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VISIT HERE — Visiting the recent meeting of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau were, at left, James F. Wilder, Executive Vice-President of the N.C. Soybean Assoc. and in the center, John Stephens, Representative for Soybean Producers in the Southeastern U.S. The men are talking with the local Farm Bureau President Carroll Baker.

County Library Adds New Books

The Perquimans County Library has added to its collection a number of new books that will be interesting to its borrowers. These include: "The Story of the Declaration of Independence" which is in memory of Mrs. Martha B. Turner; "Watercolor" in memory of Mrs. Virginia Miller; "House Plants" has been given in memory of Mrs. Mary Keaton and the book, "Religions in America" has been given in memory of Mrs. Mattie Dail; "The Uncrowned Queen of Ireland," by Marlow; "Something More," by Catherine Marshall; The October issue of "American Heritage"; "The Greek Treasure," by Irving Stone; "The Save Your Life Diet," by Reuben; "Hang Gliding," by Halacy; "Knight's Acre," by Lofts; "Looking For Mr. Goodbar," by Rossner; "A Family Affair," by Rex Stout; "Desmonde," by A.J. Cronin; "Rebel Heiress," by Hodge; "The Double Snare," by Harris; "Hannah's House," by Hearen; "Lord of the Island," by Holt; "Suddenly In Paris," by Roudybush; "Lady Pamela," by Darcy; "After the Wedding," by Colman; "Iron Skillet Bill," by Helm; "Sun Boy," by Steelman; "Society Nurse," by Sears; "Keys to Love," by Francis; "Pendragon," by Trevelyan; "Dare to Dream," by Dodge; and five new books by Barbara Cartland.



ALBEMARLE EMC PRESIDENT — Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation's president James A. Whitehurst of South Mills, presided at the co-op's annual meeting held Saturday at Perquimans High School.



MAIN SPEAKER — Guest speaker at the EMC's annual meeting was Robert N. Cleveland, executive vice-president and general manager of the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation in Raleigh. In his remarks, Cleveland praised the work of the rural electricians in the state.



FARM BUREAU MEMBERS — Members attending the Farm Bureau meeting and special guests are (l. to r.) George Baker, John Stephens, Jim Wilder, Carroll Baker, Albert Eure, Ed Nixon, Billy Elliott, Marion Harrell, Donald Madre, Paul Smith Jr. and Wilbur Roberson. (Newbern photos)

Burning Permits

The North Carolina General Assembly, during its last session, revised Section 1 GS 14-139 of the General Statutes pertaining to the law on burning permits. According to Perquimans County Ranger Lewis Stallings, burning permits are now required year round for any open burning within 500 feet of any woodland between midnight and 4:00 p.m. It is still possible to burn debris within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling without a burning permit only if one or both of the following steps are taken. 1. The fire is confined in an enclosure from which burning material cannot escape. 2. The fire is in a protected area and is being watched constantly by someone having adequate fire protection equipment with him such as a charged water hose, buckets of water or sand or shovels and rakes.

County Ranger Stallings also said that all burning may be cancelled during extremely dry conditions or during air pollution advisories.

Permits may be obtained from County Ranger Lewis Stallings or from any of several burning permit agents throughout the county at no charge to the landowner.

Violations of this law could result in a fine of \$50 or 30 days in jail or both, so please be very careful with fire at all times and remember to obtain a burning permit.

Civic Calendar

- THURSDAY, OCT. 16**
The Hertford BPW Club will meet at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Addie White on Grubb St.
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Hertford Lions Club meets.
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Hertford Fire Department members meet.
- SATURDAY, OCT. 18**
The Elizabeth City Shrine Club will have a fish fry for the Crippled Children's Hospital at the Southgate Mall in Elizabeth City starting at 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. The price per plate is \$1.75.
- SUNDAY, OCT. 19**
The Snug Harbor Civic League meets.
- MONDAY, OCT. 20**
A meeting of the marching Unit Parents' Club will be held.
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Perquimans County Commissioners meet at 8 p.m.
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The Senior Citizens Club will meet at 10 a.m. at the Episcopal Parish House.
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The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building in Hertford. All members, old and new, are urged to attend. There will be an election of officers.
- TUESDAY, OCT. 21**
Hertford Rotary Club meets.
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Meeting of the Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106.
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Belvidere-Chappell Hill Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary meets.
- NOTE:** Anyone having an item to be published in the Civic Calendar should contact Jean Harrison at the Chamber of Commerce office, 426-5657, by noon on Monday prior to the Thursday edition.



