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## A busy week-end

Nobody could complain about not having anything to do last week-end in or around Perquimans County. Various

events were held over the short span that offered diversions and entertainment for the entire family.

In Perquimans County there were several events for residents to cover, including the annual Festival of Skills,

sponsored by the county's extension homemakers, the "Big Shindig," sponsored by the Hertford Grammar School PTA, and a truck pull sponsored by the Durants Neck Volunteer Fire Department.

In Edenton the annual Peanut Festival, sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan Band Parents Association, was underway with the ever popular Perquimans County High School Band as one of the many bands represented, and the Perquimans-Edenton football game was held on Friday evening.

In Elizabeth City there was the Soybean Festival, the Albemarle 4-H Heiffer Show, and the Tri-County Fair.

Reports and results on many of these events can be found throughout this week's edition of the paper.

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More than 700 people turned out Saturday for the annual "Festival of Skills" sponsored by the county's extension homemakers. In addition

to a unique selection of arts and crafts the festival offered a tempting menu with loads of goodies for hungry shoppers.



Hertford Grammar School was the scene for a gigantic yard sale and pig picking on Saturday, sponsored by the school's PTA. (Photo by Cindy Leicester.)



The award winning Perquimans County High School Band journeyed to Edenton on Saturday to participate in the annual

"Battle of the Bands." The Marching Pirates claimed first place in the 2-A division for overall band, majorettes,

drumline, and drum majors. The band's rifle corps claimed divisional third place. The Thomas Dale Band of Chester, Va.

claimed the Fisher Nut Trophy for "Band of the Day," which was won last year by Perquimans.



## Local utility rates to increase 5.2%

By JANE WILLIAMS

A wholesale power cost increase of 5.2 per cent handed down by the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency (supplier to the Town of Hertford) has forced the Hertford Board of Commissioners to effect an across the board rate increase of retail utility rates to the town's consumers.

The wholesale rate increase went into effect on October 1 for each of the 32 municipalities served by the Agency.

During a Monday night meeting Hertford Commissioners expressed their dismay at the rate hike, but further agreed that the town could not afford to absorb the increase.

The new utility rate for Town of Hertford customers will become effective with the December 1 billing.

In further discussion of the utility rates Commissioner Jesse Harris, the local representative to the Power Agency Board, told the group that the town owed \$237,000.00 to VEPCO for the "buy-out" when they switched to the Agency. "This money has to be paid back next year," Harris said, and added that the Agency had offered a finance plan to the 11 towns that the buy out would affect.

Harris reviewed a few of the plans that were offered by the Agency, one which would give the town 15 years to pay back the money at 7 per cent interest in the amount of \$2,137.00 per month, and the other, a 25 year pay back plan at the same rate of interest in the amount of \$1,680.00 per month.

Each of the towns will have to come together to choose the pay back plan and the decision will be made at the October 24 meeting of the Power Agency Board.

The Hertford Commissioners

voted unanimously to empower Harris with the right to use his own judgement in regards to voting for the 15 or 25 year payment plan to VEPCO.

The Commissioners further stated that an additional utility rate increase would have to be looked at in early January to offset the payment schedule, and that the Agency had indicated that there would be another wholesale power increase effected in April.

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox stated that even with the wholesale increases and the payback schedule the town's rates would still be in line with those of VEPCO.

## Chamber launches drive

By JANE WILLIAMS

Armed with pens, paper, coffee, orange juice and hot biscuits members of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Membership Drive Committee met early Tuesday morning to launch the week long 1984-85 membership drive for the chamber.

Membership Drive Chairman Walter Humphlett, Jr. stated that the goal for the 20 member committee would be to increase the chamber memberships to 145 for the upcoming year, an increase of 11 over the current year's memberships.

Costs of membership to the chamber of commerce are \$25.00 and up.

To join the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, or to obtain additional information call the chamber office at 426-5657.

## ECU performers to highlight 400th anniversary celebration

By LUCILLE WINSLOW

Perquimans County's Four Hundredth Anniversary events will feature an evening of musical entertainment by the East Carolina University Chamber Singers and Collegium in Missing Mill Park, beginning at six o'clock p.m. on October 12.

This will follow the ceremony at the Newbold-White House that morning, and the luncheon at Angler's Cove at 1 p.m. that day.

The Missing Mill program will feature harpsichord, viol and other antique musical instruments. Performers will appear in elaborate Elizabethan costumes, and under the direction of Dr. Charles W. Moore, Chairman of E. C. U. Vocal Music, will give more than two-score selections.

One of these selections will be "Now I Walk in Beauty," a Navajo Indian prayer. Another is by the much-married monarch, Henry VIII, and is titled, "Ah, the Syghes that come from My Heart."

It is not recorded which of his many wives inspired this tender feeling, but with North Carolina's beginnings in the reign of his daughter, Elizabeth I, it is hoped that her mother, Anne Boleyn, may have had that honor before Henry executed her in 1536.

