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SHORT COURSE PARTICIPANT — Local farmer Jim Robertson (second from right) left Monday to participate in the Short Course in Modern Farming to be held in Raleigh through Feb. 11. Sponsoring his participation in the Short Course are the two local banks, Peoples Bank & Trust Co. and the Bank of North Carolina, N.A. Pictured above are (l. to r.) Wayne Ashley with Bank of N.C., County Extension Chairman Richard Bryant, Robertson, and R.L. Stevenson with Peoples Bank. (Newbern photo)

Fuel Shortage Termed Critical

According to the oil dealers of Perquimans County, there is definitely a shortage of fuel oil and kerosene in the county and Town of Hertford.

At various times in the past weeks, the dealers have been entirely out of fuel for several days. Representatives of Hollowell, Reed and Winslow Oil Companies explained that due to the shortage, they will at times only be able to deliver small quantities of fuel oil and kerosene to households in the county. Deliveries will probably be limited to 25-50 gallons per customer in order to try to service all customers.

As an example of the problem situation that exists, Winslow Oil Company only received 46 percent of its January allocation and all three companies said they expect the February allo-

cations to be even less than that percentage. Allocations are determined by the large oil companies based on the same time period for one year ago. Therefore the January 1977 allocation was set at 110 percent more than the January 1976 allocation. However local oil dealers point out that these allocations which were based on last year's usage represent a milder winter.

All oil dealers emphasized that this is not a fabricated shortage. The larger oil companies simply do not have the fuel oil and kerosene to deliver to the oil dealers. Then they in turn do not have the amounts necessary to service customers in the amounts used in the past. No customer will be able to have his tank entirely filled. But the local companies pointed out that they are try-

ing to stretch out the precious fuel in order to service all families to some degree.

During the unprecedented winter weather, residents have heard accounts both nationwide and statewide of fuel shortages. According to the oil dealers, the same

thing is now happening locally. There is a shortage, a shortage that is described as "critical."

Town and county officials join the oil dealers in encouraging citizens to conserve fuel as much as possible. They suggest turning thermostats back.

suggest heating only those rooms necessary rather than an entire house. If wood heat is available, it should also be used in order to conserve fuel.

Forests In Trouble

According to Perquimans County Forest Ranger, Lewis Stallings, "Our forest land is in serious trouble at this moment, not from fire, insects, or disease; but from the neglect of improper management. The amount of cut over forest land is far exceeding the amount that is being replenished."

Stallings added that reforestation of woodland is a long-term and expensive business. The forestry incentive program will assist up to 60 percent or \$10,000 on the total cost of reforestation, timber stand improvement, or other approved practices. To qualify, a forest management plan must be prepared on woodland by a consulting forester or by the North Carolina Forestry Service.

For more information, contact Perquimans County Forest Ranger Lewis Stallings.

Credit Management To Be Discussed

On Thursday night, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m., Dr. Duane Neuman, Extension Economist from N.C. State University, will discuss credit management. This workshop will be held at the Perquimans County Office Building in Hertford.

Topics to be discussed will be useful in determining the best credit terms for in-

dividual situations, the affordability of purchasing land or equipment and financial arrangements to take advantage of cash discounts.

Because of the large amount of capital required for farming today, Dr. Neuman stressed the importance of determining correct financial decisions.

Harrington Appointed

GREENVILLE — state Sen. J.J. (Monk) Harrington has accepted chairmanship of the East Carolina University stadium expansion campaign in an 11-county area, it was announced recently by R.L. (Roddy) Jones, general chairman of the drive.

Harrington will direct the stadium fund effort in Bertie, Camden, Currituck, Chowan, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and

Washington. Harrington, president of Harrington Manufacturing company in Lewiston, represents these counties in the North Carolina Senate and has served in the Senate for ten terms.

Bridge Is Out

Ice in Albemarle Sound has caused the Department of Transportation officials to close the Albemarle Sound bridge on N.C. 32, just southeast of Edenton. Ice pressure in the sound has damaged some of the bridge pillars and the bridge will remain closed until bridge maintenance crews can determine the extent of the damage and make necessary repairs. Traffic is being detoured on U.S. 64, N.C. 45 and U.S. 17.

