

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## 400 Attend Homemaker's Christmas Open House

Over 400 attended the Homemaker's Christmas Open House sponsored by Whiteston, Snow Hill-White Hat, Bethel, Beech Spring, Helen Gaither, Winfall and Belvidere Extension Homemaker's Clubs on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Displays and exhibits included handmade decorations and gift ideas which ranged from the Navy Scene in ceramics to a Williamsburg apple tree on the refreshment table. The theme for the Open House was, "Sing A Song of Christmas"...Choirs caroled each night which added to the Christmas spirit as guests were greeted by Mrs. Ray Godfrey, and Mrs. Dewey Perry, Jr. assisted by Mrs. Donald Madre and Mrs. Dewey Yeates at the registration table.

Other scenes included the complete setting for "The Night Before Christmas" as Helen Gaither members featured a hand knitted santa unloading his pack. Snow Hill-White Hat featured a globe of the world and symbols of peace and joy as they carried out the theme of "Joy To The World". Beech Spring and Bethel featured the Navy Scene as each used a different carol - "Away In A Manger" and "Silent Night". To portray "White Christmas", Winfall used a window and snow scene with a family dreaming and listening. Burgess club displayed Jingle Bell arrangements, macrame, and other items using bells of all kinds and sizes.

Whiteston finished out the Holidays with a tree trimmed in Handmade ornaments and

Father Time bring in the New Year.

Refreshments of Cake Squares, Fruit Cake Balls, Peanuts and Punch were served by Belvidere Homemakers. Presiding at the Punch bowl and refreshment table were Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Jr., Mrs. Joe Towe White, Sr., Mrs. Belvin Eure, Mrs. T.T. Harrell and Mrs. Willard Copeland. Other hostesses included - Mrs. Howard Winslow, Mrs. Joseph Layden, Mrs. Josiah Proctor, Mrs. Winston Lane, Mrs. Charles Ward, Mrs. Emmett Long, Mrs. Freeman Umphlette, Mrs. Robert Sutton, Mrs. Warner Madre, Mrs. Douglas Umphlette, Mrs. Clifford "Pete" Perry, Mrs. Fred Matthews, Mrs. Lyndon White, Mrs. Tommy Stallings, Mrs. Fannie Hurdie, Mrs. Ned Nixon Sr. and Mrs. Estes Copeland.

Other members carrying out decorations and arrangements for refreshments were Mrs. C.T. Rogerson, Jr., Mrs. Thurman Riddick, Mrs. Claud Winslow, Mrs. Elton Layden, Mrs. Flora Hurdie and Mrs. George Winslow.

Participating choirs included Belvidere Community under the direction of Mrs. McKay Riddick, "The Young Believers" directed by Mrs. Bobby Jones and Mrs. Thomas Ed Chappell; assisted by Miss Caroline Wright; Whiteston Up River Friends under the direction of Mr. Elmer Lassister, Hertford Baptist Church, directed by Mrs. Chester Winslow, Woodland United Methodist directed by Miss Ann Benton and the Pierce Boys - Mike, Mark and Troy.

## Hertford Baptist Christmas Programs Scheduled Sunday

On Sunday December 17th at the Morning Worship Service at 11:00 A.M. the combined Church Choirs will present their music for Christmas. Included in the musical will be: "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" a 14th Century German Melody; "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" an Ancient Plain Song, 13th Century; "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child", a 14th Century Carol; "Once in Royal David's City" by H.J. Gauntlett; "As Lately We Watched" an Austrian Carol; "There's a Song in the Air" by K.P. Harrington, Mrs. Billy Williams, soloist; "Born This Day in Bethlehem" by H.B. Franklin, Mrs. Edd Nixon, soloist; "Sweet Little Jesus Boy", Rev. N.B. Harris, soloist.

On Sunday Evening, December 17th at 7:30 P.M. the Young Adults will present a religious drama entitled "The Inn at Bethlehem", under the direction of Mrs. Jim Robertson. The Church extends a cordial invitation to all to come and to hear the message of Christmas in music and drama with us.

## Ward Named Manager Of Perquimans Weekly

Ray Ward of Elizabeth City has been named general manager of the Perquimans Weekly. He will assume his duties January 1.

Ward has been a retail advertising representative for the Daily Advance since May, 1972. The Advance, through its parent corporation, Dear Publication & Radio, Inc.,

## County School Buses Travel 295,031 Miles

It cost North Carolina taxpayers 18 cents day to transport a child to school during 1971-72. Sixty-six per cent of the public school children rode the bus to class during the year, a total of 722,714. That's an increase of nearly seven per cent over the previous year.

The figures are from the 1971-72 statistical report on transportation prepared by the State Board of Education.

The average school bus carried 67 pupils each day and made 1.75 trips per day.

The average bus traveled 38.9 miles per day for a yearly total of 7,058 miles. The total annual mileage for all buses was 73,614,515 miles.

