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Caution kids at play

It seemed as if half the kids in Perquimans County were participating in last Sunday's Christmas Parade, and the other half were watching. At left, a boy points out something his friends seem to have missed, while a group of children sing carols. Above, a few kids-at-heart clown around for the crowd. The church-civic float winners were Piney Woods Friends Meeting (first place) and Elizabeth City Moose Lodge (second place) with Woodville Baptist Church and Maxines Day Care receiving honorable mentions. Northeastern High School won the school float award, with Perquimans Central School second and Future Business Leaders of America an honorable mention. The Perquimans Union Band won first place in the band competition, with Edenton-Holmes second. The Perquimans County Jaycees and the Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the event, wish to thank all those who participated.



Chamber members hold banquet and induction

By VAL SHORT

"Whatever you can do to build a better Perquimans County — do it!" Sam Bundy told members and guests of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce at the annual banquet Monday night at Angler's Cove Restaurant.

Bundy, who is a retired school principal from Farmville and also a N.C. representative from the ninth district, presented an entertaining and inspirational message as guest speaker for the event.

The popular speaker brought chuckles from the group with his witicisms and encouraged them with his patriotic remarks. Using the theme, "Our country — let's keep strong, great and free," Bundy challenged the group to build a better community, state and nation through organizations like the Chamber of Commerce.

"You build a better Perquimans County and we'll have a better nation," he said. "No matter how good things are in Perquimans County, they can be better...the best jobs in Perquimans County have not been done," he continued.

Knowledge, understanding, improvement and appreciation are all

things that will help our country remain great, according to Bundy, but rededication to love of country and love of freedom will be necessary also. "Let's don't lose it!" he said.

Bundy spoke to the group following a social hour, courtesy of Peoples Bank, and a buffet dinner that included seafood, roast beef and chicken.

Mary Harrell was installed as the new Chamber president during the banquet and in her remarks as the new leader she said, "I hope I can serve you well, but I will need lots of help. Any organization is only as good as its membership and can only accomplish what its members want to accomplish.

"We are counting on you!" she continued.

Retiring president Chris Christensen presented a report of the year's activities including the Chamber's active support of tourism in the area, the four-laning of Highway 17, and Band Boosters and Jaycee projects. The chamber also promoted the N.C. 2000 program, coordinated a Washington's birthday sale, assisted with the local Christmas parade and sponsored a trip to

the World's Fair in October.

The highlight of the year for the Chamber was the very successful Indian Summer Festival held last September, a three-day event which took nine months to plan and implement. "The people of Perquimans really turned out and supported the final event," Christensen commented.

"With this spirit — and we know it is here — I think the Chamber has a good year ahead of us," said Christensen.

Other officers installed included Allan Asbell, vice president and Alan Copeland, treasurer. New members of the Board of Directors are Marion Harrell, New Hope; Paul Smith Sr., Parkville; Dan Nixon, Belvidere; Eddie Miller, Parkville; Burt A. Eure, New Hope; Shirley Perry, Belvidere; and Henry Carney, Bethel.

The Chamber president announced the next Board of Directors meeting will be January 3 at the chamber office. Door prizes were presented at the end of the meeting and were donated by Don Juan, DiJop, Darden's Department Store and Dr. Jack Boone.

Rape, embezzlement trials slated for Superior Court session

By VAL SHORT

Two men charged with first degree rape and aiding and abetting first degree rape, and one man charged with 18 counts of embezzlement will be tried this week as Superior Court convenes with Superior Court Judge Richard B. Allsbrook presiding.

The cases of William Graham Cohen, 19, of Holiday Island and Terry Lynn Miles, 28, of Suffolk, Va., have been brought to trial after being continued since September 27.

Cohen and Miles have been charged in the alleged rape of a 23-year-old Holiday Island woman last August.

Also on trial this week is Dennis J. Stallings, of 819 West Way, Elizabeth City, who was indicted October 4 by a Perquimans County grand jury for embezzlement. The indictment charges that Stallings embezzled about \$20,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wood Lowe, the owners of Lowe's Funeral Home in Hertford. Stallings was the manager of the funeral home.

The indictment followed a three-month investigation by Hertford Police Capt. Robert Morris and State Bureau of Investigations Special Agent Walter L. House. The investigation began after the Lowes reported to the local police they suspected Stallings of taking money.

Embezzlement carries a maximum jail sentence of 10 years.

Also on trial this week was Arrie Lee Wilson, charged with assault on a female. Wilson pled guilty and received a 60-day sentence.

