



The 1964 Christmas edition of The Perquimans Weekly.



The 1974 Christmas edition of The Perquimans Weekly.

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newspaper is founded, we offer to you as our Christmas gift and with it goes the heartiest holiday greetings from Mattie Lister White, Editor."

To put it in context, in 1934, American remained in an economic Depression. In other front-page stories that week there were articles on relief efforts for the poor. There was also a short piece on a womanless wedding at the high school.

Ten years later, the Depression was history, but World War II made headline stories. In the Dec. 22, 1944 issue, there is a brief story on what we now call "The Battle of the Bulge."

"News from the western front underwent a blackout this week, following the counter-offensive the Germans launched at several points near the Belgian border. It is known that the Germans, hitting weak points in the American line, where various Armies joined forces, gained from 18 to 20 miles

in territory and recaptured part of Belgium."

There was also a story on Christmas shopping, such as it was.

"Hertford's street scene was a lively one this week as shoppers vied in a last-minute rush to purchase scarce merchandise for Christmas.

"Most shoppers found difficulty in locating just what they wanted to buy due to the fact that so much merchandise was purchased in former years had gone to war and was not available anywhere, but the holiday spirit seemingly had fallen on all and a jovial mood was evident."

In other front-page news, Miss Helen Robbins Vick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Vick of Hertford was married in candlelight ceremony in Miami.

Skip ahead 10 years, there is a front page story about a petition to dissolve the Town of Winfall, in part because the town board wasn't meeting regularly. There was also a piece on the final appeal to raise money for a tuberculosis fund drive.

C. Edgar White, Superintendent

of Public Welfare, also announced that organizations that wanted to help, could still assist the "unfortunates at Christmastime."

Skip ahead to 1964, there were mentions of Christmas but the biggest headline appeared to be "37 Public Clinics Are Scheduled To Operate In Polio Vaccination."

Virginia W. Transeau is editor now and there is a piece of J.F. Mansfield and H.J. Scaff, both of Hertford, planning a trip to Mexico City.

By Dec. 19, 1974, the only real mention of Christmas is a tiny little story about early deadlines because of Christmas. The big front-page story was about the anniversary of man's first powered flight.

By 1984, the front page is dominated by a three-column picture of a drawing made by Kathy Smith in the school art contest. For her victory, she won two free video plays at the One Stop Convenience Store. The other big piece above the fold was a story about Edgar Roberson Jr. being named 1984 Fireman of the Year by Hertford Mayor Bill Cox.

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Madonna and Child

Hospice volunteer training sessions set... The annual training sessions for hospice volunteers will be held on Friday, Dec. 22, at the One Stop Convenience Store...

Roberson named Fireman of the Year at banquet

Edgar Roberson Jr. was named Fireman of the Year at a banquet held at the One Stop Convenience Store...



Board of Education accepts plans for school renovation

The Board of Education has accepted plans for the renovation of the elementary school building...

Bloodmobile today

A bloodmobile will be operating in Hertford today to collect blood for the Red Cross...

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LIBRARY

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won is given to public libraries in the state that were either built or renovated in the past year. The criteria included the functionality of the building, technology, appealing design, well-designed shelving and furnishings, adequate parking, and good lighting.

Creativity in design is another criteria and the reading boat, a full-size boat for children and parents to read in, is unique to the Perquimans County Library.

"It does seem like the award goes to larger libraries more often, so for a small rural library to win,

that's pretty awesome," Bugnizet said.

Last year's winner was Winston-Salem which had a "huge" library renovation project, Bugnizet said.

Perquimans County opened the new library in March.

The Hertford facility was designed, and built specifically for the library. It was with the cooperation of the County Manager Frank Heath, the Board of Commissioners, the Library Board led by Chairman Bill Ross, County Librarian Michele Lawrence, and Bugnizet and citizens of Perquimans County who provided community support.

"We're proud we received the award," Heath

said. "I think the library has become a centerpiece of the community."

Bugnizet said several library officials asked her about the boat. Bugnizet came up with the idea, and approached the furniture designer, Carolina Designs, to see if they could build the boat.

"One library asked me if they could do one of a train, and I said I don't see why not."

Bugnizet picked the boat idea because of all the water in Perquimans County.

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"For a community as small as ours to win this award was just phenomenal," Lawrence said.

"We did a presentation with Judi and I that showed a photographic tour of the library and what the old library was like with the small areas that were used for a number of things. We also showed off all the wonderful technology we have now."

Afterwards Lawrence said she was approached by library directors who are looking to do renovations and had questions about

how the Perquimans library was created.

The Tyrrell County Library received a programming award for their program, "Valentines by Special Delivery."

The award's criteria include innovativeness, ability to be replicated, involvement with other community organizations and effectiveness of publicity.

The Tyrrell County Library sells bears in a gift box with candy and prizes every Valentines Day. The library staff, dressed in costumes, deliver the boxes to day cares, schools, and other facilities. A magician goes along and provides a few

magic tricks at each stop for the adults. The library partners with groups who help supply the library with prizes for the gift bags. Staff members Linda Markam and Terese Benton started the Valentine's tradition.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore advertisement with contact information: 482-2686

HEATING

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suspended on Tuesday at the high school. The problem appears to be a boiler.

The high school has a mix of heating and cooling systems, but just one boiler.

About a month ago, a problem surfaced at Central. The 16-year-old school is serviced by two heating and air units on one side of the school and two units on the other.

The two on side with Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten quit working.

Jim Davison, the maintenance director for the

school system, said it was just a situation of old age.

"We were living on borrowed time," Davison said.

The average life of a unit is 12 to 15 years, and they have been working at the school for at least 16 years.

For now, Davison said he has portable heating units in each of the effected classrooms.

"The kids are fine," Davison said.

But repairs may be a while.

"The lead time on the equipment is at least eight weeks, and that's after you place the order," Davison said.

It's also not simply a matter of installing the new

units. They will either have to be able to fit up the stairs or a hole will have to be made in the ceiling.

There is also the issue of cost. The replacement cost could be \$60,000.

The county did authorize \$150,000 so the schools can

upgrade software for heating and air units throughout the school system. The current software is 12 years old and can't be upgraded.

Davison said the school system is still in the engineering phase of the software upgrade.

Family Dentistry advertisement for Yiping Fang, DDS, located at 212 Ainsley Avenue, Hertford, NC.

Public Notice advertisement from Perquimans County regarding the closure of county offices for Christmas and New Year's Day.

Public Notice advertisement from Perquimans County Code Enforcement Officer regarding property at 2412, 2414, and 2416 Center Hill Highway.

Advertisement for Town of Winfall Offices being closed from Monday, December 24, 2018 to Wednesday, December 26, 2018.

Advertisement for The Perquimans Weekly newspaper, including subscription rates and contact information.