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Election Day is Tuesday

By **SUSAN R. HARRIS**
 Editor

Voters in Hertford and Winfall will head to the polls Tuesday to make choices about their municipal government representation.

In Hertford, registered voters will choose two councilmen. Seeking the offices are incumbents Sid Eley and Erie Haste Jr. and challenger Horace C. Reid. Each voter may vote for two candidates under the town's at-large electoral system.

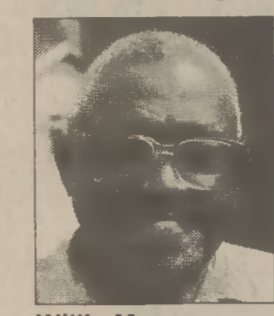
The only question to be answered in the town of



Fred Yates



Joan Mansfield



Willie Moore

Winfall is how many votes each candidate will receive. Mayor Fred Yates is running unopposed for his seat. Incumbent councilman Willie Moore and newcomer Joan Mansfield will be elected to

serve on council. Each voter can vote for each candidate. Polls will open in each municipality at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Voters must have been registered by Oct. 10 to be eligible to vote.



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting to signify the opening of The Wishing Well.

Wishing Well opens

By **SUSAN R. HARRIS**
 Editor

A tremendous variety of gift items and handcrafted treasures await shoppers at The Wishing Well in downtown Hertford.

Located next door to Hertford Hardware, Mary White's gift shop is filled to the brim with treasures she has created and those she has found for her customers made by local crafters and crafters

from as far away as West Virginia and Missouri.

The Belvidere businesswoman has been crafting for 15-20 years.

One of the most popular items White carries are Beanie Babies. Shoppers will also find lots of seasonal crafts and decorations in the delicious-smelling shop.

Store hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday.



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Second graders at Hertford Grammar School had a great time last week at their Fall Festival. Crafts, hayrides, scarecrow stuffing and other fun activities highlighted the day.

Suspected drug runners arrested

A suspected drug-running operation that extended from Virginia to the Albemarle area was shut down Monday with the arrest of three local men.

The suspects were taken into custody early Monday morning after local and state law enforcement officers arrested them on federal drug charges.

The arrests ended a year-long investigation into the men's activities, said

Perquimans Sheriff David Lane. Those arrested were Tony Parker, 38, of Doll Harrell Road, Winfall; Eric Holoman, 26, of 222 Wynne Fork Apartments, Hertford, and Allen Wilkins, 32, who had addresses in both Hertford and Edenton. Each man is charged with a single count of conspiracy to possess and distribute crack and crack cocaine, Lane said. Bond information was not available.

Hertford sets fall clean-up dates

The holidays are just around the corner, and the town of Hertford is making fall clean-up easier for its residents.

The town will hold a fall clean-up Nov. 3-7. During that time, the town will waive its charge to pick up furniture, appliances, lumber scraps,

tires and other household waste. The special pick-ups will not include hazardous waste or items such as paint and chemicals.

Three vie for two Hertford Town Council seats

By **ANGELA FOREST**
 The Daily Advance

Depending on what happens next Tuesday, the Hertford Town Council either will look the way it does now, or it will have at least one new face.

Two incumbents and one political newcomer are running for two open seats on the five-member board.

Erie Haste Jr., one of the incumbents, is owner/operator of Hertford Hardware, Haste Real Estate and City Marina in Elizabeth City. At 62, he brings 22 years of experience in local government to his campaign.

The other incumbent, 50-year-old Sid Eley, has been a councilman for six years. In addition to being a science/math teacher, athletic director and coach at Perquimans Middle School, he also is the town's fire chief and a member of its rescue squad.

First-time candidate for political office Horace C. Reid, 54, is director of the Section 8 housing program at the Economic Improvement Council, Inc. He is also a member of the Perquimans County Industrial Commission and the Hertford Board of Adjustment.

The Daily Advance recently asked each candidate the same series of questions. Their responses follow.

Q: Why are you running and why should voters vote for you?

