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REGIONAL COORDINATOR — Jenny Cosner, pictured above, was recently named regional coordinator for the Region R, N.C. Council on the Status of Women. The regional office is located in the Perquimans County Courthouse. (Newbern photo)

Jim 'Catfish' Hunter To Get Will Wynne Award

The celebrated favorite son of Perquimans County, Jimmy "Catfish" Hunter, will for the third consecutive year, be the recipient of the coveted Will Wynne Award. The Hot Stove League will present Hunter with the honor at the Hilton Inn in Raleigh on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Just as last year, the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a bus to Raleigh for county citizens to witness the presentation of the award to Hunter.

Ed Nixon will be in charge of the bus trip to Raleigh. The cost for the bus transportation and the banquet will be \$15 per person. The bus will leave at 2 p.m. on Feb. 4 from the Hertford Bus Station. The bus will

carry about 44 persons. In order to make reservations, or to receive more information, interested citizens should contact the Chamber office at 426-5657 or Ed Nixon at 426-5266. The \$15 fee per person should be paid to the Chamber office prior to departure.

Concerning the trip to Raleigh, Nixon said, "I encourage the citizens of Perquimans County to attend the Will Wynne Award Banquet to show support for our favorite son."

The Will Wynne Award is presented annually by the Raleigh chapter of the Hot Stove League to the North Carolinian who is the most outstanding player in baseball during the year. The winner is selected by sportscasters and newswriters across North

Carolina. The Feb. 4 presentation will make the fifth time that Hunter has received the honor.

'75 Fire Season Light In County

The North Carolina Forest Service reports that the 1975 fire season was a very light one for Perquimans County. Weather conditions and the cooperation of citizens in fire prevention are the major reasons for this reduction.

A total of nine fires burned 13.3 acres of forest in the county during the calendar year of 1975.

The North Carolina Forest Service breaks fire causes into nine major causes and a number of sub categories. The number of fires occurring under each cause and the acres burned are as follows:

CAUSE	NO. OF FIRES	ACRES BURNED
Lightning	0	0
Campfires	0	0
Smoking	1	.2
Debris Burning (Trash, fields, new ground, etc.)	8	13.1
Incendiary (Intentional sets, arson)	0	0
Machine Use (Tractors, combines, log skidders, etc.)	0	0
Railroads	0	0
Children	0	0
Miscellaneous (Electric fences, broken power lines, fireworks)	0	0

The revision of General statutes 14-139, the burning permit law, in 1975 is expected to help prevent many of the man caused fires.

The revision of the burning law requires that a person must have a burning permit if burning within 500 feet of any woodland, at any time of the year, except between 4 p.m. and midnight. The revision also states that this does not apply to burning taking place within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling house if proper safety precautions are taken in this burning and a competent watch is maintained over the fire. The burning permit does not relieve the permittee of complying with the state and federal air pollution regulations. Permits will not be granted to those failing to follow the regulations.

There is no cost for the permit which can be obtained from County Ranger Stallings or one of his agents.

Failing to comply with the burning permit law is a misdemeanor.

For more information on burning and the burning permit law, contact County Ranger Lewis Stallings.



D.G. HARWOOD



ROBERT C. WELLS

Estate Planning Session Scheduled

The Coastal Plains Area Farm Management Marketing Program and the Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Service has scheduled an educational meeting on the topic "Estate Planning". The meeting will be held at the Perquimans County Office Building on Thursday, January 29th, at 7:30 p.m.

Leading the discussion will be D.G. Harwood and Robert C. Wells, specialists in the field of farm organization and state planning with the North Carolina State University Agricultural Extension Service.

The purpose of the program is to create an awareness on the part of property owners of the problems associated with transferring property between generations. Basic information about the concepts of estate planning, and the reasons for developing estate plans will be presented.

Some of the questions often asked by property owners that will be answered are:

- o What happens to my property if I do not estate plan?
 - o What happens to jointly owned property if one owner dies?
 - o How can I minimize estate and inheritance taxes?
 - o What happens if I give my property away?
 - o What are some financial problems of a surviving spouse?
 - o What do women need to know about estate planning?
 - o Why might there be a need for insurance in an estate?
 - o Why make a will?
- Every property owner has an obligation to himself and his family to acquire some knowledge of estate planning and to develop a satisfactory plan. Attendance at this meeting is a good first step.

