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PCHS Students Are Who's Who

The 1977 edition of Who's Who Among Vocational and Technical Students in America will carry the names of three students from Perquimans County High School who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding vocational and technical students.

ability, academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and future potential.

Students named this year from Perquimans County High School are: Clifford Pritchard Towe Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Towe of Rt. 2, Hertford; Lynn Hurdle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hare of Castleton Ave., Hertford; and Tyrone Spellman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Junius E. Spellman of Cox St., Hertford.

Honor Roll Listings

The following list of honor roll students has been released from Perquimans County High School for the fourth six-weeks grading period:

A HONOR ROLL

Cassie Felton, Deborah Jones, Peggy Stallings, April Stone, Donna Thach, Mary Wood Hurdle, Jeffery Proctor, Sonny Griswold, Brenda Sawyer, Donna Stallings, Lisa Bunch, Mike Hagan, Bonnie Underwood, Sherie Cartwright, Russell Lassiter, Teri Copeland, Beth Swindell, Michelle Boyce, Rita Rogerson, Suzy Towe, Cindy Hendren, Claudia Winslow, Yvonne Baker, and Janet Riddick.

A-B HONOR ROLL

Cynthia Johnson, Alice Burke, Surley Forehand, Shelton Zachary, Ida Jellico, Charita Whitehurst, Anna Marie Harrell, Patricia Banks, Sheila Dail, Beverly Eure, Cheryl Jones, Catherine Zachary, Linda Archer, Joanne Blanchard, Shirley Blanchard, Rita Brooks, Miriam Felton, Bobby Lane, Betty Jones, George N. Felton, Annie Forehand, Joann Gilliam, Theresa Spruill, Bertha Wells, Edwell Zachary, Vivian Long, Anne White, Anthony Jones, Angela White, Esau Felton, Philip Woodell, Michael Cartwright, Vivian Dowdy, Jackie Felton, Shiela Leigh, Tracy Speaker, Danny Wilson, Kathy Pittman, Clifford Towe, Brenda Schultheiss, Cathy Newberry, Anna Modlin, Billy Baxter, Travis Burke, Wallace Phillips, David Bure, Karen Hoffpauir, Karen Lane, Lori Newberry, Shelton Skinner, Edward Winslow, Kenneth Lightfoot, Leroy Smith, Linda Overton, Lloyd Evans, David Perry, Arthur Tice, Thomas Lightfoot, Dean Dizon, Karen Hoogerland, Gene Byrum, Karen Butt, Teresa Jordan, Sandra Muldrow, Gwendolyn Whidbee, Christ Harrell, Beth Winslow, Tony Jordan, Benita Hollowell, Linda Felton, Kathy Godfrey, Paula Miller, Deborah Rountree, Sheila Spear, Teresa Stallings, Venetia Vaughn, Sharon Riddick, Joann Meads, Elnora Rose, Reginald Stepney, Ann Ward, and Kent White.



EDUARDE E. BROWN JR.

Elected As State EMC-Sec.-Treas.

RALEIGH — Edward E. Brown Jr., manager of the organization's statewide magazine, "Carolina Country,"

advertising manager of the organization's statewide magazine, "Carolina Country." The Jamesville native has a bachelor's degree from N.C. State University and a master's degree in journalism from UNC-CH. He is president of the Parkville Ruritan Club and chairman of the Industrial Committee for the Albemarle Area Development Association (AADA). He is married to the former Jean Andrews of Plymouth and they have two children.

Illiteracy Rate Findings Are Further Explained

An inquiry has been made regarding a state survey which recently reported illiteracy rates in the state. In the report which was conducted by the Highway Safety Research Center of the University of North Carolina, it was stated that Perquimans County had an illiteracy rate of 20.4 per cent. This rate was considerably higher than those rates reported for other counties in northeastern North Carolina. An article reporting these findings appeared in the March 3, 1977 issue of The Perquimans Weekly.

Pat Harrell, Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools, made an inquiry by letter requesting information on how these findings were obtained and the type of statistical analysis used. Harrell then received a letter from the Highway Safety Research Center in Chapel Hill, N.C. from Dr. Patricia F. Waller, a staff associate. That return letter pointed out that the data for the report was collected over a period of three full work weeks. The survey recorded those license applicants who had to take an oral test for drivers' licenses instead of a written test. Information was reported for almost 70,000 people across the state. The letter added, however, that when these applicants were broken down by counties, the numbers in some instances were very small. This was the case in Perquimans County. The letter added that a relatively few applicants could make a great difference in the final reported results and the percentages.