Haste: "I'm running because I would like the majority of people in town to have an

interest in the operation of government and contribute to town improvement. And I feel my years of learning and experience and knowledge of operations of local government put me in a position where I can best help the town."

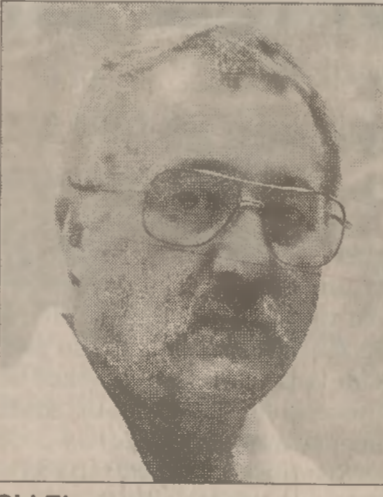
Eley: "I'm running because I've enjoyed being on the board. There are projects that I've helped to start that I want to see completed, projects like the commerce center and the utility upgrade. Hopefully voters will see the numerous services inside and outside the council. I've always listened to the voters."

Reid: "I'm running for two reasons. The first is I see myself as offering a fresh perspective. I might be able to shed some light on council's activities. We also need to have full council representation. Since I'm African-American, it's not as much about putting in an African American as it is putting in someone who will disseminate information to the African-American community. But I also feel if elected I would represent all citizens."

Q: What do you see currently as Hertford's most serious problems?

Eley: "I think right now we have to develop a larger tax base and in so doing we need to provide more basic services for citizens without raising taxes. We need to keep improving our street, water, sewer and electric systems. We also need to make sure our police and fire departments are prop-

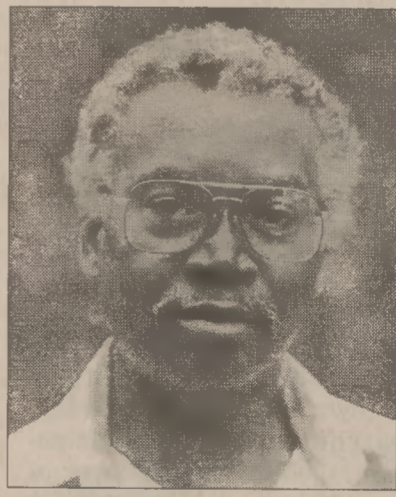
erly maintained."
Reid: "Right now the same issues are reoccurring: high electric rates, taxes that will probably increase, a lack of jobs and what I see as a potential water problem. A lot of towns have had contamination problems with their water supplies. Hertford has not been hit yet, but we need to be proactive in ensuring area water remains safe."
Haste: "I'd like to rephrase that question as to what I see are the strongest town needs. Those would be to continue to upgrade our utilities, especially the electric system with the new technology that has come along. This will, in the long-run, reduce electric costs. But it will cost citizens more while the upgrade is being completed."
Q: How would you address the problems you've identified?
Reid: "In terms of the water issue, the town needs to be testing its water, if



Sid Eley



T. Erie Haste Jr.



Horace Reid

town manager and police chief to be active in looking at the concerns of the people, I am giving us an A. But because of limited manpower which delays our reactions to situations, I would also give us a B. But in that area we're striving for an A."

Eley: "In terms of implementing town policy, our council works well together. I don't see the clashes among our council that are found in other areas. I would say a grade of B plus. We might not satisfy everybody, but we try to do our best."

Reid: "Overall, I give town council a grade of B. Council sometimes fails to approach projects like street repair in a comprehensive, continuous manner throughout the town. However, they've handled the upgrading of area sidewalks well and within the financial constraints."

We've also been in a program to replace police vehicles as needed, and we'd like to maintain the same standards for the fire department."

Q: How would you grade town council in terms of its policies and effectiveness?

Haste: "I would split the grading into two parts. Because we encourage the

Outside

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
High: 60s Low: 40 SUNNY	High: 70 Low: 40s PARTLY CLOUDY	High: 70 Low: 50s PARTLY CLOUDY