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Local Democrats file for Primary Election

By SUSAN HARRIS and JANE B. WILLIAMS
Perquimans County Sheriff Julian "Little Man" Broughton will face opposition in the upcoming May Primary Election from Donald Riddick, a local building contractor.

Broughton, age 59, has served

as sheriff for approximately 20 years. He is the owner-operator of the Hertford Bus Station on Edenton-Road Street, and he is the only candidate to date to face opposition in the upcoming primary.

Riddick, age 37, has challenged Broughton for this seat in earlier

elections. He has not held prior public office. Both candidates are representatives of the Democratic Party.

County Commissioner Chairman W.W. "Welly" White, Jr., a democrat representing District One filed Monday to retain his seat on that board. White, age 44,

is a self-employed farmer in the county.

Third District Commissioner William Wray Chappell, Democrat, made known his intention to seek re-election to the board when he filed as a candidate on Thursday. Chappell, age 47, is completing his first term of of-

ice on the board. He is a resident of the New Hope community, and is also a farmer.

Perquimans County Clerk of Superior Court Jarvis Ward, Democrat, age 66, filed Friday to retain that post.

The Republican Party in Perquimans County has begun a

growth pattern following the overwhelming nationwide favoritism shown to their candidates during the 1984 General Elections. Charles Murray, local chairman of that party, has stated that there is a possibility that the local republican party will field candidates for this primary.

In the county's only non-partisan race, Clifford Winslow, chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Education, has filed for re-election. Winslow, a representative from the Belvidere Township is a local farmer. In addition to his work on the local board, Winslow, age 56, is actively involved in education on the state level.

The only seat that had not been filed for as of press time, was the Board of Education seat currently held by Mack Nixon of the New Hope Township.

The filing period for the May Primary Election will end at 12:00 Noon on Monday, February 3, 1986.

DSA Banquet slated

The Perquimans County Jaycees have announced that the annual Distinguished Service Awards (DSA) Banquet will be held on Thursday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hertford Fire Station on Grubb Street.

The banquet is held annually by Jaycees across the nation to recognize the merits of individuals who have given extraordinary amounts of time and energy to the communities in which they live.

In addition to the prestigious DSA, awards will be presented locally to the Outstanding Young Educator, Outstanding Young Law Enforcement Officer, Outstanding Young Firefighter, Outstanding Young Rescuer, Outstanding Senior Citizen and the Outstanding Youth in Perquimans County.

Anyone wishing to attend this year's banquet should contact Edgar Roberson at 426-5225 (days) or 426-7719 (nights.) The cost of the meal will be \$7.50 per person.



A freshly plowed field proves to be a winter haven for hungry seagulls as they pass through Belvidere. (Photo by Jane Williams)

Small Business Center to feature theatre organ

When College of The Albemarle opens the doors of its newly constructed Community and Small Business Center to the public in 1987, visitors to the facility will hear an old friend who, after a 26-year absence, has finally returned home.

Through the efforts of local musician Rodney Trueblood and the COA Foundation, the Robert Morton pipe organ that was the pride of the old Carolina in Elizabeth City for 31 years will be permanently installed in the center's auditorium.

Locating the whereabouts of the 58-year-old, 700-pipe instrument that was sold in 1960 by the late J. Holland Webster, and the circumstances that made it available to the college at a time that would allow its inclusion in

the construction plans of the new building is something taken to an episode from "The Twilight Zone."

It began during the early months of 1985. Trueblood who is the organist at First United Methodist Church, and has taught students for many years, feels a close kinship with the old theatre organ.

When he was high school student in the late 1940's the young musician played the instrument three evenings each week to keep it in working condition.

"After it was sold in 1960, I lost track of it," said Trueblood. "For years, I had wondered if it still existed and if it was still playable."

The organist's questions were answered early last year by a

former student who was aware of Trueblood's interest in the Robert Morton instrument. Mark Williams, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F.E. "Red" Williams, and an employee of a book publisher in Lawrenceville, Maryland. He serves as organist in one of that community's churches. Williams found the address of the current owner after talking with the archivist of the Organ Historical Society. Shortly after his discovery, he told his former teacher.

Trueblood immediately wrote to Warren Thomas in Washington, Grove, Maryland, asking if, by chance, it was true that the instrument Thomas had installed in his home was the same one that had entertained Elizabeth City audiences so many years before. Thomas' response was af-

firmative. Although it was imperceptible after the initial correspondence, the first step to return the organ to its original homesite had been taken.

"The college foundation was just winding up a very successful campaign to fund a new auditorium," Trueblood said. "It occurred to me that this would be a perfect place to house the instrument if it could be acquired."

