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**LIBRARY VISIT** — Members of the Hertford Cub Scout Troop 155, Den 3 were recent visitors to the Perquimans County Library looking over the new improvements and browsing through books. Pictured above Mrs. Silas Whedbee, librarian, shows the scouts the table of free books being given away during this week as a part of the library's participation in Reading Week. (Ward photo)

## Commissioners Favor Perquimans Joining Regional Library System

The main order of business coming before the Monday night meeting of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners was the request for the Perquimans County Library to join the Pettigrew Regional Library system. To discuss the advantages of such a move, Mrs. Nellie M. Sanders, Pettigrew Regional Library Director, was present. Also attending the meeting were Mrs. John T. Biggers, chairman of the Perquimans County Library Board of Trustees; Mrs. Jesse Harris, board member; and Mrs. Silas Whedbee, retiring local librarian.

In the discussion of the proposal Mrs. Sanders pointed out the local county would be required to pay \$2.19 per capita which is the minimum allowed by the regional library board. This would cover all operating expenses. She added that if Perquimans did decide to join the regional system, the library would be eligible for regional grants in the form of state aid (yearly) and the local library would also be eligible for a personnel grant of about \$10,000 which would go towards the salary of a full-time certified librarian for Perquimans County. This would only be available, however, if the local system obtained and paid two full-time library workers which is a state requirement. Other advantages of joining the regional system were discussed. The regional bookmobile would probably be available for use in Perquimans County, however Mrs. Sanders added that the local library would probably prefer to operate the local Bookmobile as long as it is feasible. Also book borrowing from any of the three other counties in the regional system would be an advantage. The local librarian would still submit a list of books the local library would desire to purchase monthly; however, there would be the advantage of having additional buying power. Mrs. Sanders said that last year 3,566 books were added to the three county libraries in the Pettigrew Regional system compared to the 300 books that Perquimans County was able to obtain due to use of limited local funds. It was added that if Perquimans decides to join the regional system, all financial and administrative work would be handled by the regional office leaving the local librarian more time to work on local library services. In closing the discussion, it was added that by joining the regional system, library services in the county would not decrease but would instead in all probability increase with the library being open more hours per week.

After the library representatives left the meeting, the commissioners held additional discussion and voted

unanimously in favor of the Perquimans County library becoming a part of the Pettigrew Regional Library system.

In other business, the Commissioners heard a request from Mrs. Annie Lou Chappell, Region R coordinator for the Council on the Status of Women. She asked for the commissioners' consent that the regional council be allowed to continue using office space in the Perquimans County courthouse. The request was granted with permission extended through Jan. 31.

Also Perquimans County School Superintendent Pat Harrell informed the commissioners of an upcoming trip to Flint, Michigan sponsored by the Alliance for Progress. During the trip, the local representatives will view the community school approach used in Flint due to the help of the Mott Foundation better utilize school facilities for both the school and the community. Harrell and Board of Education chairman Clifford Winslow will be making the trip. Also accompanying them will be Lester Simpson, chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

## Region I Educators To Meet

Educators from school units in Education Region I, the Northeast Region of the State, will meet Sept. 29 to review a proposed Standard Course of Study being developed by the State Department of Public Instruction. The meeting will be held at Williamston High School in Williamston beginning at 1 p.m.

The educators will be asked to react to a draft edition of the Course of Study, according to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction A. Craig Phillips. "The purpose of the meeting is to get suggestions and reactions from local educators to be considered in developing the final publication. We invite school board members, county commissioners, and other lay citizens to join the meeting to give their input," Phillips added.

The Standard Course of

Study is a document which outlines what is taught in the public schools of the State, kindergarten through twelfth grades. Phillips emphasized that it is not a curriculum guide suggesting specific methods for teachers to use in the classroom. It is designed to set forth a standard framework for administrators and curriculum specialists to use in planning and to inform the citizens of the State about concepts taught in the public schools.

During September, the Department of Public Instruction is sponsoring similar meetings in each of the eight Education Regions of the State. Suggestions made at these meetings will be taken into consideration in developing the final publication, said Phillips.

School units participating in the Sept. 29 meeting in-

clude: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Edenton-Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Elizabeth City-Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, and Washington county units and Washington and Greenville city units.

Attending the meeting

from Perquimans County will be Ms. Rosa Talley, Coordinator of Elementary Education in the county; and Ronnie Capps, Coordinator of Middle Grades and Secondary Education. They will also be accompanied by several teachers in the Perquimans County school unit.

