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Cullipher wins Jaycees' DSA

Kenneth Ray Cullipher, a Durants Neck farmer and chief of the Durants Neck Fire Department, received the Perquimans County Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award on Thursday night for his outstanding

community service during the last year. The annual awards banquet was held at Anglers Cove Restaurant.

Lee Hayes, Administrative Vice President of the North Carolina Jaycees

addressed the group present at the banquet. "We are here tonight to honor winners," Hayes said. They become winners because of their hard work, sweat and never give-up attitudes." Hayes commented on

the work that each of the award candidates had put into their respective fields, adding that they were among "the finest, the exceptional, the winners."

Other awards presented by the Jaycees were: Outstanding Young Firefighter, Lee Stallings, Durants Neck Volunteer Fire Department; Outstanding Young Law Officer, Victor Lamb, Perquimans County Sheriff's Department; Outstanding Young Rescuer, Barbara Ann Wisniewski; Outstanding Young Farmer, Tilton Whitehurst; and Outstanding Young Educator, Dorothy Moring, Perquimans Central School.

The Perquimans County Jaycee Women presented three awards during the banquet. They were: Outstanding Youth, Miss Alice White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. (Billy) White; Outstanding Senior Citizen, Mrs. John Coston, retired school teacher; and Outstanding Young Woman, Jane B. Williams, Editor of The Perquimans Weekly.



The Perquimans County Jaycees and Jaycee Women hosted the annual Distinguished Service Award Banquet on

Thursday night. Pictured left to right are award winners, Tilton Whitehurst, Lee Stallings, Kenneth Ray Cullipher,

Alice White, Jane Williams, Dorothy Moring, and Mrs. John Coston. (Photo by Monica Roach)

Improvements discussed by Board of Education

By MONICA ROACH
Lights, lights and more lights. That was the concern of Perquimans County Board members on Monday, February 4th. Mr. Howard Martin was in attendance at the meeting to present to the members of the board a proposal on the lighting project at Perquimans High School.

The proposal included ten 95 ft. poles to be inserted at the football and baseball fields. These lights will cost approximately \$28,000 — \$30,000 for parts, installation and labor.

Mr. Martin has looked at the poles that are now at the field and has expressed his opinion on the poles. "The poles are not high enough and it does not supply sufficient lighting during the games. I would not be happy with the poles, if I were a spectator or a player," said Mr. Martin.

There are three types of poles that can be used at the fields; wood, concrete, and steel. There are disadvantages of each pole, however. Wood poles usually do not come as tall as 95 feet and aren't usually straight enough. Concrete poles, however, are very sturdy and efficient, but are expensive as far as the shipping is concerned. Also, steel poles are the most efficient, but they are also very expensive.

Martin suggested that the poles now at the High School be placed at Union School. He also noted that there is only one bad pole at Union, but more poles and fixtures are needed to supply sufficient lighting.

The Board will continue the discussion at a later meeting.

During other business, the Board:

•Was made aware of the progress now being made at Perquimans Central and Hertford Grammar School with the children K-6, with parental permission, swishing once a week. Swishing consists of a flouride mouth rinse once a week supervised by the teacher. February is Dental Health Month and Pam Pritchard was on hand to supply the Board members with information concerning the progress.

•Talked with Mr. John Myers and Mr. Ronnie Feaster, USDA District Conservationists, about the flood control and drainage problem now at Perquimans Union School.

Feaster said, "If the budget in Washington isn't cut too much, we could get approximately \$40,000 to do this project." Although the project will cost approximately \$60,000 to

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Transportation director promises aid

Secretary of Transportation Jim Harrington promised about 300 northeastern North Carolina officials January 2 that he would "do his best" to help in an effort to secure four-laning on U. S. 64 and U. S. 17 to link the northeast with existing expressways in the Piedmont.

He promised a thorough review of the current Transportation Improvement Program, a 10-year planning document that includes little four-lane work in the northeast sector; a careful review of alternatives available in meeting highway needs of the northeast and a meeting between area officials, himself and Governor Jim Martin to discuss highway needs.

Harrington's remarks concluded a two-hour meeting, called by N. C. Senator Marc Basnight at the Martin County Community College, Williamston, to present concerns of elected officials and business leaders to highway officials.

Also on hand were Deputy Secretary of Transportation Billy Rose, and Board of Transportation membes Jack Bishop and Kenneth Roberson, both of whom pledged their support for highway

improvements in the northeast.

Harrington asked Basnight to organize a representative group which would speak for the counties and towns affected, iron out any differences in the proposals for highway improvements and meet with Harrington and Martin to present plans for consideration.

