by state statute.

When summing up the town's financial status, Mrs. Hibbard commented, "They're doing fine, but they don't have pots of money stashed away in

"They're (town of Hertford) doing fine, but they don't have pots of money stashed away in the vault."

S.W. Hibbard, accountant

the vault."

Cox said that there are capital needs in the electrical department which will take millions of dollars over the next 15-20 years, and that the town must be prepared for the future expenses by setting aside funds now. At present, Cox said, work must be done on the deteriorating lines between Hertford and Winfall. Normal upkeep and expansion will also chip away at town coffers.

"We do need to update it (the electrical system) for the growth of Hertford," Cox said, adding that with the possibility of Food Lion opening in Hertford the present system will be approaching its service capacity. "I think we need to keep building our electric system...keep it up the best we can," Cox said.

The town spent \$135,000 three years ago for normal upkeep and repairs to the system, leaving it in what Cox tagged "fairly good shape" at present.

In addition to upkeep, Cox said the state wants municipalities to keep funds in reserve representing two months' utility bills. At some points during the year, Cox said, the town does not have that much in reserve in the electric fund. The town's bills from Electricities for power is around \$125,000 per month.

## Beers states platform

1. What is the main reason you decided to run for office?

Being interested in our town and having expressed this by being a member of the Hertford Town Council for 27 years, I hope and feel that I can be a strong contributor to the growth and economy of our town.

2. What do you think is the major problem the town now faces?

I feel that we have two major problems. One is employment and the other is our drug and crime problem.

3. Should the town actively seek grants and/or earmark local funds for waterfront development? Should any action be taken regarding boat trailer parking, boat speed in the bay or other waterfront issues?

The town should take advantage of all grants that are avail



John Beers

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