## Brief Power Outage

Some 900 consumer-members of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation in Perquimans County were without electric power Tuesday, Sept. 14 for several hours while repairs were made.

The power outage was caused by problems on VEPCO's system feeding Albemarle EMC's Burgess Substation on Harvey Point Road, according to EMC Manager Ed Brown Jr.

"About one-third of our consumers on the substation lost power around 7:30 p.m., and then it was necessary to turn off the entire station so that VEPCO could make the needed repairs," he said.

Consumers in the Bethel area, Harvey Point, Holiday Island, and Snug Harbor were affected by the outage. The substation was put back in service around 1 a.m. on Wednesday.

## Grants Available

RALEIGH — Matching fund grants totaling \$94,000 are available for non-profit promotion organizations in North Carolina. This announcement was made recently by George Little, Secretary of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

The funds, authorized by the General Assembly, are to be used by local and regional organizations in

funding locally initiated travel promotion projects.

The deadline for submitting applications for the matching grants is Oct. 1. Applications forms are available by writing William Arnold, Travel Development Section, Department of Natural and Economic Resources, P.O. Box 27687, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

## Senior Citizens Hold Meeting

The Perquimans County Senior Citizens Club met Monday, Sept. 20 at the waterfront home of Mrs. Elaine Phillips on Yeopim Creek. The were 23 members and guests present. Mr.

and Mrs. Pritchard of the Snug Harbor community were welcomed as the newest members. The group enjoyed a delicious meal of fried fish, slaw, pickles, hush puppies, cake and pie.

## New Books & Free Books: Happenings At The Library

In celebration of Reading Week, Sept. 19-25, the Perquimans County Library is offering free books to all people who come into the library to get reading material. The books have been donated to this project by people who are interested in the move to encourage more reading among people of all ages. In the collection of free books are books for adults and children, both fiction and non-fiction. There are no strings attached to the gift except a trip to the library to borrow a regular library book. The library personnel are interested in the movement which is being encouraged by the Citizens United for the Improvement of Reading and this is their way of helping.

Also as a part of Reading Week, members of the Perquimans County Jaycettes will be holding a story hour at the local library on Friday, Sept. 24 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The story hour is open to all young people ages four through ten and there will be two story groups. This project is being initiated during Reading Week but will later be done weekly with the date and times to be announced. All parents are encouraged to bring their children to participate in the story hour on Friday.

New memorial books recently given to the library are: "A Book of Faith" (compiled by Elizabeth Goudge) and "A Touch of Wonder" by Gordon, both in memory of Freeman Umphlett; "Clues to America's East" is in memory of Edgar White; "The Spirits of '76" is in memory of Mrs. Willie Lamb; "Statistical and Narrative History of North Carolina 1585-1974" has been given in memory of Mrs. R.M. Riddick.

Donations to the Memorial Fund have been given in memory of Watler Dale, Robert Applewhite, Robert Brody III, and Arthur R. Woods IV.

Genealogical researchers will be interested in knowing that the library now has the State Census of 1784-1787 which has recently been published; "The Divine Art of Living" by Payne is a gift from the Baha'i Faith; "The Human Kingdom" by Ritney; "Our Southern Highlanders" by Kephart and "Early Paper Money of America" are also gifts to the library. "Why Not Be the Best" by Jimmy Carter is new in the library and a two-volume biography by Adolf Hitler. New fiction titles include "The Pride of the Peacock" by Holt, "The Last Chance" by Jaffe, "The Golden Gate" by Alastair McLean, "Ordinary People" by Quest and "The Easter Parade" by Yates.

## Dividend Declared

ROCKY MOUNT, N.C. — At its regular monthly meeting held on Sept. 15, the Board of Directors of Peoples Bank and Trust Company voted to declare a 20 percent stock dividend on the bank's common stock. The dividend is payable Nov. 30, 1976 to shareholders

of record on Nov. 17. The 20 percent stock dividend allows each Peoples Bank shareholder to receive one share of stock for each five shares held.

Peoples Bank and Trust Company currently has 39 offices in 23 North Carolina cities.

