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## Hertford hires 3 police officers

By SUSAN R. HARRIS

Hertford residents can expect to see some new faces behind the wheels of the Hertford Police Department's blue and white cruis-

Hertford Police Chief Aubrey Sample Jr. announced recently that three new officers have been hired by the department. The of-ficers will replace retiree Robert Harvey Sr. and Timothy E. Bunch, who resigned earlier this month. The department also re-ceived an additional officer in the town's 1993-94 fiscal budget.

"We definitely needed the ex-tra position," Sample said. "I think it's going to enhance our capabilities to provide adequate service.

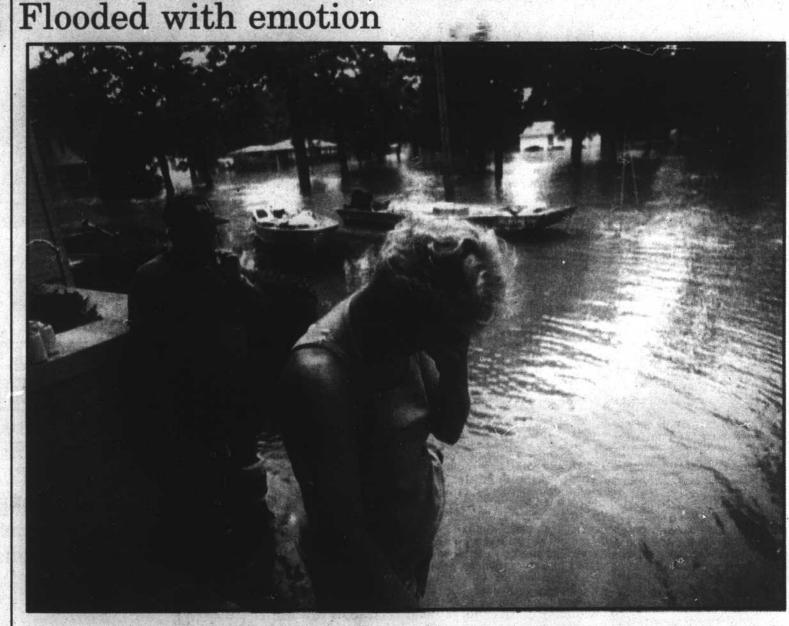
Andre Alfred, 30, a native of the Bronx, New York, assumed his new duties on July 16. The U.S. Air Force veteran has over two years of law enforcement experience with agencies in Green-ville and Ahoskie, as well as the Albemarle Narcotics Task Force. He is married with two children.

Frederick Whitaker and Christine Anne Ward will begin work on Aug. 2.

Whitaker, 22, is a graduate of Northampton County High School. He has nine months ex-perience with the Gates County Sheriff's Department.

Ward, 21, received her Basic Law Enforcement Training certif-icate last winter. From Dare County, Ward has a background in security work.

Sample said he was pleased with the addition of the new officers.



Joan Gust (right) of Portage Des Sioux, Missouri, reacts to the news Sunday that the Mississippi would continue to rise, forcing her to evacuate her home. Her neighbor, Paul Vossenkemper (left), dons knee boots to navigate through the

swirling water. Perquimans residents can help the flood victims through a relief program sponsored by Daddy Ruth's Hertford Cafe and The Perguimans Weekly. (AP photo)

Local flood relief effort set shable food and household Businesses team up to help victims goods will be accepted for shipment to the disaster area. Prior to Aug. 9, donations will be accepted at The Perquimans rant during lunch to help those in the flooded areas. Not only is People in Perquimans two local businesses. County have always reached Daddy Ruth's Hertford Cafe Weekly office Wednesday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Ferguson dipping into his pockout to neighbors down on their and The Perquimans Weekly

## Prisoners hit the road Inmates work on state highways

**35 Cents** 

They won't look like the chain gangs of yesteryear, but inmates in North Carolina prisons will hit the road once again.

Correction Secretary Franklin Freman signed a contract earlier this month with the Department of Transportation which puts up to 2,009 inmates to work each Monday through Friday on North Carolina roads.

As many as 1,273 minimum custody and 736 medium custody inmates will be sent to DOT for road work assignments. Inmates from 63 of the state's 91 prisons, covering every region in the state, will be assigned to DOT.

In years past, chain gangs were easily recognized by their black and white striped uniforms and chained legs. Today's road gangs can be identified by olive green or brown uniforms. Mini-mum custody inmates will wear olive green prison clothes and work under the supervision of a DOT employee. Their work duties include repairing potholes, erect-ing road signs and clearing road rights-of-way.

Medium custody prisoners will wear brown uniforms. Work-ing in groups of 8-12, the prison-ers will dig ditches, clean litter from the roadside or trim rights-of way under the concertion of of-way under the supervision of two or three armed correction officers.

State law authorizes the prison system to assign inmates to roadwork. This is the 16th year the prison and transportation departments have reached the legislatively required agreement under the existing law, but the practice of putting inmates to work on state roads dates back to 1887. At that time, the law required judges to sentence less serious offenders to hard labor on the county roads and highways. Enactment of the law led to the first widespread use of chain gangs in the state.

We chose the best qualified candidates from our applica-tions," Sample said. "We felt fortunate to have a good field of qualified applicants from which to choose. I think these three of-ficers will make positive contributions to our force.'

Sample said Aug. 2 will be the first day since Harvey was in-jured in October that the department has been up to full staff.

luck. The neighborhood will stretch across several states as locals will have the opportunity to help victims of the flooded Midwest through the efforts of

are co-sponsoring a relief effort for flood victims. On Monday, Aug. 9, Daddy Ruth (Will Fer-guson) will donate all the

ets, the waitresses at Daddy Ruth's are donating their salaries and tips to the cause.