In interpreting this information, Harrell used the following example of why these percentages could make a big difference if only a small number of people was involved. He said, "If only four people in the county were tested in that three week period and one of those four requested the test he read to him, then it would indicate that 25 per cent of the total applicants were considered illiterate."

The return letter to Harrell further stated that since the findings for Perquimans County were so much higher than for surrounding counties, the difference may have resulted from "chance fluctuations in the population appearing for licensure during the time period sampled."

Concerning the inquiry, Harrell stated, "My concern was that the results reflected on the public schools of our county. And I feel that are schools are comparable to schools and school districts in the area. I agree that the percentages for the state may deserve some attention. But in many cases, the county percentages were not an accurate reflection of the illiteracy rate in that county."

Commissioners Hear From Perquimans Rescue Squad

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

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Fires Are Recorded

According to Perquimans County Forest Ranger, Lewis Stallings, there have been five fires so far this season. Two of these were from trash barrels; one from children playing with matches; one from a farmer burning off ditches; and one from burning off a lot. The persons involved were concerned and probably knew better, but were thoughtless according to Stallings. He added that all of these fires could have been prevented.

Stallings said, "Fires are very destructive. Recently, a house burned down that started with a trash fire. Also, a garage that was on fire was saved although started from a yard fire." He added, "If people would take safety precautions in burning, tragedy could be averted."

Stallings offers the following safety measures for burning. When burning trash, burn in a good barrel with a screen over the top. Always have a charged water hose available and watch the fire until it goes out completely. When burning off fields and ditches, prepare the area for burning before starting the fire. Disk around the field and backfire ditches from the woods. In burning off lots, make sure there is a clean fire break around the lot. Have plenty of help available along with a charged water hose and rakes.

Stallings concluded, "Be sure to obtain a burning permit when burning within 500 feet of any woodland. Everyone is urged to take safety precautions when burning in order to avoid tragedy."

Appearing before the board was John Beers of the Perquimans County Rescue Squad. He discussed several matters concerning the squad including a request for \$2,000 to finish the fiscal year which ends July 1. This request was later approved by action duly taken. Beers also discussed a problem the squad is having concerning citizens requesting the squad vehicles for transportation that is not of an emergency nature. Beers said, "This organization was formed as an emergency rescue service, not as an ambulance service." Several members of the board agreed with Beers and said many people are taking advantage of the services offered and using the rescue squad just like a "taxi service." Beers told the board members that the squad is interested in finding out if members would be held liable for refusing service in these cases. He further explained that those manning the vehicles have had to wait three to five hours for a patient to see a doctor in cases that were not emergencies. Beers also told the members that the squad is considering setting a fee of \$35 to answer calls of this nature. He added that this is not definite to date but is only being considered. The commissioners agreed to find out state requirements regarding liability and to report back to the squad. The County Attorney will look into the legal aspects of the question.

In other business, Chairman Lester Simpson read a letter to Board members received from the N.C. Department of Transportation regarding a request made previously by the board for the state to take over sub-division streets in the Snug Harbor Community. Simpson explained that

the letter stated "no funds are available at this time to upgrade these streets" and therefore the request was denied. Another letter was shared with board members from the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission (ARPDC) informing them that projects are now being considered for funding under the Coastal Plains Regional Commission. The local commissioners did not mention any project proposals to be submitted at present.

Chairman Simpson reported to members that a meeting has been held with builders regarding the construction of a building to house loan closet items of the Hertford Business and Professional Women's Club and to be used for county storage. The commissioners had approved this request for this building at a previous meeting. Simpson told members the builders had quoted a price of \$12,000 for a 30 foot by 40 foot building including insulation, doors, and cement. This quoted price was discussed but no action was taken.

A letter of resignation was read to the board from

Joeshp Seegar Jr. who as of March 15 resigned from the position of Chief Dispatcher for the county's dispatch system. No replacement has been announced.

Commissioner Tuck Webb reported that the Perquimans County Communications Commission had approved a request from Perquimans County REACT to place a base station in the dispatch office.

In other business, a motion was passed to obtain additional information on a proposed hospitalization plan for county employees.

A motion was also passed requesting written reports to be received monthly from county agencies. The commissioners explained that this would be a brief overview of department operations on a monthly basis and would involve the following local agencies: Social Services, Tax Department, Extension Offices, Library, Rescue Squad, and the Sheriff's Department. One commissioner commented that these reports would keep board members up-to-date on county business and would result in better representation of the people in the county.

