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**GUESTSPEAKER** — Yankee Manager Bill Virdon was one of the guest speakers at the Perquimans County Recreation Commission's first annual Awards Night Banquet. At the banquet Virdon remarked, "People like Hunter don't need managers."



**FAVORITE SON** — Jim "Catfish" Hunter, the county's favorite son, was also on hand at the awards night banquet to speak. He pointed out to the group some of his reasons for signing with the New York Yankees.



**PERQUIMANS GIFTS** — Sid Eley, vice-president of the Perquimans County Recreation Commission, presented special guest speaker Bill Virdon, manager of the New York Yankees, with two products from Perquimans - peanuts and Don Juan shirts. Seated next to Virdon is Bill Tice, president of the Commission.



**WINNERS** — Award winners pictured above are: Jimmy Byrum, captain of the winning men's team in volleyball, Murray Motor Parts; Louise Reid, captain for Life of Virginia, ladies volleyball tournament winners; Michael Winslow, winner for the 10-12 year-old age group in table tennis; Horace Reid, captain of the second place men's volleyball team, Community Gas & Coal; and co-captains Jenny Chambers and Darlene Goodman, of Morgan's Furniture Co., the winning Ladies' volleyball team for regular season play.

## Activities Set For Vocational Education Week

Vocational Education Week will be observed in Perquimans County and across the nation February 9-15. The theme is, "Vocational Education for Productive Careers."

"We feel that occupational education is a most important part of a well-balanced school program," said Craig Phillips, State School Superintendent. He further states, "Occupational education is not a single subject, but rather a part of a program of studies aimed at developing competent workers and fine citizens."

The area of occupational education is particularly strong at Perquimans County High School. School officials stated that out of approximately 740 students enrolled in the high school, 509 of them are enrolled in occupational courses. This is 69 per cent of the total enrollment, which is one of the highest percentages in eastern North Carolina. Out of the 509 students in occupational course, 191 of them are female. Phillips pointed out that the area of occupational education perhaps, as no other, offers a unique opportunity for business and industrial leaders to make a profound contribution to the education of young people.

Students, teachers and local citizens have planned a variety of activities in observance of the week. Locally, Perquimans County citizens are encouraged to visit the occupational program at

Perquimans High School anytime during Vocational Education Week. Citizens can view special displays of work done by the occupational students, but the primary objective is for the public to observe these students in the normal classroom atmosphere doing their work. A major event of the week will take place on Thursday evening, February 13. Teachers in the county have been asked to encourage people to participate with them from 6:45 until 8:45 to view a half hour film on occupational education in North Carolina. Locally, the program will be viewed on Channel 2, the educational network, from 7 until 7:30 p.m. Hopefully, this same type of mass viewing will occur throughout the state. Following the film, citizens will discuss what is right and-or wrong with occupational education. Results of the many discussion groups will then be incorporated in the "State Plan for Occupational Education." Individuals viewing the program may obtain the evaluation type questionnaires at the high school or from this newspaper.

On the local level, plans are currently being developed for additional occupational programs to be offered next year at the high school. As part of this planning, school officials want to offer additional courses for freshmen and advanced courses for those already in existence.



**RECEIVES AWARD** — Clyde Klutz presented Jimmy Hunter with the Will Wynne Award at the Hot Stove League Banquet held in Raleigh Jan. 28.



**HOMETOWN FOLKS** — Over 40 residents of Perquimans County ventured to Raleigh to see the hometown native receive the Will Wynne Award. The group chartered a bus.

## Hunter Receives Wynne Award

By KATHY NEWBERN

Following several baseball and sports news media awards, the presentation of the Will Wynne Award was made. Francis Combs, Hunter's friend and high school catcher was introduced and commented on some of the stories that have circulated about Hunter. Jokingly, Combs said that instead of the fictitious story of Hunter's getting the nickname "Catfish", perhaps now the New York Yankees could come up with a story to rename him Lobster since it is a more expensive fish.