N.C. Council On The Status Of Women:

Regional Office Is Opened Here

By KATHY NEWBERN

Ms. Jenny Cosner has recently been named Regional Coordinator for the Region R, N.C. Council on the Status of Women. The regional office of the council has been located on the second floor of the Perquimans County Courthouse.

In a recent interview with Ms. Cosner, she explained the history of the council and the purpose of its existence.

The North Carolina Council is an outgrowth of the establishment of the late President John F. Kennedy of a Commission on Women in each of the 50 states. In 1963, North Carolina Governor Terry Sanford created by executive order the Committee on the Status of Women which existed in the stage for 10 years operating without a budget. Then, under the 1973 Holshouser administration, the Committee became more active, received appropriations from the North Carolina General Assembly, and had its first executive director appointed by the governor.

As of December 29, Region R received its first regional coordinator, Ms. Cosner.

In explaining the purpose of the N.C. Council on the Status of Women, Ms. Cosner said the council was created to facilitate an awareness of the status of women, their plight and their potential; and secondly, to perpetuate a better understanding between the sexes.

At present, Ms. Cosner's main responsibility is to contact and work closely with the county commissioners in each of the ten counties comprising Region R, and with their help forming county councils on the status of women. She pointed out that the primary duty of a county council, once it has been established, would be to first identify the needs of women in that particular county; then to voice their position at a local and state level and finally to promote programs to meet the needs of that county's female population.

When asked why a council on the status of women is needed in Perquimans County, Ms. Cosner replied, "Fifty-one and four-tenths percent of the population of Perquimans County is female and it might be time for us to do something for over one-half of the entire county population." Ms. Cosner also added that she is not aware of any council having done a study of and for the women of this county. She said that through initial contacts, she has found the feeling of the men she has talked with to be that women in Perquimans County do not have any problems. "If that should be the case, then Perquimans County could serve as a model for the remaining 99 counties throughout North Carolina," she commented.

The thought that women in this or any other county have no problems is a bit ideal though according to statistics. Ms. Cosner said that the unemployment rate for both sexes in Perquimans County is four percent, while the unemployment rate in the county for women alone is 7.1 percent. She added, "That's 7.1 percent that are able to work, available for work and willing to work."

According to additional information from the state council on the status of women, 85 per cent of all women in North Carolina earn less than \$5,000 per year. And the average wage for women with three to four years of college is \$66 less per year than for a man with an eighth grade education.

However, Ms. Cosner, was quick to point out that the N.C. Council on the Status of Women is not in any way affiliated with the controversial proposed Equal Rights Amendment. She said, "We are also not an extremist, militant, women's lib group. We are merely concerned with helping women."

Jenny Cosner added that her office will be happy to answer any questions concerning the council and its purposes. The office can be reached by calling 426-7466 Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The office is closed daily from noon until 1 p.m.

Educators Attend District Meeting

On Wednesday, Jan. 28, Perquimans County School Superintendent C.C. Walters, Assistant Superintendent Pat Harrell and Clifford Winslow, Chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Education attended the District Superintendent's meeting held in Washington, N.C.

The main topic of discussion was the new Fiscal Contract passed into law by the 1975 North Carolina General Assembly. Local school officials said the information they received was very beneficial. Harrell was also on the program for the meeting at which time he showed a film to the district educators entitled, "Good As New," the film produced at Perquimans Central Grammar by the State Department of Public Instruction.

District Court Held

Judge Grafton Beamon presided at the Perquimans County District Court on Wednesday and heard the following cases:

Cleveland A Sutton was found guilty of assault and was given a 90 day sentence suspended for 1 year, a fine of \$100.00 and cost, the defendant was ordered not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws, to be of good behavior, not to consume any alcohol beverage for 6 months, and not to molest or abuse Laura Sutton;

Willie Lester Davenport was found guilty of speeding and displaying a fictitious license and received a 12 months sentence suspended for 5 years, a fine of \$800.00 and cost, ordered not to operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina unless duly licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, and not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws. The defendant was, also, found guilty of driving with license revoked (3rd) and was given a 60-day sentence to run concurrently with previous sentence, suspended for 2 years, a fine of \$100.00 and cost;