DISTRICT DIRECTORS — One of the main orders of business at the annual meeting was the election of directors from the directorate districts. The newly elected directors, pictured above, are (l. to r.): Joseph A. Wiggins, District 2; L.A. Harris Jr., District 3; and A.T. Lane, District 4.



GRAND PRIZE WINNER — Winning the grand prize, a color television, was William Frank Burke. Several other attendance prizes were awarded at the EMC's annual meeting. Helping Burke is L.C. Elliott, Albemarle EMC employe. (Newbern photos)

Soybean Producers Oppose Grain Policy

James F. Wilder, Executive Vice-President of the N.C. Soybean Producers and John Stephens, Representative for the Soybean Producers in the Southern U.S., were honored guests of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau at their regular monthly meeting held Sept. 30.

Stephens asked Farm Bureau Chairman Carroll Baker and Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the N.C. Soybean Producers Association Albert Eure to help in the drive for membership for the American Soybean Association. These men offered to enlist a membership drive in Perquimans County.

The North Carolina Soybean Producers Association has voiced strong opposition to the current grain export policy of the Ford Administration, according to Wilder. In correspondence to key North Carolina Congressmen on behalf of the Association, Wilder labeled the Administration's current moratorium on further grain sales to the Soviet Union as "duplicitous."

He cited the fact that the Ford stance was a betrayal of earlier promises to the nation's farmers when the Administration promised full and free access to all market opportunities in return for all-out grain and soybean production in 1975. "Farmers have lived up to their part," Wilder noted, "even when massive exports of fertilizer and other input items were

driving production costs through the roof."

"Continuation by the President of such a callous policy, as the current about-face moratorium is definitely price depressing against farmers who are vulnerable to tremendous financial losses in the wake of such policy. It's time for Congress to blow the whistle on such deceit as well as the arrogance of George Meany and his labor-union stooges," Wilder stated.

Wilder further noted that North Carolina farmers feel doubly betrayed this year in view of the about-face posture in Washington over the Russian grain sales embargo and significantly lower tobacco prices due to a 15 per cent increase in allotments by Secretary Butz. "How long will the producers of our Nation's food and fiber be humiliated as a peasant class and exploited as the Nation's economic shock absorber?" he asks.

Both the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association and the American Soybean Association policy calls for free market opportunities. There is no Federal price support or Commodity Credit Corporation purchase program for soybeans; and the largest surplus on record, up to 450 million bushels, is predicted for September 1, 1976 by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The economic weight of this surplus production will be carried primarily on the shoulders of the Nation's farmers.

SELLING BASEBALLS
The Hertford Lion's Club is selling baseballs autographed by Jim "Catfish" Hunter. All proceeds from the sales will go the Lion's Club. Jimmy Hunter baseballs may be purchased at Woodard's Pharmacy in Hertford.



DISCUSS PLANS — Discussing plans for the county-wide drive for the Cancer Crusade are (l. to r.): Paige Underwood, rural chairman; J.T. Biggers, president of the Perquimans County chapter of American Cancer Society; and Louise Ward, city chairman. The drive will be completed by Nov. 22.

Albemarle EMC Annual Meet Held

By KATHY NEWBERN
The annual meeting of the members of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation was held last Saturday in the Perquimans High School auditorium.

James A. Whitehurst of South Mills, president of the electric cooperative, presided. A report was given by Floyd Mathews, secretary-treasurer.

Ed Brown, the co-op's general manager presented an audio-visual report reviewing the 1974 year's operation, explaining this year to date, and presenting a glimpse at the future. The presentation answered some of the questions on the minds of the consumer-members such as the fossil fuel adjustment charge and the increase in the cost of wholesale power. According to Brown, a study of a new rate structure is currently underway which will possibly save consumers some \$40,000 to \$50,000 next year.

