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Hertford cannot afford to continue service

PTSA will meet

The Perquimans Middle School PTSA will meet on May 19 at 7:30 p.m. Program topics include: chorus and band presentation, election of officers and outstanding educator awards.

Ruritan yard sale

The Durants Neck Ruritan Club will sponsor a community yard sale on Saturday, May 16 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Ruritan building.

Library board meets

The Pettigrew Regional Library Board will meet on Monday, May 18 at 8 p.m. at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton.

Auditions slated

The Bootstrap Acting Company will hold auditions for the Nick Hall comedy *Broken Up at Angler's Cove Restaurant*, off Snug Harbor Road, Hertford, from 7-9 p.m., on May 14, 15, 18, and 19. The play will be directed by Frank Edmonds. We need a cast of one woman and three men. If you don't want to act - but love theater - come join us. We'll find a job for you. For more information call Mona Sadler, 919-426-7044.

Legion to meet

William P. Stallings, American Legion Post #126 will meet May 14 at the Legion Hut at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

TOPS meeting set

TOPS Club, Inc., a support group for those who wish to Take Off Pounds Sensibly, meets every Thursday from 11 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. at the Senior Center on Grubb Street. For more information, call 1-800-932-8677, 426-9571 or 426-4618.

Nutrition menus set

Nutrition site menus for May 18-22 are as follows:

Monday: Beef-a-roni with tomato sauce, salad with dressing, June peas, French bread, margarine, hot spiced peaches, and milk.

Tuesday: Fried chicken, seasoned turnip greens, mashed potatoes, roll, margarine, orange/pineapple juice, and milk.

Wednesday: Baked ham slice, blackeyed peas, buttered carrots, biscuit, margarine, pineapple upside down cake, and milk.

Thursday: Hamburger steak with gravy, rice, green butterbeans, roll, margarine, fruit cocktail, and milk.

Friday: Baked turkey with dressing, seasoned green beans, sweet potato patties, whole wheat bread, margarine, melon balls, and milk.

The rising costs of disposing of solid wastes was cited as the reason the town of Hertford will no longer collect commercial garbage next fiscal year.

The town council voted Monday night to continue with residential garbage pick-up, work on a recycling program at a later date and set a rate to pick up white goods and other large items such as furniture on an appointment basis.

Councilman Sid Eley said the town cannot afford to continue with the free commercial

service due to the tipping fees at the county landfill.

"We can't continue to lose \$1,500 per month," Eley said. "That's a pretty big chunk. I don't think we can afford it."

Eley said other municipalities have been forced to charge or discontinue service and the time has come for Hertford to follow suit.

"I think it is time now for the town of Hertford to get clean away from picking up from the commercial users," said councilman Billy Winslow.

Winslow said the town must cut expenses, and that the cost of commercial collection not only includes tipping fees, but also vehicles, maintenance, travel and personnel.

"At the present time, I don't see that we have any other choice than to get clean away from it (commercial collection)," Winslow added.

Councilman Erie Haste said that before the town made a final decision to discontinue commercial service, there should be a determination made of the ac-

tual costs of collection and what kind of commercial fee scale would have to be set in order to continue service. He said he wanted to make sure all commercial users could get service should the town vote to stop picking up commercial garbage.

City manager W.D. "Bill" Cox said discontinuing commercial service could eliminate the full day spent collecting garbage on Wednesday as well as the half day Saturday. That would result in a savings of 15 hours at time-and-a-half pay and the gas to run the collection vehicles.

Cox added that a fee schedule, running from \$10-\$50 per

month, was set and copies of the schedule mailed to commercial customers in early July 1991.

Several businessmen protested the fees and as a result the fee schedule was tabled and never reinstated.

Eley said he had talked to several downtown business owners, and that they were not willing to pay for commercial garbage pick-up. The business owners indicated that they would take their garbage to the recycling center scheduled to open in July on Center Hill Highway. The county center will border the town's corporate limits.

