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CARICATURE MAP/A NEW LOOK



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Perquimans is being mapped

Full-color caricature map popular with businesses

Perquimans County is being mapped at no expense to taxpayers. Van Thompson of Town Square Graphics, Roswell, Ga. is in town selling a map to businesses and organizations. When it's complete, the map will be a four-color process print of an original hand-painted caricature map of the

county. Thompson said 7,000 copies of the map will be printed. The local Chamber of Commerce will use the maps to promote the county. "We take pictures of the buildings and signs of each of the participating businesses, and our artists draw a caricature of it and place it on the map," Thompson said. "This is a one-time thing. But it will be a permanent picture of what the town looked like in 1996." Town Square Graphics has produced the colorful 18x24-inch maps for cities in

Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Florida. Thompson said last week he has already photographed many points of interest. "For businesses it's kind of like having 7,000 tiny billboard ads," Thompson said. The cost to have businesses printed on the map begins at \$195. He added that initial response to the map has been very good. Thompson said his company and the Chamber plan to have the maps ready in time for the Indian Summer Festival in mid-September.

No fishing from the bridges, council says

Hertford waits for state OK to halt bridge fishing

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

Folks won't be catching supper from Hertford's bridges much longer. The Hertford Town Council decided last Tuesday night to request that the state Department of Transportation outlaw fishing from the S-bridge, Skinner's bridge and Walter's bridge, all within the town's corporate limits.

Town manager John Christensen said last Wednesday that the request was to be submitted to the DOT office in Ahsokie Thursday. While DOT has the final say on the matter, Christensen said state officials generally approve the requests of municipality's regarding local matters such as fishing from bridges.

Christensen added that it will be DOT's responsibility to post the bridges. As soon as the signs go up, the Hertford Police Department will begin

enforcing the regulation. Town residents have asked the town for some time to take action on the matter. Eldon Winslow, who lives just off the S-bridge, has been especially vocal. Winslow has said he and his neighbors had been bothered by the noise, trash and parking problems caused by some fishermen. He even reported last month that some fishermen have been spotted urinating in private yards close to the bridge. Town attorney Walter Edwards told council he had received some calls asking that the bridges not be closed to fishing; however, no one who attended last Tuesday's meeting spoke for allowing fishing from the bridges to continue. All who attended the meeting spoke against it. Christensen said the safety issue was the main concern regarding the smaller Skinner's and Walter's bridges. Motorists have reported problems with fishermen, especially children, crossing the road in their paths while on the bridges. Christensen did not know when to expect a response from DOT.

DOT to work on S-shaped bridge

Historic span will be closed to traffic soon

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

The S-shaped bridge is an important landmark in Perquimans County.

That's one reason state transportation officials are concerned about the present condition of the bridge and plan to do something about it.

Town manager John Christensen said last week that the bridge connecting Hertford and Winfall will be closed to traffic sometime this summer for extension renovations and repairs.

Work to be done includes replacing rotten pilings, repairing and replacing the underpinning with steel sup-

port material and renovating the bottom of the swing span. DOT blames heavy truck traffic for much of the damage the bridge has sustained. The work is scheduled this summer to alleviate the need to reroute school buses. Christensen said the work should extend the life of the bridge. "It's an important landmark and DOT doesn't want to destroy it," Christensen said. "They realize that it's important to the community and they're trying to see that it lasts." Christensen said public notice of the date of the bridge's closing will be made public as soon as it is available. Motorists will either have to travel over the U.S. Highway 17 Bypass bridge or go through the Beech Springs community to get from one side of the river to the other.

Hertford garbage collection to be privatized

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

The Hertford Town Council agreed to move forward with privatizing garbage collection. Town manager John Christensen said Waste Industries will not raise the price quoted earlier this year when Edenton and Hertford councils worked together on the project, even though public pressure made the Edenton board put a lid on the issue there.

Christensen said he will get a contract drawn up and back to council for review. He anticipates board approval in July. The new system will probably be in place by August, but Christensen said the town will take the time to make sure all Hertford residents know about and understand the new system before it is implemented.

Of the town's three sanitation employees, one retired



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Hertford employees gathered last Wednesday to say good-bye to Alton Aubrey Jordan, who retired from the town's sanitation department.

The 20-year-plus employee was praised by his supervisors and co-workers as having given the town many years of dedicated service.

last week, one will be transferred to the street department and one will be left without a job. Waste Industries has agreed to give displaced town employees first option on filling job positions opened by their expansion into Hertford, provided the potential employee obtains a commercial drivers license.

Christensen said the town will continue to pick up yard waste, and will probably be able to do a better job in that

area with the additional employee in the street department.

In addition to the 90-gallon rollable container residents will receive, Waste Industries will provide an 18-gallon container for recycling.

"Waste Industries has committed to make Hertford a model town as far as waste collection," Christensen said. "We will be used as an example."

Had the town not opted to go

with a private waste collection company, Christensen had said he would recommend the purchase of a new garbage truck in his budget message to council.

Town residents will not be asked to pay a collection fee once Waste Industries takes over garbage collection. The service will be handled through the town budget as it has traditionally been funded. Christensen said privatization will be cheaper.

Outside

THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
High: 80s	Low: 60s	High: 80s	Low: 60s	High: 80s	Low: 60s
PARTLY SUNNY		PARTLY SUNNY		PARTLY SUNNY	