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FOR A JOB WELL DONE — Ray Ward (left), President of the Perquimans County Jaycees, presents Rescue Squad Captain Emmett Elmore a plaque from the club in honor of their ten years of service to the county. The presentation was made at the steak dinner Thursday night sponsored by the Jaycees.



FOR SERVICE AS DISPATCHER — Receiving special recognition at the Thursday night dinner was E.W. (Dick) Long (left) who served in the volunteer position of dispatcher for the squad for nine years. Captain Elmore presents Long with a plaque in honor of his service on behalf of the squad.



THANK YOU FROM THE CITIZENS — Hertford Mayor Bill Cox thanks Captain Elmore and the squad members for their dedication and service. Cox made a presentation to the squad on behalf of all the citizens they serve. (Staff photos by Kathy M. Newbern)

Charged With Murder

Charles Cooper, 57, of 3512 Blaines St., Portsmouth, Va. is being held without bond in the Tri-County jail as the result of a shooting incident early Sunday morning that left one man dead.

Cooper is charged with the murder of Johnny L. James of Rt. 2, Hertford who was 47 years of age. Cooper is also charged with

carrying a concealed weapon.

Perquimans County Sheriff Julian Broughton reported that James and his alleged girlfriend, Rosa White, also of Rt. 2, Hertford were at an establishment near the Whiteston section of the county. An argument broke out between the two around midnight on Saturday. According to the sheriff's

report, Rosa White cut James' hand with a knife. Then, James' brother took him out of the establishment. She then asked her cousin, Charles Cooper, to escort her home. The sheriff reported this was around 3 a.m. on Sunday. When she returned to her home, she found James at the house and another argument developed. During the argument, Cooper

allegedly shot James in the chest four times using a .22 caliber revolver. The incident occurred between 3 and 3:30 a.m.

Sheriff Broughton was on the scene by 3:35 a.m. and the arrest of Cooper was made at 3:45 a.m.

The sheriff added that investigation is still continuing.

Election Update

With only a few hours left to file for office, the race for council seats in both the Town of Hertford and Winfall is shaping up.

Noon tomorrow (Friday, Oct. 7) is the deadline for all interested to file for the offices to be elected on Nov. 8. As of press time Tuesday morning, four candidates had filed for the two Town of Hertford council seats to be elected. Incumbents John Beers and T. Erie Haste Jr. had filed earlier. Now added to that list are Jesse Harris and Rev. John H. London Jr.

Also to be elected Nov. 8 are two councilmen for the Town of Winfall and the office of mayor. As of press time, incumbent Douglas Umphlett had filed for reelection as councilman. While the other two incumbents have not yet filed, sources indicate that they will run for reelection. The other incumbent councilman is Jack Symons and David Trueblood is incumbent mayor.

Also facing Perquimans County voters Nov. 8 will be the special election to approve or disapprove school bonds for construction and renovation of Perquimans County High School.

Several statewide issues are also listed on the Nov. 8 ballot. These include the constitutional amendment question of succession of the governor, clean water bonds, and state highway improvement bonds.

All Perquimans County citizens wishing to vote in the Nov. 8 election must register no later than 5 p.m. tomorrow (Friday, Oct. 7). The Board of Election of office is located in the Agricultural Building at 104 Dobbs Street in Hertford. People who have moved in the city limits or to another precinct should check to see if they are registered correctly before that 5 p.m. cut-off.

DEMOCRATS TO MEET

The Perquimans County Democratic Party will meet Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. in the Perquimans County Courthouse according to an announcement by party chairman Archie T. Lane Sr.

Lane explained that the purpose of this "important meeting" is to get local Democrats together to discuss issues to be voted on in the Nov. 8 election. Priscilla Hardie, District 1 Democratic Coordinator, will also be present.



FOR LUCKY WINNERS — Pictured above are some small electrical appliances which will be given as attendance

prizes for consumer-members present at the Annual meeting of Albemarle EMC set for Saturday.

Annual Meeting Planned

The 30th Annual Meeting of the members of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation will be held Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Perquimans County High School auditorium in Hertford, according to James A. Whitehurst of South Mills, president of the electric cooperative.

Items of business at the meeting will include the election of directors and report on the year's 1976 operations.

A nominating committee of member-consumers has nominated a slate of directors to be elected at the meeting. The committee was composed of J.C. Rountree and Franklin Griffin of Camden County, Sid White Jr. and Milton Jordan of Chowan County, Mildred Hunt and Haywood Bright of Pasquotank County, and Joe Tunnell and Robert Hollowell of Perquimans County.

The nominating committee has made the following nominations: for District No. 1 (Camden County) — W.W. Meigs of Camden and Tom White of Rt. 1, South Mills; District No. 2 (Chowan County) — Marvin Ashley of Rt. 1, Edenton and Joseph Byrum of Tyner; and District No. 4 (Perquimans County) — L. Wayne Howell

of Rt. 2, Hertford and Floyd Matthews Sr. of Rt. 4, Hertford.

The main speaker will be Alton P. Wall of Asheboro who is Acting Manager of N.C. Electric Membership Corporation — the statewide association of electric cooperatives which represents Albemarle EMC in power supply matters among other services. Wall, a long-time distribution cooperative manager, will speak on problems associated with power supply and plans for EMC's to gain ownership in generation facilities.

Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and the annual meeting will begin at 2 p.m. Each member who registers will receive a silver dollar and over 30 attendance prizes will be awarded to lucky winners.

President Whitehurst urges all members of the cooperative to attend "your meeting to tend to your business." Members can exercise their ownership and interest in their own business by attending, Whitehurst added.

Albemarle EMC serves some 5,500 member-consumer families in parts of Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck Counties.