The talented Chamber Singers and faculty from the East Carolina School of Music in Greenville are in great demand. They have a 10-year tradition of "sell outs" at the annual madrigal dinners at the school.

They appear regularly on Artist Series Concerts, and will present a Gala Evening of Music in the Chrysler Museum Theater in Norfolk on October 13, the evening following the Missing Mill Concert.

They will tour England and Europe in the spring and summer of 1985 as Four Hundredth Anniversary representatives for the State.

Tickets for the fabulous fish fry and concert are only \$3.50. They may be secured from Mattie Butler, Ticket Chairman, Anne Young and Jeanne C. White.

It is hoped that Perquimans citizens will wholeheartedly support this event. Curtis Eure, Master Fish Fryer, Mrs. James Wilder, Charles T. Skinner Jr. and Buddy Tilley are the

arrangements committee for this occasion.

Perquimans Heritage Day begins at the Newbold-White House at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 12, with a commemoration of North Carolina's Seventeenth Century Courts.

Appearing on this program will be Chief Justice Joseph Branch; Judge Naomi Morris, Chief Judge North Carolina Court of Appeals (Ret.); the Honorable Lindsay C. Warren Jr., Chairman, America's Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee; the Honorable Charles D. Evans, First District Representative, North Carolina General Assembly; and other figures prominent in the North Carolina Judiciary.

Chairman Warren will open an exhibition of early crafts and foods which will be displayed in the meadows around the Newbold-White House. Guests and visitors will attend a subscription luncheon at Angler's Cove at 1 o'clock p.m.

Mrs. R. C. Gover, General Chairman for Heritage Day, has announced a wide array of foods and skills to be displayed under the leadership of Paige Underwood and Juanita Bailey, Extension Specialists.

Embroidery will be shown by Mrs. Nancy Hobbs; miscellaneous crafts and skills by the Snug Harbor Community Church; hand painted pictures, by Leslie and Penny Williams; soft sculpture dolls, Deborah Norwood; wooden accessories and furniture, Dick Manns; crocheted Christmas ornaments, Nancy Jo Townsend; hearth brooms, Elvis Perry; baskets, Joyce Hobbs; needle lace, Emily Harrell; wooden utensils, Troy Elliott; quilting, Lib Harris; weaving, Virginia White.

Edna Wolverton and Juanita Bailey will have a demonstration of foods which were staples of the early settlers. These include

such delicacies as leather britches, peach leather, gritted bread and others.

To remind everyone that the Newbold-White House is said to have been built by one of Carolina's earliest Quakers, Joseph Scott, Archie Riddick will be appearing as a Quaker farmer and Sybil Winslow will be a Quaker school teacher.

Saturday, October 13, is set aside for a self-guided tour beginning at the Perquimans County Court House at 10:00 a.m. A tour guide booklet and lunch at Piney Wood Friends Meeting (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.) are \$3.00 per person.

Cove Grove, (shown by Mrs. Frank Skinner and family), the William Jones House, now owned by Winslow heirs and (shown by occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Perry Jr.), the Thomas D. White House, (shown by Mrs. Emma Rountree and family), the Col.

Francis Toms House, (shown by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kornegay), and the Up River Friends Meeting House will all be open for visits between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

These are all described in the guidebook. In addition, the Church of the Holy Trinity, Episcopal, will be open.

The three-day pilgrimage and commemoration will end with a religious service at the Newbold-White House at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 14. The service will be conducted by Dr. D. Elton Trueblood and other Society of Friends members as a commemoration of the beginning of organized religion in North Carolina in 1672.

Dinner on the grounds will follow. Everyone is invited to participate in this service. Please bring a chair, if possible. In the event of rain, all programs will be held in Perquimans High School.

## Jaycees set Christmas Parade for Dec. 1

The Perquimans County Jaycees will sponsor the annual Christmas Parade in Hertford on Saturday, December 1.

According to Edgar Roberson, chairman for this year's parade, the parade theme will be "Christmas Around the World."

The parade is tentatively scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m., and the route will be announced at a later date.

There will be four divisions of competition for this year's parade; two band divisions and two divisions for floats.

First and second place trophies will be awarded to bands with 60 and over members; and to bands with 60 or less members.

Judging for floats will be divided into two categories, one for churches and one for civic and school groups.

Prizes for floats will be cash awards for first and second place, and honorable mention for third place.

"The parade theme — Christmas Around the World — will offer participants a wide variety of options to choose from, and will enable them to create unique floats," Roberson said.

For additional parade information, or to enter a unit in the parade, contact Edgar Roberson at 426-5224 days; 426-7719 nights; or contact the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Office at 426-5657.



The East Carolina University Chamber Singers and Collegium will be featured

entertainers during the weekend 400th Anniversary celebration. Pictured are

members of the group at an earlier performance.