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Inspector To Be Hired Jointly

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday night. Prior to the regular meeting, the public hearing on suggested uses for revenue sharing funds was held. No suggestions were presented to the Board.

In action taken, the Commissioners approved the hiring of an electrical, plumbing and building inspector to be used and hired jointly by the county and the town. Mayor Bill Cox was present representing the Town Council and Jud Little

representing the Planning Commission. The motion passed with further details to be worked out at a later date. The Commissioners also approved bringing public roads sub-divisions up to state regulations and requirements at the request of the Planning Commission.

Sid Eley, spokesman for the recently appointed Recreation Committee, was present to submit a proposed recreation budget for the county for the next fiscal year. Top priority in that budget was funds to hire a

full-time recreation director for the county to coordinate the recreation program and to apply for federal funds.

Mrs. Grace Dizon with the Economic Improvement Council was present to discuss the PACE program. She asked the Board for suggestions on placing college students in the program in areas of summer employment. She pointed out that participants in the program had to be non-profit or private businesses.

Perquimans County Fire Marshal Charles Skinner Jr. submitted an activity report

to the Board. He also requested the Board to consider the purchase of a folding 1600-gallon water tank which would be used as supplemental equipment for fire fighting. Discussion was also heard on the suggestion to encourage county fire departments to take advantage of the services offered by the county dispatch system.

Floyd Mathews Sr. was present at the Monday night meeting to present a progress report on the county soil survey. He told the

Board that approximately 30,000 acres of land has been completed and that a report will be given at a later date on the findings of the River Project.

The Board approved a motion to amend the dispatch system budget in the amount of \$1,130 with these funds coming from the area of surplus interest earned on investments. This money will be used to pay for services in clearing the land for the dispatch system's radio tower. Payment for these services was approved.



TO RETIRE — Hertford Police Department Chief Ben L. Gibbs will be retiring from that position on July 1. He has spent a total of 18 years in law enforcement, 17 of which he served as Police Chief. (Newbern photo)

Hertford Police Chief Announces Retirement

Ben L. Gibbs, Chief of the Hertford Police Department will retire from that position effective July 1. Gibbs joined the department as a captain in 1960 and soon became Police Chief. Upon retirement, he will have served 17 years. Prior to joining the police department, Gibbs was employed with the county as Deputy Sheriff for one year making his total involvement in law enforcement span 18 years.

Gibbs is a native of Dare County but has lived in Hertford for the last 40 years. Before beginning his career as a law enforcement officer, he was manager for 22 years of the State Theatre, now non-existent.

Concerning his retirement, Gibbs said, "I'm going to miss it. I loved it; if I hadn't, I wouldn't have stayed in it this long. I think it gets in your blood." Although he has mixed emotions, Gibbs admitted that he is looking forward to doing more fishing, something he also loves.

The Police Chief said there was no one particular highlight of his career, but added that he has enjoyed working with the local citizens. He said, "Everybody has worked with me fine. I've always had a

good relationship with the people. I love it here and I'll stay here."

Over a 17-year period, changes are inevitable. Gibbs pointed out that the force consisted of two men when he started with the Hertford Police Department. That has since expanded to include five police officers. Equipment has also been updated, added to and expanded greatly. Gibbs pointed out that the Albemarle Law and Order Association was extremely helpful in obtaining modern equipment over the years for local departments in the Albemarle area.

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox made the following statement concerning Gibbs' retirement, "I know that Chief Gibbs will be missed as he retires from the Hertford Police Department. I wish to thank him for the 17 years of dedicated service to the department and the Town of Hertford. It's been a pleasure to work with him. Although we'll miss him as a police officer, I want to wish him a long and satisfying retirement for he deserves all of this. I also offer him my congratulations on a job well done."

No announcement has been made for Chief Gibbs' replacement. Mayor Cox explained that the Town Council will be considering the matter.

May 23 through 28 has been declared as Perquimans County Schools Arts Week in the county. A variety of activities has been announced for the special week.

