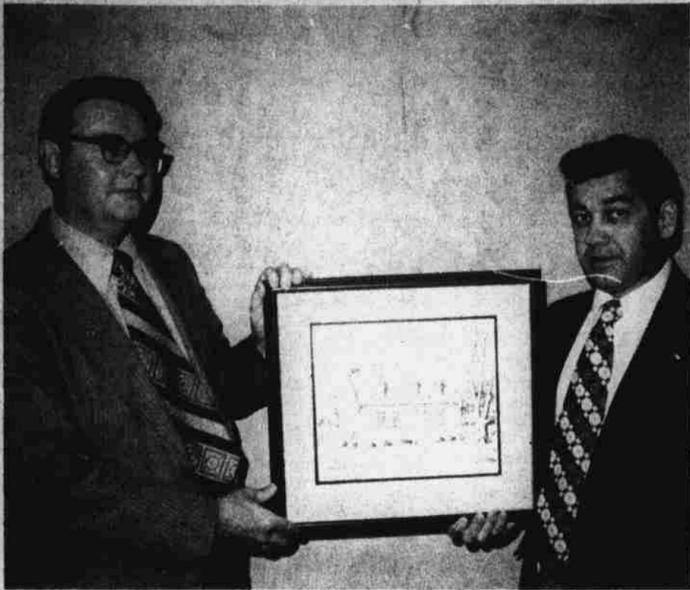


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LITHOGRAPHS — R.L. Stevenson, vice-president of the Hertford branch of Peoples Bank and Trust Co. and Jerry Miller, North Carolina's leading pen and ink artist display a copy of the pen and ink lithograph done by Miller which will be on sale tomorrow at the downtown branch of the bank from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The drawings of the Newbold-White House will be numbered and autographed by Miller who will be present during the sale.

Single Permit Ultimate Aim

The state Coastal Resources Commission took the first steps on March 18 toward deciding which coastal areas of North Carolina need protection from haphazard development.

At a meeting in Raleigh, the 15-member commission discussed how six new committees of the commission would designate interim areas of environmental concern.

By next year permanent fragile areas such as marshlands, dunes or beaches would have restrictions on development with permits from the commission being required for construction.

Local governments and planners are also working to establish land-use plans that

would regulate development in certain areas.

The added local planning costs should be assumed by the Department of Natural and Economic Resources according to Vice-Chairman David Stick and the commission agreed.

The commission also conducted a public hearing Tuesday on simplifying the many permits now required by state agencies for everything from pesticides to waste disposal and mining.

Five state officials who issue permits offered support for the commission's beginning efforts to reduce the number of permits required.



UPDATING—People traveling on the U.S. 17 Bypass now have a more up-to-date look at the county's favorite son. The sign welcoming people into Hertford no longer has the bright green and gold colors of the Oakland A's, but instead pictures Jim Hunter in his New York Yankee uniform. (Newbern photo)

Pen and Ink Drawings Of Newbold-White House To Go On Sale Friday

By **KATHY NEWBERN**
Pen and ink lithographs of the Newbold-White house will be on sale tomorrow (Friday) at the downtown branch of Peoples Bank and Trust Company. The artwork was done by Jerry Miller, North Carolina's leading pen and ink artist. Miller will be at the bank tomorrow for an autographing session of the prints that are limited to 300. The drawing which shows how the house will look upon completion, was done from photos of existing conditions with help from

the Dept. of Archives & History in Raleigh, Miller pointed out. The autographed prints will also be numbered 1-300. The number one print will be hung in the Newbold-White house. Citizens who would like to purchase a print, which will sell for \$10, are asked to phone or go by the bank to put their name on the numbered list and reserve a copy of the drawing. According to Jean Winslow, President of the Restoration Association, the lower the number, the more valuable it will be come thru

the years. The proceeds from this money-raising project will go to the Restoration Association to be used for funds due in 1976 to match a grant of \$35,000 recently voted upon by the N.C. General Assembly. In discussing the drawing, Miller pointed out that it will appear on a hardback book about North Carolina government writer by John Chaney. Miller, who has an extensive background in architecture, is a resident architect in Raleigh and does historical drawings of North Carolina people, places and buildings as a hobby. A large portion of his work consists of N.C. farms and barns. Jerry Miller has won numerous local and state art awards for his drawings of historical buildings across the state. The list of his art subjects seem endless. He has done drawings of the Chowan County Courthouse, the Governor's Mansion, Tyrone

Palace, Grandfather Mountain, the State Capitol, the Legislative Building, Duke Chapel, the N.C. State Bell Tower, the U.N.C.-Chapel Hill Old Well and Bell Tower, the Cape Hatteras and Ocracoke Lighthouses and the Wright Memorial to name a few. Concerning his work, Miller said, "We don't have to go to New England to see beautiful old buildings, we have many beautiful structures in North Carolina. If I can leave anything with N.C., it will be my expression of our North Carolina architecture as it really existed . . . I mean details. . . nail heads and all. Added to this list of what he hopes to leave to N.C. will be what he will be leaving to residents of Perquimans County, a beautiful and exquisitely detailed pen and ink drawing of the oldest home in the state.



