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**THREE CAR ACCIDENT**— Three cars were involved in a bad accident around 8:25 p.m. on Sunday in Perquimans County near Winfall. The accident occurred on U.S. 17 north of Hertford in what is known as Newbold Curve. The drivers were Albert N. Gore, Jr. of Elizabeth City, Wilbur Smith Swindell of Hertford, and William Edward Whedbee, also of Elizabeth City. Occupants in the car driven by Whedbee were Lynn Whedbee, William E. Whedbee Jr. and Augustus Sharpe, all of Elizabeth City. The cars driven by Gore and Whedbee were traveling north on U.S. 17 when the car driven by Swindell, traveling

south, did not turn as he came into a curve. The Swindell car struck the Gore car in the left side, continued in the left lane of the highway and was hit in the right side by the Whedbee car. Then, the car driven by Swindell overturned. All drivers and passengers were taken to Albemarle Hospital. Damage to the Gore car (upper left hand photo) was estimated at \$1800, the Swindell car (lower photos) was totaled with approximate damage of \$3500 and the Whedbee car (upper right hand photo) received about \$300 damage. Investigating trooper was C.H. Mims. (Ray Ward photos)

## Questionnaires Sent Out For Land Use Planning

Citizens of Perquimans County have the opportunity to voice their opinions concerning future land use planning for the county under the Coastal Area Management Act. Questionnaires on future land use and development in the county were mailed out today to every home. Citizens are urged to fill these out and take advantage of the opportunity to let their voices be heard.

Members of the Perquimans County Citizens Advisory Committee wish to stress to each person that these questionnaires are

important and to urge them to fill out the form and return it in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope no later than May 15. Citizens have the option of signing the questionnaire, but it is not required.

Also, in an effort to involve the young people of the county who will in the future be living with the plan, a tentative date of May 5 has been set to take these questionnaires to seniors at Perquimans High School and have them filled out.

The questionnaire was drawn up by the local advisory committee which

was appointed by the Perquimans County Commissioners. If citizens have questions or by some chance do not receive a questionnaire or have on the advisory committee. These questionnaires will be distributed to various pick-up points throughout the county. Members of the advisory committee and their townships are: Chairman Jesse P. Perry, Hertford township; Wayne Ashley, Town of Hertford; Bobby Jones, New Hope; L. Clinton Winslow, Belvidere; Donald Madre; Bethel; Julian White, Town of Hertford; Shelton Morgan,

Town of Winfall and Paul Smith Jr., Parkville township.

Questionnaires of some type are being sent to each of the 20 coastal counties involved in the Coastal Area Management Act. In Perquimans County, the questionnaires will be compiled and turned over to the local planning board. From this, the board will develop a land use plan following the guidelines of the Coastal Resources Commission. Once again, citizens are urged to express their opinion on this important item.

## Coastal Area Management: Planning For Land Use

**Editor's Note:** This is Part II of a four-part series on the Coastal Area Management Program. This material was supplied by the Coastal Resources Commission.

Land use planning is now underway in all 20 counties under the Coastal Area Management Program. These land use plans are documents that will determine the best path for each county to follow for future development and growth. By Nov. 23 of this year all plans must be adopted by local governments and presented to the Coastal Resources Commission for final review and approval.

A land use plan is a blueprint for each county in the coastal area. Each plan will contain all of the important facts about the population and size of the

county, the soil and water characteristics, the type of industry and economy that support the county, and the growth issues that face the county in the near future. All of these facts will actually be the written description of the county.

Besides a summary of facts, each land use plan will also contain the full range of opinions on growth and progress from the citizens of the county. These opinions are being asked and recorded during these important early months of the land use planning. The opinions gathered from the public will form a statement of goals and objectives that will be written into the land use plan for constant reference in the future when decisions must be made about specific development projects.

While the summary of facts and the statement of goals and objectives are

being collected, professional land use planners are preparing maps and charts that will show the different classifications of land within each county. These classifications include land that is primarily urban, land that is expected to become urban within ten years, land that is agricultural, land where small rural communities are located, and land that should be conserved because of its fragile nature or public ownership.

Many land use plans will supplement land classification maps with land use maps. These land use maps will show more detail within each classification. They will be especially helpful in highly developed areas where new growth should be well-directed. This situation occurs in the beach towns and the large inland cities.

To insure that the planning effort will be as comprehensive as possible in the short time available, the Coastal Area Management Act offers three methods for towns and cities to participate in the land use planning process. Towns that exercise zoning and subdivision controls and enforce the state building code are given authority to prepare their own land use plans. The boards of county commissioners are permitted to offer other towns the right to produce their own plans or the

county commissioners may extend to the towns the privilege of making recommendations for the county plans. In each of these three methods the act encourages cooperation between the towns and the counties in the planning process.

One of the first official resolutions passed by the Coastal Resources Commission also pointed out the importance of cooperative planning. The commissioners have recommended that county planning boards and city planning boards meet jointly several times during this year to iron out potential problems or conflicts between the needs of the county and the growth pattern of the city.

Each county land use plan will include every acre of land in the county. Since these are the plans for the orderly development and management of all of the land and water resources of all of the 20 coastal area counties, it is extremely important that all of the citizens of the coastal counties become involved in the planning immediately. A later article in this series will discuss the methods for you to get involved in the planning. The next article will deal with the problems and solutions for managing the natural resources of Eastern North Carolina under the Coastal Area Management Act.

## Citizens Can Sign Up For Water System

Canvassing of the county concerning a proposed county-wide water system is still continuing according to Ray Perry. If county residents haven't attended a meeting in their community or haven't been contacted, they should call him at 426-7073.

