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FIREMAN OF THE YEAR — Hertford Mayor Bill Cox (left) presents the Fireman of the Year Award to Loyd E.

"Pete" Riddick. Riddick serves as assistant chief to the Hertford Fire Department.



NEW OFFICERS — Charlie Skinner Jr., HFD Chief (far left) installs the 1977 department officers. They are left to right: Loyd E. "Pete" Riddick, Percy

Newbern, Thomas Hurdle, Emmett Landing and Keith Haskett, (Newbern photos)

Pete Riddick Selected Fireman Of The Year

Loyd E. "Pete" Riddick was named "Fireman of the Year" for the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department at the combined Ladies Night and Fireman of the Year Award banquet held Dec. 16.

Riddick, who serves as assistant chief of the fire department, was awarded the honor following voting by fire department members and was presented an engraved plaque by Bill Cox, Mayor of Hertford. He will be the local department's nominee for the Albemarle Fireman of the Year Award presented annually by the Albemarle Firemen's Association.

Members of the Town Council were special guests at the banquet including Mayor and Mrs. Bill Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. John Beers, and Ms. Pete Broughton.

Edgar Roberson and Donald Hurdle, members who have joined the department since last year, were also recognized.

In brief remarks by Hertford Fire Department Chief Charlie Skinner Jr., the department was described as "close-knit." Chief Skinner also said that the department was unique in the fact that officers, other than the chief, are elected by department members. These officers have specific duties in the department's different training programs, Skinner pointed out. Skinner also praised the efforts and performance of department members saying, "I'd put these men up against any department anywhere — volunteer or not."

The following officers for 1977 were installed at the banquet: Loyd E. Riddick, assistant chief; Thomas Hurdle, captain, company one; Percy Newbern, captain, company two; Emmett Landing, lieutenant, company two; and Keith Haskett, secretary-treasurer.

The banquet was held at the Hertford First United Methodist Church in Hertford.

Water System & PCHS Proposed Plan Discussed at Commissioners Meeting

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

The Perquimans County water system and the proposed renovation and construction at Perquimans High School were the main items of business discussed at the Monday night meeting of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners.

Tom Harwell of Rivers and Associates in Greenville and Melvin Howell with Farmer's Home Administration were present at the meeting to discuss progress on the county water system. The following funds are available for the system: FHA Loan — \$1,870,000; FHA Grant — \$1,500,000; State Clean Water Bond — \$130,000; and a State Supplemental Grant — \$200,000. A breakdown of the project analysis was presented as follows: Contract I — Deep Wells — \$41,760.00; Contract II — Water System — \$2,822,691.42; and Contract III — Elevated Tanks — \$240,300.00 giving a rounded total of \$3,104,800. The Commissioners were informed that the total project cost is

estimated at \$3,700,000 with the difference being a administrative cost.

In other business, all members of the Perquimans County Board of Education and Superintendent Pat Harrell were present to discuss with the Commissioners proposed plans for renovation and construction at Perquimans High School. The original proposed building plan for the school was presented to the County Commissioners almost ten months ago at an estimated cost of \$3 million. At the Monday night meeting, the Board of Education discussed working on a first phase of the plan at present rather than the total original plan. Board of Education Chairman Clifford Winslow told the Commissioners that he felt both Boards should work together in carrying out the proposed plan. The Board of Education then presented a proposal for a \$1.5 million local bond referendum. If this was approved by the people, the \$1.5 million would be added to the one-half million dollars available to the local

schools as a result of the 1973 State School Bond Referendum for a total of \$2 million. That amount, according to the Board of Education, would complete the major portion of a first phase of the project which would include renovation and construction from and including the King Street building up to the present gymnasium located on the original campus. This amount would not include any work on the two-story Perquimans High building. On behalf of the Board of Education, Chairman Winslow asked for endorsement from the County Commissioners to support a local \$1.5 million bond referendum. It was pointed out by the Commissioners that if the Board of Education requested the bond referendum, the Commissioners are obligated to call for it. The Commissioners also informed the Board of Education that \$318,000 is available for school construction in a school fund set aside by the Board of Commissioners. Following one hour and twenty minutes of discussion, no vote was

taken, but discussion showed a majority of the County Commissioners were not in favor of endorsing the proposed bond referendum. Board of Education members re-emphasized a desire for endorsement, but no action was taken.

In other school-related discussion, the Commissioners unanimously voted to support the Board of Education in acquiring land adjacent to Perquimans High School and offered support for condemnation procedures for the land involved if necessary.

The Commissioners also heard comments from a concerned property owner regarding his property taxes. He explained that the tax has almost doubled in one year and the Commissioners explained recent reevaluation of property could cause this. No action was taken.

Annie Lou Chappell, Region R Coordinator for the N.C. Council on the Status of Women, also appeared before the Commissioners requesting \$78.21 to

publish 100 copies of a booklet of available services compiled by the local council. This request was unanimously approved.

Dr. Robert Hodgson requested \$24,000 to purchase a "sophisticated diagnostic piece of machinery" for coronary heart disease. The machine includes two components, a defibrillator, and an audio-visual tape for client education. Dr. Hodgson described the machinery as computerized and modern. The Commissioners approved the purchase with the amount being paid back through lease agreement.

