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Candidates File For County Commissioners

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Billy L. Pierce of the Parkville Township recently filed for one of the seats on the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners.

This is Pierce's first attempt at a local elected office. He is married to the former Marlene Perry and the couple has four children: Terry, Brenda, and Christy, all students at Perquimans Union School; and Billy Wade who is not of school age.

Pierce is a member of the Woodland United Methodist Church and serves as the church treasurer. He is self-employed as a farmer.

In a statement, Pierce said, "I want to work for the improvement of Perquimans County."

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Wayne Winslow of the Parkville Township has filed for one of the two seats of District II on the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners.

He is a member of the Piney Woods Friends Church and serves on the church Finance Committee. He is a past Assistant Superintendent of the church.

Winslow is married to the former Ann Thurman and they have two children, Belinda and Donna; both students at Perquimans Central Grammar School.

Winslow's civic involvements include membership in the Parkville Ruritan Club of which he is a past president; currently chief of the Winfall Volunteer Fire Department; a past president of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce; and he is a member and the recently elected president of the Perquimans County Jaycees.

Winslow was appointed to serve on the Perquimans County Board of Elections and resigned from that post to enter the county commissioner race. He is also a past chairman of the Perquimans County Republican Party.

This is Winslow's first attempt at a local elected office.

Concerning his candidacy, Winslow stated, "I want to work for the people. And I feel that I am in a little better position to know what the needs of the county are by my past and current involvements in these various civic organizations since this involves working with the people. I'm proud to be from Perquimans County and I feel I owe this county a debt that I can never really repay, but I want to try to serve the county and help build a brighter tomorrow."

Winslow is employed with Winslow-Blanchard Ford Motor Company as Assistant Sales Manager.

Will Not Run For Reelection

Thomas Nixon has announced that he will not run for reelection to the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners. In making the statement, Nixon said he had two reasons for not seeking another term in office. He said, "I don't have the time and I've served long enough." Nixon's is one of three seats to be filled in the upcoming election. The other two are currently held by Ellis Winslow and Lester Simpson.

Nixon was first elected a county commissioner in 1960 and has served on the board for 16 consecutive years.

Banquet Held

The Perquimans County Jaycees and Jaycettes held their installation and awards night banquet last Thursday. Highlights of the program were the installation of officers of both clubs and the passing out of the year-end awards. For more details and pictures on the banquet, see page 9.

Civic Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 6

The William Paul Stallings Post 126 American Legion will have a "dutch" steak dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the post home. The members of the Legion Auxiliary will be the guests of honor. The regular monthly meeting will follow the dinner.

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Hertford Lions Club will meet.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

There will be a May Day program at the Hertford Grammar School in celebration of the Bicentennial year, under the direction of Ms. Caroline Wright, starting at 1 p.m. weather permitting.

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The public is invited to a Miscellaneous Floating Shower given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. T.T. Harrell whose home was recently destroyed by fire. The shower will be held at the Bethlehem Church of Christ at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and is being given by the ladies of the church.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Snug Harbor Chapel will have a Rummage and Junque Sale at Harris Shopping Center from 10 a.m. until.

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The BPW Club will have a bake sale on the courthouse lawn.

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Due to rain this past Saturday, the Hertford United Methodist Women have rescheduled their Bake and Garage Sale to be held at the church starting at 10 a.m. Those having items to donate should contact Ms. Geneva Sawyer at 422-3648 or bring it to the church by 9 a.m. on Saturday.

MONDAY, MAY 10

The Inter-County Fire Department will meet.

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Wesley Circle will meet.

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The Town Beautification Committee will meet at the Municipal Building in Hertford at 8 p.m.

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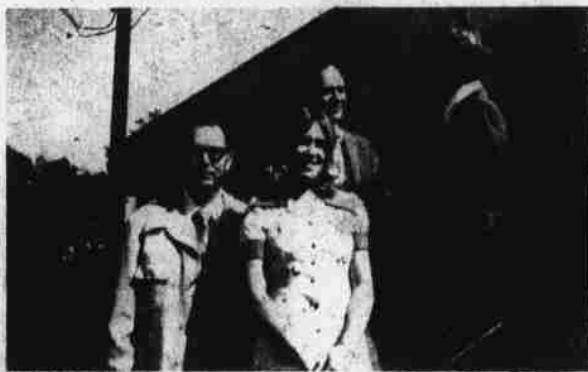
Perquimans County Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary will meet at the Rescue Squad building at 8 p.m.

