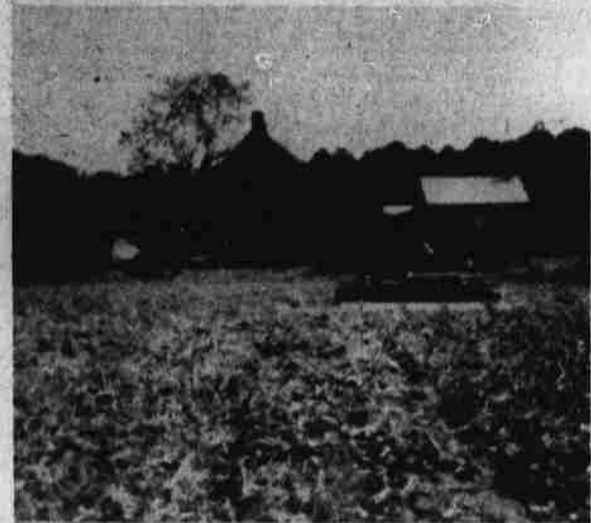


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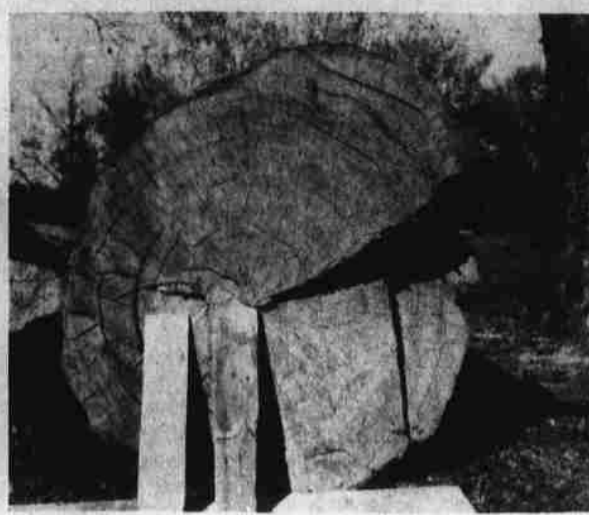
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**CARETAKER'S HOUSE** — Before being moved to the site of the Newbold-White House, the caretaker's house was located in New Hope and looked like this.



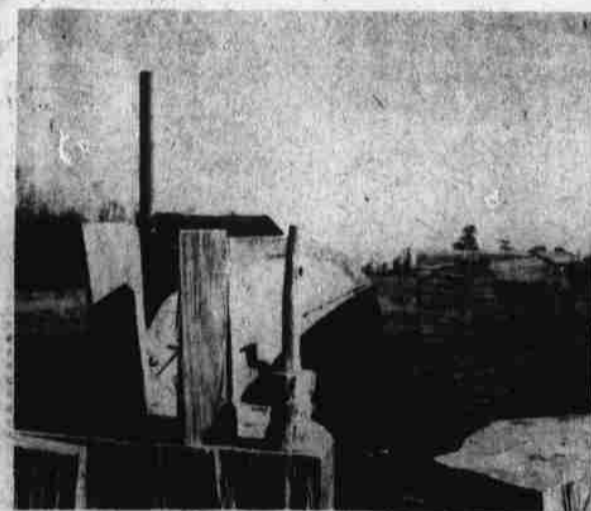
**SHINGLE SOURCE** — From heart cypress logs such as this, the shingles are being made for the Newbold-White House. On the right is a shingle dating back over 300 years which is one of the originals found on the house. On the left is a modern replica which was made on the site.



**OLD SHINGLES** — This section of shingles is over 100 years old. It was used on the Newbold-White House to replace the original ones which had probably begun to leak. The section is being used as a guideline for the shingles currently being made.



**DEMONSTRATION** — W.D. Kemp, restoration constructor for the Newbold-White House demonstrates the way the shingles are being made with the same tools early settlers used, a frow and a mallet.



**EARLY TOOLS** — Some of the tools being used to make the Newbold-White House shingles are a frow, stuck in the wood and a mallet used to strike the frow until the shingle can be split off from the wood.



