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PCHS graduation to be held Friday



JANET RIDDICK
Valedictorian



ELNORA ROSE
Salutatorian

Diplomas will be awarded to the 146 members of the Perquimans County High School graduating class in commencement exercises beginning at 8 p.m. Friday night, June 9 in the gymnasium.

Among those seniors to be recognized for scholastic ability will be the class valedictorian, Janet Riddick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Riddick of Belvidre; the class salutatorian, Elnora Rose, daughter of Mrs. Marion Frierson of Rt. 2, Hertford.

In addition to the top two seniors,

other honor students are Mary Wood Hurdle, Karen Hoogerland, Sharon Riddick, Sherie Woodell, Ann Ward, Reginald Stepney, Mirian Hurdle, Darrell Stevenson, Julie-Ann Samuelson, Lynn Hurdle, JoAnne Meads, Kathy Godfrey, Catherine Newberry, Diane Harris, Cynthia Johnson, Brenda Chappell, Clifford Towe Jr., Cheryl Jones, Kent White, and Scott Tilley.

Underclassmen recognized for scholastic achievement will be serving as graduation marshals: Brenda Sawyer, Chief Marshal; Donna Stallings, Cathie Byrum, Shelton

Skinner, Michael Bullard, Lynwood Winslow III, and Daniel Eure Jr.

Opening the exercises following the processional will be Rev. E.E. Williams with the invocation. Miss Rose will then present a welcome. High school principal William E. Byrum will introduce the commencement speaker, Patrick F. Dye, head football coach at East Carolina University.

The Perquimans High Glee Club will also participate with several special selections including a performance from soloist Agathia Wills.

Principal Byrum will then present special medals of recognition.

Clifford Winslow, Chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Education, will award the diplomas.

And Miss Riddick will present the farewell address.

Officers of the Class of 1978 are Catherine Newberry, president; Lynn Hurdle, vice president; JoAnne Meads, secretary; and Mary Wood Hurdle, treasurer.

Friday night will mark the 53rd commencement for Perquimans County High School.

Board of Education takes action in regular session meeting

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session Monday night with all members present.

In the area of policy, the Board reviewed the staff reduction policy in light of the tentative teacher allotment for the county for school year 1978-79. At present, the local system is tentatively scheduled to lose six state allotted teaching positions next year and the review was necessary in case it must be implemented in connection with this action.

In the area of budget, the Board heard a status report on the 1977-78 budget in a wrap-up of the year. A status report was also presented on the investment of capital reserve funds for proposed renovation and construction at the high school. The Board also briefly discussed the 1978-79 budget which has been presented to the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners for approval.

Several personnel matters were also discussed with no action being taken. Among personnel discussion was the possibility of reassigning

school personnel in an effort to strengthen local programs.

In the area of programs, the Board heard a brief preliminary report on the results of the Annual Testing Program. The Board was informed of the outcome of parent conferences held to explain individual student's scores.

The Board approved the individual staff development plan as presented by a committee in that area. That program will enable teachers to earn credit toward certificate renewal through independent research and projects. Each teacher participating in the program must first have his proposed project approved and must then present the results of his findings for credit.

The Board was also informed that PCHS student Annette Johnson would be participating in a summer school session at the North Carolina School of the Arts. The Board agreed to support Miss Johnson in this effort.

In the area of Administrative Operations, the Board accepted a request to permit Floyd Creecy to at-

tend Perquimans High School following release from the Edenton-Chowan system.

The Board then heard a status report on the Perquimans High field house project. Bids received on the project were insufficient to award the contract and the Board noted that the bids were higher than funds earmarked for the project. The Board therefore agreed to study alternate ways to get the project underway.

A status report was also heard on the fence project at the high school. It was pointed out that the contractor is waiting for final approval from the state to verify that materials meet state specifications. When that approval is received, the project will begin.

Another status report was heard on renovation and construction at the high school. The Board was informed that the architect met recently with administrators and teachers at the high school to share proposed plans. The projects specifications are being readied for presentation at the July meeting of the State Board of Education. If ap-

proved, the project will then be ready for advertisement of bids.