Hertford electric rates to rise with June bill

Hertford electric customers will see a 7.8 percent cost hike on their bills in June.

The town council voted Monday night to pass on the full rate increase implemented by Electricities as of May 1.

Mayor John G. Beers told council that the town has absorbed a portion or all of past rate increases.

"The town has absorbed quite a bit," Beers said.

Last year the town passed along only 4 percent of the 7.4 percent rate increase.

Beers said Dan Stone of Electricities met with town officials and recommended a 13 percent rate increase to get the town on solid financial ground in the electric department.

Residents Eldon Winslow and Walter Edwards Jr. told council that while they, like other residents, do not want to see their electric bills increase, they would be willing to pay the additional 13 percent if the town needed to implement the large hike. Both commented that the town cannot absorb rate increases and must pass the higher rates along in order to remain financially solid.

In addition to raising the electric rates and voting to thor-

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oughly review large industrial and commercial users, the council increased the amount customers receive for allowing the town to install peak meters on water heaters from \$2 per month to \$4 per month. The \$4 credit for air conditioner meters will remain in effect.

City manager W.D. "Bill" Cox told council that the meters save the town a substantial sum during periods of extremely hot or cold weather. He added that over 350 have been installed and more have been ordered to replace a dwindling supply on hand. The meters allow Electricities to turn off water heaters and air conditioners during peak demand periods, usually between 7 and 8:30 a.m. and 5 and 7 p.m. Cox said that he has received no complaints from customers on the meters. In addition to the credit on monthly bills, meter customers also save on their electric bills, he said.



The Perquimans County NAACP Branch welcomed Kelly Alexander, president of the state association of NAACP branches, to its annual Freedom Fund Banquet Saturday evenings at Perquimans High School. Pictured with Alexander is the Rev. John London, an active member of the NAACP branch. (Photo by Susan Harris)

NAACP holds annual banquet

Kelly Alexander, North Carolina State Conference of NAACP Branches president, addressed a full house Saturday evening at the Perquimans County NAACP annual Freedom Fund Banquet at the high school.

Alexander's theme was "Where do we go from here?" He outlined problems facing society today, such as unemployment, lack of community involvement, poor communication with youth, drugs and police brutality. Arriving at solutions to these problems is a monumental task, Alexander said, and must be a priority of all people in order to successfully move into the future.

Several area residents were recognized for their outstanding service and dedication to the community and the local NAACP branch. Hertford Town Manager and former mayor W.D. "Bill" Cox, attorney J. Carlton Cole and Marian Frierson were recognized for outstanding serv-

ice. Henry Blanchard was cited for 12 years of service as NAACP treasurer. Perquimans High School senior Darlene Walton received a plaque for her academic and athletic accomplishments.

Shirley Yates was crowned Mother of the Year. She will represent the local branch on Saturday, May 16 in Raleigh.

Music was provided by Earline Sellers, Anita Tillet and Rodney Lyons.

"The banquet was well attended," said NAACP local president Fred Yates. "I was well pleased with the success of the banquet."

The Freedom Fund Banquet is the annual fundraiser for the state and national NAACP dues. It is also an opportunity to recognize those who have served the community and local branch.

Copeland named 'Volunteer of Year'

By ELLIOTT FUS
The Daily Advance

Myrtle Copeland was "very surprised" when she received the Albemarle Commission's 1992 Volunteer of the Year award at the Swain Auditorium in Edenton Wednesday.

"I thought everyone else had done more than I had. I really didn't think I would win," she said.

But win she did for what her peers termed a "tireless dedication of service as a volunteer."

Copeland, 64, a Hertford resident who retired from Edenton's George C. Moore elastic goods company, was nominated by the site manager Linda Gverman at the Perquimans County Elderly Nutrition Site, where Copeland works as a Meals on Wheels volunteer each Monday.

Delivering meals to the elderly and shut in, Copeland will visit about nine to 13 locations each week. "My husband drives for me sometimes, and sometimes I go by myself. I stop and chat a bit, but I can't stay long because you want the meals to be hot when they get to them."