George L. Sutton, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, received a 90-day sentence suspended for 2 years, a fine of \$115.00 and cost, was ordered to surrender his driver's license to the Clerk of Superior Court, and ordered not to operate a motor vehicle for 12 months except as allowed by limited driver's privilege;

Edmond Franklin Baker

was found not guilty of carrying a concealed weapon;

Elizabeth Thatch, charged with malicious damage to personal property, received a 6 months sentence suspended for 5 years, a fine of \$300.00 and cost, ordered to pay \$147.00 to the Clerk of Superior Court for restitution to Sylvia Armstrong, not to molest, harass, or abuse her, and not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws;

William Henry Ayscue was found guilty of assault and was given a 6 months suspended for 3 years, a fine of \$200.00 and cost, was ordered to remain on good behavior, not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws, not to molest, harass, nor to physically abuse, assault, or threaten to assault Margaret Ayscue. An appeal was noted and the case was placed on the Superior Court Docket for trial.

The Defendant was, also, found guilty of damage to Real property and received an 8 months sentence to run concurrently with previous sentence, suspended for 3 years, a fine of \$100.00 and cost, was ordered to pay to the Clerk of Superior Court the amount of \$4.78 for restitution for Margaret Ayscue, ordered not to be on premises occupied by Margaret Armstrong without her consent, not to molest, harass, assault, or threaten to assault her during the period of suspended sentence.

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CHARITIES COMMITTEE — Members of the Don Juan Charities Committee pictured above (l. to r.) include: Mollie Bunch, Peggy Byrum, Chairman Doris Hathaway present Cancer Fund check to Mrs. Ray Ward, Mattie Holley, Stuart Anderson, Betty Byrum, Louise Dale, Dalcyce Jethro, and Flora Jennings.

Charity Donations

Don Juan Mfg. Corp. of Hertford, has organized an effort called D.J. Charities Comm. Those participating donate a portion of paycheck once a month for three consecutive months. The Treasury now has funds totalling close to \$1300 which has been donated to 15 various charities. These charities are: Cancer Foundation, Heart Fund, Cystic Fibrosis, National Assoc. for Hearing & Speech, Cerebral Palsy, N.C. Mental Health Found., Children's Home, Salvation Army, Sickle-cell Anemia, Muscular Dystrophy, Assoc. for Retarded Children, American Red Cross, March of Dimes, Kidney Foundation and White Cane Drive. The largest amounts are going to the Cancer Foundation and the Heart Fund, with the remainder of the charities receiving equal

amounts. Our plans for 1976, are to continue the charity and to increase the participation.

ASSISTANCE TO TAXPAYERS

The Internal Revenue Service office in Elizabeth City is open every Monday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. to assist taxpayers in preparing their 1975 Federal income tax returns.

The IRS office is located at 804 W. Ehringhaus St., Elizabeth City.

Taxpayers may also obtain tax information by calling 800-822-8800 toll-free from anywhere in the state.

Voters Are Reminded To Register

With the March 23 Presidential Primaries and Special Elections fast approaching for Perquimans County citizens, the local Board of Elections has several reminders for the public.

Feb. 23 is the deadline for residents to have their names placed on the registration books. The books will be closed on this date. Any citizen who has moved to another voting precinct since a recent elec-

tion should contact the Board of Election to have his or her card changed to the proper precinct in order to be eligible to vote on March 23. Feb. 23 is also the first day for issuing absentee ballots. March 17 is the last day for voters to apply for absentee ballots. The absentee ballots must be returned by March 22 no later than 6 p.m.

Notices of polling places and hours open will soon appear in this newspaper.



GROUND BREAKING — A large group gathered Sunday afternoon to witness the groundbreaking ceremony of the future Snug Harbor Interdenominational Chapel. M.E. Nelson gave the welcome address and introduced Reverend Samuel A. Fowler of the church of God, Edenton, N.C. who presented the dedication service. The closing prayer of dedication was pronounced by Reverend Robert C. White, Pastor of Comorita Baptist Church, Aulander, N.C. Pictured above (l. to r.) are: M.E. Nelson, chairman of trustees; Reverend Samuel A. Fowler; M.L. Watkins, trustee; Mrs. L. L. Pritchard, trustee; and L.L. Pritchard, chairman of building committee.