**FINISHED** — Shown here is a pile of the finished shingles which will be used on the roof of the Newbold-White House. Shingles for this purpose have not been hand-split in Perquimans County in at least 100 years. (Staff Photos by Kathy Newbern)

## Interesting Process:

# Shingles Being Made At Newbold-White House Site

By KATHY NEWBERN  
Just outside the city limits of Hertford, there is a lot of work and activity constantly going on. To many of the residents of Perquimans County, this work goes on unnoticed. At the site of the Newbold-White House, restoration of the oldest house in North Carolina is slowly, but surely becoming a reality.  
At present, two segments of the long range completion of the house are taking place. Work is being done on a caretaker's house which is set off from the main house and an interesting process of riving shingles for the roof of the Newbold-White House is under way. Riving

is the correct term for the original process of making shingles.  
The caretaker's house was moved to its present site from the New Hope area. Herbert N. Nixon, chairman of the Perquimans Restoration Association, stated that the caretaker's house was probably built ca. 1810 by Lemuel Whedbee. Standing beside the house is a smokehouse built at the same time.  
Some of the most interesting work being done at the Newbold-White house is the shingle making process. Replicas of the original shingles that appeared on the house are being split on

the lot using the same tools as was done in the 1600's. One of the original shingles removed from the house dates back to 1684 and is being used as a model or those being rived today. Two of the tools being used include a frow, purchased at an auction sale in North Wilkesboro, and a mallet. The shingles are made from huge heart cypress logs most of which came from one gigantic tree obtained from a mill pond in Bertie County which measured about 100 feet in length. The age of the tree is hard to determine, but Nixon said, "The tree was standing when John White put his first colony on Roanoke

Island." Totaled, the logs being used to make the shingles for the Newbold-White House contain approximately 4500 to 5000 board feet.  
The riving of the hand-split shingles is an amazing sight. The heart cypress logs are cut into segments which are then quartered. Then, they are cut into 20-inch lengths. From these pieces, the shingles are split. Each shingle is cut to measure one-half inch thick, four and one-half inches wide, and twenty inches long. To rive a shingle, the frow is placed on top of the log section and then struck several times with the mallet thus splitting off the

shingle. One end of the shingle is then left squarely exposed and the other is rounded off.  
This riving process, it is interesting to note, was used more than 300 years ago not only for shingles, but also for sidings of buildings. At first, the boards obtained through riving were used on actual dwellings but was later limited to outbuildings.  
Nixon pointed out that this is the first time shingles have been hand-split for an entire roof in Perquimans County in at least 100 years. This makes this segment of the Newbold-White House work not only interesting, but also allows reenactment of history.

# First Lady Speaks At Chamber Banquet

Mrs. James Holshouser, North Carolina's first lady, was guest speaker for the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce annual banquet held Monday night at Angler's Cove.  
Wayne Winslow, outgoing chamber president, called the meeting to order followed by the invocation given by Rev. Kenneth Spivey. Winslow also welcomed all those in attendance and recognized special guests.  
Providing entertainment for the evening was Rev. James McKenzie of Robbins. Combining bagpipe playing with storytelling, McKenzie kept the audience in a lively mood.  
Following the entertainment, Frank Roberts, chamber manager, gave the annual report followed by a membership report by Ed Nixon.

Roberts then had the pleasure of introducing the guest speaker. He pointed out that Mrs. Holshouser is the youngest first lady in the history of the state. A graduate of Appalachian State University, Mrs. Holshouser holds a degree in home economics. The introduction included some of the many activities that the first lady has been involved in through the years. In Boone, she was a member of the Jayettes and a member of the Colonial Garden Club. Since 1973, she has been serving as state chairperson of the Governor's Commission on Citizen Participation. She is honorary chairperson of the North Carolina Autistic Children's Foundation; a member of the Historic Hope Foundation; board member of the Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council; honorary chairperson, of the North

Carolina Muscular Dystrophy Association; member of the President on the North Carolina Arts Society; and member of the Executive Mansion Fine Arts Committee.  
Mrs. Holshouser pointed out how impressed she is with the state's most valuable resource, its people.  
Following the first lady's comments, Wayne Winslow recognized the retiring chamber officers and made his remarks as retiring president. Winslow said, "It has been an honor and privilege to have served you the members of the chamber as president this past year." He also pointed out that despite increased membership in the Chamber of Commerce, each and every member must remain active. He also asked that the public feel

free to call on the chamber at any time.  
Following this, Marion Swindell installed the chambers new officers and Ed Nixon, new president, made his remarks. Nixon said, "I want to thank Wayne Winslow and the past Board of Directors for a job well done. There are projects you have started, and we hope to finish. You have laid the groundwork for our country's celebration of the Bicentennial. We hope to build on that foundation." Nixon added that he was looking forward to working and growing together in the coming year.  
The Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet was then adjourned President Ed Nixon ending an enjoyable and informative evening for residents of the county and chamber members.