Talley At Training Session

Educators from 41 school units in the state are participating in a Right to Read training session Jan. 31 through Feb. 4 at the Mid Pines Club in Southern Pines, N.C. Ms. Rosa Talley, Right to Read Director for Perquimans County schools, is attending the week-long training session.

Sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction's Division of Reading, the workshop is the first in a series designed to prepare the Right to Read Directors to serve as reading resource people to teachers in their local schools.

The program includes sessions on components of a good reading program, diagnosis of reading problems, approaches to teaching reading, skills development and leadership training. Reading education experts from North Carolina, New Jersey, Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania are serving as program consultants.

On The Fire Line

By CHIEF CHARLES SKINNER JR.

Send the Fire Department! My oil furnace is on fire! The fire department receives several calls each year like this. The oil room heaters, due to a faulty carburetor or human error, become over heated by too much oil entering the combustion pot. The heat builds up causing the metal body to turn red, possibly igniting adjoining wooden structures, or soot in the chimney. What do you do? Keep cool. Cut the oil flow off. Move furniture back from the heat source.

Now with more central heating oil furnaces in homes that are electrically ignited, a little different approach is called for. If a furnace stops burning: 1) check to see if the circuit breakers have kicked out or if a fuse has blown; 2) activate the re-set button once. Don't keep activating the re-set as this forces oil into the combustion chamber. When the combustion chamber is filled with too much oil and then becomes ignited, a serious bum occurs and results in the same danger as a flooded room heater. The oil furnace serviceman should be called at once. Several oil furnace servicemen have been burned due to the furnace being flooded and becoming explosive.

Portable oil heaters can create problems also. A portable oil heater should never be operated in sleeping quarters while being occupied. The flame will consume available oxygen in the room. Also, never fill the tank while the stove is hot.

The fire department would also like to offer sincere thanks for the efforts of citizens in this county for safety measures taken during the severe weather. The Hertford Fire Department spent 51 days — from Nov. 9 until Dec. 30 — without a fire call. This unprecedented record in December was shattered by an oil furnace fire on Dec. 30.

Robertson Enrolls In Short Course

Bankers in North Carolina are continuing their award-winning service to agriculture through the sponsorship for the 25th year of the annual two-week Short Course in Modern Farming at North Carolina State University, set for Jan. 31 through Feb. 11, in Raleigh.

Scholarships for 2,617 young North Carolinians involved in agriculture have been provided by the hometown banks of this state since the Short Course began in 1953.

This week, the County Key Banker for Perquimans

County, R.L. Stevenson, announced that banks in this area will send one young farmer to Raleigh for the Short Course. All expenses will be paid by Peoples Bank & Trust Co. and the Bank of North Carolina, N.A.

Attending the Short Course from this county will be Jim Robertson.

An enrollment of around 100 is expected for the 1977 Short Course. While in Raleigh, these young farmers from all sections of North Carolina will learn to recognize and evaluate technology in a changing agri-business environment.

The program covers broad areas of interest to agricultural leaders and specific commodity information.

Stevenson was appointed County Key Banker by John F. McNair III of Winston-Salem, president of the North Carolina Bankers Association. Stevenson is Executive Vice-President of Peoples Bank in Hertford.

The Short Course is one of the numerous agricultural projects sponsored by the NCBA which has won national recognition for many years for its service to agriculture.



TEMPORARY OFFICERS — Pictured above are newly elected officers of the Perquimans County REACT Team who will serve during the six months organizational period. They are (l. to r.) Tommy Curlings, member of Pasquotank-Camden REACT Team; Charles White, president; Marion Harrell, vice-president; Judy White, secretary; J.T. Biggers, treasurer; and Archie T. Lane Jr., communications officer.



INTERESTED CITIZENS — Approximately 20 Perquimans County CB operators and other interested citizens attended the Monday night meeting to discuss the possibility of forming a local REACT team. (Newbern photos)

REACT Team Is Formed Here

A Perquimans County Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Team (REACT) was formed Monday night as the result of a meeting attended by approximately 20 local citizens.

