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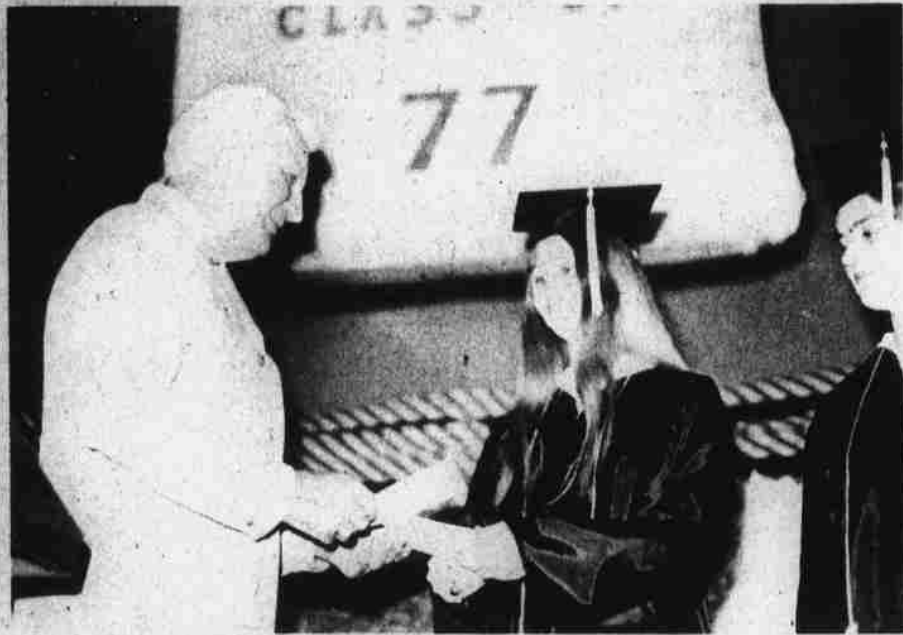
MISS CINDY HENDREN  
Co-Valedictorian



MISS CLAUDIA WINSLOW  
Co-Valedictorian



MISS SUZY TOWE  
Salutatorian



**SPECIAL AWARD** — A special presentation was made at the Friday night graduation exercises at Perquimans County High School. Jesse Parker Perry presented a \$100 scholarship award to

the Class of '77 Co-Valedictorians Cindy Hendren and Claudia Winslow. The award is sponsored by the Hertford Ruritan Club.

## Graduation Exercises Held

Graduation exercises were held Friday night at Perquimans County High School. The program included Rev. L.L. Underwood, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church, and remarks from guest speaker, Dr. Louise N. Sutton, Chairman of the Mathematics Department at Elizabeth City State University.

Special music was provided by the PCHS Glee Club under the direction of Miss Caroline Wright.

Recognized were members of the Perquimans County Board of Education, PCHS principal, William E. Byrum, and School Superintendent, Pat Harrell. Board of Education Chairman Clifford Winslow awarded the diplomas to the graduating seniors.

Co-Valedictorians were Miss Cindy Hendren and Miss Claudia Winslow. Salutatorian for the Class of '77 was Miss Suzy Towe.

Miss Hendren is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hendren. Her high school career has included membership in the Perquimans County Marching Unit, Health Careers Club, Beta Club, BIOS Club, Galleon Staff, Future Business Leaders of America, Drama Club, French Club, and Student Council. She was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Seniors and attended the

1976 session of Governor's School with concentration in the area of English. She served as a graduation marshal each year and has a host of other awards and honors to her credit. She is a member of the Up River Friends Meeting where she is church pianist. Miss Hendren has been accepted at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with possible majors in English, philosophy or religion.

Miss Winslow, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Winslow, will attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the fall and plans to pursue a career in nursing. She is the recipient of the Katherine Smith Reynolds Scholarship awarded by that school. Her high school career has included membership in the Beta Club, Biology Club, Drama Club, French Club, Student Council, and Health Careers Club. She also served on the Galleon staff and was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Seniors. Miss Winslow is a member of the Up River Friends Church.

Miss Suzy Towe, Salutatorian, will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall where she plans to major in French. During her high school career, she has

been involved in the French Club, Beta Club, Letter Club, served as editor of the Galleon. She has participated in basketball and softball. She attended the 1975 session of Governor's School and served as a page for the House of Representatives this year. Miss Towe attends the First United Methodist Church and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Towe.

