

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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OFFICERS — Officers for Perquimans Union School's Student Council 1975-76 are (l. to r.): Maurice Hinton, vice president; Karen Butt, secretary; Sandy Muldrow, president; Janie Burton, treasurer.



STUDENT COUNCIL — Members of the Perquimans Union School Student Council for this school year are pictured above. (Sid Eley photos)

## Albemarle Electric To Celebrate Co-Op Month

Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation will be one of about 40,000 cooperatives throughout the nation celebrating Co-op Month during October, Albemarle's manager Edward E. Brown Jr. announced today.

"This year's theme, 'Cooperatives — Pioneers in Serving America,' is especially meaningful to rural electric cooperatives as the nation approaches its 200th birthday," Brown said. "The rural electrification program has just celebrated its 40th birthday this year, and we feel that the Co-op Month theme pays special tribute not only to the founders of the program and other cooperative organizations but also to the millions of people who are today's consumer-owners."

"When the rural electrification program was first started, in 1935, only about 10 per cent of the nation's rural areas had electricity. Now the countryside is nearly 100 per cent electrified, and that's quite a record," he said, pointing out that the dedication and enthusiasm of the people involved were mainly responsible for the program's phenomenal success. There are today nearly 1,000 rural electric cooperatives, serving approximately 25 million consumers in 46 states.

"Providing electricity the cooperative way proves that people working together can get a job accomplished more efficiently than by individuals working alone," Brown said. He explained that the role of the rural electric cooperative today and in the future will be to continue to provide an adequate supply of electricity in spite of the many problems related to the energy field such as rising costs, fuel shortages and environmental concerns. "The rural electric cooperative and its consumer-members are a vital part of the community; what we do and say has a direct effect on the community and what benefits our community benefits our country."

This is the twelfth year that Co-op Month has been celebrated on a nationwide basis by the nation's many cooperative organizations providing such diverse services as marketing, purchasing, housing, nursery schools, health care, legal services groups, credit unions, farm credit associations, insurance companies, rural electric and telephone systems, funeral societies and TV and auto repair.

Albemarle EMC serves some 5,200 consumer-members in parts of Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, and Currituck counties.



MANAGER — Edward E. Brown Jr., manager of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, announced that they will be joining some 40,000 other cooperatives throughout the nation in celebrating October as co-op month.

### Perquimans Union:

## Council Officers Are Installed

The Perquimans Union officers took office last Monday morning in an Student Council's new

assembly at Perquimans Union School. The council's new president, Sandy Muldrow, in her opening speech related some of the things the previous councils have done and things this council will continue and also new activities this council will start. Among these are the school store, a field day, assemblies, keep bulletin boards and a talent show. The council has added curtains to the cafeteria, books to the library, and equipment to the physical education department with the money they have raised in the past years.

Other members of student council pictured above: Cheryl Parker, Curtis Bar-

cliff, Cindy Smith, Cynthia Whidbee, Cindy Sawyer, Sharon Wood, Leah Harris, Sallie Holley, Pam Muldrow, Debra Campbell, Robin Sellers, Timothy Morgan, Ann Forbes, Lynn Stallings, Janice Burton, Kenneth Lightfoot, Gene Byrum, Wendy Walton, Sherry Mims, Lois Ripberger, Rhonda Gossage, Teresa Kinton, Sherry Hollowell, Kim Rountree, Janet Barber, Sandy Muldrow, Maurice Hinton, Janice Burton, Karen Butt, Kathy Rountree, Lori Newberry, Mary Frances Winslow.

Faculty advisors are Mrs. Margaret Brothers and Mrs. Danny Meads.

## Fire Prevention Week Is Set

"Learn Not To Burn" will be the nationwide theme for Fire Prevention Week which begins October 5, and will continue through October 11. Hertford Fire Dept. Chief Francis Nixon asks the public to "Remember to practice fire safety fifty-two weeks per year."

In connection with Fire Prevention Week, the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department will conduct fire drills in the schools. Department members will also participate in the Albemarle Firemen's Association Parade in Plymouth on October 11 at 1 p.m.

Last Saturday in Murfreesboro five men took part in a parade.

For Fire Prevention Week Chief Nixon proposed cleaning of heating apparatus, electric heaters and wiring. He also said that every home should have a fire exit and strongly recommended by the HFD is a two-way escape in case of fire in your home.

All Fire Departments in the County can be reached by calling one central number due to a newly completed radio communication system. The number to call in case of fire is — 426-5300.

## Chamber Ballots Mailed

The ballots for new Board of Directors for the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce are in the mail to the Chamber of Commerce members. They are urged to take the time to mark these ballots and return them to the

Chamber Office by October 7. They will be counted at the Chamber Office at 4 p.m. on this date. A lot of work and money has gone into these ballots and it is important that members take a few minutes to vote and return these ballots.

## Miss Perry Is Scholarship Semifinalist

Valorie Linette Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Perry, of Rt. 2 Hertford, has been designated a semifinalist in the 1976 National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

Valorie, a senior at Perquimans High School in Hertford qualified on the basis of her performance on the 1974 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test-National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT-NMSQT). Each semifinalist who wishes to continue in the competition must advance to finalist standing by meeting several requirements.

One requirement to become a finalist is that the semifinalist must



VALORIE PERRY confirm her PSAT-NMSQT scores by an equivalent performance on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

## Melissa Lewis: Country Singer

By KATHY NEWBERN  
By the age of 10, it is not unusual for young girls to have aspirations of becoming a singer. However, what makes Melissa Lewis different from most girls of that age is that she is already doing something about it.