DISCUSS WATER SYSTEM — Bob Pittman with Rivers and Associates engineers, Melvin Howell of the Farmers Home Administration and Lester Simpson, chairman of the Perquimans County Commissioners briefly explained some of the items involved in obtaining a county-wide water system when the County Commissioners met Monday night.



INTERESTED CITIZENS — Twenty people, including representatives of several civic clubs in the county, were present at the Monday night meeting of the County Commissioners to hear discussion on the possibility of a county-wide water system.

Chamber News

The Bicentennial Committee of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce is soliciting - for anything useful or decorative that can be used during the Bicentennial Year celebration. We have had one offer, which we will accept, of a horse and buggy which can be used to drive tourists around the county. The offer is appreciated, and any others will be too. So, anything you have that you feel will interest others - contact the Chamber office

and we'll take it from there. Elsewhere in the paper, you will see a picture of Chamber President Ed Nixon snipping a ribbon, officially opening Edenton Farm Supply (but it's in Perquimans County) on U.S. 17 at the 'Y.' New businesses are always a sign of progress and we have had a few during the last few months. The Chamber will soon be working on trying to attract still others to our shores.

SOCIETY TO MEET
The Perquimans Historical Society will meet on Monday, March 31 at the county library beginning at 8 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.



TV APPEARANCE — On Sunday afternoon, March 30 at 5 p.m. Channel 2 - University Television will have a program entitled "Mending Fishnets" featuring R.L. Spivey, of Rt. 3, Hertford. It is called the NOW Program. NOW is a weekly telemagazine dealing with North Carolina's natural economic and human resources. Features are selected for their statewide interest, stimulating ideas and helpful suggestions. The producer is Ruth George Sheehan, television editor. For those who may not have the opportunity to see this on March 30 - it will be repeated on Friday, April 4, at 7 p.m.

Commissioners Meet To Discuss Possibility Of County Water

By **KATHY NEWBERN**
Twenty people attended a Monday night meeting of the Perquimans County Commissioners held at the County Office Building to hear discussion on the possibility of a county-wide water system. Melvin Howell with the Farmers Home Administration and Bob Pittman of Rivers and Associates in Greenville were present to briefly explain what a county-wide water system would involve and to answer questions. Howell pointed out that the FHA is only responsible for help in financing the system if approved, but that the office is also interested in helping to organize the project. He added that such a system would not be feasible or possible without a grant. Therefore he suggested that the county assume a grant would be available and go ahead with the planning. Howell said, "If we sit back and wait for grant funds, they'll be gone before we can use them." Howell mentioned the water systems that are currently operating, the Town of Hertford, the Town of Winfall and 262 citizens in the Woodville community who are operating a non-profit system where the users are responsible for the debt and operation of the system. He pointed out that small systems such as these are no longer being allowed. It was mentioned that a bond referendum will have to be held if the county wants a water system and the issue will be voted on by everyone in the county, including residents of Hertford. Howell said that if the system is approved, it is hoped that the users in the system would be responsible

for paying off the bond and the non-users would not be taxed. He cited Chowan County as an example of this. Much of the meeting was devoted to stressing the importance of getting input and cooperation from the entire county population. One of the ways to accomplish this is to have representatives from each community in the county go to their respective areas and canvas the peoples' opinions. One of these community meetings will be held on Monday, March 31 at the New Hope Community Building beginning at 8 p.m. Other such meetings are to

be planned and announced in the near future. At the county commissioner meeting, Redmond Perry, Jr. was put in charge of overseeing the county-wide water system project, to first organize the canvassing of the people and then take it from there. Another item discussed which will prove to be of interest to all county residents was the rates of such a system. Melvin Howell said, "We cannot guarantee rates, but we can tell you they will probably be similar to those of surrounding systems." One example of this which he cited was the South Mills

community which pays \$7.50 for the first 2,000 gallons of water and \$1.00 for each 1,000 gallons over that. Howell said, "If the people of the county indicate that they want the system, then I feel like the commissioners will get behind us and help us obtain this system." In reply, Lester Simpson, chairman of the Perquimans County Commissioners said, "You've got four commissioners who want water, so I don't think you'll have any trouble with the commissioners." Citizens with questions concerning the system should contact the county commissioners.



THE EASTER BEAGLE? — With apologies to the comic strip character Charlie Brown and his friends, this is not the Easter beagle. It is however a seasonal display in front of Hilda's Florist on Grubb St. The fluffy bunny and colored eggs remind children that baskets of goodies will be arriving via the Easter Bunny very soon. (Newbern photo)



FIRST DAY OF SPRING — The Pride of Portsmouth tulips planted last November on the courthouse green by Cub Scout members of Pack 155 have started to come up. The first tulip chose a timely day to unfold in full red blossom when it burst into color last Friday, the first day of spring. The cub scouts planted the tulips as a part of their community beautification project. (Newbern photo)