In explaining the purposes and objectives of REACT, Charles White, temporary chairperson, said, "When handled right and worked right, REACT can be an effective team and an effective organization." White continued to explain that a REACT team would be especially beneficial locally due to the geographical layout of Perquimans County. He added that Perquimans County was already recognized by the N.C. REACT Council as a "pending" REACT team.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Curlings, two members of the Pasquotank-Camden REACT team were present at the meeting to join White in answering questions about REACT and to offer neighboring support of a local REACT effort. The Pasquotank-Camden REACT has been in operation for ten months and has been monitoring the emergency C.B. channel nine for the last seven months for 24 hours per day. Approximately 42 members work in two hour shifts to carry out the objectives of REACT in the neighboring counties. Curlings said that on the average, his REACT team receives about ten calls per day ranging from "something as simple as a lost motorist to highway break-downs."

After viewing a film, "Where Seconds Count," discussion was held on the feasibility of forming a local REACT chapter.

White explained that a minimum of five dues-paying members is required to constitute a recognized REACT team. Officers were then nominated and dues were paid by those present and interested in order to send in to the state council for a charter recognizing Perquimans County as a formed REACT team.

Before adjourning, newly elected president Charles White, told those present that other C.B.'ers may be interested since the club would now be considered organized. He also emphasized obtaining female members, who according to him, "can be a real asset to any REACT chapter."

The next meeting of Perquimans County REACT will be held Feb. 15 at the Albemarle EMC building at 7:30 p.m. Membership is open to any licensed C.B. operator 18 years of age or older.

Educators Will Attend District NCSBA Meeting

Approximately 200 area school board members, educators, and officials will gather Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Annual District 1 Meeting of the North Carolina School Boards Association. The theme for this year's meeting is "Public Education — Heritage and Horizons."

The meeting, scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m., will be held at the Sunbury School in Sunbury, N.C. and will feature afternoon sessions and a banquet.

Featured speaker at the banquet will be Harlan Boyles, Treasurer of the State of North Carolina.

According to Alfred Stallings of the Gates County Board of Education and District President, "This meeting is one of a series of 18 district meetings held throughout the state between January and March." "The meetings attract

over 4,000 school board members, teachers, and administrators and officials," said Stallings.

In addition to Alfred Stallings, other District 1 officers include Johnny Walker of the Bertie County Board of Education and District Vice President, and Dr. Ashby Tarkington, Superintendent of Gates County Schools and District Secretary.

District 1 of the North Carolina School Boards Association includes school administrative units in Bertie County, Camden County, Currituck County, Dare County, Gates County, Hertford County, Perquimans County, Edenton-Chowan and Elizabeth City-Pasquotank.

The North Carolina School Boards Association, organized in 1937, represents all 145 local boards of education in the state.

According to Dr. Raleigh Dingman, Executive Director of the Association, "The Association is dedicated to seeking improvements in public education in North Carolina."

"The Association works with the local board members, providing information about educational issues and assuring input at the state and national levels from local boards and board members," according to Dr. Dingman.

Dr. Harold Maxwell of Fayetteville is President of the Association, and Charlie Pickler of Albemarle is Vice-President.

Local representatives planning to attend the Feb. 9 meeting include members of the Perquimans County Board of Education and administrators in the Perquimans County School system.



FIRST SEMINAR HELD — The Perquimans Weekly recently sponsored its first seminar in news writing for correspondents and news contributors. Leading the discussion on the basics of newspaper writing was Kathy M. Newbern, News Editor (pictured above). Ray Ward, General Manager, was also present to talk with the seminar

participants and answer questions on the newspaper's policies and advertising. Freda Nelson, Circulation Manager and Columnist, was seminar coordinator. Those attending the seminar included: Mrs. Inez Corprew, Mrs. Vanora Brothers, Mrs. M.B. Taylor, Mrs. Lizzie Brown Thach, and Charles Skinner Jr. (Photo by Ray Ward)



HAPPY DONOR — Hertford Mayor Bill Cox is the perfect picture of a happy donor as he prepares to donate a pint of blood during the Monday Bloodmobile visit. The Tidewater Red Cross Bloodmobile was at the Hertford First United Methodist Church from 12-5 and collected a total of 72 pints with 12 rejec-

tions. The goal for Monday's Bloodmobile visit had been set at 75 pints. Perquimans County Blood Chairman Geneva Sawyer rated the bloodmobile visit as successful in comparison to recent visits and expressed appreciation to all those who donated blood. (Ray Ward photo)