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National Library Week Observed

The Perquimans County Library celebrated National Library Week on Thursday, April 18, 1985 with a parade and balloon launch. Approximately 125 children and adults participated.

Mr. W. W. White, Jr. gave a brief history of Perquimans County Library. After Mr. Wallace McLendon spoke briefly on the importance of libraries and National Library Week, more than

100 balloons were launched.

Special thanks go to the Hertford Police Department for their help, to Godfrey Enterprises, Farm Fresh of Elizabeth

City, and Jimmy's Barbecue for refreshments, to Jackson Wholesale for balloons, and to Miles Jennings for providing helium for the balloons. (Photo by Monica Roach)

Water quality problems continue to plague county

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Complaints from a county resident about poor water quality over the past four years have brought repeated assurances from county officials that although the water appears discolored, the quality meets state mandated criteria.

Water in the Bethel community throughout the four-year period has ranged from clear to brown to slimy. Currently some residents are experiencing black particles in the water.

A sample collected and brought into the office of the Perquimans Weekly on Monday had a grayish tint with charcoal-like particles floating in it.

Dianne Riddick, a Harvey Point Road resident, said that the current water problem had been ongoing for more than three weeks. She stated that county water plant officials told her that the quality of water from the Bethel plant was within state regulations, but that the plant was in need of repairs that could not be done now due to the increased demand during the summer peak.

Mrs. Riddick said that the water's appearance would be fine for several days or weeks and then she'd have a day or two of bad water.

Problems stemming from the Bethel plant have occurred infrequently during the past several years, but county officials were hopeful that the opening of the new plant in Winfall last November would help solve the problem of discolored water in the area.

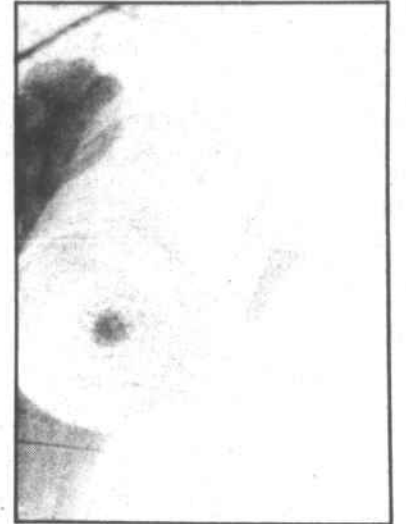
County Commissioner Wayne Winslow said in a telephone interview Monday night that the Riddicks, along with other county water consumers experiencing problems, have "justifiable complaints — there's no ifs, ands, or buts about it — and we're working to correct it."

Winslow stated that he had been in touch with Russ Chappell, supervisor for the county water system, and Randy Keaton, county manager, earlier in the day regarding the problem and that engineers from Rivers and Associates, the company that engineered the county water system, would be here on Tuesday or Wednesday to look into the problem.

W.W. White Jr., chairman of the Perquimans County Commissioners, said that he had "no idea of what is causing the prob-

lem, we have contacted the engineers to get them down here to solve this problem."

In a telephone interview on Tuesday, Chappell stated that the discoloration and particles in the water appear to be rust; adding that chlorine added to iron causes it to darken.



Pictured is a sample of water taken last weekend from the home of Mrs. Dianne Riddick. (Photo by Monica Roach)

Chappell said that he was not certain if the problem is coming from the plant itself at inconspicuous times, or if it was coming from the pipes when water-flow was changed or chemicals were added.

Chappell stated that the first priority now is to get the engineers here and pinpoint the cause of the problem.

"We are going to possibly try to see if we can shut-down the Bethel Plant and let the Winfall Plant handle the water demands until repairs at Bethel can be made," Chappell said.

Chappell said that up until now the Winfall Plant was not capable of meeting the county's water demands. As of Tuesday the water department was still awaiting the delivery and installation of a microchip for the Winfall Plant that will enable the plant to go into an automatic mode of operation. Currently the plant is being operated manually. Chappell said that he had received word on Monday that the microchip was ready and would be installed this week.

With the Winfall plant fully

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FmHA celebrates anniversary date

April 30, 1985, marks the 50 year anniversary of Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), and its predecessor agencies.

FmHA is the credit agency for Agriculture and Rural Development in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Its history of financial and technical assistance, as a lender of last resort in Rural America, goes back to the establishment of the Resettlement Administration by Act of Congress on April 30, 1935.

