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STUDY SESSION — These members of the Perquimans County Rescue Squad are enrolled in an 81-hour Emergency Medical Technician course. Shown here, members review their first test. The men are tested periodically and take a final examination given on the state level.



INSTRUCTIONS — Mrs. Marsha Massey is the instructor and coordinator for the Emergency Medical Technician course. Doctors, nurses and inhalation specialists will also be teaching various segments of the course.



VOLUNTEERS — There are fifty-six members participating in the EMT course, volunteering their time to better serve the people of the community and to provide a Rescue Squad service.



NO EMERGENCY — These dummies are used by the men to practice some of the things they have learned as a result of the EMT course. (Staff photos by Xathy Newbern)

Rescue Squad Members Enroll In EMT Course

The Perquimans County Rescue Squad is participating in an 81-hour course through the College of the Albemarle to prepare the men for an Emergency Medical Technician Badge.

The course entails all the emergency methods used, and some anatomy, along with clinical experience.

Doctors, nurses and inhalation therapists will be presenting the course to the class.

The coordinator for the group is Mrs. Marsha Massey of Hertford. Mrs. Massey is a registered nurse who works at the Hertford Medical Clinic with Dr. Robert Hodgson.

Presently, there are fifty-six members enrolled in the course. This type of

program is being carried out all over North Carolina. There are 979 certified Emergency Medical Technicians in the state, and including those enrolled in the Perquimans County course, there are over 1400 in the training program throughout the state.

One of the outstanding factors about the program is the fact that those enrolled are already volunteering their time to give the community a Rescue Squad service, and by taking this course, these men are giving even more of their time to give better first aid in emergency situations.

Mrs. Massey pointed out that the wives of the men enrolled in the course are

encouraged to sit in on the sessions which are held Tuesday nights and Sunday afternoons at the Rescue Squad building. This will give the wives a better understanding of what the squad members do.

A telephone interview with Chris Gentile of the N.C. Department of Human Resources in Raleigh concerning the EMT course.

All men involved in the ambulance service will be required to have completed the 81-hour EMT course by January 1, 1976, Gentile pointed out. He said, "The Rescue Squads provide a great deal of community service beyond ambulance services. They are often involved in search,

recovery, and crash scene management."

Gentile spoke highly of the work being done by volunteer rescue squad members such as those who devote their time in Perquimans County. He said, "They are in part helping North Carolina become a leader in emergency medical service. The dedication that these people have shown have made this a fact."



DEMOCRATS — Members of the Democratic Party in Perquimans County met at the courthouse last Thursday night to hear guest speaker, Ben Utley, Executive Director of the Democratic Executive Committee. Utley spoke to the group about the party's structure, encouraged voters to go to the polls, and discussed the party's candidates for the November election. Shown here, Utley (r.) is welcomed to Hertford by county Democratic chairman Joe Nowell. (Ray Ward photo)

Homecoming Parade To Be Held Nov. 1

Students at Perquimans County High School will be celebrating Homecoming Week, Oct. 28 through Nov. 1, with a variety of activities. The highlight of the week will be a parade held in Hertford on Friday, Nov. 1 at 4 p.m. and the Homecoming football game held that night at 8 p.m. The Pirates will be playing Gates County.

The Perquimans County Marching Unit will be leading the parade followed by floats, decorated cars, bands, and town officials. One feature of the parade will be the homecoming queen contestants, consisting of two representatives from each club at the high school.

Local merchants, civic clubs and organizations

throughout the county that have not been contacted and would like to participate in the parade are asked to call Wanda Owens at 426-5075.

Following the parade, there will be a barbeque supper at the high school sponsored by the Perquimans County High School Student Council. Plates will sell for \$2.00 and they may be picked up from

5-7:30 p.m. on Nov. 1. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any student council member and tickets will be sold at the door.

During the football game, two homecoming queens will be crowned at halftime.

Following the game, there will be a semi-formal dance held in the P.C.H. S. gymnasium until midnight. There will be live music.



SPECIAL MEETING — Steve Mullen (left) spoke with the Perquimans County Commissioners, town officials, Perquimans County Jaycees and members of the Perquimans County Recreation Association Monday night concerning the installation and financial support of a county-wide recreation program. (Ray Ward photo)

County Land Use Is Reported

A report on Perquimans County land utilization and crop acreages had been released comparing 1972 figures with those of 1973. The report was compiled and released jointly by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioners for Perquimans County are Lester H. Simpson, chairman; R.S. Monds, Ed Nixon, Ellis Winslow and G.H. Webb.

Thirty-six per cent of the land in Perquimans County is harvest cropland; twenty-six per cent is non-farm land; thirty-six per cent is forest or other land; and, two per cent is idle or pasture land.

The percentages for harvested crops included: soybeans for beans — 56 per cent; corn for grain — 33 per cent; peanuts — 6 per cent; and, other crops totaled 5 per cent.

From 1972 to 1973, there was an overall increase in all land usage of 200 acres. Non-farm land usage increased a little over 1,000 acres. Usage of farm land slightly decreased, but harvested cropland increased by 5,257 acres. In 1973, the total forest and

other land was up by 800 acres.

The comparative totals of major crops harvested in Perquimans County remained relatively the same excluding soybeans which was up over 5,000 acres over the 1972 totals.

The harvesting of Irish potatoes decreased by 15 acres, but sweet potato harvesting increased by five acres.

These figures are based on reports from Perquimans County farmers. In summarizing, the increase in soybean acreage from 25,965 acres in 1972 to 31,287 acres in 1973, was responsible for the 11 per cent increase in harvested cropland.

DANCE

The Elizabeth City Shrine Club will have a dance October 26, 1974 Saturday night, from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. for Shriners and Guest. Admission is \$5.00 per couple. Music will be furnished by D D and the Rhythem Makers.



THOSE PRESENT — Attending the special meeting on a county wide recreation program were: (left to right) Wallace Morgan, Bill Cox, Bill Tice, special speaker Steve Mullen, Wayne Ashley, and John Beers. Not pictured Ray Ward.

Welcome Home Jimmy Hunter

The county's favorite son is a home-grown product who loves his home, preferring it to a lot of splash — preferring it to the limelight that usually goes along with a man who becomes fantastically successful in his particular field of endeavor.

Jimmy Hunter, Jim 'Catfish' Hunter as the sportswriters and broadcasters prefer, is back home again, after another tremendously successful baseball season.

It is awfully difficult for his friends and neighbors to fathom how important he is on the world of sports, because he is so much a part of us.

No fancy airs, no snobbery — yet he is the subject of thousands of newspaper and magazine articles, he is a major point of discussion among radio and television sportscasters.

He is one of the greatest pitchers the game of baseball has seen, a feat accomplished without the airs put on by some others in the game.

But the way he plays the game, his unassuming manner, his devotion to family and home have endeared him to millions.

While many other players make extra money on the banquet circuit or doing a number of other things that fatten the wallet, Jim prefers to spend his time farming, fishing, hunting, and being with his friends.

More than anything or anyone else, he has put Hertford on the map. Fans feel he is a typical product of our community — and what could be more flattering to us?

So, in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce — in behalf of everyone in Perquimans — welcome home, Jimmy. Have a good winter and, in 1975, another equally successful year.



FALL IS HERE — This pumpkin-headed scarecrow in front of Thomas Wade Stanton's home in Winfall is a constant reminder that fall has definitely arrived. (Nashburn photo)