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The Perquimans County Council on the Status of Women will meet at the Council office on the second floor of the courthouse at 7:30 p.m. All interested are invited to attend.



TO WORK WITH CLINIC — Shown above are Dr. Bernard Atkinson, (standing) clinical psychologist; and Adren Hughes, alcoholism counselor. They will be working with the Perquimans County clinic.



READY TO SERVE — Hughes and Ms. Sharon Sims, receptionist look on as Lester Simpson, chairman of the County Commissioners, hands the clinic keys to Dr. Atkinson (upper right).

Local Mental Health Clinic Offers Services

A Perquimans County mental health clinic will be open to the people of the county on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The services the clinic offers are available to anyone. People can come in for consultations, make appointments, or can be referred to the clinic from other agencies. It is described as a "walk-in" arrangement. The clinic has been opened since March 24. The district center is Albemarle Mental Health Center and is located in Elizabeth City. The Perquimans clinic is located in a trailer beside the county health dept. on Charles St.

Those who will be working with the Perquimans clinic include Dr. Bernard Atkinson, clinical psychologist; Adren Hughes, alcoholism counselor and a native of Perquimans County; Ms. Debbie Bunch, a RN and psychiatric nurse; Dr. Joseph LeRoy, psychiatrist; and Ms. Sharon Sims, receptionist.

Services offered by the Perquimans County clinic include counseling, psychiatric and psychological evaluations, school counseling, work with the courts and other agency referrals, after care service and follow up work with those individuals discharged from mental institutions, and counseling with individual and family problems. An emergency service is offered 24 hours a day and the emergency number is 335-0803.

Hughes discussed the problem of alcoholism. He said, "The drug problem in Perquimans County is believed to be very slight." This is based on court records of the number of drug related arrests compared to the number of alcohol related arrests. Hughes added, "Alcoholism is by far the most abused drug in the world and even in Perquimans County." He said he feels a "beefed up alcoholism program" is needed. He described alcoholism as a "monster" and said "it always results in death if unchecked." In describing the treatment for alcoholism, Hughes explained the antihouse program which is a tablet the alcoholic takes each day to prevent his drinking. Hughes said, "The value I see in the antihouse program is that it helps alcoholics make a decision." "They only have to decide to take one tablet each day."

In discussing the other services, Dr. Atkinson said the move in mental health is to work with the schools and the courts and help with problems at an early age. He said, "We hope next year to have a psychology intern full time to work with the Perquimans County schools." He added, "The need

is here for a full time clinic with a full time staff." He added that expansion will be considered if needed, to open the clinic more days each week.

Patients are encouraged to come to the clinic if they need help. A consultation is first held at no charge and then if the person needs to return, a case is opened. The fees of services offered by the clinic are on a sliding scale from \$4 to \$25 and are based on the person's monthly income. Medicare, Medicaid, and similar payments are accepted. Dr. Atkinson stressed the point that no one who needs help will be turned away, and the patient's problems and treatment are strictly confidential.

According to Dr. Atkinson, the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners were instrumental in providing space and facilities for the local clinic. He said, "Without them, we wouldn't be here." Lester Simpson, chairman of the County Commissioners, said, "I feel sure that we have one of the best programs in North Carolina." He added that two Perquimans county residents, R.S. Monds and R.L. Spivey, serve on the Albemarle Mental Health Board of Directors.

Dr. Atkinson added that if a local citizen needs help, he is not limited to the Perquimans clinic. He can go to the Albemarle Mental Health Clinic in Elizabeth City and the other clinics open in the surrounding counties.

Local Man Publishes Book



H.A. THOMPSON

H. A. Thompson, retired Chief Administrator of the Walter A. Quinn Narcotics Rehabilitation Program of New Jersey, found his Snug Harbor among the pines along the Yeopim River nearly three years ago. Like many others before him, he found the unhurried atmosphere and friendly people of Perquimans County conducive to writing his latest book, POLITICAL RIP-OFF, a comparative study of the United States Constitution and how it is manipulated by professional politicians, told in simple, readable form.

In addition to monthly contributions to the Rehabilitation Program's paper on drugs and their abuse, Mr. Thompson published a booklet, THE LOTUS EATERS.

Thompson is a member of the Hertford Chamber of Commerce, the Civic League of Snug Harbor, Perquimans Lodge 106, New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies of New Bern, N. C., and the Snug Harbor Property Owners' Association.