Each of the county's schools will be making a presentation on the courthouse green during the week. One school will perform each day at 12:30 p.m. Monday's performance will be a vocal presentation by Hertford Grammar School classes under the direction of Miss Caroline Wright. On Tuesday, Perquimans Union School will be represented with a modern dance group and a choral group. The Perquimans High School Glee Club will perform on Wednesday. Thursday's performance will be by the New Generations under the direction of Danny Meads, music teacher. The week's performances will end Friday with members of the high school Drama Club and drama classes making a presentation.

Throughout the week, art exhibitions by county students will be on display in the downtown section of Hertford in merchants' store windows.

As the week-long observance comes to a close on Saturday, a special art show will be open, free of charge, at the J.C. Blanchard Building and members of the Perquimans High School literary magazine staff will have copies of the magazine on sale.

Included in the week-long displays will be art work and performances representing all the fine arts taught in Perquimans County Schools and will also represent students in grades kindergarten through twelve.

John Lavezzo, Perquimans High School art teacher and coordinator of the special week, is hopeful that the Arts Week will become an annual event and urges citizens to participate in the observance.

Schools Arts Week Is Proclaimed



SPECIAL OBSERVANCE — Hertford Mayor Bill Cox presents a proclamation declaring May 23 through 28 as Perquimans County Schools Arts week to

John Lavezzo, Perquimans High School art teacher and coordinator of the special week's activities. (Newbern photo)

Office Closings

All Perquimans County offices except the Perquimans County School Superintendent will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

All libraries in the Pettigrew Region (Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton, Perquimans County Library in Hertford, Tyrrell County Public Library in Columbia, and Washington County Library in Plymouth) will be closed on Wednesday, May 25, for the quarterly staff meeting to be held at the Somerset Place in Pettigrew State Park.

Roads Committee Meets

Members of the newly-formed Albemarle Area Development Association (AADA) Roads Committee met May 10 at Angler's Cove Restaurant in Perquimans County.

Serving as temporary chairman of the committee and presiding was Bill Cox, Mayor of Hertford.

The Roads Committee was organized following a suggestion to reactivate the committee by AADA and the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission (ARPD). The once-active roads committee has been reestablished in an effort to join forces in

northeastern North Carolina to suggest needed road and highway improvements for the area.

At the recent meeting, four counties were represented, Perquimans, Chowan, Currituck and Hyde. The committee consists of one member from each of the ten counties in AADA. The committee member was appointed by each county's board of commissioners.

Although no definite action was taken, the condition of roads in the area in general was discussed with some suggestions made. Cox announced that the

committee will meet again on Tuesday, May 24. At that time, a permanent chairman and vice-chairman will be elected for the group and plans are to begin setting priorities and a plan of action. Cox pointed out that 100 participation is expected at this meeting.

Members of the Roads Committee are: Joe Nowell, Perquimans; Levin B. Culpepper, Pasquotank; Baxter Williams, Currituck; Lem Cahoon, Tyrrell; Sherwood Eason, Gates; J.B. Berry, Hyde; M.J. Johnson, Camden; Mark Basnight, Dare; J. Gilliam Wood, Chowan; and C.T. Belch, Washington.

Officers Elected; Historic Site Discussed

The Perquimans County Restoration Association held its annual meeting May 11 at the Albemarle EMC Building. Officers elected for the ensuing two years were William Nixon, president; Benjamin C. Hobbs, vice president; Jean B. Harrison, secretary; George W. Jackson, treasurer and Raymond Winslow Jr., ar-

chivist. Twenty-two persons were also elected to serve with the officers as the Board of Directors. Outgoing President Jean P. Winslow reported on the Association's recent appearance before the State Historical Commission to support the request for a legislative appropriation for continuing restoration of the

Newbold-White House. She further reported that work long delayed by state and federal procedures in approving restoration plans and specifications would soon be resumed. She also indicated that the contracts were being made with civic groups to acquaint the public with the reasons for the slowdown in actual work

on the Newbold-White House, North Carolina's oldest dwelling. Although the Association has always met its fund-raising goals and performed all approved tasks, President Winslow stated that factors outside its control had prevented it from completing its plans. Consultation, planning, and other behind-the-scenes ac-

tivities have been ongoing but physical restoration of the seventeenth century structure and on the nineteenth century Newby house, which will house a caretaker to watch over the property, is expected to begin again in the near future.