Seniors maintaining an 89.5 average for their four years of high school study were recognized by inclusion on the Grand Honor Roll. Those receiving this honor, in addition to the Co-Valedictorians and Salutatorian, were Peggy Stallings, Beth Winslow, Teri Copeland, Beth Swindell, Rita Rogerson, Chris Harrell, Michelle Boyce, Phillip Harrell, Beverly Eure, Tony Jordan, Yvonne Baker, Paula Wood, Denise Cullipher, Donna Thach, Gloria White, Gwen Whedbee, Edwell Zachary, Shirley Blanchard, and Scott Winslow.

Serving as marshals for graduation exercises were freshmen Sharon Hoffpaur and Shelton Skinner; sophomores Brenda Sawyer and Donna Stallings; juniors Mary Wood Hurdle and Janet Riddick. Junior Sherie Cartwright served as grand marshal.

## Electric Fence Fires Reported

Several fires resulting from electric fences have recently been reported in Perquimans County. Of considerable concern are fires from electric fences running through wooded areas.

According to a report from the N.C. Forestry Service, these fires may be caused when deer or fallen limbs down the electric fence lines. Fires started from the negligent use of electric fences has created a major concern to the Forestry Service and the general public.

According to the Forestry Service, the weed chopper type electric fence is creating most of the trouble since it tends to keep

pulsating when broken. The service acknowledges the fact that electric fences serve as valuable and economical aides in raising livestock by conditional animals to stay in a designated area. However, some of the electric fence fires have resulted from negligence of the proper installation of the unit.

The Forestry Service offers the following guidelines to prevent electric fence fires: keep all dry material from under the fence; check the fence daily to make sure it is not broken or fallen; and keep electric fences in good repair and working order.

## Library Update

By WAYNE HENRITZE  
Two New Story Hours

The Perquimans County Library will have two new story hours for the summer to supplement the year-round preschool story hour. These new programs will begin on Wednesday and Thursday, June 22 and 23 to avoid conflicts with various vacation bible schools. For children in grades 1-3, a story hour will be held on Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. For children in grades 4-6, story hour will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Thursdays. Kindergarten children are invited to join the preschool group for story hour from 10-11 a.m. on Fridays.

These story hours will involve a mixture of stories, games, crafts and films. Older children may also be helping with certain programs for the younger ones.

If your child falls on one of the divisions between groups, for instance, he was in the third grade this past year but will be in the fourth grade this coming year, use your own best judgment, or his, about which group would best suit his needs. The Library does not plan to be too rigid about age groups, but programs will be planned with the main group's interests in mind.

**Remember:** Preschoolers and Kindergarten on Fridays from 10-11 a.m.; Grades One to Three on Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m.; and Grades Four to Six on Thursdays from 10-11 a.m.

**Summer Reading Derby**

Children and parents are reminded of the Summer Reading Derby announced in last week's column. Children in grades 1-8 are invited to read the books of their own choice, give about a half minute oral report on the books, and receive a free Hardee's hamburger gift certificate for every five books read. More details of the program are available at the library. Those supporting this program recognize the need to maintain the reading skills that are the key to your child's education through practice.

**New Books for Children**

New children's and young adult books are not listed very often and when they are, only a small fraction is included. But with the summer reading programs coming up, everyone is reminded of some spring additions including about 200 high interest juvenile and young adult paperbacks plus 20 each of the Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys mysteries. This is all in addition to the normal 25-30 per cent of juvenile books in our regular purchases. There are plenty of new books for summer.

**New Books for Adults**

*Season of the Heart* by Clare Barroll is a romantic suspense novel set in 15th century Sweden.

*The Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston is a biography of a Chinese-American girl growing up in San Francisco and surrounded by Chinese customs, myths, and legends.

*Black Culture and Black Consciousness* by Lawrence Levine asserts that black Americans have their own cultural fabric and need not make apologies to the country's dominant cultural themes.

*The Kentucky Derby: The First 100 Years* is a photographic history of America's greatest horse race.

*Far Eastern Beginnings* by Olivia Vlahos explores the complex weave of cultures in the provinces and neighboring countries of China and how much they have in common.

*The Incredible Dr. Matrix* is a compilation of mathematical games columns from Scientific American magazine which explore numerology and coincidence in things like the Kennedy and Lincoln assassinations (Kennedy was riding in a Lincoln made by the Ford company) and the malicious computer HAL in the movie 2001 whose name is a one letter shift from IBM, etc.



