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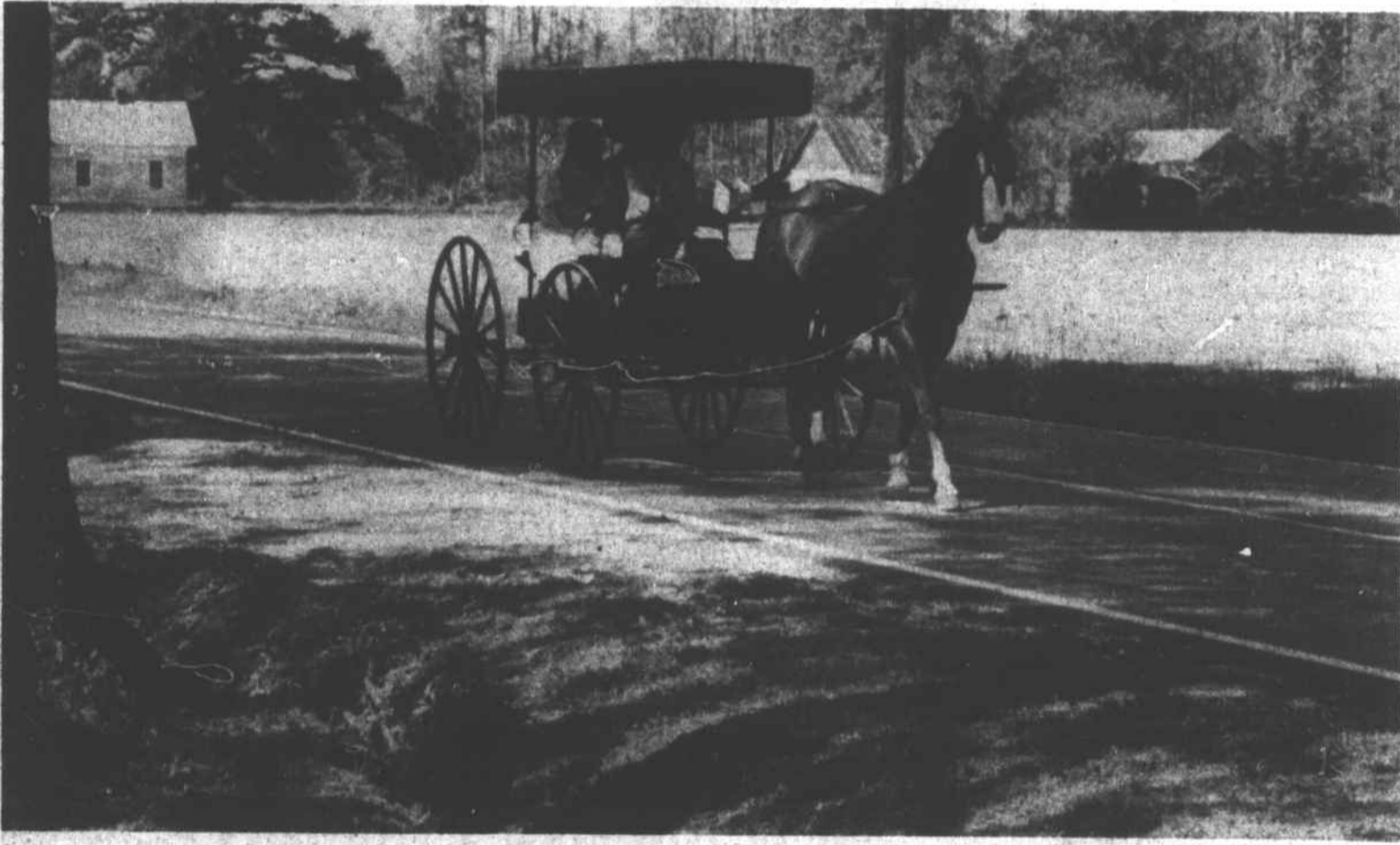
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Donning old fashioned dress the members of Woodland United Methodist Church celebrated 200 years of Methodism last Sunday. (Top photo) Pictured are left to right Steve and Sylvia Perry and Rev. Tom Supplee and his wife, JoAnne. (Bottom) Rev. Supplee arrives like the old circuit rider preachers by horse and buggy. (Photos by Jane Williams.)



## Bond referendum and commissioners race highlight local election

By JANE WILLIAMS

A two-million dollar bond referendum for the renovation and construction of high school facilities and two county commissioners will be decided next Tuesday in Perquimans County.

The school bond referendum, which has met with little opposition, if passed will enable the Board of Education to proceed with their plans of renovating the 1926 Circa building and adding additional wings to the facility.

In the County Commissioners race there are four candidates running for two seats in District II and two candidates running for a single seat in District I.

Joe Nowell, the incumbent from District II, will face opposition from former County Commissioner Thomas Nixon; Arnold Everett

Winslow, a county farmer; and Wayne Winslow, Sales Manager for Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co.

In District I the incumbent is Lester Simpson. Simpson faces opposition from Charles H. Ward, who currently serves, as a commissioner from District II. Ward has moved from District II into District I since the last election.

Clifford Towe, Preston Stevenson, and Emmett Long are seeking re-election to the Board of Education. They are unopposed.

Jeanne White is seeking re-election as Register of Deeds for the County, she is also unopposed.

Due to the local bond referendum and the various races for state offices a large voter turnout in the county is expected.