When it began in the 1930's, the Agency's original function was to make loans and grants to Depression-stricken families and help them regain self-sufficiency in making their living on family farms.

Throughout its half-century of operation, FmHA has been concerned primarily with credit and counseling services that have supplemented resources of the private sector for building stronger family farms.

In 1984, Farm Credit accounted for about one-half of all resources administered by FmHA.

In addition, during the last two decades, Congress has used FmHA's local offices to deliver other programs of benefit to families and communities throughout the rural population.

Programs administered by the FmHA have helped to bring rural housing, water and sewer systems, and other essential community facilities up to standard for rural people and have generated more development of job and economy boosting business and industry in the State.

In Perquimans County, the FmHA staff is headed by Melvin E. Howell, County Supervisor; and M. Kent Sawyer, Vice

M. Winslow, Yvonne S. Chambers, Jacqueline Felton and Deborah O. Sutton, his staff.

The local office is located in the Albemarle Commission Building in Hertford.

The latest reports revealed that in Perquimans County, FmHA provided \$3,801,000 in credit to rural residents and communities during FY 1984, and has an outstanding loan balance of \$15,586,000.

Howell said that FmHA programs have touched the lives and improved the living conditions of most residents in the county during the past 50 years.

With expanded programs and servicing authorities available, Howell stated that he and his staff look forward to providing service to Perquimans County residents.

Downed utility poles leave town without power

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
Residents of Winfall that receive their electricity from the Town of Hertford were without lights for nearly nine and one-

half hours last Wednesday when four of the town's utility poles collapsed into a canal that borders the Norfolk-Southern Railroad.

The trouble was caused when a VEPCO contractor, who was trimming and clearing the right of way, accidentally cut two guidelines on a utility pole belonging to the town.

Stress on the pole eventually caused it to collapse, and when the pole fell the pressure on the lines caused three other poles to fall also.

The collapse of the four poles caused a power outage on the entire Winfall transmission line.

The Town of Hertford Electric Department arrived on the scene shortly after the 9:30 a.m. incident and began working to restore electricity to the area.

Utility crews worked throughout the day to retrieve lines from the canal, and in putting up replacement poles. The power was restored to the community shortly before 7:00 p.m.

Hertford Mayor-Manager Bill Cox has expressed his appreciation to the Winfall consumers for their patience and understanding during the incident.

NCNB announces management changes

NCNB National Bank has announced changes in area management that will take effect on May 1, 1985. O.B. Rawls, IV, has been named Branch Administrator of NCNB National Bank in Edenton; Daisy Perry has been named Branch Manager of the Hobbville Office and Charles Parker, Jr. will assume the duties of Branch Manager in the Hertford Office.

Rawls will assume direct responsibility for the administration of NCNB's branches in Edenton, Hertford and Hobbville in his new position.

He joined the bank in 1977 as a Consumer Credit adjuster and has served in various capacities during his career, most recently serving as City Executive in the Hertford Office.

Rawls earned a BS degree from East Carolina University in 1975. He attends Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and is a member of the Hertford Rotary Club. He also serves as treasurer of the Perquimans County Restoration Association.

Rawls is a native of Washington, N.C., and is married to the former Mary Litchfield. The

Rawls have one son, Brad.

Mrs. Perry, who joined the bank in 1977, was previously the Office Manager of the Hertford Branch.

She studied at College of the Albemarle and has completed NCNB's Retail Branch Management Training Program.

She is an active member of

Ballards Bridge Baptist Church and a member of the National Association of Bank Women. She is a native of Perquimans County, and is married to Carroll Perry. She has a daughter, Sheri Lane.

Parker joined NCNB in 1982. He was previously the City Executive for NCNB in Hobbville.

He attended Holden Technical Institute and N.C. State University. He attends Hobbville Baptist Church and is a member of the Hobbville Fire Department and Hobbville Ruritan Club.

He is a native of Pollockville, N.C. and is married to the former Yvonne Small of Edenton. They have two children. ten-point bold outlines

This Week...

April 22-27 has been declared National Volunteer Week. It is a time to remember and thank those individuals and groups that give so willingly of themselves to make our community better. This week our Feature Page is devoted to telling the stories of some of our county's volunteers. In addition to the stories is a salute to the local volunteers from area businesses and organizations.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday morning. Remember to set clocks forward one hour before retiring on Saturday night.



O.B. RAWLS, IV



DAISY PERRY



CHARLES PARKER, JR.