He is married to the former Edith Sivertsen, a teacher for many years in the New Jersey public

schools. His son, Dr. Victor H. Thompson, is married to the former Mary Rosborough Macdonald of Rock Hill, S.C. The young couple live in Newport News, Va. with their two children, Inge Marie age six and Victor Alexander four.

LICENSED AS PHARMACIST

James Emory (Jim) White Jr. was licensed as a pharmacist in mid-April and has recently been employed with Revco Drugs in Wilson, N.C. White is a graduate of Perquimans High and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Pharmacy. He is the son of Mrs. Nina B. White Sr. of Hertford and the late James Emory White.

Homes And Churches To Be Visited On Perquimans Tour

The Museum of the Albemarle's annual spring house tour will visit Perquimans County this year on May 12.

Homes and churches on the tour will cover a wide spectrum, from the modern Towe homes to the antebellum Winslow home.

All three homes on the Towe complex will be opened for ticket holders. Complex includes the homes of Nancy and Joe Towe Jr., Syble and Cliff Towe and Mrs. W. H. Llewellyn, Nancy's mother. A tennis court, canal, island, house boat, and large property are also on the river site.

The William Nixon home, on Nixon Road, just outside of Hertford, will also be on the tour. Built only a few years ago, the home contains articles which have been in the Nixon family for as long as four generations. The Nixon family has lived on that same river site for almost 200 years.

Southern charm is depicted in the home where the Stephen Perry family lives. Often called the Winslow home, the structure was featured in Bruce and Nancy Roberts' "The Goodliest Land; North Carolina."

Stained glass windows at the First United Methodist Church on Covent Garden St. in Hertford will be on view for people on the tour. Of special interest is the Tiffany stained glass window which is there.

Luncheon will be served at the Church of the Holy

Trinity on Church St. This beautiful old church will also be opened.

Another treat for ticket holders is the opening of the Piney Woods Meeting House, which is said to be the oldest religious congregation in Perquimans County.

No doubt, the tour will be a memorable event for not only Perquimans residents, but many visitors that will come from other parts of the Albemarle area and the state.

Tickets are currently on sale and may be obtained from the Museum of the Albemarle by calling 335-1453. Luncheon is included on the tour for \$5. Lunch will be served from noon until 1:30 p.m. It will be prepared by museum volunteers, and help with serving will be given by students from Chowan Academy.

Tour hours are from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Mrs. John Matthews of Hertford and Mrs. George Wood of Camden are coordinating the tour. Proceeds will go to the benefit of the Museum of the Albemarle.

Parent Days To Be Held Here

Parent Day activities have been scheduled in three of the county's schools.

On Thursday, May 6, beginning at 9 a.m., Parent Day will be observed by Ms. Jackie Boyd's class. Parent Day is scheduled at Hertford Grammar School on Monday, May 10, also at 9 a.m., for Ms. Clara DuBois' class. At 1 p.m. on Monday, May 10, Ms. Bernadette Lit-

tle's class will host Parent Day.

Parent Day gives parents an opportunity to visit the schools, learn more about the ESEA Title I program, and the special reading instruction that their child is receiving. Students in each of the classes mentioned above will present an activity demonstrating some of the skills they have been learning.

Acitivites Scheduled

The Hertford Fire Department activities in observance of the National Fire Service Recognition Day on May 8th will begin at 3 p.m. with a siren general alarm sounding. A live demonstration of fire fighting with portable fire extinguishers will be held at 3:30 p.m. A "Slide From Death" demonstration will be held at 4 p.m. Smoke ejector equipment will be demonstrated also. An actual fire response demonstration will begin at 4:45 p.m. An exciting program awaits the public on May 8th at the Hertford Fire Department.



GRAND OPENING — A ribbon cutting was held last Friday marking the Grand Opening of Lassiter's Domestic Appliance Service. Pictured above (l. to r.) is Chamber of Commerce Secretary Jean B. Harrison; Darleen Lassiter, the owner's wife and the company secretary-bookkeeper; Hertford Mayor Bill Cox; owner-operator Allen Lassiter; and Wayne Ashley, president of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce. Lassiter's is a husband-wife effort and is the couple's first business attempt. In connection

with the grand opening, a drawing for several prizes was held Friday afternoon. The first prize of \$50 off the price of any appliance went to Mrs. J.P. Perry Jr. Second prize was a set of stainless steel cookware which was won by Jean B. Harrison. And the third place prize of FireKing glass ovenware was awarded to Mrs. Audrey Sawyer. The drawing was done by Jennifer Roberts and witnessed by Reuben Knopf. (Newbern photo)