

Features

Chappell volunteers time and energy

By SUSAN HARRIS
Catching Larry Chappell long enough to carry on an uninterrupted conversation is a little like holding a breaking wave on the shore. One minute he's talking to you, then the scanner sounds and his ears perk for the message. Next the bell rings, signaling that a customer needs gas.

This dynamic Perquimans County native last week received the coveted Jaycee Distinguished Service Award. The award is presented annually to a person between 18 and 35 who exhibits meritorious service to their family, community and country. It is the organization's highest honor.

When asked how he felt when he received the award, Larry said, "I felt really good, but it was a good thing they didn't ask me to say anything. I was speechless." He added, "They had some other good folks nominated."

"It's something I've wanted," he concluded. And he's worked hard to achieve the recognition. Larry joined the county's res-

cue squad in 1973 while still in high school. He has since become an EMT. He pulls both day and night duty, which means spending some nights away from home. It has also meant leaving his business short-handed, but Larry is willing to make the sacrifice to help those in need.

Why does Larry give so freely of himself to the squad? "I see that they (the squad members) need help. Since it's volunteer, it makes you want to put out more," Larry answers.

Everybody has to work with me," he said of his employees. "I go sometimes even if I'm not on duty."

Larry said earning his EMT is something he's most proud of. "That's a hard thing to get...I feel like I've accomplished something."

In 1979 the Jaycees Outstanding Young Rescuer Award was presented to him for outstanding service.

But the rescue squad isn't the only volunteer organization in which the 31-year old is active. He is also a lieutenant in the Hertford Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment which he joined in 1974. Larry is a five-year veteran of the department's Special Rescue Unit.

Larry presently serves as treasurer of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce. He has worked tirelessly in the annual Chamber-sponsored Indian Summer Festival since its 1982 inception.

The organizations to which Larry belongs are fortunate to have such a dedicated member.

He also supports the county's youth and civic endeavors by sponsoring athletic teams and contributing to numerous charities.

His efforts in volunteer programs have also earned Larry recognition on the state level. He was recognized by former Governor Jim Hunt when he received the prestigious Human Service Award in 1984.

The 1974 graduate of Perquimans High is owner-operator of Larry's Drive-In. He began working part-time at the establishment for former owner Dick Long (Dick's Drive-In) at age 15. After high school he worked for

two years with Jackson Wholesale before buying the combination restaurant-gas station in 1976. Larry said everything's just about the same as it was when long retired.

Each day Larry goes to his place of business around 5:00

a.m. to prepare for the day, including the morning and afternoon 'coffee sessions' when friends and neighbors gather to drink coffee and 'chew the fat'.

Larry lives on Wynn Fork Road with his wife, the former Susan Bunch, and their seven-year old

son, Stephen. He is the son of Seymour and Doris Chappell of Winfall, and the grandson of Ada Carver of Belvidere.

Larry's family has ample reason to be proud of him as he exemplifies a line from the Jaycee Creed: "...Service to humanity is the best work of life."



Larry Chappell, center is shown receiving the DSA award from Richard Copeland of the Perquimans

County Jaycees. Looking on is Lewis Evans, manager of Perquimans County Farm

Bureau, the co-sponsor of the award. (Photo by Jane Williams.)

Henkel to address Committee of 100 annual meeting



BOB HENKEL

The Perquimans County Committee of 100 will hold their annual meeting on February 3, 1986. The meeting will be held at the Angler's Cove Restaurant. Social hour will begin at 6:30; dinner will be at 7:30.

The guest speaker this year will be Mr. Robert Henkel of Portsmouth, Virginia. Mr. Henkel started his career as a professional baseball player. He is presently Vice President of the Mortgage Loan Division of The Bank of Virginia. Mr. Henkel was an active member of the Virginia Mortgage Bankers Association for several years and served

as President of the Association in 1978. He has also been a member of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America. Most recently Mr. Henkel has been a member of the Virginia Bankers Association, where he served on the Real Estate Finance Committee.

Mr. Henkel's civic activities include past president of the Portsmouth Exchange Club where he received the "Exchange of the Year" award in 1979. He has served as Director of the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce for 7 years. He has served on several committees as a member of

the Salvation Army Advisory Board where he was awarded the "Others" award in 1983 and the "William Booth Award" in 1984. His other civic activities include past president and board member of the Portsmouth Sports Club; Portsmouth Invitational Basketball Committee Chairman; Management Board Armed Services YMCA; Chairman of the Portsmouth area "Friends of Virginia Wesleyan College Program"; Vice Chairman of the Portsmouth Clean Community Commission; member of the Development Council for Forward Hampton Roads and

the Regional Education Committee Task Force.

Mr. Henkel will present a slide show and speak on community development after dinner. The

Perquimans County Community of 100 extends an invitation to all residents and businesses interested in the growth and development of their community to attend.

Hunter kills snake during winter months

20 YEARS AGO
SNAKES STILL OUT
THOUGH IT'S JANUARY: Clifton Welch Washington Lyons, Jr. and Furman Brickhouse, while out rabbit hunting near Hertford Monday afternoon shot and killed a five foot rattle snake with five

rattles dating back to 1733 were donated to the Perquimans Historical Society. Raymond Stanton, Marie Divers and Audrey Goodman presented the gift to Mrs. George Barbee, President of the Historical Society, in behalf of their mother, Mrs. W.J. Stanton who was unable to attend.



rattles and a button. The snake coiled up and shook the five rattles. The alerted hunters shot and killed the snake and brought it by The Perquimans Weekly office, in hopes that it would make other hunters cautious of the snakes. It has always been said that snakes hibernate in the winter. However, Monday was unseasonably warm and this snake must have thought winter was over.

DEEDS DONATED TO HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Deeds and

PERQUIMANS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING UNIT OF 1968: The Pride of Perquimans, "The Perquimans County High School Marching Unit." Members of the popular in demand Marching unit are as follows: Betty Fleetwood, Bea Skipsey, Linda Winslow-chief, Nancy Tunnell, Kay Dail, Geneva White, Missouri Bateman, Claudia Brinn, Joyce Taylor, Anna Chesson, Judy Hall, Dawn Lane, Linda Decker, Louise Dale, Mary Beth Proctor, Nancy Reed, Becky Elliott, Frances Mansfield, Dee Boyce, Gail Thompson, Betty White, Nancy Riddick, Margaret Mansfield, Karen Haskett, Sheron Swindell, Sharon Elliott, Elizabeth Ivey, Georgia Winslow, Cindy Winslow, Linda Baker, Louise Ivey, Mary Ruth Dail and Donna Talley.

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NOTICE OF BID FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION WORK TOWN OF HERTFORD

Notice is hereby given that bid packages may be obtained on or after Thursday, January 30, 1986, during normal office hours at the Hertford Town Hall for the rehabilitation of approximately two (2) dwelling units.

Bids will be received and opened on Thursday, February 13, 1986, at 3:00 P.M., at the Hertford Town Hall. This work is funded through the State of North Carolina, FY 1984, Small Cities and Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Town of Hertford is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages bidding by Small and Minority Contractors. Inquires should be directed to the Town of Hertford at 426-5311.