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OBSERVE READING DEMONSTRATION — Pictured above is Friday's reading demonstration by Hertford Grammar School students in celebration of Reading Week. The picture shows parent volunteers reading a story while students illustrate it before the crowd. Members of the

Regional Education Center in Williamston, N.C. were on hand to view the demonstration following a luncheon in their honor held at the County Office Building. Other pictures of Reading Week are featured below. (Photo courtesy of Kathi Starling, The Daily Advance).

Grant Approved For Newbold-White House

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Walter B. Jones recently announced the approval by the National Park Service of a grant of \$12,500 for the restoration and preservation of the Newbold-White house in Perquimans County. The State of North Carolina will also contribute a matching portion of \$12,500 and the Per-

quimans County Restoration Association, Inc., will contribute \$3,000.

The funds will be used to restore this pre-Georgian structure, which is perhaps the earliest extant building existing in North Carolina, to its earliest configuration.

Data On Benefits Announced

Social Security benefits were being paid to 1,753 residents of Perquimans County at a rate of \$247,493 a month at the start of 1976.

Monthly Social Security benefits are payable to workers and their dependents when the worker retires, becomes severely disabled, or dies. Some 878 retired workers and 116 disabled workers received monthly Social Security benefits at the beginning of 1976. In addition, 241 wives or husbands of the worker, 260 children and 258 widows, widowers or parents received monthly Social Security benefits.

In Perquimans County 614 beneficiaries were under age 65; 1,139 beneficiaries were age 65 and over. Of the total number of adult beneficiaries, 649 were men and 844 were women.

Today, Social Security is the nation's best method of providing a continuing income when family earnings are reduced or stop because of retirement, disability, or death.

Nine out of ten workers in the United States are earning protection under Social Security. Nearly one of every seven persons in this country receives monthly Social Security checks.

About 22 million people 65 and over, nearly all of the nation's aged population, have health insurance under Medicare. Another 2.1 million disabled people under 65 also have Medicare. Nearly every family, then, has a stake in Social Security.

The Elizabeth City Social Security office is located at 111 Jordan Plaza, telephone 338-2161. The office is open from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

EIC Council Offers Home Winterization

Area residents who meet federal income guidelines may have their homes winterized through the Emergency Energy Conservation Program offered by the Economic Improvement Council, Inc.

The purpose of the Emergency Energy Conservation Program is two-fold: to weatherize and insulate low-income housing units, thereby effecting an energy cost savings to the occupants and to conserve energy through such programs on a nationwide basis.

Fentress T. Morris, CAP Executive Director explained that that major assumption underlying the program is that the energy crisis has severely limited the ability of those with low-incomes to maintain minimum living conditions and in some cases, to survive.

In addition to the long range goals of conserving energy and lessening the impact of increased fuel cost

for the poor, the program also deals with emergency cases. These include intervention to restore utility service or prevent an interruption, and any other related activities to alleviate hardships and prevent danger to health.

Gilbert Johnson, Energy Program Coordinator, noted that the program utilizes Title X employees and Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) participants who are trained in home winterization techniques. These include installing insulation, repair of damaged window frames, replacement of broken windows, caulking and weatherstripping. Participating families are trained in home maintenance and energy conservation.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the county resource center. The number to call in Perquimans County is 426-7868. The number of the administrative office is 482-4458.

Civic Calendar

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Elizabeth City Shrine Club will hold their annual fish fry from 11 a.m. til 7 p.m. at the Waterfront Park beside R. C. Abbotts on Water Street. Price will be \$2 and proceeds will go to the Shriners Cripple Children's Hospitals.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Holiday Island Civic League will meet at 11 a.m. at the Club House.

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An Open House will be held at the Perquimans County Library on Academy St. in Hertford from 2-5 p.m. with the public invited to attend.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

Hertford Town Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Hertford. Perquimans County Commissioners meet at 10 a.m. at the Courthouse in Hertford.

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Winfall Town Council meets.

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Perquimans County Board of Education meets at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Hertford Rotary Club meets.

Parkville Ruritan Club meets.

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Whiteston Homemakers Club meets.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Perquimans County Jaycettes meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Albemarle EMC Building.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

American Legion meets.

