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First Snow

The first snow of the winter came on Monday to Perquimans County, leaving

many motorists stranded along the roads after their vehicles hit icy patches on the

highway. No major injuries were reported as a result of the snow which left one to

four inches of accumulation throughout the county. (Photo by Jane Williams.)

Former County Recreation Director found guilty

A Perquimans County jury returned a verdict of guilty against former Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Director Willie Lee (Billy) Wooten last week in Perquimans County Superior Court.

Wooten was convicted of an attempted crime against nature. The guilty verdict was returned after thirty-five minutes of deliberation by the jury that was comprised of eight men and four women.

Wooten, age 29 of Winfall, was on trial as a result of an indictment that was obtained against him in October, 1983. The original charge of a second degree sexual offense was reduced to a crime against nature when it was revealed that the first charge did not exist in 1978 when the crime took place.

Wooten, a native of Wilson, N.C., showed no emotion when the verdict was read.

Testimony in the trial began on Thursday with the State of North Carolina calling on three witnesses to testify in the two day trial.

Darryl White, age 20 of Brooklyn,

N.Y. (formerly of Perquimans County) testified that he was employed as a recreation aide during the summer of 1978 working under Wooten in the Perquimans County Recreation Department. White told the jury that the incident occurred during working hours while he was employed by the Recreation Department under the CETA Program. White told the court that he "didn't tell anyone about the it because I was scared." White stated that he eventually talked with Winfall Police Chief J.L. Lothian and Captain Robert Morris of the Hertford Police Department last summer.

Other witnesses for the state were Officer Timothy Spence of the Hertford Police Department and Lothian.

No witnesses testified in Wooten's defense.

Sentencing is scheduled for May 8, 1984 at 2:00 p.m. in Perquimans County Superior Court. Wooten could face up to ten years in prison for the offense.

Mansfield receives Florence Kidder Memorial Scholarship award

John Christopher Mansfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman Mansfield of Hertford, has been named the 1984 winner of the Florence Kidder Memorial Scholarship.

The announcement was made by Isaac T. Avery Jr. of Statesville, Scholarship Chairman, at the



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February meeting of the North Carolina Board of Directors of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America, in Wilmington on Wednesday.

The scholarship is awarded yearly and provides \$1,000 to the recipient.

Mansfield is a senior at Perquimans County High School. He competed for the honor with high school seniors throughout North Carolina. He is the first student to be awarded this honor in the Albemarle Area since Mrs. Luther Sanders Jr., formerly Anne Duke of Elizabeth City, received the award in 1955.

Guidance Counselor Elaine Pritchard of Perquimans County High School stated, "Chris Mansfield is an outstanding student, and I am personally gratified that a Perquimans student is the 1984 recipient of the scholarship."

According to Counselor Pritchard, Mansfield has been active in band and orchestra during his four years at Perquimans. He attended Governors School and was selected for Who's Who Among High School

Students

He is secretary of the Beta Club and one of the ten most outstanding seniors at Perquimans County High School. Hew was also selected as Perquimans County's nominee for a Morehead Scholarship.

Mansfield plans to enter East Carolina University next fall as a pre-med major.

Mansfield was also selected as recipient of the Albemarle Freedom Award given annually by the Albemarle Committee according to Mrs. Clifford Barry, chairman, which entitles him to enter the state-wide competition for the Florence Kidder Memorial Scholarship.

The contestants are judged on the basis of character, ability, scholastic record and merits of an essay on an assigned patriotic subject.

The topic this year was "North Carolina's Role in Colonial History: Our Four Hundredth Anniversary."

The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America was founded in 1894. The objectives of the Society

are to foster historic preservation and to stimulate a spirit of true patriotism and a genuine love of country.

In this connection the Society has made restoration of valuable old houses a cornerstone of its philosophy. Dumbarton House, Washington, D.C., owned by the Society, is their national Headquarters.

In addition, some 90 historic sites house and museum rooms are maintained and supported by the Society, including Gunstan Hall, home of George Mason.

The North Carolina Society is one of 42 state societies comprising the National Society and owns four museum houses in North Carolina: Cornwallis House, Wilmington; Joel Lane House and Haywood Hall, Raleigh; and the Fourth House, Old Salem.

Each of these houses are open to the public.

Lane elected Chief of Chowan Hospital staff

New officers have been elected by Chowan Hospital's Medical Staff to serve a two-year term which began January 1.

Dr. Robert Earl Lane, elected as Chief of Staff, joined the Chowan Medical Center group in February 1973. Dr. Lane is a 1967 graduate of Tulane Medical School and completed a General Practice residency at Contra Costa County Hospital in Martinez, California.

Much of Dr. Lane's practice time during the past two years has been

spent at the Medical Center's clinic in Hertford.

