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## Old Neck dresses in holiday style

### Three homes reflect Christmas decorating traditions of owners

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The Old Neck community dresses up for the holidays, welcoming about 275 ramblers last Wednesday during the annual extension homemakers' Christmas homes tour.

Featured were three very different homes offering distinctive holiday decorating styles.

1812 on the Perquimans, a bed and breakfast owned by Peter and Nancy Rascoe, welcomed guests with green door wreaths and branches bearing red berries over the front door.

The five-bedroom Federal-style plantation house was decked with live greenery throughout. The dining room table was adorned with greenery and fresh fruit. A corner of the large center hall held a massive live Christmas tree.

Music from an antique piano drifted through the inn.

The Williamsburg-style home

of Wallace and Freda Nelson coupled the convenience of a new home with the warmth of an earlier era.

An elegant dining room table setting centered the cranberry-colored room with nine-foot ceilings.

In the kitchen, a holiday tea set stood ready to take the chill off a December evening.

A huge Christmas tree reached up into the cathedral ceiling of the great room, where a cozy fire flickered on the hearth.

A catwalk joined the two upstairs bedrooms, and afforded a view of the foyer and great room below. Greenery and ribbon wound up the stair rails.

Freda made the home's curtains and bedspreads.

Two doors down, Randall and Carolyn Henion greeted guests in the transitional-style home they designed and planned themselves.

Pastel ornaments on the



The sparkling holiday china and decorative greenery strike a startling contrast to the cranberry walls in the dining room of Wallace and Freda Nelson. The Nelson's Williamsburg-style home was one of three stops on the annual extension homemakers' Christmas ramble last Wednesday evening. Over 275 people took the tour. (Photo by Susan Harris)

family room Christmas tree complimented the home's gray and white color scheme. In the adjoining airy white kitchen, Christmas collectibles lined a section of countertop.

Holiday china sparkled on the elegant dining room table.

Upstairs, a windowseat held a miniature Christmas tree surrounded by toys and gifts. Daughter Leigh Ann's room featured a tree trimmed in white lights and gold ornaments, and a nutcracker collection from Germany.

A Perquimans County Christmas quilt featuring stark white swans on a black, green and red background designed and made by Carolyn covered the antique guest bed. Other quilts made by Carolyn and her mother were scattered throughout the house.

Ramblers ended the tour at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, where homemakers filled a table with holiday goodies. Items crafted by members of the county's nine extension clubs were on display.

## Boy Scouts collect three tons of food

• Open Door will distribute to those in need

Over three tons of food was collected by Perquimans County scouts in the November food drive.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 155 and Cub Scout Pack 150 canvassed the county from end to end during the effort. They presented 6,170 pounds of donated food to the Open Door for distribution.

Scout Master Mark Warrener praised residents of Perquimans County for their generosity, and commended the 88 scouts, scout leaders and volunteers who participated giving so much time to the effort. He also recognized two local businesses, Hertford Supply Company and The Perquimans Weekly, for assisting with the drive.



## Top firefighter



Assistant Chief Sid Eley congratulates Parker Newbern, voted Firefighter of the Year by his peers on the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department. Newbern received the honor Friday evening at the department's annual Christmas banquet and installation ceremony. Officers installed were chief Edgar Roberson, assistant chief Sid Eley, captains Billy Layden and Parker Newbern, lieutenants Craig Garriss and Donald Hurdle, re-

sponse team sergeants Mary White and Vance Hoover, chaplain Ray Wittman, trustees Edward Leicester and Mary White, AFA director Parker Newbern, and secretary-treasurer Todd Tilley. Auxiliary officers for 1993 are president - Karen Garriss, vice president - Judy Christensen and secretary-treasurer - Margo Owens. (Photo by Susan Harris)

## Hertford's junk car ordinance to get court test

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Editor

Hertford's junk car ordinance will get its first test in court later this month, according to Hertford Police Chief Aubrey Sample.

Sample told town council members Monday night that two cases involving the junk car ordinance will be heard in district court on Dec. 30. Charges were filed when two King Street residents refused to move vehicles that violate the town's ordinance.

The chief said most people contacted by his department and asked to move vehicles that violate the ordinance have been cooperative. Fourteen new notices were sent out recently requesting that owners move vehicles that violate the ordinance.

"On the whole, most people are cooperating," Sample said.

Mayor John G. Beers said the court cases will send a message to residents violating the ordinance that the town is serious about getting rid of junk vehicles.

