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## Arrests reported

The Hertford Police reported the following arrests:

On June 15, Connie Frances Leary Jernigan, 27, of Rt. 4 Box 7, Hertford, was arrested and charged with communicating threats and first degree trespassing. Bond was set at \$400 unsecured.

On June 17, Ruth Leigh Genier, 22, of 2601 Eastwood Ave, Chesapeake, Va., was issued a citation for speeding.

On June 23, Jan Oliver Spruill Jr., 18, of 215 S. Edenton Road Street, Hertford, was issued a citation for speeding.

On June 23, Judson Sample Black III, 35, of 21 Southhall Landing, Hampton, Va., was issued a citation for speeding.

On June 24, Stephen McKinley White, 46, of P.O. Box 281, Main Street, Winfall, was issued a citation for speeding.

On June 24, Terrance Yamura White, 20, of 100 Brace St., Apt. 9, Hertford, was arrested and charged with failure to appear. Bond was set at \$100 secured.

On June 26, Walter Goodman Edwards Jr., 41, of 205 W. Grubb St., Hertford, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and driving left of center. Bond was set at \$200 secured.

On June 27, Annette Johnson, 33, of 100 Brace St., Apt. 8, Hertford, was issued a citation for a stop sign violation.

On June 28, Genevieve S. Harrelson, 41, of 5120 Highway 19, Nichols, S.C., was issued a citation for speeding.

On June 28, Paul William Perkert, 57, of 434 Cozy Way, Toms River, N.J., was issued a citation for speeding.

On June 29 - Damone Kee, 28, of Lot 39 Meads Mobile Home Park, Hertford, was arrested and charged with two counts of failure to appear. No bond was set.

On June 29, Ronnie Louis Hunter, of Lot 9 Dogwood Mobile Home Park, Hertford, was arrested and charged with assault on a female. He was released on a written promise to appear.

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests:

On June 30, Beatrice Diane Elliott, 32, of 306 Burgess St., Elizabeth City, was arrested and charged with domestic criminal trespass, misdemeanor breaking and entering, and communicating threats. She was confined to Albemarle District Jail under a \$1,500 secured bond.

On July 3, John Melvin Kirby, 39, of Rt. 2, Box 87, Edenton, was arrested and charged with assault on a female and communicating threats. He was confined to Albemarle District Jail under an \$800 secured bond.

On July 5, Henry Russell Mallory Jr., 41, of Rt. 3, Box 495, Hertford, was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon. He was confined to Albemarle District Jail under a \$500 secured bond.

On July 8, Clyde Milton White, 56, of P.O. Box 482, Hertford, was arrested and charged with communicating threats. He was released on a written promise to appear.

## 'Hunt'ing for the vote



Photo by Gary Cosby Jr.

Democratic candidate James B. Hunt Jr. visited Hertford Saturday, drumming up support for his bid to be North Carolina's governor. Here, Hunt is welcomed by Jim "Catfish" Hunter and Willard Copeland.

## Hunt looks to inauguration

By TRACY E. GERLACH and SUSAN R. HARRIS  
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James B. Hunt Jr. may have a full house in January if his bid for the governor's mansion is successful, and his Albemarle area supporters take him up on his invitation to attend his inaugural celebration.

Hunt, who served two terms as governor between 1976 and 1984, told about 200 of his supporters who gathered at Perquimans High School for a \$10-per-plate fundraiser Saturday night that he wanted them to remember the way to the governor's mansion when he takes up residence once again. He seemed confident that he will defeat Republican Jim Gardner, presently serving as lieutenant governor, in November.

The attorney and Wilson County dairy farmer said he believes family

values must be strengthened, and that more state dollars must be spent on education. He also called for a return of fiscal responsibility to state government. And he said he knows that moving ahead with his program will not make him the most popular politician in Raleigh.

"It's going to be tough getting this thing straightened out," he said. "We're going to have to have a governor who isn't going to Raleigh to be popular."

Promises of increased education funding met with applause at the fundraiser. Those who gathered were from Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Pasquotank, Tyrrell, Washington and Perquimans counties, most of whose school systems are suffering from state and federal budget cutbacks. Hunt said he will propose cuts in state government and a prison work farm program to free up

funds for education.

Hunt also recommends giving local school systems more flexibility in determining how to spend state funds.

"We have to trust local school officials to make good decisions about schools," Hunt said.

Hunt also said he believes in the economic possibilities for northeastern North Carolina, and even flew state economic development employees to Elizabeth City during his terms as governor to let them see firsthand the potential in the Albemarle area.

The state's first two-term governor, Hunt was unsuccessful in his bid to unseat Republican Jesse Helms from the U.S. Senate.

## Single mothers form business partnership

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
Editor

A pair of single mothers joined forces to "bring home the bacon" with a business partnership that offers both income and the flexibility single parents are looking for in the 1990s.

Vivian Krauss and Brenda Spence Thomas have established an Electrolux vacuum cleaner sales and service partnership. The independent contractors are based in Krauss's Snug Harbor Road home, just a stone's throw from Thomas' residence.

Krauss has been with Electrolux about four months. Her neighbor, Thomas, joined her about a month ago. Now the two are braving the heat and humidity, literally trying to get a foot in the door of Perquimans and Chowan county residents to demonstrate their products.