Recognized to present the award was Clyde Klutz who is in charge of the New York player personnel. Klutz said it was a thrill when he first signed Hunter with the Kansas City Athletics, but Dec. 31, 1974 proved to be "the biggest thrill of my life." That is the date Klutz signed Hunter with the Yankees. In describing Hunter, Klutz said, "He's a first class gentleman," and in regard to Hunter's free agency, Klutz added, "it was the most above-board, fascination piece of negotiating I've ever seen."

In accepting the award, Hunter referred to Klutz as his "father in baseball". Hunter added, "Playing baseball has always been a thrill for me. My biggest thrill in life was signing with the major leagues for the first time, second biggest was winning 20 games, third was getting in the World Series, and fourth was signing with the New York Yankees." In closing, Hunter thanked Charlie Finley, owner of the Oakland Athletics for making his current position possible.

## Recreation Commission Holds Awards Night

By KATHY NEWBERN

A crowd of Perquimans County residents and out-of-town visitors packed the Union School gym Saturday night to hear scheduled guest speakers, Jim "Catfish" Hunter and Bill Virdon, manager of the New York Yankees. The event was the first annual Perquimans County Recreation Commission's Awards Night Banquet.

In his opening welcome and remarks, Bill Tice, commission president, praised the recreation program started by the group and encouraged suggestions for improvement in the future.

Wallace Morgan, vice-president, introduced the first speaker, Stephen Moler, State Recreation Consultant. Moler commended the local county commissioners for their support and financial assistance in starting the county recreation program. He said, "Recreation is on the grow in North Carolina." To exemplify this statement, he pointed out that in 1970, only five counties and 67 towns or cities in N.C. had a full-time recreation director. He compared this to the fact that in 1973, 33 counties and 87 cities and towns in the state have created that position. Moler added, "The purpose of recreation is not to develop professionals, although it is nice that many get their start in local recreation programs." In closing, he urged more participation in the local program. Moler said, "The success of this Perquimans County Recreation Commission is going to rely

on the people in Perquimans County, the County Commissioners and the Town of Hertford. Everyone is going to have to chip in to make this thing grow."

By way of an introduction for Yankee Manager Virdon, Sid Eley, Commission Secretary-Treasurer, welcomed him to the county and presented him two products of the area, Don Juan shirt and 'Pride of Perquimans' peanuts. Eley jokingly added that these products were free to him, unlike another product of the county that he had recently obtained.

In his opening remarks, Virdon said, "I'm a fortunate person. There's been a lot said lately about Charlie Finley and most of it unfavorable. But two decisions Finley has made have benefited me." The first was a ruling favoring Finley which prohibited former Oakland A's Manager Dick Williams to join the Yankee organization. Due to this, Virdon now holds his current position. And the second was, of course, the renegeing of Hunter's contract with the Athletics which eventually allowed him to sign with the Yankee ball club. Virdon said, "Therefore Charlie Finley is one of the best friends I have in baseball." In praise of the county's favorite son, Virdon commented, "People like this (Hunter) don't need managers. He manages himself. I'm proud to be a member of the same organization." Virdon said he was glad to have the local residents as new fans of the New York Yankees and

added, "It should be an interesting year, but I make no predictions. It's good to be with you."

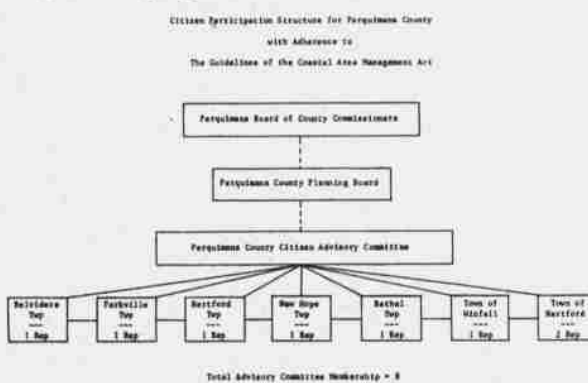
Following Virdon, Hertford Mayor Bill Cox introduced the recently publicized Jim Hunter. Cox described Hunter as "a man that doesn't need to be introduced. He's a great ball player and a great man. He's the type of man that we want to represent us anywhere, on the ball field and off." Cox then presented Hunter with a plaque of appreciation from his friends in the county.

