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## Farm-City Week Chairman Named

R.L. Stevenson has been named Perquimans County Farm-City Week chairman for the 1976 observance of Farm-City Week. The appointment was announced by C.A. Phillips of Edenton, state Farm-City Week Chairman.

Serving with Stevenson as co-chairman for the county committee is Richard Bryant, County Extension Chairman. Farm-City Week will be observed across the nation on Nov. 19-25, ending on Thanksgiving Day. The purpose of the event is to help create a better understanding between rural and urban people. The theme for 1976 is "A Declaration of Interdependence."

In appointing county Farm-City Week chairmen, Phillips stated that North Carolina is fortunate to have a fine relationship between urban and rural citizens. "Farm-City Week can help to maintain and strengthen this relationship," he said.

Mrs. Ruth Cherry of Rocky Mount is serving with Phillips as state vice-chairman.

This will be the 22nd annual observance of Farm-City Week. Last year's observance, according to final reports received at national headquarters, involved the active participation of more than 15,000 communities in the U.S. and Canada.

Farm-City Week is under the direction of a National Farm-City Council, Inc. headed by Don Fricker, Manager of Public Relations, J.I. Case Company, Racine, Wisconsin. Kiwanis International will serve as coordinating agency for Farm-City Week and act as headquarters for the National Farm-City Council for the nineteenth consecutive year.

The National Farm-City Council is composed of representatives from more than 150 major farm organizations, industries, businesses, associations, governmental agencies, educational institutions, and church groups. A Presidential proclamation and a joint Congressional resolution have called for Farm-City Week observances each year since the inception of the event. Farm-City Week has won the Freedoms Foundation's Distinguished Service Award, which carries the same distinction in the community service field as does the famed "Oscar" in the motion picture industry and the "Emmy" in the television field, and the Silver Anvil Award from the Public Relations Society of America for being an outstanding community relations program.



SWINDELL LOWERY

## Chamber Banquet Speaker Selected

Swindell Lowery has been selected as the guest speaker for the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet to be held Monday, Nov. 22 at Angler's Cove Seafood Restaurant. The social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the annual banquet are still available from the Chamber office at \$6.50 each.

Lowery, a resident of Pasquotank County, is very active in church, community and agricultural work. He served for 21 years as Agricultural Agent in Pasquotank County and taught Vocational Agriculture for 12 years. On the North Carolina Association of County Agricultural Agents, he has served as president, first vice president, second vice president and as a member of the Board of Directors for five years. In the National Association, he has served as Director of the Southern Region, Vice Director of the Southern Region,

and on the Board of Directors. He received the National Association's Distinguished Service Award in 1957 and has served on various national committees.

Born and reared on a North Carolina farm, Lowery received a B.S. Degree in Agriculture Education from N.C. State University and has done graduate study at the same institution.

Lowery is an active member of Ruritan and Kiwanis. He has served as President of Ruritan National, President of the local Kiwanis Club, and Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis International.

He has also worked with several local groups and causes and serves on several Pasquotank Boards. He has been Director, Vice-President and President of the Boy's Club and has served as a Boy Scout Counselor.