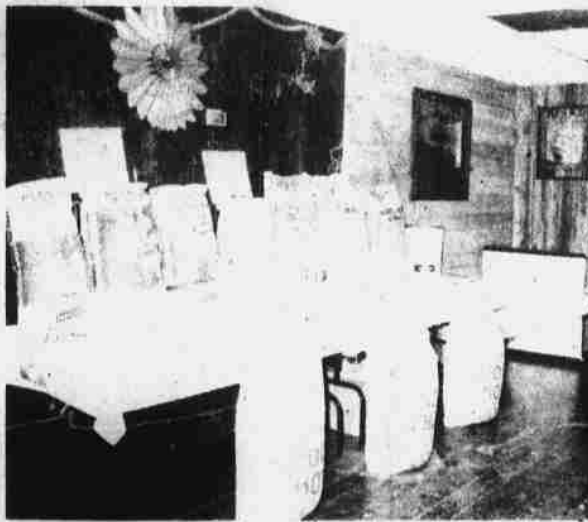
The Commissioners also approved the purchase of a Resuscitator Annie dummy for the Perquimans County Rescue Squad with the amount being paid through the Rescue Squad budget.

The Commissioners then voted to amend the revenue sharing budget in the amount of \$52,000 for capital outlay (school building fund) from the federal revenue sharing payment 19 due in April, 1977.

Holiday Schedule

All county offices, except Clerk of Court, will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 27 in observance of the Christmas

Holiday. The closing day for New Year's will be Dec. 31 for all offices.



ITEMS ON DISPLAY — Pictured above is one of the displays at the Dec. 15 meeting at Angler's Cove attended by hog growers of Perquimans County. Hosted by Albemarle Chemical Company, the meeting drew a crowd of approximately 85 growers and representatives. Carroll Davis with Purina Co. gave the program on hog growing, pig feeds, and medication. (Ward photo)

Special Program

A special program of "Snow White" will be presented at the Perquimans County Library on Wednesday, Dec. 29 beginning at 4 p.m. The program is open to children ages 4-8 with no charge. The performance is being staged by members of the Shepard-Pruden Library staff in Edenton. Both the Shepard-Pruden and Perquimans County Libraries are members of the Pettigrew Regional Library system.

The Perquimans County Library will be closed Dec. 23, 24, and 25 in observance of the Christmas holiday. The library will resume regular hours on Monday, Dec. 27. Closing days for New Year's will include Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Claims Are Rescheduled

The local Employment Security Commission under the direction of Mrs. Alice W. Bond, manager, will join other state offices in closing Dec. 23 and 24 to observe the Christmas holiday.

According to Mrs. Bond, the next assigned day for serving Hertford will be Jan. 13, 1977.

"We'll also close on Dec. 31 and persons scheduled to file on that day can sign claims between Dec. 27 and Dec. 30," she added.

She said the Employment Security Commission will maintain a workforce in its central office in Raleigh Dec. 23 to process unemployment claims so benefits can be mailed Dec. 24.

In Hertford approximately 38 claims will be rescheduled.

Statewide, the number of claimants normally scheduled to file on the three holidays is estimated at 20,000.

IN THIS WEEK'S ISSUE
Pages 7 through 16 in this week's issue include special greetings from merchants and holiday recipes, pictures, stories. Don't miss one word of this special Christmas issue.

ENTERTAINMENT — (Left to right) Carroll Williams, a District Supervisor, David Brewin, Margaret Brewin and Harriett Woodard provide entertainment at the Albemarle Soil Conservation District Ladies Night Dinner.



IN ATTENDANCE — About 60 people attended the Albemarle Soil Conservation District Ladies Night Dinner. The dinner was served by the Lions Club at the Lions Den in Hertford (SCS Photos)

Ladies Night Dinner

The Ninth Annual Ladies night of the Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District was held in Perquimans County at the Lion's Club building on Tuesday, Dec. 2. About 60 people attended the meeting. The Lion's Club prepared the dinner for the group.

Lloyd Bunch, Chairman of the District, presided

over the meeting. Mayor Bill Cox welcomed the group to Hertford and commended them for the fine work they are doing for conservation in the Albemarle Region.

Larry Larabee and his wife Mary Ruth, were presented a certificate as the Conservation Farm Family of the Albemarle District.

Charles Cayton of Currituck and J.C. Rountree of Camden, who are retiring from the District Board were presented plaques noting their services to the District.

Bunch gave a report on the Woodland Clinic and Soil Judging Contest which are sponsored by the District. He stated that

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CAMERA FOR JOURNALISM CLASS — Members of the Perquimans High School Journalism class, publishers of "Proximity," recently received an unexpected Christmas present in the form of a new Polaroid camera with case. The camera was a gift from The Perquimans Weekly to the staff for their

continuing contributions to the newspaper and specifically for sports articles contributed by Tony Jordan, editor of the high school newspaper. Pictured above, Weekly General Manager Ray Ward (right) makes the presentation to Jordan as Kay Knox, PCHS newspaper advisor, looks on. (Newbern photo)



DONATION TO RESCUE SQUAD — Pictured above, Julian Winslow (right) with Winslow Oil Company presents a check representing a \$500 donation to Emmett Elmore, captain of the Perquimans County Rescue Squad. The donation will be applied to the purchase of a Resuscitator Annie for the rescue squad and is made by Winslow Oil Company on behalf of customers in lieu of sending customers Christmas favors.