In his opening remarks, Hunter cited the difficulty of having to speak before friends and neighbors and said he'd prefer being on the mound where a one to one relationship exists. Hunter he realized that it would be different playing with a different club, but he looked forward to the coming year. He cited to the crowd some of his reasons for signing with the New York Yankees. He said it would be good to be close to home and to play in Yankee stadium on the same field where some of the greats such as Babe Ruth and Mickey Mantle had played. And he felt Clyde Klutz, his "father in baseball" who signed him with the Yankees was a deciding factor. In closing, Hunter praised the local Jaycees for a job well done, referring to the fact that the present Perquimans County Recreation Commission stemmed from a Jaycees recreation committee. Hunter added, "And I'm proud of the Town of Hertford."

The program was turned over to Mack Nixon and

Gary Stubbins, commission members, for the presentation of awards. In the softball competition, Byrum's Electric placed first followed by Jackson Wholesale. Winning teams in the women's division of volleyball were: Morgan's Furniture Co., first; and Bank of N.C. Sponsors of these two teams were presented trophies. Winners in the double elimination tournament for Ladies' Volleyball were first, Life of Virginia and Morgan's Furniture Co. Winners in the men's volleyball for the regular season were, first place, Murray Motor Parts followed by Community Gas and Coal. Again, the team sponsors received trophies. In the men's volleyball double elimination tournament, the winning team was Murray Motor Parts with Community Gas and Coal placing second. In table tennis competition, three age groups participated. Two of the groups have completed play. Winning in the 10-12 year old age group were: Michael Winslow, first; and Thomas Lightfoot, second. In the 13-18 year old age group, winners were Russell Lassiter, first followed by Wayne Tarkenton, second.

In closing the program, Commission President Bill Tice thanked the businesses that served as sponsors of all the teams that have participated. He added that a major goal of the commission is to have more participation and to have a wider variety of activities. He said he was hopeful that in the near future a part-time recreational director could be obtained.



## Commissioners Approve Local Advisory Group

At a Monday morning meeting of the County Commissioners, that group voted to adopt the above structure to involve citizens of Perquimans County in the local planning for the Coastal Area Management Act.

Steve Chapin of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources presented three options for this citizen participation to the commissioners. Of those three, the commissioners adopted the one above involving a Citizen Advisory Committee. According to Chapin, members of the advisory committee will be selected by the County Commissioners with one representative from each of the townships and two from Hertford. It is left up to the Commissioners to get a fair cross-section of the community. Citizens from each township are encouraged to submit names for possible representatives to their local town council or directly to the commissioners.

At the commissioners next regular meeting, it is planned to name the members to this new

advisory committee. The purpose of the committee is to represent the population of each township and to serve in an advisory capacity to the Planning Board as well as the County Commissioners.

At the meeting, Chapin also pointed out that there is a possibility for a regional workshop for county commissioners where they can bring up any questions they have concerning compliance with the Coastal Area Management Act.

The Coastal Resources Commission has set a March 1 deadline by which time each county must submit their method of citizen involvement.

Remarks by Willie Duke, founder of the Hot Stove League, Perquimans County Sheriff Julian Broughton and Hertford Mayor Bill Cox followed. Broughton said, "This award could not be given to a finer young man. He's been my deputy for two years and I'm the only sheriff in the United States with a millionaire for a deputy." Bill Cox, too spoke highly of Hunter and offered a resolution of just that Perquimans County would share their favorite son with the state, but no other city should claim his birth.

## Interest Rate Lowered

Melvin E. Howell, County Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration for this area announced today that the interest rate for rural housing loans has been reduced to eight and one-half per cent.

Howell stated that this reduced interest rate would

reduce the monthly payment of the average home by \$7.00.

Farmers Home Administration's housing programs are administered in rural areas and towns of up to 10,000 population. Loans are made to eligible

families of low and moderate income. Families interested in applying for a housing loan should contact the local Farmers Home Administration office in Hertford or the sub-office in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.