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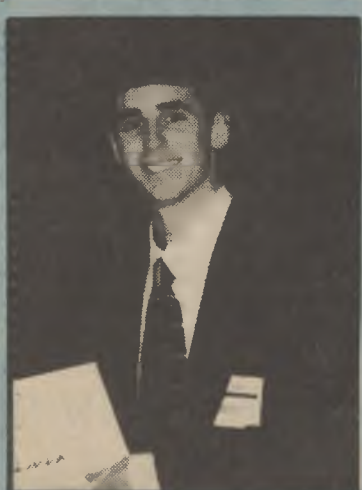
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November's theme: **Celebrate community, family and friends**

## Attorney updates town on projects

By **SUSAN R. HARRIS**  
Editor

Hertford town attorney Walter Edwards told council Monday night that the condemnation hearing for property at 419 King Street owned by Vera Burton has been set, and that he hopes to file for a partition proceeding on the Keel property at the corner of Grubb and Edenton Road streets this week.

Edwards also said that he has reviewed Elizabeth City's noise ordinances at council's request, and recommends that if Hertford opts to change its ordinance, only one ordinance is put into place, rather than two as Elizabeth City has done.

Council asked Edwards and interim police chief Dale Vanscoy to review the issue.

## Reid, Eley sworn in on Hertford board

By **SUSAN R. HARRIS**  
Editor

The first order of new business at Monday night's Hertford Town Council meeting was swearing in recently-elected councilmen Horace Reid and Erie Haste. Clerk of Court Gail Godwin administered the oath of office.

Reid, a challenger, and Eley, an incumbent, were elected in November to serve four-year terms on the town's governing board.

Reid becomes the first African-American to serve on council.

Just prior to the swearing in, council presented a resolution of appreciation to departing councilman Erie Haste, who was defeated in November's municipal election. Haste served on council from 1973-1981 and from 1985-1997. The resolution recognized Haste's 20 years of dedicated service to the town.

Haste said he was sitting in

his chair just prior to his departure "feeling like you do about 10 minutes to 12 on New Year's Eve." Haste said he would like to see all citizens take a stand and support the town to help make Hertford a better place.

"I don't intend to conduct my activities in a completely different way or stop supporting the town ... or this board," Haste said. He added that he would continue to work to improve Hertford, and would still listen to those with concerns.

Councilman Billy Winslow was re-elected as mayor pro tempore. Later in the meeting, Winslow asked that his re-appointment to the Perquimans County Economic Development Commission be tabled until a new board member to replace Bill Cox is chosen in January. Winslow said he will serve until that time. He said he would accept an appointment, but felt that the



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Horace Reid and Sid Eley were sworn in as Hertford Town Council representatives Monday night by Clerk of Court Gail Godwin. Reid, a challenger, and Eley, an incumbent, were elected last month. Earlier, council presented a resolution of appreciation to departing councilman Erie Haste.

new council member should be able to vote on the appointment. Cox resigned last month due to poor health.

The final item on the board's agenda was citizen concerns. Mayor John Beers adjourned the meeting before asking if any of the dozen or so attendees would like to address council.

Just after the adjournment, Hertford resident Billy White asked if residents could speak. Beers said the meeting was already adjourned. White asked that his name be put on the agenda to appear before council in regular session in January. He declined to say what topic he wished to discuss with council.

## Hertford woman killed in wreck

Teenage son in critical condition at Pitt Memorial

By **SUSAN R. HARRIS**  
Editor

A Hertford woman was killed and her teenage son seriously injured in an automobile accident south of Washington Sunday.

Barbara Bulls Haislip, 42, of 213 S. Church Street was pronounced dead at the scene, according to information provided by The Washington Daily News. Her son, David James Haislip, and her husband, James C. Haislip, were transported to Beaufort County Hospital in Washington and later transferred to Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville.

The Daily News reported that James Haislip was released Monday. David Haislip is listed in serious condition.

The Haislips were traveling north on U.S. Highway 17 south of Washington around 4 p.m. Sunday when their car was struck on both passenger doors by a car traveling west on Whichard's Beach Road. According to The Daily News, the investigating officer with the N.C. Highway Patrol has not determined why the car traveling on Whichard's Beach Road failed to stop.

The accident remains under investigation with charges pending.

## Durants Neck Chief reports scam

By **SUSAN R. HARRIS**  
Editor

'Tis the season for charitable giving. It appears someone may be in the mood for charitable taking.

Durants Neck Fire Chief Jimmy Spivey said Monday that he received information that at least one resident served by his department has been contacted by phone about donating to the fire department. There is no fund raiser in progress, he said.

The chief said the department's annual fundraiser, scheduled for February, is done by mail.

Spivey reported the incident to the sheriff's department. Anyone contacted should do the same, he said.

## HOLIDAY PARADE

The annual Christmas parade, sponsored by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, made its way through Hertford Saturday afternoon. First place float winners were Snug Harbor 4-H Club, Stepping Stones Daycare and Beacon Academy. Second place winners were Berea Church of Christ, Perquimans County Head Start and N.C. Forestry Service. Marching unit winners were the Northeastern High School Band and Christmas Angels, first, and Santa's Twirlers, second. The Perquimans Marching Pirates are not judged in the Hertford parade. Their performance is a holiday gift to the community in appreciation of support throughout the year.



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The Snug Harbor 4-H Club float (above) was named first place in the church/civic category in Saturday's parade. The Perquimans County High School Marching Pirates color guard (bottom left) added visual appeal to the Christmas music performed by the band. Children from Stepping Stones Daycare (bottom right) bundled up against the cold wind and took first place in the business category.



## Hertford considers S-bridge schedule change

By **SUSAN R. HARRIS**  
Editor

Hertford Town Council tabled a request to modify the bridge tender schedule on the "S" bridge pending further review.

Town Manager John Christensen told council that the records kept by bridge tenders detailing its openings revealed that the schedule could indeed be modified. He said the records were

reviewed for a period of three years, and a report was submitted to him as of August.

Based on actual activity, Christensen recommended that council make a request to DOT to man the bridge on the following schedule: May-August, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; April and September, weekends, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; March-October, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; and January, February, November and December, no bridge tender

provided that a tender could be provided upon 24 hours notice.

Councilman Sid Eley asked resident Dan Daneker if the hours would be a problem for area boaters. Daneker said the change must ultimately be approved by the U.S. Coast Guard. Changing the hours would require a request by DOT to the Coast Guard and a public hearing before implementation. He said it takes a long time to change the hours

because of the process that must be followed.

Daneker recommended that before any change is requested, Hertford officials should check with the town of Winfall to see how it might affect any foreseen activity at Winfall's new waterfront park, and/or any other businesses or organizations that might be affected.

Council opted to study the issue until January before voting.

**Outside**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
High: 40s Low: 30s PARTLY CLOUDY	High: 40s Low: 30s CHANCE OF RAIN	High: 40s Low: 30s CHANCE OF RAIN