"I think I get about as much out of it as they do," Copeland said. "They enjoy me coming in."

In addition to Meals on Wheels, Copeland is also a charter member of Burgess Baptist Church, where she serves as pianist and church clerk as well as chairman of the hospitality committee. She is a member of a visitation team that regularly visits the elderly at the New Hope Rest Haven, is an active member of Woodmen of the World (W.O.W.) and works part-time at Youthland childrens wear store in Hertford.

The Volunteer of the Year was selected by the



Myrtle Copeland was all smiles when Darlene Harrell presented her Albemarle Commission Volunteer of the Year Award at a recent awards ceremony at Swain Auditorium. (Photo by Beth Finney.)

Division of Aging staff in Raleigh. There were 12 nominees from the 10-county region. "The award is a way of showing our gratitude to our volunteers," said Darlene Harrell, nutrition director for the Albemarle Commission.

Officers make arrests

The Hertford Police Department reported the following arrests:

Kwam Iben Everett, 18, of 100 S. Edenton Road St., Hertford, was arrested on April 22 and charged with assault by pointing a gun and second degree trespass. Bond was set at \$400 secured.

Ellis E. Lawrence, 42, of 412 Cox St., Hertford, was arrested on April 27 and charged with assault by pointing a gun. He was released on a written promise to appear.

Cliff Wood, 33, no street address given, Hertford, was arrested on April 28 and charged with failure to appear. Bond was set at \$800 secured.

James Leroy Baum, 27, of 146 Woodstock Apts. #1, Elizabeth City, was issued a citation for speeding on April 28.

Deborah Kay Bibb, 33, of Rt. 2, Box 83, Edenton, was issued a citation for speeding on April 27.

John Thomas James, 60, of Rt. 2, Meads Trailer Park, Hertford, was arrested on April 27 and charged with possession with the intent to manufacture, sell and deliver cocaine. Bond was set at \$1,000 secured.

Kirk Ryan Zimmick, 22, of 213 Front St., Hertford, was arrested on April 28 and charged with assault on a female. He was released on a written promise to appear.

Linwood Lewis Jr., 19, of 206 Coke Ave., Edenton, was issued a citation for speeding on May 1.

Donna Faye Harrell, 25, of Rt. 2, Box 157, was issued a citation on May 2 for exceeding a safe speed.

Thomas Rosstter, 44, of 74-C Arapahoe Trail, Hertford, was issued a citation for speeding on May 2.

Jerry Mack Spence Jr., 22,

of 2308 Silvertown Ave., Chesapeake, Va., was issued a citation for a stop sign violation on May 3.

Linwood Martin Evans, 33, of 34B Choctaw Trail, Hertford, was issued a citation for driving while license revoked on May 6.

Robert Eugene Winslow, 28, of Rt. 4, Box 86, Hertford, was issued a citation on May 7 for a stop sign violation and exceeding a safe speed.

The Perquimans County Sheriffs Department reported the following arrests:

Michael Christian James Buck, 17, of 5453 Hilday Island, Hertford, was arrested on April 28 and charged with injury to personal property. He was confined to Albemarle District Jail in lieu of a \$500 secured bond.

Nakevor Taipei White, 17, of Rt. 4, Box 1005, Hertford, was arrested and charged with larceny in general on May 2. He was released on a written promise to appear.

John David Smith, 35, of 307 N. Ashe St., Elizabeth City, was arrested on May 4 and charged with two counts of communicating threats, one count of assault by pointing a gun, one count of misdemeanor breaking and entering and one count of assault on a female. He was released on a \$1,400 unsecured bond.

Melvin Lee Perry, 41, of Rt. 1, Box 166, Belvidere, was arrested on a Gates County order of arrest on May 5 for failure to appear. He was released on a \$200 secured bond.

Rita Sawyer Chappell, 41, of Rt. 3, Box 181, Hertford, was arrested on May 8 and charged with second degree trespassing on a Camden County warrant. She was released on a written promise to appear.