Harrington also urged all county and municipal governments, civic organizations, Chamber of Commerce members and business and industrial leaders to adopt resolutions calling for an east-west expressway and forward these resolutions to his office in Raleigh.

Several organization representatives present indicated resolutions had been adopted or were slated for consideration at the next directors' meeting.

Harrington also stressed the need for local governments to preserve highway rights of way. "I'm going to ask you and your group to go back to the local governments, and insist they do what they ought to have already done to protect these rights of way," he said.

"If you want restricted or limited access (highways,) you

need to bring zoning and other restrictions to me."

About 30 people spoke, outlining the need for the improvements suggested and mapped by Basnight.

"We need 122 miles at a cost of \$200 million to open the northeast to the remainder of the state. I'm asking we look at including this map in the Transportation Improvement Program for a study, hearings, and location acceptance as soon as we can and then in the fall update, set a funding schedule over an acceptable period of time that you feel can fit in the budget," Basnight said.

Local officials told Harrington that poor roads in the northeast reduce employment, lower wages and prevent industry from locating here.

Basnight presented figures which show that the current industry in the region is spending about \$8 million a year more on transportation costs now than it

would if the four-laning projects were completed.

One spokesperson from Tarboro said more than 70 percent of the new industry that had moved to North Carolina in the past three years had located within five miles of an interstate or four-lane expressway.

Representative Joe Mavertic opened and closed the meeting and summarized the concensus of those present: "What we need as a clear signal that the northeast is a part of this state, and is a part of the expansion of jobs and progress, is to see 64 and 17 four-laned with limited access as planned.

The four-laning project as proposed by Basnight would carry the four-laning on 64 from Rocky Mount to Williamston, and from there to the Albemarle Sound Bridge. The project would join 64 at Williamston and would connect with Hertford at the other end.

Death claims Roy Perkins

Roy Mitchell Perkins, 54 of 329 Crescent Drive, Hertford, died Tuesday afternoon, January 29, in Pitt Memorial Hospital, Greenville.

A native of Jenkins, Kentucky, he was the husband of Mrs. Patsy Nixon Perkins. He was the supervisor of the Town of Hertford Water Treatment Plant and retired from the U. S. Marine Corp as a Gunnery Sgt. after serving 30 years.

He was a consultant for the Babe Ruth Baseball League in the Albemarle area and President of the Albemarle Semi-Pro Baseball League. He was a member of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department and a former member of the Perquimans County Rescue Squad.

Besides his wife survivors include a daughter, Mrs. David

(Patsy Ann) Phelps of Rt. 1, Hertford; a son, Mitch Perkins of Greenville; four sisters, Mrs. Lillian Gordon of Waddy, Ky., Miss Geraldine Perkins and Mrs. Bertha Sue Brown, both of Frankfort, Ky., and Mrs. Mary Lee Napier of Huntington, West Virginia; a brother, Wylia Perkins of Waddy, Ky.; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were held Friday at 2:00 p.m. in the Swindell Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Cova Perkins officiating. Burial followed in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Roger Whitley, Tony Jordan, Keith Haskett, Marvin Hunter, Ben Berry and Russell Ward. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department.

Cold weather forces closing

The Thrift Store at Open Door will not be open for the usual Saturday schedule during this cold weather, according to program director, Sister Helen Scanlon, who hastened to add that the closing is a temporary measure due to extreme cold and insufficient heat.

The other ministries of Open Door — food boxes and help with other needs — will continue as usual.

Both the Board of Directors and the Board of Ministry (Volunteers who staff the programs) were unsuccessful in their attempts to find a new location before winter set in.

The openness of the building and the need for repairs have made it impossible to heat the building sufficiently for the

volunteers to remain long enough to sort clothes or to sell them. Open Door regrets any inconvenience this may cause.

The decision to halt thrift sales temporarily was reached at a regular meeting of the Open Door's Board of Ministry in late January. The volunteers expressed a "hope for the miracle of finding other quarters for the food storage and clothing."

That miracle could become a reality as the people of Perquimans County become more aware of the need for improved quarters. The Board of Directors invites suggestions which can be made at the next Directors' Meeting, February 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.



Gerl's Fun Fashions staged a ribbon-cutting and grand opening in Hertford last Friday. The store, which opened during the holidays,

features sportswear for juniors, misses and men.

Pictured at the ribbon cutting are (left to right) Hertford Mayor Bill Cox,

Perquimans County Commissioner Chairman Welly White, Douglas and Geri Layden with their son, and Walter Humphlett and

Mary Harrell of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by Monica Roach)