According to Perry, at present the public seems "very much" in favor of the proposed water system.

A sign-up to hook onto the water system is beginning. If citizens sign up now in the planning stages, the cost will be a \$10 deposit fee and

\$15 when the actual hook up occurs, making a total of \$25. If the water system does not materialize, the money will be refunded. If the system is approved and people do not sign up when the line is being installed, then the charge for hooking up at a later date will be \$175 instead of the \$25.

Attempts are being made to contact every home in the county concerning the hook-up. If a citizen is interested in hooking up and has not been contacted, he or she should call Ray Perry at the number previously given.



**FIRST BOND**— Hertford Mayor Bill Cox purchases the first "Bicentennial-Design Series E Savings Bond" from R.L. Stevenson (right) volunteer county chairman. The sale of the special bonds designate the celebration of "Minute Man Week" in Hertford to be held May 5-9.

## "Minute Man" Week, May 5-9

A proclamation by Mayor William D. Cox will launch the 34th year of U.S. Savings Bonds in Hertford. It will also initiate Bicentennial activities in the city. As he proclaimed the week of May 5 through 9 as "Minute Man Week", the Mayor bought the first "Bicentennial-Design Series E Savings Bond" to be sold here. The sale was made by R.L. Stevenson, Executive Vice President, Peoples Bank & Trust Co., who is volunteer County Chairman for Savings Bonds. The "Minute Man of Concord" has served as the symbol of Savings Bonds since the E Bond was first issued on May 1, 1941. The issuance of the "Bicentennial-Design E Bond"—which will remain on sale through 1976—commemorates both the

## King Williams Is Honored

**GREENSBORO, NC.**— Six retired leaders and teachers of agricultural education, with a combined total of 218 years of service, were cited Friday night by the Agricultural Association of A&T State University.

Honored during the association's annual awards banquet in the Memorial Student Union were L.A. Baker, Monroe, 39 years; J.J. Brown, Ayden, 40 years; E.B.T. Carraway, Greensboro, 30 years; W.C. Cooper, Greensboro, 36 years; S.J. Hodges, Greensboro, 34 years; and

King A. Williams, Winfall, 39 years.

Cooperating teachers honored included P.E. Smith, Winston Salem; E.B. Coleman, Montgomery County; and J.H. Dickens, Wilson County.

Winners of scholarship awards were Larry Barnes, Blannie Bowen, Johnnie Henderson, Victor Hunt, Cedric K. Jones, Hassan Kamara, Lare Reddick and Charles Williamson.

The speaker was V.B. Hairr of the State Department of Public Instruction.

## Fire Service Communication System Begins

By CHARLES SKINNER, JR.

The Perquimans County Fire Service Communication system is nearing completion. A test of all radio equipment is scheduled for Thursday (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. Sherman Pickard, Consultant with the N.C. League of Municipalities in Raleigh, is in charge of the installation and establishment of the systems' operating procedure for the five fire departments in Perquimans County.

This two-way radio system will tie all the fire departments together for mutual aid response one with another in Perquimans County. A call for help can be received either at a base fire department number or by calling one number 426-5300. Each individual fire department can be alerted separately by remote control radio signals. Each fire department has five individual alert monitors to notify five individual firemen of the fire call at the time the station siren is set off. It is hoped that the radio system will eliminate duplication in response of fire apparatus in emergency situations.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners purchased this radio system for the fire service with revenue sharing money.

G.H. Webb, Jr. chairman of the Perquimans County Fire Commission states that he hopes the system will be completed and in operation very soon.



**TEENY BOPPERS**— Perquimans County Jaycette members (l. to r.) Mary White, Jean Brown, Betty Hare, Sallie Halsey and Louise Ward display a sample of the attire that will be worn at "Rockin' Thru the Years". The dance, sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycettes, will be held Saturday night, May 3 from 9 to 12. Music will be provided by "Solid Gold". Ticket holders are reminded that the site of the dance has been changed to the Jaycee Building in Edenton. Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket may do so from any club member for \$10 per couple. Don't forget to wear the attire of your high school days. A prize will be awarded. (Newbern photo)

## Celebration May Begin July 4th

It is just in the talking stage now, but July 4 should be a giant-sized day in the county, and the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors hopes that families will stay in the neighborhood to join us.

The Chamber expects to work in conjunction with the many clubs and civic organizations in the county to make the pre-Bicentennial celebration a wing-ding.

The idea began with Mayor/City Manager Bill Cox, whose mind is a storehouse of ideas that always prove beneficial to the town he serves.

Speaking of beneficial, milk is and experiments at schools in our county are proving the superiority of that drink over soft drinks. The chamber is donating a trophy that will be given to one of the classes of young scientists.

Once again, some

representatives from the Chamber of Commerce will make a pitch for another doctor. The meeting will be held May 9 in Winston-Salem, sponsored by the Academy of Family Physicians. The one attended a couple years ago was not too successful, because of a lack of interest by internists and med students. But we are told it is a different picture this time, so we will give it the old (medical) college try. No registration fees are due this time—and that is a large savings. The only cost, to be footed by the C of C will be travelling expenses.

The annual Past President's Dinner, for those in that category and members of the current Board of Directors, will be held May 9th at Angler's Cove. Price: \$7.50 per person for a social hour and a steak dinner. The event begins at 7 p.m.

### LEGION MEETING

The William Paul Stallings Post 126 American Legion will hold its May meeting on Thursday May 1, at 8 p.m. at the Post home. This will be a very important meeting, including the election of officers for the 75-76 year. Commander Ball has asked members to please take note and plan to attend this important meeting.