Council asked Sample to look into curfews for the town. Councilman Sid Eley said he made the request after being contacted by citizens concerned about the underage drinking in the Edenton Road Street/Market Street area.

Council discussed a request by Hertford resident Eldon Winslow to halt tractor-trailer traffic over the U.S. 17 Business bridge.

Beers read a memorandum from the Department of Transportation outlining a discussion

between town officials and transportation officials about two years ago. At that time, the town checked to see if tractor-trailers could be banned from the bridge unless deliveries were being made to Hertford businesses. The state said the traffic cannot be stopped unless the town councils of Hertford and Winfall request that U.S. 17 Bypass be designated U.S. 17 Business.

The Division of Motor Vehicles did agree to lower the weight limit over the bridge and posted new signs bearing the decreased weight limit.

Town manager W.D. "Bill" Cox said he recently contacted DMV about enforcing the weight limits. DMV agreed to check the weights, but Cox said he has not seen any signs of enforcement.

"I don't think you will ever get any satisfaction from the state," councilman Billy Winslow said.

Council asked Sample to have his officers survey tractor-trailer drivers traveling across the bridge, ask where they are going and request that they use the bridge only when delivering in town.

Winslow and councilman Larry Chappell said they were concerned because some tractor-trailers exceed the speed limit on the bridge and cross the center lines. Chappell said a tractor-trailer and a school bus cannot cross the bridge at the same time.

## Police officers, sheriff's deputies make arrests

The Hertford Police reported the following arrests:

On Nov. 11, Dennis Welch, 79, of 110 E. Railroad Ave., Hertford, was arrested and charged with simple assault. A \$200 secured bond was set.

On Nov. 14, Mary Martha Wilkins, 34, of 1180 Northside Rd., Elizabeth City, was issued a citation for a stop light violation.

On Nov. 13, Duane A. Lyons, 34, of 113 King St., Hertford was issued a citation for no operators license and license plate cover.

On Nov. 16, Tyvonder Faye Miller, 22, of 329 Market St., Hertford, was arrested and charged with simple assault. She

was released on a written promise to appear.

On Nov. 14, Felix Rudolph Winston Jr., 27, of Rt. 1, Box 84 AA, Merry Hill, was arrested and charged with maintaining vehicle for use of crack cocaine, possession of marijuana, possession of crack cocaine, and allowing unlicensed driver to drive motor vehicle. A \$10,700 secured bond was set.

On Nov. 14, Steven Jeffrey Mullen, 27, of Rt. 2, Box 112, Meads Mobile Home Park, Hertford, was arrested and charged with no operators license; fleeing to elude arrest; reckless driving; resist, obstruct and delay; pos-

session of crack cocaine; possession of marijuana; and possession of drug paraphernalia. A \$6,500 secured bond was set.

On Nov. 17, Alvin Carter Jr., 29, of 318 King St., Hertford, was arrested and charged with a stop light violation and no insurance. A \$500 secured bond was set.

On Nov. 12, Robert Overton Nelson Jr., 22, of 3025 W. Shore Dr., Myrtle Beach, S.C., was issued a citation for unsafe movement.

On Nov. 17, Connie Darnell Thatch, 22, of 125 Wynne Fork Court, Hertford, was arrested

and charged with first degree trespass. A \$200 unsecured bond was set.

On Nov. 19, James Earnell White Jr., 23, of Rt. 2, Box 942, Hertford, was issued a citation for no operators license.

On Nov. 20, Abner Lee Bryant, 47, of 2106 Lafayette Blvd., Norfolk, Va., was arrested and charged with no operators license, fictitious tags, no insurance, and possession of marijuana. An \$800 secured bond was set.

On Nov. 20, Michael Glen Odum, 27, of Rt. 1, Box 197, Edenton, was issued a citation for speeding.

On Nov. 21, Vincent Lee Foster, 27, of 209 King St., Hertford, was arrested and charged with first degree trespass. A \$200 unsecured bond was set.

On Nov. 21, Banzallar Lee, 22, of 329 Market St., Hertford, was issued a citation for no operators license.

On Nov. 22, Alvin Adolphus Lee, 48, of 312 Market St., Hertford, was arrested and charged with being drunk and disruptive. He was granted a custody release.

On Nov. 21, Jerry Thomas Tomlin Jr., 29, of 30 Argall Place,

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