Dr. Mark Walsh, Emergency Room physician at the hospital, has been elected as Vice-Chief of Staff. Dr. Walsh joined the Medical Staff in July 1980.

He is a 1976 graduate of the University of Bologna Medical School in Italy and completed an Internal Medicine residency at Mercy Hospital and Medical Center and Northwestern University Hospital in Chicago.

A 1954 graduate of the UNC School of Medicine, Dr. Archie Walker was elected to continue in his role as Medical Staff secretary. Dr. Walker moved to Edenton in November 1983 after completing a General Practice residency at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond.

Three new members to the Board of Directors of Chowan Hospital have also been named.

Approved for a three-year term beginning January 1, were Dr. Lei DeVine, W. P. "Spec" Jones and Peggy Anne Vaughn. A second three-year appointment was approved for Earl Smith.

Retiring board members included W. A. "Bill" Whichard (who served as Chairman in 1983), Byron Kehayes (who served as Vice-Chairman in

1983) and Dr. Richard Hardin.

Board officers elected for the 1984 calendar year are Gilliam Wood, Chairman; Lester Simpson, Vice-Chairman; Daisy Bemby, Secretary; Greg Berryman, Assitant Secretary; and Jimmy Hare, Treasurer.

The members of the Board of Directors of the hospital serve voluntarily, with no monetary payment, and are to be commended for their dedication to the hospital and the community.

In addition to the new ap-

White pleads guilty to embezzlement charges

Bonnie Dail White, age 42 of Hertford, pled guilty to three counts of embezzlement in Perquimans County Superior Court last week.

White was charged with eight counts of embezzlement against the Open Door, a religious charitable institution, in an indictment that was issued against her by the Perquimans County Grand Jury in December, 1983.

As part of a pre-arranged plea White pled guilty to three of the

pointments Chowan Hospital has announced that Dr. James F. O'Leary, member of the Chowan Hospital Staff, has received notification of his certification by the American Board of Surgery.

O'Leary has been actively engaged in the development of the emergency Medical Services and presently serves as Chairman of Eastern Carolina Emergency Medical Services, Inc.

O'Leary worked in Perquimans County prior to opening his practice in Edenton.

charges and the District Attorney's office dropped the other five charges.

White served as the treasurer of the Open Door. White, who owns Bonnie White Bookkeeping and Income Tax Service in Hertford, was sentenced to four months, suspended and placed on two years unsupervised probation. She was ordered to make restitution and to reimburse the Town of Hertford for the costs ensued by the investigation.

Service Directory makes County debut

In this week's edition of THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY you will find a copy of the newly completed "1984 Perquimans County Service Directory."

We encourage you to keep this booklet by your telephone to act as a guide for finding merchandise and services that are available to you in Perquimans County.

We have mass-mailed this week's paper throughout the county so that each and every resident could receive this new directory. To our regular customers we apologize for any

duplication that you may have received this week.

This guide has been compiled by the staff of THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY with the endorsement of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce. It is our hope that the use of this guide will save you time, energy and money.

It is our plan to update this directory and mail it to you on an annual basis. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, or would like to be included in next year's directory, please feel free to call us at 426-5728.

Harrell named Secretary/Manager of Chamber

For the first time in almost ten years the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce has in its employ a professional staff member in a managerial position.

Mary Inez Harrell officially began her duties as Secretary/Manager of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce on Monday.

Harrell, a Hertford resident, has been an active member of the Chamber since it was chartered in Perquimans County in 1962. Her husband, the late Charles M. Harrell, Jr., was the first president of the local chamber. Mrs. Harrell served as Chamber of Commerce President in 1983.

Harrell will be employed on a part-time basis to act as the chief administrative officer of the Chamber of Commerce, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and will serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and all standing committees of the local chamber of Commerce.

Others duties to be encompassed by Harrell will include receipt of all monies incoming and outgoing of the Chamber office, handling the bookwork for the Chamber and all correspondence of the Chamber of Commerce.

In commenting on her new responsibilities Harrell said: "This

job will be a real challenge for me. The Chamber of Commerce has a lot going on now. We have accomplished a lot and we want to see it keep going. We also have a lot left to do."

"We are very happy that Mary has decided to take the job as secretary/manager of the Chamber. We are really fortunate to have had her help in the past and look forward to working with her in the future," said Shirley Perry, President of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

"I think that Mary has done an outstanding job for the Chamber of Commerce, and having her in this position will be an asset to the Chamber," Perry said.

In discussing her hopes for the growth and development of the county in the future, and the Chamber of Commerce's role in this growth Harrell said, "I think that Perquimans County has great potential and with the Chamber of Commerce working with other county organizations, governing boards and individual citizens we can make progress, but it will take working together to make things happen."

"I feel that with the ground work that has been laid, 1984 is the year for progress in Perquimans County," Harrell said.



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