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The Perquimans County Commissioners; Lib Harris, President of the quilters club; and Jeanne White, Chairman of the Perquimans County 400th Committee. (Photo by Jane Williams)

Joe Nowell, Chairman Perquimans

Anniversary celebration attracts crowd

By JANE WILLIAMS

Hundreds of people turned out last week-end for the first scheduled series of events in Perquimans County commemorating the 400th Anniversary of America.

The three-day event brought people into the area from throughout the United States to join in the local celebration of Perquimans County's, as well as North Carolina's, heritage.

Included in the week-end activities were a commemoration of the Carolina's 17th Century Courts held at the Newbold-White House on Friday; a pilgrimage to many of the homes and churches that were of historical significance to the Quaker movement on Saturday; and a county-wide worship service held by the Society of Friends at the Newbold-White House on Sunday.

According to Jeanne White,

County Chairman of the 400th Anniversary celebration, approximately 500 people were on hand for Sunday's services, which were followed by fellowship with dinner on the grounds.

Services were conducted by world-renowned Quaker leader, Dr. Elton Trueblood.

The week-end activities provided a time to discovery for those interested in the heritage of the area.

In commenting on the event Mrs. White stated that plans were already being made for the next three years, which encompass the four-year anniversary celebration. Themes for the next two years have been discussed, and will tentatively cover the colonial period and the Civil War era.

County-wide services will be held by the Episcopalians in 1985, the Baptists in 1986, and the Methodists in 1987.

Mrs. White stated that a tremendous amount of work and planning had gone into the three-day event, and that she was "thrilled with the apparent success of the celebration."

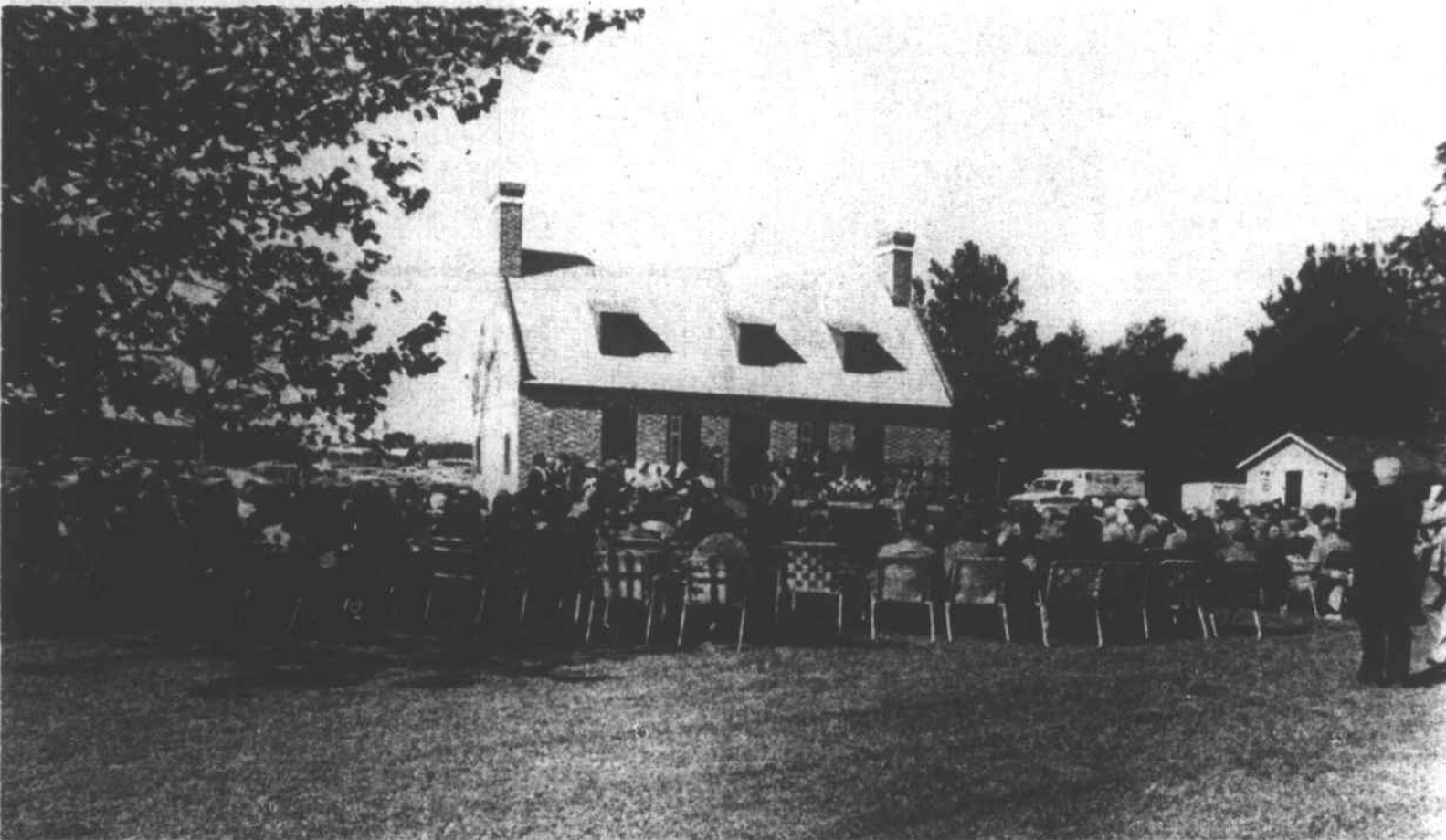
In applauding the efforts made by people in the community to launch the project she offered special appreciation to many community leaders for their

efforts toward insuring the week-end's success.