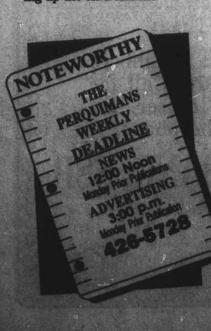
In addition to the monetary money taken in at the restau- assistance, clothing, non-peri-

Everything collected during the drive will be sent to the local offices of national relief organizations for distribution.

## **Recycling: An old idea for a new time**

Grandma recycled because money was tight during the de-pression. Nothing was thrown away that could be reused. But as society changed, so did the era of the disposal. "Use it and throw it away" was the busy famthrow it away" was the busy family's motto.

Now concern over the envi-ronment has led to the re-emergence of the use-it-again gence of the use-it-again philosophy. This time, however, federal mandates regulating the amounts and types of waste al-lowed in landfills across the country have given greater ur-gency to the recycling drive. Lo-cal government units were forced to spend huge chunks of money to comply with new laws and help begin the process of clean-ing up the environment.



Perquimans County answered the new regulations in part by building recycling centers, also called convenience centers, at strategic points

around the county. The first site to open was in New Hope on land leased to the county by the Durants Neck Ruritans. Next, centers opened on U.S. 17 North and Center Hill Highway. The most recent site in operation is located on U.S. Highway 17 South. Last week, the county let bids on the final planned site in Particlers Belvidere.

Separating garbage carried to the centers is not mandatory, but is encouraged, according to tri-county landfill director Jerry Parks. He said the number of people sorting garbage is grow-ing.

But Parks said some resi-dents are still uncertain about how to recycle and what types of trash are accepted at the cen-ters. Following is a break-down of what types of waste are ac-cepted at each center and the landfill, and how to prepare waste for recycling.

#### Newspaper

Newspaper are accepted at ites. Magazines, catalogs and phone books should not be hey are not accepted. Newspa-pers should be stacked in flat pundles or stacked flat in paper Bids awarded on county's 5th recycling center

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Bids were let last week for the county's fifth and final planned garbage collection enter at a total cost of

Tildon Whitehurst was the low bidder for the Belvidere center, with a price of \$18,100. Whitehurst was awarded the contract. Parks and Land Development Inc. and Barnhill Construction also submitted bids, at \$19,410 and \$19,636, respec-tioner.

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### Aluminum

Aluminum beverage cans are accepted for recycling. Pie plates and foil contaminated by food are unacceptable. Cans can be crushed if storage space is lim-

Truck and car tires from per-nal vehicles are accepted at e tri-county landfill site only. es must be free of gr

additional bid for heavier iding member posts, in-using the bid to \$8,800.

County manager N. Paul Gregory or, said the county will probably opt to plant red up bushes around the perime-ter of the center rather than install the green plastic fence stripping used at the other four sites. Gregory said the plastic tends to act as a sail in high winds, causing some property damage.

The county's other four convenience centers are lo-cated on U.S. 17 North (Bray site), U.S. 17 South (Allen's Service Station), Center Hill Highway (beside the former FCK building) and New Hope (on the Durants Neck Ruritan Building site) ited an Building site).

Glass

Clear, brown and green glass from beverage bottles and food jars is accepted at all sites. Bot-tles and jars should be rinsed and the lids removed. Glass should be separated by color at drop-off sites. It is not necessary to remove labels. Window glass, light bulbs, crystal, ceramic and cookware is not accepted for re-cycling.

#### Cardboard

Corrugated cardboard is accepted at the U.S. 17 North, Center Hill Road and landfill sites. Boxes should be broken down. Boxes like cereal boxes and shoe boxes are not accepted for recycling.

### White goods

All sites accept old residential appliances such as air conditioners, washing machines, dryers and refrigerators. The appliances should not be crushed. White goods from commercial opera-tions or appliance dealers are not accepted.

#### Waste oil

Waste oil from conventional combustion engines is accepted at both U.S. 17 sites. Hydrolic oil, solvents, oil solvent mixtures and gasoline are not accepted.

According to information from Parks, recycling protects the environment, saves energy and can help save county tax dollars by decreasing the amount of garbage hauled to the landfill. Parks also noted specific

facts about recycling: •Less energy is used to melt recycled glass than virgin materi-als in the production of new containers

\*Recycling one ton of glass saves more than three cubic yards of landfill space.

•Recycling one ton of alumi-num saves 27 cubic yards of

•Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to fill the can half full with gasoline.

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 Using recycled paper instead of virgin pulp uses less than half the amount of water.

•Recycling one ton of news-print saves 17 trees.

•One part of used motor oil can contaminate a million parts of water.

 Americans who change their oil throw away 120 million gallons of recoverable motor oil each year. If recycled, it would save the United States 1.3 million barrels of oil per day.

#### **Recycling Recipes**

In an effort to promote recycling and reusing products that would ordinarily end up in the garbage, *The Perquimans Weekly* will begin a Recycling Recipes column. Readers are encouraged to share their recycling and reusing hints. These hints can save consumers money and help the environment at the same time. The first recycling recipe appears below:

Wrap children's birthday pre-sents in the comics section of the newspaper. The comics are bright, attractive, and provide one more use for the newsprint before it finds it way into the landfill.

Call The Perguimans Weekly at 426-5728 or write us at P.O. Box 277, Hertford, N.C. 27944 to •Each ton of waste paper reashare your hint with us.