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## Civic Calendar Perquimans Among Those Named For Railroad Crossing Improvements

THURSDAY: July 8

Perquimans County Jaycees meet at 8 p.m. at the EMC Building in Winfall.

FRIDAY: July 9

Bethel Homemakers meet.

SATURDAY: July 10

The Elizabeth City Shrine Club will have a Shrimp-A-Roo and dance. All the boiled shrimp and corn you can eat for \$12 a couple. Dance from 9:30 P.M. to 12:30. Music will be by Trap Trucking Company. Shriners and Guest are invited.

MONDAY: July 12

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

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

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Inter-County Fire Department will meet.

TUESDAY: July 13

Hertford Rotary Club meets.

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Perquimans Lodge No. 106 will have an emergency communication July 27 at 8 p.m. for the purpose of voting on By-Laws. There will be no other meetings of the Lodge during July and August.

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Perquimans County Horse and Pony Club will meet.

WEDNESDAY: July 14

The regular monthly meeting of Garland Onley Post #148 Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held at the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

THURSDAY: July 15

Hertford Lions Club will meet.

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Hertford BPW Club will meet.

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Hertford Fire Department will meet.

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Board of Transportation recently approved two contracts for railroad crossing improvements in the northeastern and north central part of the state for a total cost of \$289,962.80. The contracts include installation of thermoplastic railroad crossing markings in 18 counties in North Carolina.

Approval of the railroad contracts came at the Board's monthly meeting held in Gastonia, N.C. These improvements are part of the Highway Improvement Program under the Federal Highway Safety Act and are 100 percent federally funded. All paved railroad

crossings in North Carolina, totaling more than 4,000, will be improved under the program which is in the early stages.

One contract went to David L. Garber and Sons of Gilbertsville, Pa., for thermoplastic pavement markings at 202 railroad crossings in eleven counties located in Northeastern North Carolina. The estimated cost is \$101,998.40.

The other contract was awarded to Warren Brothers of Winston-Salem, N.C., for markings at 393 railroad crossings in seven counties located in the north central part of the state.

Estimated cost for these improvements is \$187,964.40.

Both contractors anticipate to complete work on the railroad crossings by August 1977.

The 18 counties that will receive the new thermoplastic railroad crossing markings are: Perquimans, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Washington, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance, Wake, and Warren.



FLAG FINALE — The Hertford Fifes and Drums present the finale of their flag pageant on Sunday night. The group was also awarded the first place prize of \$75 in the Fourth of July parade.



POPULAR SPOT — The crowds quickly discovered the Hertford BPW Club's homemade ice cream stand Saturday afternoon and crowded around.



ART WORK — Shown above, Rebecca Spivey, local artist, displays her many art talents in a booth at the high school gymnasium. Many came out to view the displays.



LINING UP — Prior to the rain, many residents lined up in the ballpark to get fried chicken plates from the Perquimans County Jaycees. Even in the rain, the people kept coming.



WINNING GROUP — In Sunday's parade, the judges awarded a \$25 cash prize to the Perquimans County Marching Unit, judged the Best Marching Entry.



NOSTALGIA — The Perquimans County Bicentennial Committee awarded the Best Vehicle Entry prize to Bobby Hollowell, shown above with his wife, Brenda going along the parade route.



WINNING FLOAT — This float depicting colonial farming life was judged Best Decorated Float in the Fourth of July parade. It was entered by the Young Farmers and Ranchers.



RETURNING — Shown is the parade returning to the Shopping Center. In the foreground is the Perquimans County Jaycees' float with the theme, "Let Freedom Ring Another 200 Years." The group was awarded the prize for Most Unusual Entry by the bicentennial committee.



OFF IT COMES — Many area local men grew beards for the bicentennial celebration. Shown above, Lee Tunnell takes advantage of the occasion to have his shaved off on the courthouse green by his father, Joe Tunnell (left). For more pictures of the weekend celebration in Perquimans County, turn to page four.

## Profit Sharing

Manager Kathreen Nelson of the local Rose's Stores, Inc. announced that some 3,809 employees of Rose's in seven Southern states shared in the 1975 Company contribution to the Employees' Profit Sharing Trust. The contribution, \$1,383,415, was the 32nd consecutive annual payment made by Rose's since the Profit Sharing Plan was started in 1944.

Manager Nelson handed statements of their personal account to three local participants, showing how each shared in the company's 1975 profits and what each had accumulated. She pointed out that a typical

participant in the plan (a salesperson in one of the stores) who had shared in every one of the 32 Company contributions now has a balance in her account equal to approximately three and one-half times her 1975 earnings.

