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Enjoying An Early Spring

Monday's warmer temperatures brought the children outside for an afternoon of fun and games. Missing Mill Park seemed as good a place as any for these youngsters to stretch their legs and enjoy the sunshine and warmer temperatures. (Photo by Jane B. Williams.)

Voters to decide two races in May 6 Primary Election

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Perquimans County voters will have to decide only two local races during the May 6th Primary Election. The race for sheriff and that for a seat on the Board of Education are the only contested races in the upcoming primary election.

Three democratic contenders will be seeking to unseat the county's incumbent sheriff, Julian "Little Man" Broughton, a 20-year veteran of that office and a life-long resident of Perquimans County.

Broughton will be challenged in his re-election bid by Joe Lothian, Donald Riddick and B.F. (Ben) Shively.

Lothian, a political newcomer, is the Chief of Police in Winfall, and a resident of that community. He has served in his present capacity for the past three years, being the first officer hired for the department. Lothian has ten years experience in law enforcement. Prior to organizing the Winfall Department, Lothian served as a deputy sheriff with the Perquimans County Sheriff's

Department, and has also served as an officer with the Elizabeth City Police Department.

Riddick, who made an unsuccessful bid for the office in the last election, is also a life-long resident of the county. He is a self-employed building contractor and has worked part-time with the Sheriff's Department for several years.

Shively is retired from the U.S. Navy and is currently self-employed as a maintenance mechanic. While in the Navy, Shively served in various positions including: Chief Master of Arms, Senior Shore Patrol Officer, and Command Boat Captain. He has lived in Perquimans County for approximately 14 years.

A race for the New Hope Board of Education seat currently held by Mack Nixon will also be decided in May. Nixon is being challenged by the Rev. Walter Leigh. Nixon is seeking his second term of office. Board Chairman, Clifford Winslow is unopposed in his bid for re-election.

County Commissioner Chairman W.W. (Welly) White, Jr., a

democrat, will face opposition from Republican contender John Jennings in the November General Election. Commissioner William Wray Chappell faces no opposition.

Jarvis Ward, Clerk of Superior Court in Perquimans County, will face no opposition as he seeks his seventh term of office. A native of Perquimans County, Ward first took office on December 3, 1962.

(Editor's Note: Beginning with next week's edition of The Perquimans Weekly, we will take an in-depth look at each of the candidates vying for election in 1986, and examine their goals and concerns if elected to serve.)

Planning Board reviews Commission study results

By SUSAN HARRIS

The Perquimans County Planning Board met Monday night, giving top priority to the Coast Area Management Act (CAMA) Land Use Update that is now in progress.

Dick George, Regional Planner with the Albemarle Commission, presented a survey of economic and community development issues and policies. The issues included types and location of industry desired; local commitment to provide services to development; types of urban growth patterns desired; and redevelopment of developed areas.

Also listed were energy facility siting and development; tourism, and beach and waterfront access; coastal and estuarine water beach access; and types of densities and location of anticipated residential development and services necessary to support development.

The survey found that the encouragement of industry to the area has for several years been a top priority of Perquimans County and the Town of Hertford. The expansion of the county water system was credited for making possible industrial development in many areas of the county.

With few exceptions, the industrial and commercial development in the county has centered around Hertford and Winfall, due in part to the availability of public water and sewer services, and access to U.S. Highway 17. Future growth is also expected in these areas.

The planning board opted to continue its present policy to actively solicit small industry to locate "near existing population concentrations and/or along major transportation routes. Zoning ordinances could be used as a

means to guide development toward these areas.

The county has completed Phase II of its water system, leaving the installation of additional lines up to the potential user or developer. These lines are then dedicated to the county.

Present rules and regulations of the county water system will remain in effect as to how and when service will be provided to new development.

Residents wish to preserve the rural character of the county, making the type of urban growth important. Although slow, residential development has occurred in the area, mostly along the shoreline. Commercial development has been concentrated along Highway 17 near Hertford.

Board members agreed that residential development on land considered suitable by the Health Department and Soil Conservation Service should continue to be encouraged. Subdivision regulations must be adhered to, and no development will be allowed in areas designated on the land classification maps as fragile or conservation sites. Zoning regulations will be investigated as deterrents to growth in these areas.

A 1973 study had labeled 32.5 percent of all housing units in the county sub-standard. Many of these structures were situated in Hertford and Winfall. Both municipalities have since participated in Community Development Block Grant programs, and have improved a large number of the houses.

Sewage facilities are presently located only in the town of Hertford and in the camping section of Holiday Island. This fact, coupled with Health Department regulations governing septic installations, make a high density

housing pattern in the county unlikely.

At present Hertford Housing Authority, which provides housing for low-income families, is the only high density development in the county.

Continued industrial development is also expected only in areas which offer suitable sewer facilities.

George distributed copies of an opinion survey on land use to the Board. Copies of the survey will be available in community businesses for interested citizens to complete. Also, sixth graders in the county school system will take them home for their parents to complete.

This poll will provide valuable input into the county's economic and development policies.

Representative to visit

Ed Sweeney, director of the Eastern Office of the Governor, will be in Hertford on Monday, March 17, 1986 to receive input on matters of interest from local citizens. The regional office, located in New Bern, was set up by Governor Jim Martin to give more people easier access to his office.

Mr. Sweeney will be in Hertford by invitation of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce and he will be available to the public from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the jury room in the courthouse.

According to Shirley E. Perry, Public Affairs Chairman, an appointment is not necessary. However, anyone who needs a specific time to see Mr. Sweeney may set up an appointment by calling the Chamber office at 426-5657.

Plans begins for annual Indian Summer Festival

Plans are already being made for the fifth annual Indian Summer Festival in Perquimans

of attractions and events for a two-day span each fall.

This year's festivities will take place on September 12 and 13 with new attractions as well as return appearances from some of the popular entertainers that have highlighted the festival in the past.

The Indian Summer Festival in Perquimans County began in 1981 under the direction of then Chamber of Commerce President John Christensen and Mary Inez Harrell, who is now employed as Executive Secretary for the Chamber. The creation of the event was to accentuate the "good life" in Perquimans County.

Booths will be available once again this year for art, craft, food, and displays, and applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce Office. Anyone interested in having a booth for this year's festival should apply at the Chamber Office at 114 W. Grubb Street, or call 426-5657.



County. The festival, which is promoted by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, has become an annual event in the county, offering a wide array



Safety practices emphasized for farm

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

An educational forum geared to county rescue personnel was held last week by the Perquimans County Extension Service, the Perquimans County Farm Bureau Women and the Albemarle District Health Department.

The session, which was well-attended by the public, was designed to teach people how to go about rescuing an individual trapped in a piece of farm machinery.

According to Stan Winslow, county extension chairman, the presentations were very good. "It made the people who attended aware of how dangerous farm equipment can be. It emphasized safety and made people aware of the right things to do if they have to help someone," Winslow said. He also pointed out that farmers get used to dealing with the equipment, and often tend to forget what can happen if they start taking chances. Farmers were urged to be more conscious of the danger and to avoid getting in a hurry, which could cause accidents.

Winslow stated that the presentation, which consists of a slide program and an actual demonstration, can be secured for other groups in the county. Anyone interested in obtaining more information should contact Winslow at the Agricultural Extension Office.

Nixon, (top photo) and A.O. Roberts (bottom photo) were among the instructors during last week's farm safety workshop. The workshops were designed to teach rescue techniques for individuals trapped in farm machinery. (Photos courtesy the Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Service.)



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