Curtis McKinley Thomas, charged with death by motor vehicle, pled no contest to reckless driving and received a \$100 fine and cost of court, which is to include to cost of attorney's fees. Thomas was ordered to remain on good behavior.

The case of Carlton Walters, charged with driving under the influence, was continued. Charges of felonious possession of stolen goods, and two counts of aiding and abetting breaking and entering and larceny and receiving stolen goods against Jimmy Earl Squires were dismissed.

Also on the Superior Court calendar this week are Wallace Hinton, charged with first degree

rape and two counts of incest; Henry Russell Mallory, Jr., charged with first degree rape; Alvah Linwood Twine, charged with communicating threats; and Charles Henry Whidbee, charged with common law robbery.

Other cases scheduled to be heard this week include: Lawrence Smith, charged with indecent liberties; Gene Evans Moore Brickhouse, charged with two counts of breaking and entering, larceny and receiving stolen goods; and James Matthew Weeks, III, charged with felonious possession of marijuana and manufacturing marijuana.

Also, Ervin Isaac Bryant, charged with breaking and entering and larceny and receiving and possession of stolen goods; Victor Felton Oliver, charged with two counts of driving under the influence; and Frank Benjamin Miller, III, charged with driving under the influence.

Dear Santa...

Once again this year, the Perquimans Weekly invites readers and their young charges to send us your Christmas letters to Santa Claus.

We will print selected letters in

our Christmas week edition.

Send the letters to the Perquimans Weekly, P.O. Box 277, Hertford, N.C. 27944, or drop them off at our offices at Courthouse Square.

Book details history of county buildings

By TOM OSTROSKY

After three years of work, the Town of Hertford, with assistance from the county and the state, has published an inventory of the historic buildings in Perquimans County.

The first copies of the book were presented during an informal ceremony Wednesday of last week at the Municipal Building.

The 265-page book, entitled "The Historic Architecture of Perquimans County, North Carolina," was written by local historian Ray Winslow and state Department of Archives and History consultant Dru Gatewood Haley.

The work was financed under a grant from the Department of Archives and History, as well as contributions from the towns and the county.

The book, on sale at the Municipal Building for \$15 a copy, details the history, of about 390 sites in Perquimans County, everything from homes to businesses to cemeteries to smokehouses.

Organized by five townships and two towns in the county, the book gives a general history of county architecture, a general description

each township, and a photograph and brief history of each historic building in the township. The work is also thoroughly footnoted.

The book features buildings built before 1900 that have kept their original architectural style, as well as those that best reflect the period between 1900 and 1930.

Mayor and Town Manager Bill Cox reports that well over 100 copies of the first 1,000 printed have been sold — about 30 of them last Monday alone — with no advance publicity.

If sales continue at this rate, Cox plans to order another printing of the book. Sales from the book will go to recouping the town's and county's investment in the work.

In spite of the long history of this region of the state, and the many old buildings still extant, Perquimans County is the first county in the region to publish an inventory of its historic sites. Winslow said he hoped the book would be listed among "the pioneering works of historic architecture. We are pioneers here."

Haley, an architectural historian for the state, did most of the field



Jesse Carden (right) of Precision Printing presents a copy of "The Historic Architecture of Perquimans County, North Carolina" to Mayor Bill Cox (left) and county Board of Commissioners Chairman Joe Nowell. Between Carden, who

printed the book, and Nowell are authors Ray Winslow and Dru Gatewood Haley. Behind them are members of the Hertford Town Council, county Board of Commissioners, and a few of people who assisted the authors in their work.

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Repair scheduled for local secondary roads

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners, during the regular meeting Monday morning, approved a recommendation by state Department of Transportation District Engineer R.E. West to spend \$37,800 to repair selected roads in the county.

The money is state funds which have been earmarked for Perquimans County's secondary roads but left unallocated. Most of it is the 10 percent of this year's state road maintenance money that is reserved for emergencies and cost overruns.

The money will be used to repair about three miles of county secondary road with stone, as well as spot repair another mile and a half.

The roads that will receive repair are seven-tenths of a mile on Preston Stevenson Road (SR 1129), six-tenths of a mile on Boy Scout Road (SR 1317), and three roads in Snug Harbor, Willow, Linden and Hickory.

The roads to be spot repaired are Colson Beach Road (SR 1332) and Paul Colson Road (SR 1335).

Final approval from the state won't be received until early next year, according to West, and work will probably begin in the spring.

This week

Henry Carney of Angler's Cove opens a new restaurant in Virginia Beach. Turn to page three.

Weather

Mostly cloudy with highs in the 50s and lower sixties, turning colder over the weekend.