Hurricane Evacuation Workshop Held

Hurricane evacuation planning for Bertie, Chowan, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties was the subject of an all-day workshop attended by various county officials on March 9 in Edenton.

each county to use in developing evacuation plans covering communications and warning, public information, debris removal, law enforcement, traffic

control, search and rescue, emergency transportation, sheltering and feeding evacuees, public health, etc. Those attending the workshop from Perquimans

County were Talmadge Rose, City of Hertford Civil Preparedness Coordinator; and Keith Haskett, Perquimans County Civil Preparedness Coordinator.

Attend Convention

The officials met with participating county officials and State Civil Preparedness officials to plan each county's evacuation and sheltering procedures in the event of a hurricane.

The Edenton-Chowan Student Councils Association in Edenton hosted the Eastern District Student Councils Convention on March 19 and 20. Those attending from Perquimans County High School were Betty Jones, Teri Copeland, Venita Vaughan, Anna Modlin, Cindy Hendren, Leola Jones, and Mrs. J. Coston. More than 300 students and advisors representing 75 schools in the 33 counties in the eastern district were in attendance.

A devotional service at Waterside Colonial Park began Sunday's activities. Prior to the concluding session on Sunday afternoon at which time district officers were elected and installed, participants were given guided tours of historic Edenton.

Henry J.H. (Hoz) Cooke, head of the Natural Planning Program at the State Civil Preparedness Division in Raleigh, conducted the workshop. Also attending from the State Office was William H. Harris III, a Natural Disaster Planner.

Harris told the officials that specific plans for evacuation of areas in their counties are essential to the protection of life. This is especially true, according to Harris, during the typical hurricane season (June through September) when thousands of tourists and vacationers flock to the beaches.

Rich Pirra of Havelock, Eastern District N.C.A.S.C. president, presided over the opening session at John A. Holmes High School on Saturday morning. Activities during the day included nomination of officers, speakers, seminars, group discussions, and workshops for attending advisors.

The prototype hurricane evacuation plan prepared by the State Civil Preparedness Division is the planning guidance for

The convention centered around the theme, "TORCH." Today Our Reach Concerns Humanity, the state theme for this year's student councils. Keynote speakers using this theme included Mrs. Frances Bounds, North Carolina Executive Secretary of Student Councils; and Joe Hollowell,

Anna Modlin of Perquimans County High School was elected chairperson of District VI for the Eastern Division of the North Carolina Association of Student Councils during the Saturday session.

The Chowan Academy will hold its annual pork barbecue supper on April 2 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Academy. Patrons may eat at the Academy or take plates out. Tickets are \$2 each and may be purchased at the following locations: Hollowell's Drug Store, Edenton; Woodard's Pharmacy, Hertford; or from any child or teacher from the Academy or by calling the academy at 221-4277.

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New Publication

A new publication "Land and Water: North Carolina's Vital Resources" has been prepared by the USDA-Soil Conservation Service and is now available. It was announced today by State Conservationist Jesse L. Hicks of Raleigh.

both active projects and applications for approval. Illustrated by 30 photographs and maps, the booklet tells of varied services available from the Soil Conservation Service or through local soil and water conservation districts.

The publication, which has a summary of conservation activities in the Tar Heel State for 1976, is available free from SCS offices in the state.

The popular "environmental beach clinics" which have been held along the North Carolina coast are covered in a special feature, while another section deals with efforts to keep water clean in the state.

Up-to-date maps show the status of particular activities, including:

Other sections cover watershed tours, held for the public; minimum tillage, a fast-growing practice in North Carolina; and control of erosion both in urban areas and on rural land.



COMMITTEE MEMBERS — Members of the Don Juan Charities Committee discuss the proposed donations list. Left to right, they are Doris Hathaway, Betty Byrum, Rosa Johnson, Esley Cherrix, and Patricia Balance. Not pictured is Lindsey James, Iola Stallings and Rebecca Hildebrand. Other charity donations from the fund included: \$100 to Cystic Fibrosis, \$100 to Epilepsy Foundation; \$100 to Mental Health; \$100 to Children's Home; \$100 to Salvation Army; \$100 to N.C. Research Fund; \$100 to N.C. United Health Services; \$100 to March of Dimes; \$50 to Cerebral Palsy; \$50 to Muscular Dystrophy; \$50 to Klansy Foundation; and \$50 to White Case Drive.

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