Polls will open on Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. and will close at 7:30 p.m.

## School personnel say "kids count"

(Editor's Note: The following is part nine of a nine-part series of articles that have been prepared by the Perquimans County School Administrative Staff. These articles are being provided as a public service in an effort to educate the general public of the needs facing the county school system today.)

Over the past eight weeks, it has been our intention to inform you about the inadequacies at Perquimans High School. We hope you can see now that the need for new school facilities does truly exist.

The Perquimans County Board of Education, after much deliberation over architectural and structural data, selected a new construction and major renovation plan at an approximate cost of two million dollars. To abandon the present site and build an entirely new school out

in the county is estimated to cost six to seven million dollars.

The new construction and major renovation plan would begin in the fall with the passage of the school bond referendum on May 8th. New classroom spaces would be built on both sides of the campus. This would enable students to move from the 1924 building without any disruption in the daily school schedule. The new cafeteria could then be built and tied into the existing structures with the removal of one wing on the 1924 building. Students would be out of the present cafeteria, allowing for renovation and tying the present structure into the new classroom building by removing the other wing of the 1924 building.

Major renovation will be done on

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## Woodland Church celebrates Methodism

By JANE WILLIAMS

Woodland United Methodist Church celebrated the 200th Year of Methodism in the United States last Sunday with many members adorned in 'old-fashioned' attire and an old-time dinner on the grounds.

Members of the church gathered on the front lawn to welcome their pastor and his wife as they arrived in horse and buggy similar to the circuit rider preachers of years ago.

The members heard the history of the church from Curtis Eure, who told the congregation that the church began "when a group of people who

had been meeting and holding services in the local schoolhouse were offered land from John T. Wood."

Construction of the church began in 1917 under the direction of George W. Gregory, a building contractor. The church was named Woodland because the land was given by Wood.

On September 30, 1917, 81 charter members joined the church, and on September 22, 1918, 25 additional members joined.

During these years since the corner stone was laid in 1917, many changes have been made to the church building. The sanctuary has

been completely renovated, classrooms have been added, central heat has replaced the wood heaters and

the outside has been re-done with aluminum siding.

## Students honored at achievement banquet

By CINDY LEICESTER

In what was a first for Perquimans County, and possibly the state, 108 students in grades one through 12 were honored at the First Academic Achievement Banquet held Monday night at Perquimans Union School.

The banquet, attended by parents, teachers, town, county and school officials, honored those students in grades one through six who made all A's for the first five six-weeks grading period and students in grades seven through 12 who maintained an A average with no grade below B for the same period.

"A night in which parents can show their children they are aware of the hard work they do," was the way Mary Bryant, an active parent volunteer with the schools, described the evening as she welcomed guests.

Following a ham dinner which was prepared and served by the Perquimans County School Food Service, special guests and sponsors of the banquet were recognized.

"Without the support of the sponsors, the evening could not have

been possible," said Brenda Hollowell, parent volunteer and former teacher.

The crowd was then entertained by the Perquimans County Jazz Band, under the direction of David Ziemba.

Pat Harrell, Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools, then spoke to the group. He stated that he felt great strides had been made in living up to the motto of the schools, "Committed to caring, sharing, learning."

Harrell then introduced the guest speaker for the night, Dr. A. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction.

Dr. Phillips praised Harrell for his outstanding job as school superintendent. "He's learning all the time to do his job better." He then went on to point out that although the banquet honors students for their academic achievements, it also recognizes parents for their love, affection and patience given to their children.

He stated that special recognition should also go to the schools, teachers, administrators, leaders and a community made up of loving and caring people.

Phillips then pointed out that these students are the adults of the 21st century. He stressed that these students should strive for excellence in all they do.

"These are good times and good communities. Happy times for most of us. Be thankful." However, he told students to be aware of the problems around them and that they are the ones who will be asked to do something about them.

In closing Dr. Phillips stated, "More important than what you will be is that you will be a member of a community of peoples with likes, privileges and responsibilities that go with that community."

Students were then presented a school letter and a certificate by their respective school principals

and Clifford Winslow, Chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Education.



Karen Boyce of Perquimans County High School is shown receiving an award for outstanding scholastic achievement from Clifford

Winslow, Chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Education. (Photo by Edward Leicester.)

## Weekly announces new appointments

The staff of THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY is pleased to announce the addition of Ruth Mengel as typist/receptionist at the paper. She will also be heading up the classified advertising department.

Mengel, a native of Perquimans County, is a graduate of Perquimans County High School and Kees Business College in Norfolk, VA.

Prior to joining the newspaper staff she was employed as office manager for Edenton Radiology.

"Ruth's understanding of office procedures has really been an asset for us," said Jane Williams, Managing Editor of the paper. "We really feel fortunate to have her here."

Mengel is the former Ruth Jones. She resides in the Durants Neck community with her daughter, Susan, and her son, Gary.

Ken M. Castelloe, of Edenton, has been promoted from sales representative for THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY to Advertising Manager for the publication.

Castelloe has been with the paper since September and will replace Pat Mansfield in this position.

Castelloe is a graduate of John A. Holmes High School, and has attended College of the Albemarle.

Cindy Leicester of Hertford has been promoted from typist/receptionist to sales representative. She will continue to serve as Circulation Manager for the paper.



DR. CRAIG PHILLIPS



RUTH MENGEL