## Tour Is Planned

Plans are being made by the Home Economics Extension Office for a tour to Northern Neck, a part of Colonial Virginia.

On Thursday, Dec. 19, the tour group will leave the County Office Building in Hertford at 6:30 a.m. and travel to Gloucester and Kiptank, Va. stopping at historic sites and antique shops along the way. Thursday night will be spent at the Williamsburg Hilton Inn. The Friday schedule will include shopping at the famous Williamsburg Potter and Glass House.

The price of the trip is \$42.50 which includes lodging, transportation, tour tickets and the Thursday luncheon. A \$20.00 deposit should be paid to the Extension Homemakers Tour Fund by Dec. 9 and the balance will be paid on the first day of the trip.

Since room reservations must be made soon, anyone wishing to sign up for the educational and enjoyable tour should do so immediately. Reservations or more information may be obtained by phoning the Home Extension Office or writing the office at P.O. Box 87, Hertford.

## High School Has Variety Of Occupational Courses

Several new courses have been initiated at Perquimans County High School this year. A recent interview with school officials Pat Harrell, Kenneth Stalls and John Hassell revealed some new innovations in the school's occupational education programs. Hassell is Area Director of the Division of Occupational Education for educational district I, which includes Perquimans County. A recent visit to the school resulted in some complimentary comments from Hassell. He stated that he was pleased with the positiveness of all the occupational teachers and the sincere enthusiasm they showed.

The high school now has occupational programs in six main areas: agriculture, drafting, electronics, automechanics, home economics and business occupations.

The agriculture classes have something new this year in the form of welding. The classes cover a wide range of subjects from production agriculture to forestry. Students enrolled in the agriculture classes are eligible to join the Future Farmers of America program. The local chapter of FFA has strong

enrollment and is very active this year. Teachers of agriculture at the high school are Joe Turnell and Fred Riddick.  
As is the custom in most high schools, the home economics program at Perquimans High is divided into segments. The first is a basic course dealing with the fundamentals of home-making such as child care and development, cooking, food selection and clothing. A new program added this year is Bathelor Home Economics. The second segment of the program is known as advanced home economics which in reality is semester courses taught in two-hour blocks. This segment involves clothing and textiles along with foods and nutrition. Home economics teachers at the high school are Evelyn Stubbins and Nina White. Students taking home care eligible for membership in the Future Homemakers of America organization. This too is an active group. For example, a FHA rally was recently held at Northeastern High School in Elizabeth City with about 100 students in attendance.

Another area of Occupation Education at Perquimans High School is automechanics. The course

is designed to teach the basics of work on an automobile. Automechanics, like the home economics program, no longer involves only one sex. There are ten females enrolled in the automechanics I course. The teacher is Alonza Joyner.

Archie Miller is the instructor of the drafting program. The courses involve basic concepts and application of floor plans, blueprints, plumbing, electricity, landscaping, etc. Also, isometrics, and cabinet drawings are part of the course. Miller also teaches electronics at the high school. This course is divided into two main approaches. The first is strictly electrical involving such things as basic components and electricity. This approach later involves work on televisions and radios. The second approach is aimed at house wiring and installation.

Students enrolled in drafting, electronics and auto mechanics courses can join a new organization at Perquimans High this year, VICA.

Another especially new program at the high school this year is the Directed Office Occupations.



**NEW OFFICERS** — Officers for the Northeastern District Association of Extension Home Economists for 1975 were recently installed at Edenton Restaurant. Officers are front row, left to right: Clara Motley, advisor; Paige Underwood, president; Linda Bridgers, second vice-president; Gladys White, handling the installation. Second row, left to right: Frances Voliva, state second vice-president; Vivian Morris, president-elect; Sandra Brown, first vice-president; Sandy Wiggins, secretary; and Susan Powell, treasurer. (Photo courtesy of The Chowan Herald)