There were 10,430 school buses operated in North Carolina during the year and slightly more than 97 per cent of the students who were transported to school rode the bus.

The cost for this transportation was \$24,411,000, including contract transportation and replacement buses. The average cost of

transportation was \$2.25 per bus for the 181 day school year. This breaks down to \$12.29 per bus per day, \$33.04 per pupil per school year, and 18 cents per pupil per day.

The average school bus in North Carolina gets about five and a half miles to the gallon, it costs slightly more than a penny a mile to repair school buses, and it costs and 13 cents a mile to pay drivers salary.

In Perquimans County the number of regular school buses operated during the 1971-72 school year was 33. The buses traveled 295,031 miles and carried 1,450 pupils. The total cost to the Perquimans system was \$81,251.50, or an average of \$56.04 per pupil and .2754 per mile.

Guilford County operates the largest fleet of school buses in the state, 475. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools operate 473, and Winston-Salem-Forsyth and Wake County operate 358 each. The smallest fleet in the state is in Dare County, where there are only 18 buses.

Tyrrell County transports the fewest number of students, an average of 700 per day. Guilford County transports the most, an average of 40,475 per day.

## New Officers Installed At Chamber Of Commerce

The annual banquet of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce drew a full house Thursday night at the Hertford Grammar School, to hear an excellent speech by former State Sen. Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles and entertainment by The Young Believers.

Both received lengthy, standing ovations as the C of C continued its policy of presenting the outstanding Albemarle area banquets.

Many fine prizes, donated by Chamber members, were given away to lucky winners.

New officers installed were Marion Swindell, president; Wayne Winslow, vice-president; Mrs. Charles E. White, Jr., treasurer; Albert

Eure, director from New Hope Township; Elmer Lassiter, director from Belvidere Township; Carl Sawyer, director from Bethel Township and Charles Woodard, director from Hertford Township.

Serving their second terms on the board are George Baker, Johnie Gregory, Jr., W.S.



Former State Senator Hargrove Bowles was the guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce held last Thursday night.



Outgoing President, R.L. Stevenson will be succeeded by Marion Swindell newly elected President. (Photos by Francine Sawyer)



## W.H. Chappell Dies At Age 86

William Hinton Chappell, 86, of Rahway, died Friday, December 1 at his home after a brief illness.

Born in Hertford, N.C. he moved to Rahway 40 years ago. He was the son of the late Lorenzo Dow and Sybil Chappell of Hertford.

He retired 16 years ago after having been a freight conductor for the Penn Central Railroad 40 years.

He served in the field artillery in the U.S. Army from 1906 to 1912. He was the husband of the late Bertha Yarbrough Chappell.

Mr. Chappell was a member of Trinity Methodist Church and Rahway Lodge 1363, Loyal Order of Moose.

Surviving are a son, John, at home, a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Sweitzer of Union, and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, December 4 at Rahway.



## Recognized In Service

Two staff members of the Guilford County Agricultural Extension Service have received national recognition for excellence in programming.

Mrs. Kathryn B. Reese, home economics extension agent, and Miss Denise Beigbeder, assistant extension agent, were first place division winners in the 1972 Alma award competition of the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers.

The prize, presented for "imaginative consumer communication regarding the purchase, use, care, maintenance, and service of major home appliances," was awarded for the Appliance Fair organized by the young women in May.

A full day's program in the Agricultural Extension Building on Burlington Road, the Appliance Fair featured demonstrations, a slide show and short films, a decorating center where homemakers could chat with interior design consultants, and information on appliances and innovations in the field.

Mrs. Reese was also awarded first place in the 1972 Communications Award Program sponsored by the National Association of Extension Home Economists.

Presented to her at the association conference in Denver, Colo., the award was based on three of the Young Homemakers Newsletters which Mrs. Reese writes and distributes both in Guilford County and elsewhere. Mrs. Reese is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Allen Bonner of Hertford.

## Rites Held For Mrs. Mary W. Chappell

Mrs. Mary Walters Chappell, 84, died December 5 in Lakeland, Florida. A native of Perquimans County, she had lived in Lakeland for 4 1/2 years.

She was the daughter of the late Thomas B. and Mrs. Margaret Stokes Walters and the widow of Thad Chappell. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hertford.

Prior to her retirement, she taught school for many years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mary Thad Drake of 1721 Cordova Circle, Lakeland, Florida; a sister, Mrs. Lloyd Griffin of Edenton; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 11:00 in Cedarwood Cemetery by the Rev. E.L. Earhardt.

The casket pall was made of white chrysanthemums and fern.

Pallbearers were Noah Gregory, Henry Clay Stokes, Vivian Darden, Henry C. Sullivan, Charles Johnson and Ben Thatch, Jr.

Swindell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Definition

Go-getter: A motorist who runs out of gas on today's interstate highways.

-Times, Richmond.