**RETIRING** — Six people retiring from the Perquimans County School system were recognized for their many years of service during the Annual Appreciation Luncheon held Friday. Pictured above

(l. to r.), those retiring are Tommy Maston, Miss Johnnie White, Mrs. Dorcas White, Mrs. Atha Tunnell, Mrs. Annie White, and Mrs. Theresa Ebron. (Newbern photo)



**HONORED** — Recently honored at a retirement dinner at Perquimans Central Grammar School were three members of the school faculty who are

retiring. Pictured (l. to r.) are Mrs. Atha Tunnell, Tommy Maston, and Mrs. Theresa Ebron. (Newbern photo)

## Six Retire From Perquimans Schools

The Annual Appreciation Luncheon honoring Perquimans County School employees was held Friday at Perquimans High School.

Clifford Winslow, chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Education, welcomed those attending and introduced the Board members. In his brief remarks, he reminded the educators of the great responsibility they have. He said, "I'm proud of Perquimans County. I'm proud of you as teachers and employees of this school system. We've done a tremendous job." He also challenged each employee to provide the "best educational opportunities possible for our school children."

Six retiring school personnel were honored at the Friday luncheon with each receiving a retirement pin from the Board of Education. Those retiring include Dorcas White, Annie White, Atha Tunnell, Theresa

Ebron, Johnnie White, and Tommy Maston.

Mrs. Dorcas White, a teacher at Hertford Grammar School, is a native of Perquimans County and has taught in the Perquimans County School System for 26 of her 37 total years in education.

Mrs. Annie White is a retiring member of the lunchroom staff and served in Perquimans County for 32 years. Mrs. Atha Tunnell, first grade teacher at Perquimans Central Grammar School, has 24 teaching years to her credit. Mrs. Theresa Ebron is retiring after 23 total years in education 21 of which were in Perquimans County. She taught fourth grade at Perquimans Central Grammar School. Miss Johnnie White is retiring as seventh grade teacher at Perquimans Union School having been in education for a number of years. Tommy Maston is retiring as principal of Perquimans Central Grammar

School after 26 years there. Superintendent Pat Harrell pointed out that those educators retiring from the local school system represent a total of 195 years in public education and 169 years of employment in Perquimans County School system.

The following teachers who will not be returning to Perquimans County Schools next year were also recognized: Gaye Mann of Perquimans Union School, Walker Morris, Delores Byrd and Roy Forehand, all of Perquimans High School.

Earlier in the week, a retirement dinner recognizing three members of the faculty at Perquimans Central Grammar School was held. At that time, Mrs. Atha Tunnell, Mrs. Theresa Ebron, and Tommy Maston were honored. Also present at the luncheon were teachers who had retired from Perquimans Central Grammar since Maston had served as principal.

## Local Farm Bureau Office Adds Committee

The Perquimans County Farm Bureau announces the addition of a Woman's Committee to their county program.

The newly organized Woman's Committee will be helping the local Farm Bureau promote farm safety, farm-city relations, farm legislation and other projects related to the work of the Farm Bureau.

The committee membership is open to all women who are members of Farm Bureau.

The next meeting will be held June 27 at 8 p.m. at the

Farm Bureau office located in Harris Shopping Center, Hertford. Anyone interested in this new program is invited to attend.

Mrs. Nancy Madre has been selected as the new committee's chairman with Mrs. Hollis Williams serving as secretary and Mrs. Fannie Hurdle as legislative advisor. Plans for safety projects are being considered by the group.

For more information, contact the local Farm Bureau office or any of the officers listed above.



**BENEFIT SHOW RESULTS** — A \$1,000 donation has been made to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk, Va., following the benefit horse show sponsored recently by the Perquimans County Horse and Poay Club. Pictured above, club president

Fleetwood Harrell (left) presents the check to William Selvey, Executive Director of the hospital. Of the \$1,000 total, \$718 was raised by the horse show and individual donations. The remaining \$282 was donated by the club. (Newbern photo)

**GROUND-BREAKING** — Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in Perquimans County Monday morning for the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission (ARPDC) building. Shown above (l. to r.) participating in the ceremonies are El Coa, Mayor of Hertford, Joe Howell, Per-

quimans County Commissioner; B.S. Monds, ARPDC Chairman and Perquimans County Commissioner; Lester Simpson, chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners; and Robert Whitley, ARPDC Executive Director. (Photo Courtesy of Pat McCloskey, The Daily Advance)