Also in the program area, discussion was heard on the three-county career center. The three school superintendents of Gates, Chowan and Perquimans; met recently with career center personnel in Winston-Salem to discuss initial planning. The three Boards have been advised that the \$50,000 study grant should be received shortly and the anticipated start up date is July 1.

In other action, the Board approved the proposal by Pilot Life Insurance for student scholastic insurance for the coming year.

The Board then opened bids for roof replacement at Perquimans Central Grammar School. The project was awarded to Gordon Sheet Metal Company of Elizabeth City at a cost of \$7,794 for materials and labor. That project is scheduled to be completed by June 30.

Prior to adjourning, the Board was reminded of the Employee Appreciation Luncheon planned for June 9 at 12:30 p.m. at Union School and high school graduation at 8 p.m. June 9.

Grant awarded to Recreation Dept.

Notification has been received locally of a grant award in the amount of \$1,784 to the Perquimans County Recreation and Parks Department. The money will be used

in programs of art, crafts, music, etc. during the coming year according to Recreation Director Billy Wooten.

The grant was one of 22 awarded

to organizations in the eastern section of the state. Those 22 grants totaled \$35,398 and were awarded during the recent spring board meeting of the N.C. Arts Council.

The Perquimans County grant was the only one awarded in the Albemarle area. Statewide, the grants totaled 155 in the amount of \$301,797.



SHOW PARTICIPANTS — Pictured are some of the county Homemakers Club members that participated in the Thursday night Food Show and Tasting Tour held at the Perquimans County Office Building. The event included free recipes and free samples of a variety of foods prepared by homemakers throughout the county.



SAMPLING THE GOODS — Above, some of those attending the Food Show and Tasting Tour are urged to sample some of the many dishes available for tasting. (Staff photos by Kathy M. Newbern)



ANNETTE JOHNSON

Selected for NCSFA session

Annette Johnson, a junior at Perquimans County High School, has been selected to attend the summer school session at the North Carolina School of Fine Arts.

Miss Johnson is the daughter of Mrs. Roslin Johnson of Rt. 3, Hertford.

Her school involvement includes membership in the Art Club, Guidance Club, Annual Staff Art Director, and she serves as Student Council historian and reporter. She was selected this year for the second time Most Talented Female Artist at PCHS. One of her art pieces was recently selected as the Superintendent Art Choice for the county.

The five-week summer school program at the NCSFA is limited with

selection of students being competitive. This summer's session will start June 20 and continue through July 21.

While attending the session, Miss Johnson will be exposed to intensive studio work in areas of drawing, color and design, graphics, sculpture, and ceramics. She will also participate in seminars in art history.

Her summer studies will result in one unit of high school credit and three hours of college credit.

Tuition for the school is \$435. To help in the financial area, she has been awarded \$200 from the school, \$100 from the high school art club, \$35 from PCHS, and has been offered support from the Perquimans County Board of Education.

Brinn appointed to state council

GREENVILLE — R.T. Brinn of Rocky Mount and Hertford has been appointed by Governor James B. Hunt to the Governor's Business Council on the Arts and Humanities.

Brinn is assistant to the director and senior business-community development specialist of the Regional Development Institute at East Carolina University.

He will serve on the council which will seek to develop and promote the

state's cultural resources and utilize them in economic growth and development. Specifically, the council will consult on the cultural interests of foundations and corporations, advise the Department of Cultural Resources on legislation; promote North Carolina culture on a national scale and advise state government on effective public programs.

Brinn is a native of Hertford in Perquimans County.

Plant discontinues bulk water

The Board of Directors of the Inter-County Water Association met June 1 in regular session.

The main item of business was discussion of the distribution of bulk water from the plant. It was pointed out that due to implementation of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act of

1975, the Board has terminated a service previously provided. It was noted that the termination was done with regret.

Effective June 1, the Association will not provide bulk water for any purpose as a result of this legislation. The bulk water delivery point

at the plant has been disconnected. A Board spokesman made the following statement concerning the action, "We're sure everyone will understand the association's commitment to provide its users with the safest drinking water possible. We would appreciate the public's cooperation in this matter."