## Civic Calendar

- THURSDAY, NOV. 18**  
Hertford BPW Club will meet. +++  
Hertford Fire Department will meet. +++  
Hertford Lions Club will meet. +++  
Helen Gaither Home Extension Club will meet at 8 p.m. FRIDAY, NOV. 19
- The Perquimans County Jaycees will sponsor a Story Time at the Perquimans County Library on Academy Street in Hertford from 4 to 4:45 p.m. Children are invited to participate in the reading time. +++
- There will be a dance at Overton's Place in New Hope beginning at 8 p.m. featuring "Mitch" of Kinston, N.C. There will also be a turkey raffle held at the dance. For more information, call Ms. Gwen Whedbee at 264-2402 in Woodville.
- SATURDAY, NOV. 20**  
The Perquimans County Jaycees will have a Turkey Shoot starting at 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Perquimans High Ball Park. They will also have a concession stand. The public is invited.
- SUNDAY, NOV. 21**  
Snug Harbor Civic League will meet at 1 p.m. at the Club House.
- MONDAY, NOV. 22**  
Perquimans County Rescue Squad will meet.
- TUESDAY, NOV. 23**  
Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106 A.F. & A.M. will meet at 8 p.m. at the Lodge Hall in Hertford. +++  
Hertford Rotary Club will meet. +++  
Belvidere Homemakers Club will meet. +++  
Durants Neck Ruritan Club will meet. +++
- Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Perquimans County Jaycees will meet Wed., Nov. 24 at the EMC Building at 8 p.m. rather than on Thursday night.
- THURSDAY, NOV. 25**  
Bethel Ruritan Club will meet.
- UP-COMING EVENTS**  
Beginning with the first Saturday in December and every Saturday thereafter, members of the Belvidere-Chappell Hill Fire Department will sponsor a Turkey Shoot from 4 p.m. until at the fire station. +++
- Members of the Hertford Lions Club are continuing to sell firewood, light bulbs, and baseballs autographed by Jimmy "Catfish" Hunter. Anyone interested in purchasing any of these items can contact Lion members Claude Brinn or Charles Woodard.

## Commissioners Approve Letter To Inter-County System Users

At their Monday night meeting, members of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to send a letter to members of the Inter-County Water Association in an attempt to clear up some misconceptions about the proposed water system for Perquimans County and how it will affect members of the Inter-County system.

In the letter, it was stated, "Perquimans County will soon be getting a loan and grant to let contracts to install a county-wide water system." The letter continued, saying members of the Inter-County system still have the opportunity to become a part of the county-wide system if they desire. The letter also referred to voting which will be held on this matter Saturday, Nov. 20. At that time members of the Inter-County system will go to the polls at their Association Office from 3-7 p.m. to determine if they will or will not become a part of the county-wide system.

In their letter, the Commissioners also referred to a fact sheet drawn up by the Inter-County Water Association's Board of Directors dated Nov. 10. In the fact sheet, it was stated that members of the Inter-County system will be giving their system to the county if they vote to join the county-wide system. According to the letter approved by the Commissioners, this is not true. The letter states, "The county offers to purchase your system at a price that will pay off all your debts. The loan you have is a 100 percent loan to pay for the whole system and for equipment plus pay the first year's payment. The pay-off is approximately \$250,000."

The letter to members of the Inter-County Water Association continues, "Plans are to update your system with larger lines in some areas where there are two inch, three inch and four inch lines and to add five more hydrants to the Inter-County System. These lines will be fed from the county system with pressure from both directors. If you do not become a part of the county system, there are no plans for the county to inter-connect with your system unless you pay the cost of updating your smaller lines and connecting to the county. According to the engineer, this will cost about \$50,000. If you become a part of the county system, the county will pay this cost."

The letter also explained some of the advantages to Inter-County system users in joining the county-wide system. For example, if the Inter-County system sells to the county, the Inter-County tank can be filled from the county system wells in case of a well-pump breakdown problem. The letter also made reference to one of the Inter-County wells in which salt content has been gradually increasing. This problem may result in the need for a new well and the additional cost will come from the present users of the Inter-County system. However, if served by the county system, the service needed for this well can come from the

county system wells at no additional cost to the users. Another advantage stated in the letter was that a larger Perquimans County system could operate more economical than a smaller system by buying salt, chemicals and other supplies in volume. Also, according to the letter, a smaller system would have more difficulty complying with new regulations by the Environmental Protection Agency effective June, 1977.

The letter concludes, "During the sign up period for our county system we will open the Inter-County sign up at the regular \$25 fee. Anyone wishing to connect to the system can do so for only \$25 during the next six months. Also, if the sale to the county is approved, the new water rates will go into effect as soon as the transfer is made."