Board Of Education Meets

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

Policy matters, educational programs, and the upcoming school bond referendum were among items discussed in a short meeting of the Perquimans County Board of Education held Monday night.

A policy related to staff reduction, if necessary, was adopted by the board as presented by Superintendent Pat Harrell. The policy points out reasons why staff reduction in the local school system would be necessary such as: program elimination, reduction in funding, elimination or consolidation of teaching positions, or reduction in teacher allocations. The second part of the policy includes three regulations for reducing staff. This section outlines how staff would be cut, based on a variety of criteria including certification, degree held, experience in (and outside of) the county system, and an "earned points" system. Harrell pointed out that all teachers in the school system would receive a copy of the policy following approval of the policy by the board.

The second policy matter discussed regarded Drug Use and Abuse. This policy, approved at the Oct. 3 meeting, prohibits the presence of all drugs, except those used medicinally, on school grounds, in all school buildings and facilities, and at all school sponsored activities and events both on and off campus. In personnel matters, the board approved the employment of Janice Dillon at Perquimans Union School in the area of social studies. Several program areas were also discussed at the Monday night meeting. Plans for the recently activated Family Life Education Committee were highlighted by Morris Kornegay, Coordinator for Secondary Instruction. Kornegay explained to the board that this citizens' parents' group would be meeting Tuesday night to discuss developing a course in family life education. He added that representatives from the local health department, social services, and local ministers had been invited. Kornegay also extended an invitation to Board of Education members to attend. Following Kornegay's report, board chairman Clifford Winslow commented, "This is an area I think is vital. It's something the school system has been needing for a long time."

Harrell announced the substitute teacher workshop planned for Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. adding that pre-registration has shown much interest exists. Also in program area an-

nouncements, Harrell told board members of local plans for American Education Week, Nov. 13-19. As part of that observance, plans are to invite area legislators and local officials to visit and tour the school system one day during the week.

Several other announcements were made including: North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA) convention Nov. 3-5; District School Board meeting on Feb. 8 at Bertie Senior High School; and a computer workshop sponsored by Alliance for Progress (AFP) Oct. 17-18 in Williamston.

The need for school security personnel was also discussed briefly. Harrell explained that he had discussed this need at the Monday morning meeting of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners. As a result, the Commissioners went on record allocating soon to be received Title II CETA funds to the Board of Education to use as they see fit. Although no action was taken, discussion by Board of Education members showed that the group favored having part of these funds go toward acquiring the needed security personnel.

Discussion was also held on the Nov. 8 special elec-

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Rescue Squad Honored

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

The spotlight was centered on the Perquimans County Rescue Squad Thursday night when those volunteer men and women were publicly recognized for ten years of service to Perquimans County.

Members of the Perquimans County Jaycees hosted a steak dinner honoring the squad on their tenth anniversary at Hertford Grammar School. Special guest speaker for the occasion was Joseph W. Grimsley, Secretary of

the N.C. Department of Administration.

Grimsley told the large crowd that the rescue squad is a "living example that citizen and community responsibility saves taxpayers dollars, builds a sense of community, and instills good citizenship in participants."

"Governor Hunt feels very strongly that nothing is more important in the daily lives of all North Carolinians than the understanding of the importance of citizen and community responsibility," Grimsley continued. The secretary advised

the group, "The way to make things happen in your community is for you to do the things you can do and do them here. Don't go to Raleigh to get them done. Don't go to Washington to get them done."

Grimsley praised the squad for their continuous involvement for their community. He said, "Your rescue squad is as good as the paid services in Wake County, a big area. I think you're very lucky to have people that will serve you without pay." Grimsley also applauded the Jaycees for honoring such a deserving group.

Before ending his address, Grimsley also took advantage of the group setting to endorse upcoming state issues in the Nov. 8 election.

Following comments from the guest speaker, several individuals were recognized and several presentations were made.

Organized on August 14, 1967, the Perquimans County Rescue Squad currently has 60 members, with 39 certified Emergency Medical Technicians. Emmett Elmore serves as squad captain.

Outer Banks Soil Survey Is Discussed

Howard Lee, Secretary of Natural Resources and Community Development, and officials of other state and federal agencies providing policies and guidelines for the development of North Carolina's land and natural resources, gathered Thursday to recognize the first detailed soil survey report on the Outer Banks at the September session of the Coastal Resources Commission at Nags Head. The meeting recognized the cooperative efforts of several agencies

to make essential land planning information available to planning officials and to the public. Also present were Bill Harris, Superintendent of the National Parks Service, G. Samuel Cox, District Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service. Agencies involved in the survey are the Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; the North Carolina State University Department of Soil Sciences and NCSU Extension Service;

Department of Natural Resources and Community Development Divisions of Earth Sciences and Marine Fisheries; the Coastal Resources Commission and the National Parks Service.

The survey, entitled "Soil Survey of the Outer Banks, North Carolina," is a direct result of Coastal Area Management program efforts to consider the ability of land to support various uses and to protect North Carolina's natural resources. The survey is an inven-

tory in two parts of the various soils of the Outer Banks area including portions of eight North Carolina counties (Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Carteret, Onslow, Pender, New Hanover, and Brunswick).

Part I of the survey identifies 30 soils in the Outer Banks and describes the physical and chemical properties of each soil including each soil's water table, susceptibility to flooding, permeability, and erosion potential. The

survey identifies the degree and kind of limitations on use of each type of soil for dwellings, streets and roads, and septic tanks. It also rates each soil's potential for wildlife habitat. Soil maps of the entire Outer Banks area depicting the location of the soils identified are included in Part II.

The Outer Banks is a critical area of North Carolina.

County meetings are being planned to discuss and distribute the survey.

Voter Registration To Close Friday At 5 P.M.