Both said they believe they have made a career choice that will be right for them.

"I like working with people and I believe in the product highly," Krauss said last week.

Juggling family responsibilities and earning enough to support her children at the same time appeals to Thomas.

"You set your own hours, you work at your own pace," Thomas said. "That gives you time with your family."

Together the two have come up with a plan to sell a product they believe in, and said that good customer service is utmost on their minds.

While they are excited about the future of their enterprise, the two are not looking at the world through rose

colored glasses.

"You expect it's going to take some time (to build up your business)," Thomas said.

"Hard work always pays off," Krauss chimed in. "You have to do the footwork before the foundation is laid."

Laying a foundation in door-to-door sales means sweltering in the blast furnace July has brought to the area. But not even this heat wave has put a damper on the determination of the pair. Both said they will continue to pound the pavement until they get the message across that they are dedicated businesswomen who want to offer their customers a quality product.

Canvassing in today's social climate can be a problem, Krauss said. Because of a few unethical door-to-door salespeople in many fields, even the famous Southern hospitality has gone a little stale. There are those people who are afraid to let the twosome in to demonstrate their products. They are making every effort to build a reputation that will permeate the area, so that prospective customers will invite them into their homes.

"We just want people to know that we are above-board," Thomas said. "We are honest people trying to make a living for our children."

While Krauss moved here eight



Photo by Susan Harris

Vivian Krauss and Brenda Spence Thomas brave the July heat to sell their vacuum cleaners door-to-door.

years ago from Virginia Beach, Thomas is a native of Perquimans County. She hopes that people will recognize her name and face, and that the recognition will develop into trust.

The duo offers sales, but also stress service.

"We pick up and deliver, free, all makes and models for service," Thomas said. "We want people to feel like they can call on us."

To call Krauss and Thomas, see their advertisement in the Perquimans Weekly professional service directory.

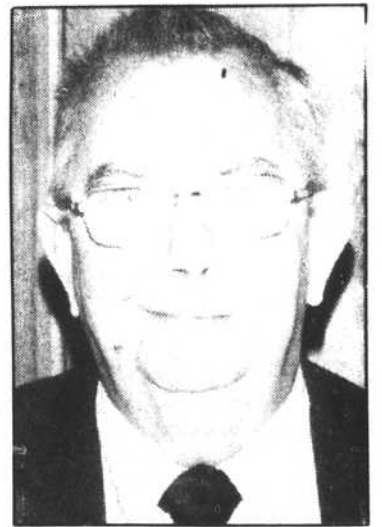
## Cox honored

N.C.D.O.T. dedicates a portion of U.S. Highway 17 to him

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
Editor

The state will soon erect new signs along U.S. Highway 17 in honor of a Perquimans County resident who devoted significant time and energy to improving the roadway.

State Secretary of Transportation Thomas Harrelson signed a resolution Friday dedicating the portion of U.S. 17 in



W.D. "Bill" Cox

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T. Erie Haste Jr.  
Hertford Town Councilman

Perquimans County in honor of William D. "Bill" Cox.

Cox, involved in the U.S. 17 improvement effort for over 20 years, was one of the organizers of the Highway 17 Association in North Carolina. Serving the association in many capacities, Cox has been a strong advocate for development and improvements along U.S. 17.

In Part, the resolution states, "Mr. Cox has been a constant and persistent force in the promotion and development of U.S. 17 for many years, recognizing that the roadway could help improve the economy in northeastern North Carolina..."

The former mayor and present town manager of Hertford spearheaded meetings with governors and legislators from North Carolina and Virginia to discuss improvements to U.S. 17. He was also a leader in the efforts to enlist the support of the U.S. Transportation Secretary.

Hertford Town Councilman T. Erie Haste Jr. laid the groundwork for Cox's honor. He said Tuesday that the former mayor's efforts to improve U.S. 17 were known across the state.

"I have been to many meetings throughout the area over the years, both as a councilman and for other reasons, and invariably when Bill Cox is recognized, they recognize him as 'Mr. U.S. 17,'" Haste said.

Haste said the idea of dedicating that portion of U.S. 17 which runs through Perquimans County for Cox came to him when Cox announced that he would not seek another term as mayor of Hertford last summer. He took his idea to residents, state officials, the Perquimans County Commissioners, the Hertford Town Council and the Albemarle Commission.

"I did not talk to anyone who was not enthusiastically in favor of it," Haste commented.

Both the commissioners and councilman passed resolutions supporting the move, Haste said.

"This was a deserved recognition for a man who has spent many, many hours above and beyond the call of duty" and was a driving force behind U.S. 17 improvement, Haste said.

"It just seems that it was appropriate that this recognition should be given to Bill Cox," Haste added.

Haste ultimately took his concept to DOT representative Phil Godwin of Gatesville to gain official approval from the state.

"He (Godwin) concurred with it completely from the very beginning," Haste said.

Hertford Mayor John G. Beers said he was pleased with the state's action.

"He (Cox) has been a terrific workhorse behind the U.S. Highway 17 four-laning," Beers said. "We're real proud for him and real happy for him."

Beers said Cox's efforts prove that one person can make a difference if that person believes strongly in an idea and is willing to work for its implementation.

Cox could not be reached Tuesday morning for comment.

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