The following are the proposed water rates:

**PRESENT INTER-COUNTY RATES**

First 2,000 gallons — \$7.25  
Next 3,000 gallons — \$1.30-1,000 gal.  
Next 5,000 gallons — \$1.30-1,000 gal.  
Next 5,000 gallons — \$1.30-1,000 gal.  
Over 15,000 gallons — \$2.25-1,000 gal.

**PROPOSED COUNTY RATES**

First 2,000 gallons — \$7.00  
Next 3,000 gallons — \$1.30-1,000 gal.  
Next 5,000 gallons — \$1.00-1,000 gal.  
Next 5,000 gallons — \$ .75-1,000 gal.  
Over 15,000 gallons — \$ .75-1,000 gal.

## Soil Survey Discussed

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners held their regularly scheduled meeting Monday night at 7:30 p.m.

The main order of business was brief discussion on the Soil Survey sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service, being conducted jointly with Perquimans and Chowan Counties. In July, the Commissioners voted to enter in the survey with the neighboring county. Phillip Tant has been assigned to do the work and began his duties on Oct. 10. Tant was present to talk with Commissioners

concerning any priorities they had for soil testing. Two suggestions were heard, one concerning the industrial development site and the other was in the Holiday Island area. It was also suggested that some recently developed areas in New Hope be considered as a priority for testing. Tant, accompanied by Albert Moore and Floyd Matthews, told the Commissioners he has planned to equally divide his time between the two counties and has set a goal of testing a total of 36,000 acres with 18,000 being in each county. Tant said, "I'm glad for the support you've shown in the survey and I think it will be well worth the money you've put into it."

Matthews also discussed the drainage problem in the county and cited Washington County as an example of an entire county used as a water district. He pointed out that this item was brought to the Commissioners only for consideration and asked that they contact him at a later date if they feel more information is needed.

In other business, the Board voted to send a letter to the members of the Inter-County Water Association concerning that proposal of that system becoming a part of the county-wide system.

## Sales Are Up

Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in Perquimans County during the third quarter of 1976 were \$8,667. January-September sales amounted to \$65,263. This represents 60.7 percent of their goal of \$107,600 according to R. L. Stevenson, County Volunteer Chairman.

Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in North Carolina totaled \$24,937,724 in the third quarter of 1976, the highest third quarter sales recorded since 1945 — and six percent more than a year ago. This brings sales for the year to date to \$76,778,458, which is 5.4 above a year ago and represents 71.4 percent of the state's 1976 dollar goal of \$107,600.

Nationally, total cash sales of E and H Bonds for the first nine months of 1976 amounted to \$5.7 billion. Of this total a record of \$1.8 billion were sold in the third quarter, 5.8 percent above the same quarter in 1975. The total amount of U.S. Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares now held by the American people tops \$71 billion.

Francine I. Neff, National Director of the U.S. Savings Bonds Division, called this "a tribute to the American people, and their 1976 Bicentennial, buy-bonds spirit."

## Student Misbehavior On Buses Results In Policy

Student discipline on buses in the Perquimans County School System has become a problem according to school administrators, a problem which according to Superintendent Pat Harrell is being dealt with.

Harrell said no major incidences of misbehavior have resulted, but action is being taken to prevent the minor problems from becoming larger ones.

Harrell said the action is "a cooperative effort between the schools and the homes to insure a safe and efficient means of transportation to and from school and this is a shared responsibility by both the schools and the homes."

Harrell added, "We are concerned with some student misbehavior on buses and are asking parents' support and cooperation in helping us eliminate behavioral

problems." According to Harrell, the new policy will be to have bus drivers report student misbehavior directly to the principal of the school the child attends. The first time an incident of misbehavior is reported, if it is not major, a letter will be sent to the parents of the student involved stating what the incident was and asking support in an attempt to remedy the situation. For a second offense, the student will be suspended from riding the bus for five days and the student will be responsible for arranging his or her own transportation. If a third offense occurs, the student will be taken off the bus for the remainder of the year. In each case, the parent will be notified of the problem and will be asked to work with the principal in a cooperative effort.