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American Legion Aux. meets at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. L.D. Myers (109 W. Academy St.) All members are asked to be present.

Hertford Lions Club meets.

UP COMING EVENTS

Cedar Grove United Methodist Women will have a rummage and bake sale on Saturday Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Winfall Community Building.

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Winfall Volunteer Fire Department will have a BBGun Turkey Shoot on Saturday Oct. 9 from 3 p.m. until at the Winfall Fire Station.

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The Perquimans County Jaycettes will sponsor a Breast Cancer Awareness Program to be held Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hertford Grammar School. Dr. Joanne Pine, gynecologist, from Elizabeth City, will be the guest speaker. The public is invited to attend. There will be no charge.

Staff Members From Regional Education Center Honored Here

Members of the Perquimans County Board of Education and other school personnel honored the Northeast Regional Education Center Friday afternoon with a luncheon and a performance by school children.

Bill Britt, Director of the Regional Education Center

which is located in Williamston, N.C., and members of his staff were in Hertford to talk with local school people and attend the luncheon in their honor. The luncheon was held at the Perquimans County Office Building. Superintendent Pat Harrell welcomed the staff members from the Regional Center and thanked them for their con-

tinuous efforts in education. Britt responded by saying, "The only reason we have for existing is to help children and to help school boards help children." Other special guests at the Friday luncheon included Bill Cox, Mayor of Hertford; Wayne Ashley, president of the Chamber of Commerce; C.C. Walters, retired school superintendent; and

Thelma Elliott, retiring school board member.

Following the luncheon, the group viewed the presentation by Hertford Grammar School students held on the courthouse lawn in celebration of Reading Week. The presentation included choral reading, poem recitations, and story illustrations.

Voting Deadlines Announced

Three dates — October 4, October 27 and November 1 — are now important for those who wish to vote in the November 2 general election.

The deadline to register is 5 p.m. on Oct. 4. Also, people must transfer to the correct precinct before this deadline. A person must be a resident of the state or precinct 30 days prior to the date of the election and must be 18 years of age.

Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. is the deadline for making application for absentee ballots. They must be returned to the Perquimans County Board of Elections by 6 p.m. on Nov. 1.

The elections office is located at 104 Dobbs Street in the Agriculture Building. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Anyone having any questions concerning these three deadlines or the November 2 general election is urged to contact the Board of Elections immediately by phoning 426-5545.

On The Fire Line

By CHIEF C.T. SKINNER JR.

October 3-9, 1976 is Fire Prevention Week throughout the United States. Every week throughout the year is Fire Prevention Week in Perquimans County. Families should plan ahead on how to get out of their home if a fire occurs. "EDITH" (Exit Drills In The Home) should be used by all in case of emergency evacuation from a building. "EDITH" is simple to do:

1. Draw a simple floor plan of your home.
 2. Draw and discuss with family members at least two ways of exiting from a home.
 3. Plan and carry out an exit drill for the family by crawling low on the floor.
 4. Equip each family member with a flashlight near the bed.
 5. Close doors as you leave the building.
 6. Pre-plan a place in the yard for the family members to meet. Get out and stay out.
 7. Know the fire department phone number to call for help.
- And finally, drill at least once a month like the public schools are required to do.

DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Bonnie White, chairperson for the Perquimans County fund raising drive for Cystic Fibrosis has announced that donations are still being taken to help this cause. Anyone who has not been contacted and would like to make a contribution to CF can contact Ms. White. Checks should be made payable to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and can be taken to Ms. White at her home in Hertford or at Hertford Hardware and Supply Company, her employ.



A WEEK OF READING — The week of Sept. 19 through 25 was celebrated in Perquimans County as A Week of Reading. Many activities highlighted the week. Shown in

the pictures above are the street banner proclaiming the special week, high school students participating in the public readings on the courthouse lawn, and a bulletin

board at Hertford Grammar School in honor of the week. Other activities included a free book giveaway at the local library, free reading movies, and free reading periods daily

in all of the schools. These local activities were coordinated by the Perquimans County Citizens United for the Improvement of Reading in '76 headed by chairman Frances Monds.