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## Water Bond Vote Set For Dec. 6

"On December 6, the citizens of Perquimans County will vote on a Bond issue concerning the proposed County-wide Water System. This election could affect more people in the county directly, than any vote held in many years", according to Richard H. Bryant, Chairman, Perquimans County Planning Board. Bryant further states, "It is our chance to have a good, clean source of drinking and domestic water supply the county over. Let's face the fact that there just isn't a good source of domestic water in the county. The water we pump out of the ground is either hard or iron or both. Also, another fact that we are going to have to face is the backwash water from home water conditioners has been declared sewage by EPA. This means that this water

must be treated as sewage from the home. The real problem with this is, if you put it in your septic tank, it can stop the bacterial action in the tank. So here is another problem we face." Also, according to the Chairman of the Planning Board, "F.H.A. has agreed to give Perquimans County an outright grant of 1.2 million dollars to help pay for the County-wide water system. There are about 90 counties in North Carolina hoping that the citizens of Perquimans County will say, "Thank you, but no thank you — we do not want this money, give it to some one else". After all, this is our money just as much so as anyone else's. It is your tax money and my tax money that is being returned to us. "I doubt if any of us living today will ever see this type system in the county if we turn it down on December

6." Bryant emphasizes. There seems to be quite a lot of concern over this water system raising everyone's taxes. Since the Inter-County System is a Corporation, we only have the Winfall Water System to compare with the proposed County-Wide system. "At the present time, the Winfall system is paying for itself. Even with everything on the rise in price. This system having been put in use several years ago, it is at present still able to operate without tax money going to pay for the system," states Bryant.

"Make no mistake in reading this", states the Chairman of the Planning Board, "The ballot will say that you — the voters are giving your permission to the County Commissioners to levy taxes, if necessary, to pay for the water system. This does not mean that a tax will be levied, because the system will be designed to pay for itself. The system is being designed by reliable engineers — based on feasibility studies. Feasibility studies show that this system will pay for itself. State Law requires that bond issues are backed by tax levies in case of default. These systems are designed to be self-liquidating, and are not figures on the maximum usage paying for the system. This all boils down to the fact that the people who use the water, pay for the system."

According to Bryant, "If you are interested in your county and the people who live here, it is your duty to express yourself concerning this issue. The addition of a system of this type could be a big help in securing small Technical Industries in the county. This is what the majority of you said you wanted in the recent survey forms filled out by people over the county."

In conclusion Bryant says "You should also remember that this County-wide Water System idea originated from the people of the County, mainly in the New Hope and Bethel areas."



**GUEST SPEAKER** — Dr. Parker Chesson, President of College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, was the guest speaker for the annual Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce banquet held Saturday night. Chesson replaced Sen. Robert Morgan who was unable to attend.



**INTRODUCTION** — W.F. Ainsley, local businessman and a member of the COA Board of Trustees, introduced Chesson as the speaker for the evening.



**FOR YEARS OF SERVICE** — Ed Nixon, past president of the chamber, presents a gift of appreciation for 7½ years of service to Frank Roberts, past part-time chamber manager. Roberts also presented the annual chamber report.



**INCOMING AND OUTGOING** — Incoming Chamber of Commerce President Wayne Ashley (left) and Ed Nixon, outgoing chamber president (right) talk with the guest speaker Dr. Parker Chesson. (Newbern photo)



**HICKS VISITS LOCAL SCS** — Jesse Hicks, State Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service was in Perquimans County last Wednesday morning. Elizabeth Winslow, District Clerk with the local Soil Conservation District Board explains one phase of the conservation program in the county to Hicks, as Sam Cox, Area Conservationist and Albert Moore, District Conservationist look on. (SCS Photo)

## Civic Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 20

Hertford Fire Department meets.

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Hertford BPW Club meets.

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The Perquimans C.B. Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Hertford. Visitors are welcome. All members are urged to be present.

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A community meeting to discuss the possibility of reorganizing the Perquimans County Schools will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the County Office Building on U.S. 17. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Sat. Nov. 22

The Perquimans County Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a Cake Sale from 9 a.m. to noon at the Harris Shopping Center and the Courthouse Lawn. Proceeds will benefit Bill Fowler.

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The Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a Turkey Shoot from noon 'til midnight. The shoot will be held at the Fire Station and a concession stand will be open.

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The Elizabeth City Shrine Club will have a dance at the Shrine Club for Shriners and guest, from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Price is \$5.00 per couple. Music will be furnished by Billy Trueblood and the New Century Sounds.

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Boy Scout Troop No. 155 of Hertford will sponsor a Car Wash from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Little Mint on Grubb St. The price will be \$2 each, including a vacuum job. The proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. If raining — date will be announced later.

