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TEACHER OF YEAR CANDIDATES — Frances Monds (right), retiring teacher from Hertford Grammar School, congratulates the Teacher of the Year candidates (l. to r.) Evelyn Stubbins, Rachael Weeks,

Naomi Spence, and Blanche Dillon. Mrs. Dillon, teacher at Perquimans Union School, was named Perquimans County's Teacher of the Year at the Friday luncheon.



RETIRING PERSONNEL — Also included on Friday's luncheon agenda was recognition of other retiring school personnel. Above, School Superintendent Pat Harrell recognizes (l. to r.) retiring aides Elizabeth Thach and Eva Chesson, and retiring school

maid Julia Simpson. The luncheon also included entertainment from teachers, and remarks from Board of Education Chairman Clifford Winslow. (Staff photos by Kathy M. Newbern)

Teachers saluted at Friday luncheon

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

While the sound of car horns signaled students' jubilant reaction to the closing of school last Wednesday, Friday marked the end of the year for teachers. And in recognition of "a job well done," the Perquimans County Board of Education sponsored an Employee

Appreciation Luncheon that day at Union School.

Opening remarks were made by Board Chairman Clifford Winslow who said, "We appreciate all the good things you do for our kids here in Perquimans County."

Following a lunch prepared by Food Services personnel, three

Union School teachers provided entertainment.

Next on the agenda was special recognition.

Pat Harrell, Superintendent, introduced the Teacher of the Year candidates, one from each school in the county. They were Rachael Weeks, Perquimans Central; Naomi

Spence, Hertford Grammar; Blanche Dillon, Perquimans Union; and Evelyn Stubbins, Perquimans High School. Prior to making the Teacher of the Year announcement, Harrell pointed out that each candidate represents professionalism sought in teaching. He then announced the selection of Mrs. Blanche Dillon as 1978 recipient of the award which

was presented locally for the first time. Mrs. Dillon will now represent the local system in district Teacher of the Year competition.

Also recognized at the Friday luncheon were: two retiring teachers, Frances Monds and Doris Spruill; retiring aides Elizabeth Thach and Eva Chesson; and retiring school

maid, Julia Simpson. Special recognition was also given to Ralph Harrell, retiring Board of Education member retiring after 12 years of service.

Following the brief program, the luncheon symbolically adjourned with a spirited rendition of "In the Good Ole Summertime."

New headmaster at Chowan Academy

Effective today, Paul Edwin Lasker will be serving as Headmaster at Chowan Academy.

Lasker is a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel.

Born at Tigard, Oregon in 1929, Lasker attended elementary school, high school, and college in the state of Oregon. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1954 with a baccalaureate degree in Education. Having taken the Senior R.O.T.C. course while at the university, Lasker entered the U.S. Army in August 1954 as a second lieutenant in infantry.

Lasker's first assignment in the Army was as a Platoon Leader in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. In 1957, he was reassigned to Germany where he spent three years with an armored infantry unit. After attending the Infantry Officer Career Course, Lasker was assigned for three years as Assistant Professor of Military Science at San Jose State College in California where he obtained his MA Degree in Secondary Education in 1964. He volunteered for service in Vietnam in 1964, and after a year

there, attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. After successive tours with the Department of Army Military Personnel Management Team, as Battalion Commander, and another year in Vietnam, Lasker was again reassigned to Germany. In July 1975, Lasker returned to Fort Bragg where he retired in June 1976.

Upon retiring from the Army after 22 years of active service, Lasker became the Senior Army Instructor for Junior R.O.T.C. at D.H. Conley High School in Greenville. He simultaneously served as the Director of Army Instruction for all Army J.R.O.T.C. instruction in Pitt County. He has held those positions until his arrival here at Chowan Academy and Edenton, N.C.

Lasker is married to the former Genevieve Suits of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They have three children: Patricia, 22, who graduated from E.C.U. this May with a degree in Geography; Steven, 21, majoring in Geology at Ap-



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palachian State University; and Susan who is married and living in Jacksonville, N.C. The Laskers have one grandson.

Safety award given to Albemarle EMC

N.C. Labor Commissioner John C. Brooks presented the labor department's "Certificate of Safety Achievement" to employees and management of 38 firms from throughout four counties at a dinner program in Elizabeth City last Thursday.

Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, headquartered in Hertford, was among those honored.

Sponsored by the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce, the awards presentations were made at Tuck's Bar-B-O Restaurant.

Presiding at the program was

Nelson P. Watkins, executive vice president of the chamber of commerce.

I. Lindy Cockman, president-elect of the chamber and assistant vice president of Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Elizabeth City, introduced Commissioner Brooks.

Brooks recognized representatives of plants, businesses and service establishments from Edenton, Chowan County; Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County; Hertford, Perquimans County; and South Mills, Camden County.

The companies qualified for the

department's award by maintaining a perfect safety record during calendar year 1977, or by recording an occupational injury incidence rate at least 50 percent below the statewide rate for their particular industry.

The Elizabeth City presentation was the 27th in a series of 30 labor department safety award presentations across the state. The safety awards program, under the direction of the department's state employment standards division, is co-sponsored locally by community organizations.

Perquimans in Youth Program

RALEIGH — Governor Jim Hunt has announced details of a \$397,052 Summer Youth Program operated by the Employment Security Com-

mission for 554 young people in Perquimans, Chowan, Dare, Tyrrell, Pasquotank, Washington, Camden, Gates, Hyde, and Currituck counties.

The Summer Youth Program offers participants work experience in library assistance, maintenance, recreation, food service, beautification and child care. Classroom training is available in vocational exploration and remedial education.

The \$12-million summer program, funded under the Comprehensive

Employment and Training Act (CETA) and administered by the state's Division of Community Employment, will reach over 10,000 North Carolina young people.

Participants will be paid the federal minimum wage of \$2.65 per hour to attend classes and work in community-sponsored jobs. Young people can apply through the local Manpower unit, the Employment Security Commission and local high

schools in areas with the program. Any person, ages 14-21, whose family income qualifies him as poor is eligible for the Summer Youth Program. Families receiving welfare automatically qualify.

Thirty-seven local government and non-profit agencies will operate the programs. All agencies will provide vocational and remedial education and both public and private sector jobs depending on their individual community needs.



PUS HONOR STUDENTS — Recognized at Thursday's eighth grade graduation exercises at Perquimans Union School were those students maintaining a 90 or better grade average for the year. The

honor students are (l. to r.) Elaine Twine, Donnie Saunders, Melissa Lewis, Joan Keyser, Dianne Jordan, and Deborah Hoffpauir.



GRADUATION SPEAKER — Delivering the graduation address for the eighth graders was Morris Kornegay, coordinator of middle grades and Secondary Education and Director of Title I Programs, Perquimans County Schools. (Staff photos by Kathy M. Newbern)