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Hertford mayor suffers stroke

Condition may have contributed to traffic accident

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Hertford Mayor John G. Beers was admitted to Albemarle Hospital Monday afternoon after apparently suffering a stroke while driving on U.S. Highway 17 Bypass in Hertford.

The N.C. Highway Patrol had no report on the incident at press time; however, the mayor's condition was announced at Monday night's meeting of the Hertford Town Council.

According to town manager John Christensen, who spoke with a family member just prior to the meeting's call to order, Beers was involved in a two-car accident Monday afternoon. After being transported to Albemarle Hospital, doctors determined that Beers had suffered a stroke which probably contributed to the wreck. An Albemarle Hospital spokesperson said Monday night that two passengers in the other car were treated and released with no serious injuries.

Beers reportedly had trouble communicating with doctors in the emergency room, which led to the tests that revealed that the mayor had suffered a stroke.

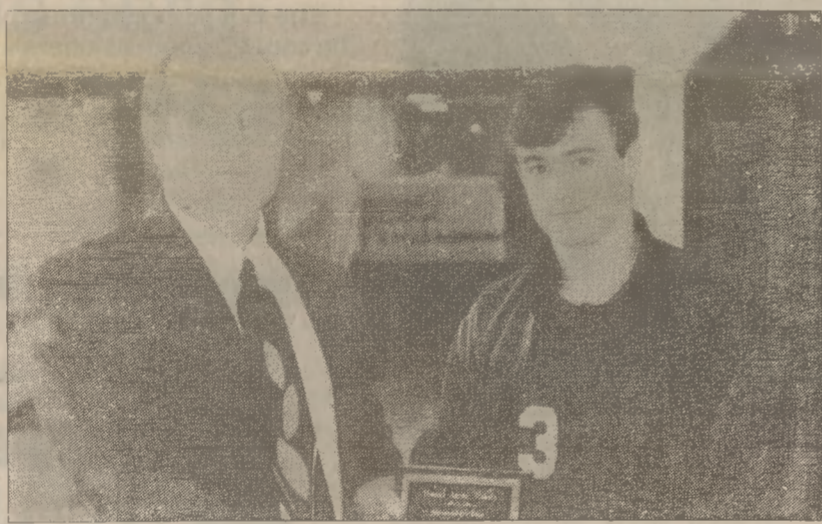
Christensen said family members told him that doctors expect to keep Beers in the hospital for several days.

He was resting comfortably at press time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CHOICE ART AWARD



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS



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Thomas Stokely (left photo) was the county's Superintendent's Choice Art Award winner. His Still Life No. 2 (above) is on display at the Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh. The son of Mike and Sue Stokely of Hertford, the tenth grader received a plaque from schools superintendent Randall L. Henion. Stokely is enrolled in art in the extended day program with Perquimans County Schools under the direction of Brenda Hollowell. Stokely has sold some pieces. Others are on display at Hertford Cafe. He has earned several awards and honors for his creations over the past few years. After graduation from high school, Stokely plans to attend college and major in art.

Building brisk in county, manager reports

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
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New construction topped \$10 million in Perquimans County in 1995, county building inspector Aubrey Onley told the Perquimans County Commissioners last week.

Onley released a 12-month review of activities in his office to commissioners which reflected a 100 percent increase in building permits over the number issued in 1994. According to Onley, 69 new residences were permitted in 1995, along with 95 mobile homes and seven commercial buildings.

"It's stretching us out big time," Onley said Monday of the work load carried by him and assistant inspector Adrian Parker.

The inspector said about 50 percent of the construction increase can be attributed to waterfront development in the Bethel and New Hope areas. The rest is scattered throughout the county.

Onley said new construction requires a minimum of seven inspections, more if problems which must be corrected are found. The workload will increase, Onley said, if the state passes new building requirements for wind zones.

In addition to making building inspections, the building inspection department is responsible for the junk ordinance and making inspections for condemnation proceedings. Inspection personnel also handle CAMA permits.

New businesses welcomed to county



Wednesday, March 27
Papa's Seafood, Ward Shopping Center



Friday, March 29
Howard's Hardware, Apple Tree Mall



Thursday, March 28
Jimmy's Barber Shop, Harris Shopping Center

Chamber cuts three ribbons in three days for businesses

The last week in March was a busy one for the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber sponsored three ribbon cuttings in as many days to welcome new businesses to the county.

First in the grand opening trio was Papa's Seafood at Ward's Shopping Center on March 27. Papa's offers fresh seafood to take home and prepare using your favorite recipe and also cooks up take-out and eat-in plates.

The next day, government and business leaders joined Jimmy Riddick at Jimmy's Barber Shop in Harris Shopping Center for his ribbon cutting.

Friday saw the ribbon cut at Howard's Hardware in Apple Tree Mall in Winfall. Howard's carries a variety of hardware for the home handyman.

The Chamber sponsors ribbon cuttings for all new businesses. Call executive director Sandra Smith at 426-5657 for Chamber information.

Buildings vandalized

Perquimans County Sheriff's Department personnel are on the look-out for the person or persons who vandalized three buildings in New Hope last week.

Sheriff David Lane said Monday that New Hope Grocery, the Durants Neck Ruritan Club and the Has-It Store were all hit. New Hope Grocery owner C.D. Barclift reported theft of \$175. Lane said the vandals damaged all three buildings in an attempt to enter them.

Anyone with information on the break-ins is asked to call the Sheriff's Department at 426-5615.

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