Mrs. Nelson advised that Central Carolina Bank & Trust Company, Trustee of the Rose's Profit Sharing Trust, reports that the fund now totals over \$19,579,984 and holds \$1,207,836 of U.S. Government Bonds; \$5,623,379 of Corporate Bonds; \$9,827,705 of common stocks; \$143,619 of Notes & Mortgages; and \$2,777,445 of other assets.



LIBRARY DISPLAY — A display of art work is by Mary Swann Nisbet and her son, Peter (shown at left) is now open at the Perquimans County Library. The display is sponsored by the Perquimans Arts Council.



ARTISTS' RECEPTION — A reception was held Thursday night in honor of the artists. Mrs. Nisbet, a former resident of Hertford now living near Coinjock, is shown talking with visitors at the reception.

## July 3 & 4: Celebration In Perquimans

Communities all across America joined together this weekend to celebrate the 200th birthday of the nation. And Perquimans County was no exception.

The local celebration got underway Saturday afternoon with window displays in the downtown area and booth displays in the high school gymnasium. Many local clubs and groups took the opportunity to show off their wares and work as a large group of visitors filed through the gym. Set up outside the gym, was the popular homemade ice cream stand sponsored by the Hertford Business and Professional Women's Club. Also, the Perquimans County Marching Unit had their grill donated by Preston Copeland on display and sold raffle tickets. The cast iron grill was later won by John Stallings of Greenville, N.C.

In the late afternoon, the festivities continued with an old-fashioned chicken fry sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees in the high school ballpark. A hazy afternoon soon developed into a downpour, but area residents and visitors lined up in the rain to collect their chicken plates. Due to the weather, the Jaycees had to cancel their evening spectacle of events fashioned after the television program, "Anything Goes."

As the rains continued the crowds found cover in the gym. The street dance also had to be called off, but the Tar Heel Teens still performed before a small, but appreciative group.

The evening ended on a somewhat despairing note, but the hopes of a sunny Sunday were on the peoples' minds. The long-awaited July 4, 1976 arrived, but again rain threatened. The parade, sponsored by the Perquimans County Bicentennial Committee and arranged in party by the Perquimans County Jaycees, started on schedule as few raindrops began to fall. Bike riders, clowns, floats, marching groups, and decorated vehicles passed along the parade route smiling and waving to the cheering crowd. A first place prize of \$75 was awarded to the Hertford Fifes and Drums, the second cash prize of \$50 went to the Young Farmers and Ranchers for their float, and third place of \$25 was awarded to the Perquimans County Marching Unit. In addition to these, the Perquimans County Bicentennial Committee awarded the following prizes: Best Decorated Bike — Darbie Ward and Randy Lassiter; Best Vehicle Entry — Bobby Hollowell; Most Authentic Costume — child, John Young; woman, Sharon Tunnell; and man, Dilbon Young; Most Unusual Entry — The Perquimans County Jaycees' float.

As the parade ended, the rain continued heavier and the Hertford Fifes and Drums had to move their flag pageant inside the Perquimans County Courthouse. A record number packed in the small quarters and more poured out onto the Courthouse green to view the pageant which was narrated by Jessie Parker Perry. Following the pageant, Perry read the Declaration of Independence.

The Sunday night activities continued at Harris Shopping Center where the Jaycees sponsored a service with Rev. Joseph Scaff, and Rev. Stanley Nixon participating. The group also sang, "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "America, the Beautiful."

Then as darkness fell, the American Legion boated out on the Perquimans River to set off the fireworks display. Just as last year, the rain came but did not dampen the spirits of the tremendous crowd.

And so with a bang and a sparkle, the Bicentennial weekend in Perquimans County ended. The Bicentennial year goes on, but America and Perquimans County have ended their July Fourth celebration in commemoration of freedom won two hundred years ago.

## Jaycees Capture Honors

The Perquimans County Jaycees have once again been recognized for their outstanding contribution to the community, this time by the United States Jaycees.

During the U.S. Jaycee convention held in Indianapolis, Ind., the Perquimans County Jaycees received three first place

honors in Division II. The local Jaycee organization was named a first place winner in their Membership Retention and Activation, Wives Recognition, and Individual Development. In the national parade of chapters, Perquimans County ranked number six in Division III. Also, the

local club received a gold medal Olympics Award for their April membership.

At the national convention, Frank Echell of Texas was elected the new president following 35 hours of balloting. He defeated Jim Leach of Wisconsin and Dave Bell of Iowa. Joe Hollowell of the Perquimans

County Jaycees and President of the North Carolina Jaycees received the Clint Dunsagan Award which recognizes the top regional directors in the nation. During the 1975-76 year, Hollowell served as a regional director on the state level, often being the top director in the nation.