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1984 The year in review

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Growth, heritage, politics, and destruction headlined the news in Perquimans County during 1984.

Growing pains were experienced by several local businesses and during 1984 we saw shops and offices relocate, and in some instances swap locations. The Perquimans Weekly was among the business that relocated their office in 1984.

Growth in the county was also seen in the opening of several new businesses in 1984 including; G&W Building and Plumbing Supplies, Bill's House of Bargains, Geri's Fashions, This and That for Crafts, the Gingerbread Inn and Bakery and Hertford Marina.

Growth in the county brought about the hiring of Randy Keaton, who moved to Hertford in November to become the first county manager.

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce also joined in with the "growth campaign" hiring their first paid executive, Mary Inez Harrell.

The county-wide water system expansion project was completed in the fall with the opening of a new water treatment plant in Winfall.

The kick-off of a four-year celebration in North Carolina, celebrating America's 400th Anniversary did not go by without a lot of fanfare in Perquimans County.

A three-day event, hosted by the Perquimans County 400th Anniversary Committee got underway in October with a commemoration of a 17th Century Court, and a Quaker Homecoming being held at the Newbold-White House. Also on the week-end agenda was a

pilgrimage to several of the county's historic homes and sites.

A baseball clinic, sponsored by the committee, was conducted by Jimmy Hunter for boys ages 10 to 18 at Perquimans County High School in conjunction with the celebration.

For her monumental work with travel and tourism across the state throughout her life, Mrs. Lucille Winslow was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by the Roanoke Island Historical Association at the opening performance of the Lost Colony in the spring.

Spring, summer and fall brought on a host of homecomings as Methodists joined in the celebration of 200 years of Methodism in the United States. Colonial attire, church histories and good food could be found almost every Sunday during the summer months.

Politics and politicians caught many headline stories in 1984 as the November election grew near.

Locally, a referendum approving the construction and renovation of the Perquimans County High School received the approval of the voters, as did two newly elected county commissioners, Thomas Nixon and Wayne Winslow.

Along with the good news came some bad as Perquimans County was hit with destruction in late March. Mass destruction hit many residents in the Snug Harbor and New Hope communities when a swarm of tornadoes ravished through North Carolina. The tornadoes left one area resident dead and thousands of dollars worth of property damage in its wake.

Hertford to get new postmaster

Ricky D. Wilkinson has been appointed as the new postmaster at Hertford effective Saturday, January 5, 1985, Sectional Center Manager/Postmaster Gold Joyner Jr. of Rocky Mount, N. C. announced today.

Wilkinson, a native of McKenzie, Tennessee, has served as Postmaster in Michie, TN for the past two years.

Postmaster selections are made on the basis of merit from a list of qualified candidates submitted to the sectional center manager by a review committee. The review committee,

composed a district director from the same district, a sectional center director or postmaster from the same sectional center and a sectional center manager or postmaster from a different district, review the applicants for the position and recommend to the sectional center manager those candidates who best meet the position requirements.

The sectional center manager then selects and recommends to the Postmaster General the best qualified person for appointment to the vacancy.

Committee formed to aid in career ladder implementation

On December 13, teachers and administrators from Edenton-Chowan and Perquimans School Systems attended an orientation session in Raleigh for Career Development pilot units.

Staff members from the Division of Personnel Services reviewed the history of the Career Development Plan and highlighted features of the teacher and administrator plans.

Each pilot unit is being asked to establish a local steering committee to assist in the implementation of the field test activities, to assess effectiveness and to make recommendations about alternative approaches.

Three members of each local steering committee will serve on the state steering committee.

The major tasks of local steering committees will be to develop procedures to:

- Determine and establish local strategies for public information/public relations which promote understanding/acceptance/support of the concept, its rationale and process by all participants.

- Find ways to provide for appropriate involvement of local staff and teacher education personnel as support team members for the purpose of strengthening and expanding support and staff development for both beginning and experienced teachers.

- Identify and establish the unique local incentives and rewards which can be provided by the local school unit in addition to those provided by the plan.

Both intrinsic and extrinsic rewards will be sought in the pilot school systems so that guidance can be given to LEAs statewide regarding the local options which are feasible and which are possible and appropriate for 11 and 12-month employment.

- Establish criteria for selection of school-based and unit-wide review teams, and the training activities which must be conducted to assure standard reviews and recommendations for career status.

- Refine guidelines for the appropriate initial placement of

currently employed staff on the career ladder.

- Apply transition procedures for the phase-in of the career ladder statewide.

- Identify needed policies and/or revisions/additions in currently existing local or state policies, regulations and general statutes.

- Develop and refine materials and procedural guides for statewide use.

- Research and report the needs for change in state and

local funding procedures so that necessary steps can be taken to assure adequate compensation for status, extra responsibility and extended employment.

December Magic

Calvin Hobbs is among the winners of the December Magic art contest held recently in the Perquimans County Schools. Hobbs is a freshman at Perquimans County High School. For more drawings see page 6.