The main speaker was Robert N. Cleveland, executive vice-president and general manager of the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation in

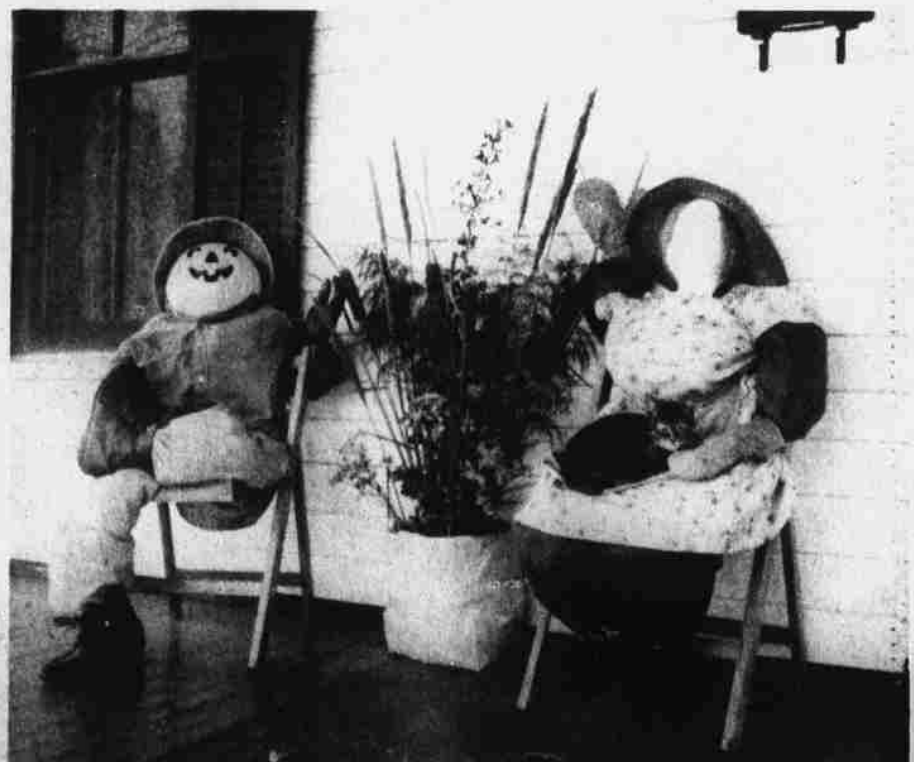
Raleigh, the state trade association of EMC's in North Carolina. Cleveland praised the role of rural electric cooperatives in the state pointing out that 28 co-ops serve one and one-half million people in North Carolina. He further added that N.C. EMC's do not own generators and in this state, the EMC's obtain 45 per cent of their power from CP&L, 40 per cent from Duke Power, 8 per cent from VEPCO and 7 per cent comes from hydropower provided by SEPA. Concerning future fuel, he said, "Oil is probably going to stay as high as we see it now

and possibly go even higher. But there is hope through the use of nuclear power plants." In closing, Cleveland said, "You might feel pinched today by high priced electricity, but remember the 30 or 35 years you've enjoyed low cost electricity. Don't ever think of selling this co-op to a power company thinking they can give you cheap electricity for a month. If you ever sell this system, there's no way you could buy it back. Hold on to it. Bring good service through your own ownership..."

The next order of business

for the annual meeting was the election of district directors. In District Two (Chowan County), Joseph A. Wiggins was elected. In District Three (Pasquotank County), a tie occurred between the two candidates, and as stated in the electric cooperatives bylaws, the tie was settled by the casting of lots resulting in L.A. Harris, Jr., being named the winner. The director's seat in District Four (Perquimans County) went to A.T. Lane.

The meeting closed with the awarding of attendance prizes. A total of 273 consumer-members attend-



TWO-FOLD PURPOSE — This front porch display at the William Massey home on Grubb Street in Hertford has served two purposes. While being a delightful autumn scene and reminder of the nearing Halloween holiday, the Massey's feline friend also found Mrs. Pumpkinperson's lap to serve as a nice napping spot. (Newbern photo)

October Is Cancer Crusade Month