Melissa daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis of Rt. 3, Hertford, recently made her first public singing appearance with "Vince Chory and the Squires" at the Country Roads in Elizabeth City. According to Chory, "From the moment Miss Lewis started to sing, the audience response was immediate, enthusiastic and overwhelming as was that of the musicians. She pours her heart and soul into the songs she performs." As a result of that, Melissa sang again with "The Squires" on the Mickey Gilley show last Friday night at S.L. Sheep Auditorium in Elizabeth City. The show was sponsored by the Elizabeth City Fraternal Order of Police.

Melissa, a sixth-grade honor student at Perquimans Union School, said that in the last two years her interest in music has grown. She has been seriously working on her singing since last June. Last year, she appeared in a talent show at her school and placed second. According to her parents, following the show she announced that she wanted to become a singer. Her mother said that Melissa seriously took on the task with dedication not ordinarily exhibited by a ten-year old and practiced two hours each day during the summer.

Melissa prefers to sing country and western music and her favorite stars include Olivia Newton-John, Loretta Lynn and Glen Campbell. She described her recent claim to fame as "exciting," and pointed out



Melissa Lewis

that she is treated the same by her family and classmates. Concerning the reaction at school, Melissa said, "Some of my friends know about it, but most of the kids don't even mention it."

Her home life has remained the same although her mother said the entire family "is proud of her and excited for her." Besides Melissa, the other family members include Lynn, age 15; Johnny, age 13; Tommy, age 12; Bethany, age 12; and Jennifer Jo, also known as J.J. age 3. The family also owns an assortment of poodles, puppies, cats, chickens and a guinea pig.

Melissa is a collector. She has a stamp, coin, doll and book collection. She said that she "loves to read and at school, she really likes science."

The family also has a record collection which resulted in Melissa's interest in music. She has never had a singing lesson, but "just sang along with records." She doesn't play any musical instruments but admitted that she would like to learn to play the guitar and piano.

Melissa is a native of Exeter, N.H. and has lived in North Carolina since 1970. She and her family moved to New Hope last December. Despite her origins, she considers herself 100 per cent North Carolinian.

## Resolution

WHEREAS, wide public participation is an essential element in carrying out a program of conservation and environmental quality, and

WHEREAS, The Perquimans Weekly has been instrumental in bringing information on conservation needs to the attention of the public in 1975, thus furthering the work of the Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, the week of Sunday, October 5, through Saturday, October 11, has been designated Newspaper Week with the theme: Newspapers — Spirit of Freedom, with the express purpose of "emphasizing the continuing and essential role of newspapers in the maintenance of a free society,"

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the supervisors of the Perquimans Soil and Water Conservation District, in recognition of Newspaper Week and the valued services provided by The Perquimans Weekly do unanimously adopt this resolution of appreciation for these services.

GIVEN under our hand and seal this 25th day of September, 1975.

For a salute to newspaper week, turn to page 2.



### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

- Hertford Lions Club +++
- American Legion 8 p.m. +++
- American Legion Auxiliary +++

William Paul Stallings Post 126 American Legion will hold its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. at the Post home. Commander Applegate has requested as many members be present as possible, as this will be an important meeting. The membership drive is now underway. All members are asked to pay their dues as promptly as possible.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

The Perquimans County Jaycettes will sponsor a General Store at The Episcopal Parish House in Hertford from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Items for sale will include arts, crafts, baked goods, used clothing, used furniture and cokes. A babysitting service will be available for a small fee. The proceeds will be donated to the Perquimans County Marching Unit.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

- Perquimans Co. Commissioners 10 a.m. +++

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- Whiteston Homemakers +++
- Hertford Rotary Club +++
- Parksville Ruritan Club +++

- Perquimans Masonic Lodge +++

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

- Perquimans Co. Jaycees +++

Citizens Band Club will meet at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Bldg. in Hertford.

Hertford Grammar School PTA will have its 1st meeting at 8 p.m. An open house will be observed.

### UP COMING EVENTS

Perquimans County Jaycettes will have a fashion show Nov. 7 at Hertford Grammar School. The American Legion will have a Turkey Shoot on November 8 p.m. at the High School. Belvidere-Chappell Hill will have a Turkey Shoot on November 22, 1975 at the Fire Station in Belvidere.

## PP&K To Be Held Sunday

On Tuesday, September 2, registration began for the 1975 Punt, Pass & Kick competition in the showroom of Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co., Inc. In making the announcement, Cecil Winslow said: "We're looking forward to a big local PP&K competition in Perquimans County on Oct. 5. We hope all the youngsters 8 through 13 years of age in this area will come in to register and take part."

Winslow pointed out that PP&K — Throughout its six levels of competition — is free of any charge, and that youngsters need only have a parent or guardian accompany them to the showroom to register.

"Our competition here will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies for contestants in each of the six age groups, or 18 trophies in all," said Winslow.

"Increasing each entrant's chances of winning is the fact that youngsters compete only against others in their own age group," said the Ford Dealer.

"Of course there is no body contact in PP&K. It's punting, passing and place-kicking for distance and points, just as the name says. First place winners in each age group in our competition will go on to the Zone competition. And from there, top winners go on up the ladder through District, Area, Division and National Finals," he said.

"This year, the National Finals will be held at the Super Bowl X in Miami on January 18, 1976. Naturally, we hope some of our Perquimans PP&K winners will make it all the way to the Finals," Winslow said. The Ford Dealer further explained that each entrant, upon registering, receives a free PP&K Tips Book.

# Fire Prevention Week Is Oct. 5-11



SIGN OF THE SEASON — Mr. and Mrs. Don Waters of Rt. 3, Hertford and recent newcomers to the area, have gotten into the spirit of Fall with this pumpkin-head scarecrow. Located in a bed of marigolds, the Halloween man greets people passing by on their way to the New Hope community. (Newbern photo)