"We in Perquimans County have much to be proud of, and we should promote ourselves as often as possible," White said. "I feel that this week-end celebration has done been a big boost to Perquimans County, and I look forward with great anticipation to the next three years," she added.



Edna Wolverson displayed Heritage Day exhibits on foods that were common to early settlers of North Carolina at the Newbold-White House. (Photo by Jane Williams)



Approximately 500 people were in attendance on Sunday

at the Newbold-White House as county-wide services were

held by Dr. Elton Trueblood and the Society of Friends.

(Photo by Jane Williams)

Contractor cites system problems

By JANE WILLIAMS

An owner of the construction company hired as the general contractor for Phase II of the county water system met with the Perquimans County Commissioners on Monday night to cite his company's reasons for not completing the work on schedule.

Paul Peters, of Peters and White Construction Company, met with the commissioners after a threat to charge the company with liquidated damages was issued at the last meeting of the Board.

Peters told the commissioners that he and his partner had run into several problems while working on the project and that the delays had not been beneficial to his company, but had been costly.

Peters told the Board that bad weather conditions in the winter and spring months had hampered their work, and that various change orders voted by the Board had also caused delays. Peters pointed out that his company's request for additional time did not receive action by the Board.

Peters also related that a local electrical sub-contractor was not working on schedule and was one of the major reasons for the work being behind schedule. "I'm under contract to pay him even if I hire somebody else to complete the job," Peters said. He also related that he could not afford to pay two sub-contractors.

Peters told the commissioners that other major problems that occurred during the work process included a bankruptcy suit filed by the manufacturer of some of the equipment to be used in the water plant.

The contractors had been notified that the equipment was

in the process of being shipped, and after a lengthy wait they were informed that the equipment would not be shipped due to the bankruptcy suit.

The third major problem that hindered the project completion was an explosion that caused the physical infirmity of Peters and his partner.

Peters apologized to the Board for the delays, and told the Board that the contracted work had been completed as of last week.

The Board unanimously agreed that the problems incurred by the contractor were legitimate and that liquidated damages would not be sought.

Morris selected

Capt. Robert Morris of the Hertford Police Department has been selected to attend the winter session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, from January 26, 1985 until March 22, 1985.

To qualify for acceptance into the Academy an officer must have a minimum of five years police service, and must currently serve in an executive capacity with a local, state or federal law enforcement agency.

Hertford Police Chief Marshall Merritt acknowledged his pride in having one of his officers chosen to attend the Academy. He stated that very few officers in this area have ever been selected for this school.

"I personally feel that it is an honor for the Hertford Police Department to have an officer of such high caliber and dedication to achieve this highly sought-after appointment," Merritt said.

Board of Education tours new library

By MONICA ROACH

With renovations nearing completion, faculty members at Perquimans Central School in Winfall welcomed members of the Perquimans County Board of Education to the new library/media center at the school on Monday night.

Formerly the school's auditorium, the new library gives the school an added dimension in providing relaxing and enticing study areas for the grammar school.

Prior to the business portion of

the meeting the Board members praised the renovation project, and heard faculty members comment that the students, as well as teachers, were enjoying the new furnishings, equipment and surroundings that were made possible through the auditorium renovation.

During the business session of the meeting the Board:

•Approved a \$5.5-million uniform budget for fiscal year 1984-85.

•Approved the financial report for September 1984.

•Noted that a contract with Nationwide Insurance will expire October 19, for computers and band instruments. Board members instructed Superintendent Pat Harrell to check into premium prices for insurance for the next fiscal year.

•Approved a motion to offer Micky Spruill Business Machines of Edenton the maintenance contract for the school system's IBM Typewriters. •Approved the employment of Sandra Overton as a Primary Reading

Aide; and discussed the appointment of two additional aides for the K-3 program as allotted by the State of North Carolina.

•Discussed the North Carolina State Board of Education Career Ladder Plan for school personnel, and noted that a copy of the local plan had been sent to Raleigh earlier this month for approval.

•Approved a request for Tyeasha Foster to attend the Perquimans County Schools while living with adult supervisor, Sarah Foster.

•Approved the acceptance of Benny Rogers to attend the Perquimans County Schools.

•Discussed presentation of the Computer Education Plan to the State Board of Education.

•Noted that the Henry Baker Company worked last week in the converting of the heating system from a cooling tower system to a well-water system.

•Capital Improvement Activities included the visiting of the Engineer from the State Board of Education on Tuesday to install the new boilers at Perquimans Union School.

•Also, the painting was completed at the bus garage, and bleachers at Perquimans County High School. The maintenance completed the wiring for Perquimans Central School Library and a response was heard from a company about the repairing of the roof at Perquimans County High School.

•It was also announced that the court heard the cases concerning the fire at Perquimans Union School last year.



Perquimans County Board of Education members met Monday night in the newly renovated library at

Perquimans Central School. Formerly the school auditorium, the library has undergone a 'face-lift' to

provide a better learning center for students. (Photo by Monica Roach)