Mon. Nov. 24

Inter-County Ladies' Auxiliary meets.

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The Perquimans County Rescue Squad meets.

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The monthly meeting of the Perquimans County NAACP Branch will meet at 8 p.m. Rev. J.H. London, pastor of the First Baptist Church has just returned from the State NAACP Conference of Branch Convention in Lumberton, N.C. He has so much to tell in the way of a report. Membership is open. Chowan, Gates and Pasquotank Counties are invited to be present and join if they like. The meeting will be held at 210 Hyde Park (EIC Building) in Hertford.

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A community meeting to discuss the possibility of reorganizing the Perquimans County Schools will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Perquimans Union School. All interested parents and citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion.

Tues. Nov. 25

The Belvidere Homemakers meets.

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The Hertford Rotary Club meets.

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Farm-City Week will be held at the Perquimans High School. The dinner will start at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. The program will be held in the High School Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. All Civic Organizations and interested persons are invited to attend. The meal is \$2 per person and will be fish, served by the Hertford Grammar School PTA.



## CAROLYN R. WILLIAMS In Scholarship Competition

Carolyn R. Williams has been elected to represent the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank School unit in the statewide competition for the Terry Sanford Award. This award is presented to the outstanding educator in North Carolina who displays creative and innovative techniques in teaching.

Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Rev. Mrs. Wright Demery of Belvidere. She is a third grade teacher at Central School in Elizabeth City. She also serves as organist for Riddick Grove Baptist Church junior choir, Winslow Grove Methodist Church junior choir, both in Belvidere; and the St. Paul Methodist Church Senior Choir in Hertford.

Mrs. Williams is a former first grade teacher at Hertford Grammar School.

## Dr. Parker Chesson Speaks At Annual Chamber Banquet

By KATHY NEWBERN

"Perquimans County means a great deal to me because I was born here and have spent the majority of my time in the county." Those words were part of the message delivered by Dr. Parker Chesson, President of College of the Albemarle, at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet held last Saturday night at Angler's Cove.

Chesson explained to the group the many assets possessed by the county and he urged the chamber and community to preserve this. He pointed out that the county has clean air, relatively clean water, no urban congestion, no traffic hassle, a low crime rate, racial harmony, fiscal responsibility, and most importantly, a sense of community pride and a relaxed atmosphere. Chesson admitted that it is "hard to measure these assets in dollars and cents and unfortunately they don't result in tax dollars." Chesson continued and warned the local citizens not to overlook these assets as the community continues to grow in the future. He said, "I sincerely hope that you continue to value the life of the small town." "We need development in Northeastern North Carolina and the Albemarle area," Chesson continued. "And we are now in the process of developing a long range land use plan for the 20 coastal counties under the Coastal Area Management Act." "To me, the most important part of the plan is a section on community objectives." He emphasized the fact that local citizens have the opportunity to plan the future of Perquimans County. In closing, Chesson said, "Perquimans County is at a unique position since it has several options. The county can maintain as it is today or in the future, could become heavily industrialized. At least we can say we have a choice. And with the assistance of agencies such as the Chamber of Commerce and local leaders, you're going to experience further development, an increase in population and the tax base is going to expand."

Chesson replaced the scheduled guest speaker, Sen. Robert Morgan, who had been hospitalized and was unable to make an appearance.

W.F. Ainsley introduced the guest speaker who is a graduate of Perquimans County High School and East Carolina University where he received his B.S. degree and M.A. degree in biology. Chesson received his Ph.D. in biology from North Carolina State University and in October of this year was named President of College of the Albemarle.

Frank Roberts gave the annual report of the Chamber of Commerce. He cited several activities and items that the Chamber has worked with this year including the civic calendar, Farm-City Week, being represented in Raleigh when Jimmy Hunter received the Will Wynne Award, financial assistance for the Hertford Fives and Drums, the U.S. 17 park site, the opening of several new businesses, work with the Restoration Association and the chamber's work in helping to get an additional dentist in the county. During the year, the Chamber of Commerce also supported Spelling Bee winner E.3th Brown, the July 4th fireworks, and is at present working on the possibility of getting an electrical inspector in the county.

Roberts has worked with the chamber for seven and one-half years. Past President Ed Nixon presented him a gift from the chamber for his dedication and service. Due to the need for a full-time chamber manager, Jim Robinson was recently hired by the chamber and the Perquimans County Industrial Development Committee. Due to work commitments, Roberts could not take on the position on a full-time basis.