Harrell pointed out that riding a bus is a privilege

for students, it is not a definite right. A student can be removed from a bus for any reasonable request for any length of time. Harrell added that he felt the policy was a fair one and hopes that school authorities and parents can work together to deal with the problem.

Any questions concerning bus routing should be directed to William Byrun, principal at Perquimans High School. All other questions concerning the policy should be directed to the principal of the school where the student attends. Parents who request more information can also contact the principal of the school their child attends.

Letters concerning the discipline problem on the buses and discussing the new policy have been sent from the schools to each of the homes where a student attends public school in Perquimans County.



**BARN DESTROYED** — Last Thursday, three Perquimans County fire departments answered a fire call in Chowan County, just past the Chowan-Perquimans line. The fire was a barn structure belonging to Purvis Chappell,

located just past Belvidere. The fire was caused when burning grass became uncontrollable. Departments answering the call were Hertford, Winfall and Belvidere-Chappell Hill. (Newbern photo)

## Helms Speaks In Greenville

State Senator Jesse Helms was guest speaker at the 21st Annual Area V meeting of the N.C. Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts held in Greenville, Tuesday night.

Senator Helms joined with state conservation leaders in lauding the important work being done in the area by the supervisors. Helms also spoke on the billions of dollars being wasted on "unnecessary government programs." He was well received by the group, and honored with a standing ovation.

Congressman Walter B. Jones was also present and spoke briefly on the importance of agriculture in our world today and complimented the supervisors on the contribution they were making in their respective districts.

Larry Larabee from Pasquotank County was recognized as "Conservation Farm Family of the Year" during the meeting. Larabee, who was chosen to

represent the five-county Albemarle Conservation District, went on to win the area award based on his well organized farm in Pasquotank.

Larabee and his wife, Mary Ruth accepted the plaque from Al Etheridge, Chairman of the Albemarle District. Etheridge complimented Larabee on his "concern and dedication to agriculture and conservation practices." Larabee will go on to compete in state competition for the farm family award.

Officers were elected for the next year: Robert G. Little from Pitt District was elected chairman for the Northeastern Area; Fernie Laughinghaus, Beaufort County, vice-chairman and Surry Wood from Dare County as Secretary and Treasurer.

Perquimans County was represented by the three supervisors, Floyd Matthews, Carroll Williams, and Elmer Lassiter and several invited guests.

## Follow-Up Session On ECRI Project Held

The Exemplary Center for Reading Instruction (ECRI) Project is one of the reading programs being implemented in Perquimans County Schools to prevent reading failure. It has incorporated its findings into a program that combines both training and packaged training kits. It has been validated in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Teachers from Perquimans Union School and Hertford Grammar School met recently for a follow-up session of the program at Hertford Grammar School. The consultant for the session was Ms. Linda Peterson from Salt Lake City.

Perquimans County has

eleven teachers implementing the program. The teachers have attended workshops in Rock Hill, S.C. and in Elizabeth City, N.C.

The teachers had an all day follow-up session on technical assistance with the consultant. Ideas were exchanged, charts were presented and discussed, and many questions were answered. Teachers in the program include: Mrs. Thelma Skinner, Mrs. Clara DuBois, Mrs. Sarah Meads, Mrs. Maggie Williams, Mrs. Emma Lawrence, Mrs. Lola Mitchell, Mrs. Katrena Reid, Mrs. Miriam Hogard, Mrs. Ruth Winslow, Mrs. Mary Brinn, and Mrs. Sandra Simpson.

## To Publish Nov. 24

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the Perquimans Weekly will be published on Wednesday, Nov. 24 instead of coming out on the regular Thursday schedule. Due to this change, the deadline must also be moved up one day. The deadline will be Monday at 11 a.m. All advertisements and news articles must be received before that time in order to appear in the Nov. 24 edition. Anyone having any questions can contact the office by phoning 425-5728.

The Perquimans Weekly office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26 in order for staff members to celebrate the holiday.