## A Look Backward

By Virginia White Transeau

November 1934

NEW PROSECUTOR HAS FIRST COURT SESSION: W.G. Edwards the new Prosecuting Attorney for Perquimans, sworn in on Monday, had a full docket in his first session of court held on Tuesday.

FOUR COUNTY OFFICERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE: Among the county officers sworn in on Monday at the Board of County Commissioners were new officers, W.H. Pitt, Clerk Superior Court; W.G. Edwards, Prosecuting Attorney; John O. White, Commissioner for Hertford Township, J.C. Baker, Commissioner for Belvidere Township.

HERTFORD STORES TAKING ON FESTIVE AIR: Hertford stores are taking on a festive air, with their gay Christmas decorations and their interesting displays.

RELIEF WAGES REDUCED FROM FORMER SCALE: The wages to be paid by the Emergency Relief Administration on projects in Perquimans County has been considerably reduced from the former scale. The cut in the wage scale for men represents a ten cent per day cut. For women's work the cut is from

five to ten cents per hour. Brick layers will be paid 50 cents, Carpenters will receive 40 cent, Plumbers will receive 50 cents, Electricians, iron workers, plasterers, roofers, will receive 50 cents. Painters will receive 30 cents. Truck drivers will be paid 25 cents for driving 1 1/2 ton trucks. All unskilled labor will be paid 20 cents per hour. The highest rate to be paid per hour to women is 40 cents, which includes bookkeepers, dietitians, recreation directors.

IN THE ADVERTISEMENTS: W. M. Morgan Furniture Co., was advertising a four poster bed, dresser chest of drawers, dressing table, heavy folding springs and a Dandy mattress, all for \$49.95. Morgan's Modern Grocery was advertising Swift's Brookfield Butter .34 cents lb. Frankfurters, 2 lbs for 31 cents, smoked sausage 16 cents pound. Picnic shoulders 12 1/2 cents lb. Oysters quarter .35 cents and sugar 5 cents pound.

Now some folks say, "they were the good ole days", however back then the modern conveniences that we have now, far surpass those prices of yesteryear.

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Kenneth A. Taber, husband of the former Miss Kath P. Stone of Route 3, Hertford, N.C., graduated from basic training at the Coast Guard Training Center at Cape May, N.J. He is a graduate of W. P. Davidson High, Mobile, and College of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City, N.C.

## Marching Unit To Give Away TV Set



The Perquimans County Marching Unit will be giving away a 16 inch Philco color television set and tickets for your chance to win are available from any member of the group.

The set will be given away Dec. 23, just in time to make a nice Christmas present. The girls will be at the Lions Club building in downtown Hertford on that day and the winner will be announced at 2 p.m.

At the same time a delicious selection of cakes, pies, candy, cookies and miscellaneous Christmas presents will be sold.

The hours are 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Hot coffee will also be on sale. Be sure to support this outstanding group of young ladies. Two of them are showing off the television set. They are Susan Jane Bunch and Ella Sue Chappell.

## Birthdays And Civic Meetings

DECEMBER 17  
Mary Margaret White  
Joyce Winslow  
Mrs. Mary B. Keaton  
Christy White  
Jeffrey P. Chappell  
DECEMBER 18  
Dickie White  
Vickie Chappell  
L.C. Elliott  
P.H. Ownley, Jr.  
Michael Miller  
Chamber Com. Bd. Dir.  
DECEMBER 19  
Jay Dillon  
Dion Dale  
Mrs. Adrian Smith, Sr.  
Thelma Appleton  
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Howell  
Anniversary  
Hertford Rotary Club 6:15  
Masonic Lodge 8:00  
Belv. Homemakers Club  
DECEMBER 20  
Edgar Roberson  
Byron Paul  
Mr. & Mrs. L.E. Pierce Anniversary  
Durants Neck Ruritan  
DECEMBER 21  
Mr. & Mrs. R.S. Chappell, Sr.  
Anniversary  
Robin Thatch  
Lloyd Evans, Jr.  
Iola Stallings  
Preston Lowe  
Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Winslow  
B.P.W. Club  
Hertford Fire Dept.  
Lions Club  
DECEMBER 22  
Eddie Trueblood  
L.B. Sitterson  
DECEMBER 23

## Board Of Director Will Meet Monday

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will hold their December meeting Monday at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building. This will be the first meeting encompassing the full 1972-73 board and it is hoped by President Marion Swindell that everyone will be present.

## Restoration Assoc.

The Perquimans County Restoration Association will meet tonight at 8 p.m. in the REA Building. Everyone connected with the organization is urged to attend.

## Bank Of North Carolina To Have Ribbon Cutting



The Hertford Office of the Bank of North Carolina located in Harris Shopping Center, will officially open Monday, December 18th. The ribbon cutting will be held at 10 a.m. Jim "Catfish" Hunter will make a personal appearance at this time.