Health Officials Recognized

Mrs. Georgianna Krauss, R.N., Public Health Nurse for Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden-Chowan District Health Department was awarded Public Health Nurse of the Year 1976-77 by

the Eastern Lung Association for her outstanding work with the tuberculosis program.

Mrs. Krauss is originally from New Jersey, but has resided in Camden since

1948. She is the mother of six children and one grandchild. She received her L.P.N. degree in 1962 in Elizabeth City and worked with the Albemarle Hospital on and off for the next ten years. In 1972 she received her R.N. degree from Portsmouth General Hospital. Following graduation in 1972, she joined the local District Health Department staff. In 1973 she began working with the tuberculosis program. She works closely with private doctors and other agencies in the area to see that her patients are adequately cared for.

Mrs. Krauss is presently acting supervisor in Perquimans County Health Department. In her spare time she is working toward her B.S. degree in nursing with the Continuing Education Program of East Carolina University.

Also recently honored was Eddie Pierce, Sanitation Supervisor for the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden-Chowan District Health Department who was named Northeastern District Sanitarian of the Year.

Pierce was born in Elizabeth City, son of William Edward and Marion Barco Pierce. He

Library Update

By WAYNE HENRITZE

STORY HOUR

The regular Friday morning story hour from preschoolers will be held at the Perquimans County Library on Academy Street beginning at 10 a.m.

NEW BOOKS

The Carter Family Favorites Cookbook by Ceil Dyer contains all the family favorites plus plenty of photographs — a classy cookbook.

This Other Eden by Marilyn Harris is a historical romance of the French Revolutionary period.

Norah by Pamela Hill is a romance set in 18th century England.

Bargain Bride by Evelyn Lampman tells of a young girl sold into marriage who is left a rich widow on her wedding day.

Return to Thebes by Allen Drury is a novel about King Tut, the mysterious Pharaoh of Egypt, in which murky historical characters come alive.

Whiteout by Duncan Kyle is a suspense thriller involving sabotage at an Army polar research station in Greenland.

C.L.A.W. by Richard Graves is a suspense novel about a terrorist group which attacks Presidential candidates with an anti-tank missile and tries to frame the Russians.

Signal Zero by George Kirkham is a true story of a criminology professor who accepts a challenge to become a street cop.

The Voices of Guns by Vin McLellan is a history of the Symbionese Liberation Army.

Catch the Wind by Landt Dennis tells the history, lore, and potential of windmills as a clean source of power.

How to Make Your Own Picture Frames by Ed Reinhardt is a how-to book.

Bombed, Buzzed, Smashed, or Sober by John Langone is an informative book about alcohol for teenagers.

Pottery Step by Step by Henry Trevor is a well illustrated how-to book.

The Fall of Eagles by C.L. Sulsberger is an attractive and readable history of the end of the European royal dynasties in Germany, Austria, and Russia.

Going Nuts in Brazil with Jack Douglas is another of the insane family adventures in which he involves himself between talk show appearances.



SUPERINTENDENT'S ART CHOICE — Perquimans County School Superintendent Pat Harrell is pictured above receiving a batik of a butterfly done by

Miss Michelle Boyce. The art work will be the local entry in the Superintendent's Choice Art Show in Raleigh.

Local Art Entry Picked For Raleigh Exhibit

One piece of artwork from the Perquimans County School system will be displayed in Raleigh May 16-27 as part of the Superintendent's Choice Art Show.

Selected for the honor was a batik of a butterfly by Miss Michelle Lightfoot, a third grade student in Mrs. Brenda Winslow's class at Perquimans Central Grammar School. Miss Lightfoot

is the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lightfoot of Winfall.

The Raleigh show will consist of art selections, one from each school district in the state. The entries will also be featured at the Annual Superintendent's Conference to be held in June.

Selection of the local entry was made jointly by the Superintendent and county art teachers.

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AGENT HONORED — Crafton Matthews Jr. of Hertford has been awarded "Runnerup Agent of the Month" honors for April 1977 for Home Security Life Insurance in the Elizabeth City District. This award goes to agents for outstanding sales and service.

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