In his letter, Thomas had indicated that he was interested in selling the organ because of his plans to move to Florida. The owner had fond memories of Elizabeth City and offered his assistance in relocating the instrument.

Trueblood contacted Dr. Parker Chesson, Jr., COA president, and foundation president W.W. "Woody" Foreman. Both were receptive to the idea. Foundation directors later agreed to purchase the instrument for \$10,000. The exact market value of the organ is not known, however, several years ago, Thomas said an executive at the M.P. Moeller Organ Co. in Hagerstown, estimated that his company would charge approximately \$60,000 just for the pipework and windchest.

Aside from the initial cost, approximately \$20,000 will be needed to recondition the organ. Although the funds to buy and refurbish the instrument are not yet assured, Chesson says he is hopeful that these expenses can be met by interested individuals in the community.

"Significant contributions towards this project will be noted in highly visible locations within the new center," the president said.

Since the agreement to purchase the organ was made, more than 700 pipes, each representing a different instrument, have been dismantled and brought to the COA campus. A special storage room has been built by students in the light construction program.

Several area organ enthusiasts have agreed to give their time to the restoration project. Joe Pool, now an industrial arts teacher at Manteo High School, is one who has offered his help. In addition to his teaching duties, the Elizabeth City native operates an organ maintenance business, and is thoroughly acquainted with the complex mechanisms that make up the instruments.

The historic artifact which

originally cost \$16,000, caused quite a stir in Elizabeth City when it was installed in the Carolina Theatre in 1928. Prior to the first performance on April 10, 1929, the organ was the subject of a front page article in the Tuesday, April 9 issue of The Daily Advance.

A followup story reported a full house to hear William Klasse of Atlanta, Ga., give the premiere performance. "Masks of the Devil," starring John Gilbert, Alma Ruebens, and Ralph Forbes, was the feature attraction with admission prices of ten

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EMT course to be offered

Individuals wishing to obtain training as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) will have the opportunity to do so beginning January 21 when an EMT course will be offered through Emergency Medical Services in

cooperation with the College of the Albemarle's continuing education program.

The basic class will be taught at the Perquimans County Rescue Squad building, and will be held each Tuesday and Thursday

night until the 100-hour course is complete. Ten hours of the course study will consist of emergency room training at a local hospital.

To guarantee the course locally a minimum of 15 registrants are required. Non-certified Rescue Squad members and individuals interested in becoming squad members, firemen and law enforcement officers will have priority for enrollment; however, others are encouraged to sign up for the course. A class of up to 30 can be accommodated.

The class will be taught by a registered nurse, assisted by technicians during practical work. In the past, area doctors have donated their time for various classes.

The tuition is free to members of participating organizations. The training manual used for the course costs approximately \$18.00. Additional information can be obtained by calling 426-5751.

According to Milton Dail, Captain of the Perquimans County Volunteer Rescue Squad, there is a dire need for additional EMT's in Perquimans County. During 1985, the Perquimans squad lost eight EMT's for various reasons.

Dail said that at the present, 65-percent of the squad members are over 50-years old, and 15 of these will be retiring in 1987 with 20 years of service.

"A volunteer rescue squad can continue if dedicated and responsible people will come forward and participate," he said.

Rogerson fills post

By NANCY SMITH
A Perquimans County native has returned home to undertake a position as an employment developer for older citizens in the area.

Margie Rogerson, a University of North Carolina graduate, has worked for four years as a counselor with vocational rehabilitation and then as assistant manager with the Dare County

Tourist Bureau. She has returned to Hertford to fill the position of Employment Developer with the Albemarle Commission.

The goal of the Albemarle Commission is to improve the quality of life for the older residents of the ten-county Region R. The Commission works toward its goal through the administration of the Older Americans Act.

Rogerson will be working with persons age 55 and older who are interested in part-time or full-time employment.

In her new capacity Rogerson will seek employment opportunities available to suit the needs of her clients whether to supplement a fixed income or to provide primary income. Emphasis is on direct placement. The Albemarle Commission will not be creating jobs but will be placing clients in existing jobs within their own communities.

Rogerson can be contacted at the Albemarle Commission on Church Street Extended in Hertford Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5:00. For more information concerning the employment program call 426-5753.



MUSIC BOXES—Local organist Rodney Trueblood, dwarfed by stacks of windpipes from the Robert Morton organ that was used for 31 years at the old Carolina Theatre on Main Street, holds one of the smallest and largest metal pipes that are part of a 700-pipe system. The instrument, which has been installed in a private residence in Maryland for the past 26 years, will find a new home in the auditorium of College of The Albemarle's new Community and Small Business Center (COA Photo)