In other business, Ed Nixon recognized the retiring chamber officers that have served on the Board of Directors for two years; Cliff Towe, Clifford Winslow, Julian Long, Bobby Jones, and Ed Nixon.

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox installed the new Chamber of Commerce officers: Don Madre, William Ray Chappell, Wayne Ashley, C.D. White, Waldo Winslow, and Charles Murray (absent).

In closing remarks were made by retiring president Ed Nixon and incoming president Wayne Ashley.

## Nominees Are Named For ASC Committee

Bobby Heath, County Executive Director of the Albemarle Soil Conservation Service (ASCS) has announced the slate of nominees for the ASC Community Committee elections. The elections will be held on Dec. 1. Three committee members will be elected from each township. The following are the list of nominees and their communities:

Belvidere — Estes O. Copeland, William H. Hollowell, Savage Joliff, George (Jack) Nowell Jr., Curtis R. Perry, L. Clinton Winslow;

Bethel — Lawrence Corpew, S. Edgar Long, Donald Madre, Odist Newby, W. Dewey Perry Jr., Harry Thatch;

Hertford — M. Weldon Byrum, Clarence Felton, Ray Hunter, L. Wayne Howell, Ray Lamb, Oras W. Winslow;

New Hope — William Wray Chappell, Belvin Eure, Robert H. Eure, A.L. Godfrey Jr., Henry Mallory, Preston Morgan;

Nicanor — E.L. Hurdle Jr., J. Quincy Riddick, Seldon Rountree, J.H. Stallings, Lloyd Stallings, Raymond White;

Parkville — Ralph L. Layden, Floyd Long, W.E. (Ned) Matthews Jr., Floyd (Jack) Modlin, Johnnie M. Smith, L. Paul Smith Sr.

The ballots will be mailed on Nov. 21 to all known eligible voters. Any person who does not receive a ballot and thinks that he is eligible to vote may obtain a ballot at the county ASCS office. Ballots must be returned or postmarked not later than Dec. 1 and the certification must be signed on the envelope for the ballot to be valid. The County Committee will publicly tabulate the voted ballots at the county office on Dec. 4.

## New Books In Library

Non-fiction: "Powers of The Mind," by Adam Smith; "These Old Stone Walls," by Philips Russell; "Home Care," a guide to family nursing, by Stolten; "The Lonely Heroes," by Harris; "Home Planners," five books of house plans; "Mister God, This is Anna," by Flynn; "Growing Up Rich," by Bernays; "Fighting Back," by the football player, Bleier; "Be a Winner in Basketball," by Coombs; "Hors D'oeuvres, Etc.," by Castle; "King of the Gypsies," by Maas; "Eight is Enough," by Branden; "Keeping Young and Living Longer," by Hrachoves; and the December issue of "The American Heritage."

Fiction titles are: "Harry's Game," by Seymour; "In a Dark Garden," by Aldrich; "Lights of Love," by Carland; "The Butterfly Flood," by Wyllie; "Wes Hardin's Gun," by Reese; "Gaylord's Badge," by Meade; "House of the Haunted Child," by Ames; and "Death in Waiting," by Bland; also, "Curtain," by Agatha Christie.

## Farm-City Week Dinner Is Set

Ed Nixon, president of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce reminds the membership that the local program for observing National Farm-City Week will be held Tuesday, Nov. 25 at the Perquimans High School.

"This observance has been designated by every United States President since 1956," Nixon stated, "for promoting the close cooperation between those who farm and those who depend on the products of the farms."

"It is expected," Nixon added, "that civic clubs and other interested organizations will be well represented at the high school observance next Tuesday. The Hertford Grammar School PTA will start serving plates, \$2 each, at the cafeteria at 6 p.m. The PTA will need to know in advance just how many plates to prepare, therefore those interested in reserving a plate should contact Jean Harrison at the chamber of office this week. The phone number is 428-5657."

After dinner, activities will continue in the high school auditorium with an interesting program of films related to the future role to be played by those who produce the nation's food and fiber. "Future plans on Perquimans County farms will definitely embrace the need for a favorable vote for the construction of a county-wide water system," concluded Nixon.

## FIRST ANNIVERSARY

The Hertford Fives and Drums held their first anniversary on Friday night November 14th. This self-sponsored music corps, also held an election of officers. W.A. "Bill" White was elected Sergeant Major; Roy Perkins, Drillmaster; David Brewing, Musicmaster; and Chas. Skinner as Secretary-Treasurer.

Members of the Hertford Fives and Drums have participated in six parades and seven other historical events since forming as a corps to provide ancient martial music for the area.

The Hertford Fives and Drums will participate in several Christmas parades this year. Plans are being made by the corps to present a musical program for the community during the holiday season.