Judge John Chaffin presided at the regular session of Perquimans District Court on Wednesday and heard the following cases:

The charges of not having an operator's license and resisting arrest were consolidated for judgment in the case of Glenn Mitchell Spencer. The defendant was given a sentence of 6 months suspended for 2 years, a fine of \$200.00 and cost. He was ordered not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws for 12 months, and not to operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina until duly licensed to do so;

The charges of driving under the influence of intoxicating beverage and transporting alcoholic beverage with a broken seal were consolidated in the case of William Sutton Cherry. The defendant received a 90-day sentence suspended for 2 years, a fine of \$175.00 and cost. He was ordered not to operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina until licensed to do so except by limited

privilege, and not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws for a period of 12 months;

William Ernest Armstrong was given a 90-day jail sentence when found guilty of driving under the influence of intoxicating beverage;

John Henry Davis was found guilty of being a public drunk and trespassing and received a 30-day sentence. An appeal was noted in the case;

Robert Gregory Winslow, charged with failure to report an accident, received a 30-day sentence suspended for 2 years, a fine of \$100.00 and cost. The defendant was ordered to turn his driver's license over to the Clerk of Superior Court for 30 days and not to operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina during that period, also, not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws;

James Wallace Hinton was found guilty of manufacture of alcoholic beverage and was given an 18 months sentence suspended for 3 years, a fine of \$500.00 and cost, ordered not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws for 12

months, and not to be found at any time during 3 year period within 500 feet of any illicit distilling;

Thomas Felton was taxed with cost on an assault charge;

William Edward Clifton, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating beverage, was given a 90-day sentence for 2 years, a fine of \$100.00 and cost. The defendant was ordered not to operate a motor vehicle until licensed to do so, and not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws for 12 months. An appeal was noted;

Roosevelt Lane was found guilty of driving under the influence of intoxicating beverage and received a 90-day sentence suspended for 2 years, a fine of \$100.00 and cost, and ordered not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws for 12 months. An appeal was noted;

Louis Lane was found guilty of being a public drunk (3rd offense) and given a 30-day sentence. An appeal was noted;

Laura Roberson, charged with assault, received a 30-day sentence suspended for 2 years, a fine of \$25.00 and

cost. The defendant was told not to assault the prosecuting witness in any way for 2 years, and not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws for 12 months; Probable cause was found at the preliminary hearing of Jerry Louis Jones and the case was placed on the docket for trial;

Virgie Harold Copeland, charged with speeding, received a fine of \$20.00 and cost;

William Henry Desmond was taxed with a fine of \$10.00 and cost on a speeding charge;

Mary Elizabeth Broom was found guilty of speeding and was given a 30-day sentence for 2 years, a fine of \$75.00 and cost, and ordered not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws for 12 months;

Joseph Cornelius Boone received a fine of \$75.00 and cost, a 30-day sentence suspended for 2 years, ordered not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws for 12 months, when found guilty of speeding.

## Civic Calendar

THURSDAY: September 23  
Perquimans County Jaycees will meet.

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Bethel Ruritan Club will meet.

SATURDAY: September 25.  
The Elizabeth City Shrine Club will have a dance for Shriners and Guest from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Elizabeth City Shine Club. Music will be by Vince Chory and the Squires. Admission is \$5 a couple.

MONDAY: September 27  
Perquimans County Rescue Squad will meet.

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Inter-County Ladies Aux. will meet.

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The Perquimans County Historical Society will meet at the library at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY: September 28  
Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106 will meet at 8 p.m. at the Lodge Hall.

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Hertford Rotary Club will meet.

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Belvidere Homemakers will meet.

UP COMING EVENTS:  
Elizabeth City Shrine Club will have a fish fry for the Crippled Childrens Hospital October 2, 1976 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Water Front Park in Elizabeth City, on Water St. The tickets are \$2 each. You may purchase tickets from John W. Harrison, Jr., President or any of the Shrine members.



READING WEEK IS HERE — Part of the activities of Reading Week are free reading movies being shown from 10-12 and 2-5 p.m. on the courthouse lawn. Here, Mrs. Paige Underwood (left) and Mrs. M.B. Taylor of the Home Extension Office invite those interested in a free showing. Other activities include a book

giveaway at the Perquimans County library, a street banner, and reading performances given daily by school students on the courthouse lawn from 1-2 p.m. A special section on reading in Perquimans County Schools can be found on page 7 of this edition. (Newbern photo)

**WOMAN OF THE WEEK** — Kathy M. Newbern, news editor of The Perquimans Weekly, was recently nominated and selected Professional Woman of the Week, an honor which spotlights professional women in the Albemarle as a regular feature of WGAI radio in Elizabeth City. Ms. Newbern

was chosen for the week of Sept. 14-21. In the announcement heard on WGAI throughout the week, Ms. Newbern was described as performing her journalistic duties with "determination and charm." She was nominated for the honor by Francine Sawyer, a former co-worker and personal friend.