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## N.C. Legislators to attend county's Heritage Day events

Two busloads of North Carolina legislators will celebrate Heritage Day at the Newbold-White House on May 17. A program has been planned by the Perquimans County Restoration Association and Perquimans Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee to commemorate the 1697 sitting of the General Assembly there.

This ancient dwelling was

once virtually the seat of the government of North Carolina, with every branch of the colonial government meeting at the house built by the Quaker, Joseph Scott.

Although Robert Walter Scott of Haw River, North Carolina claims no relation to Joseph Scott, he has been chosen to play the lead in a program to tell the story of the house from

the first colonization of the area in 1661 to the Revolution.

Perquimans citizens will act in a tableaux written by historian Raymond A. Winslow Jr. to show the important part played by Perquimans in the early history of the colony of North Carolina.

Dr. Parker Chesson, President of College of The Albemarle, and native of Perqui-

mans County, will serve as Moderator

Former Governor Robert W. Scott is a happy choice for his part in telling this story of the public life of the 300 year-old Newbold-White House. Son of former Governor and United States Senator, W. Kerr Scott, he

was reared in the tradition that "Good government is a habit in North Carolina."

Robert W. Scott was elected by the people of North Carolina to the position of Lieutenant Governor in 1965. He served until 1969 when he became Governor of North Carolina, a position he filled ably until 1973.

Scott is currently serving as State President of the Department of Community Colleges, presiding over 58 institutions. He has served in so many positions which call for dedicated public service that he was the unanimous choice for a public figure to assist in the commemoration of the 1697 General Assembly.

Newbold-White is the only surviving meeting place of a proprietary General Assembly, and will be so designated when Representative Vernon James presents a certificate from the General Assembly to be placed at the Newbold-White site.

Joining in the exercises will be the present Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, the Honorable Liston B. Ramsey.

Ramsey, representing the 52nd House District in the far western part of North Carolina,

has served 12 terms in the House, three of them as its speaker, the only person to do so in modern times.

However, John Harvey, a native of Perquimans, served five terms as speaker of the colonial General Assembly, and was known as the "Father of the Revolution in North Carolina."

The Perquimans County Restoration Association has established the Harvey Award for Distinguished Public Service, and has selected Speaker Liston B. Ramsey as its first recipient. The Award will be presented by Representative Charles D. Evans.

Other events in the afternoon program include presentation of a North Carolina flag which was flown at the Four Hundredth Anniversary ceremonies in England last year.

Mrs. E.M. Todd, Mrs. Leonard Topping and Mrs. Walter Spaeth, representing Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century, will present the flag to Jeanne C. White, Four Hundredth Anniversary Chairman for Perquimans.

Prizes will be awarded to winners of the Four Hundredth Committee's essay contest by the Honorable Robert W. Scott. Following the program, a 17th century tea will be served. The program begins at 4:00 p.m. and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The second stop on the Albemarle-Chowanoke Legislative Tour will be in Ahoskie where the group will be entertained at a dinner sponsored by Hertford

County. Governor James G. Martin will speak at the dinner.

Saturday, May 18, the group will have bus tour of Historic Murfreesboro while en route to Edenton.

Lieutenant Governor, Robert B. Jordan III, will preside over a fair on the green which will be made up of displays from historic sites and other attractions of northeastern North Carolina.



NEWBOLD-WHITE HOUSE



BOB SCOTT

Luncheon on the green will be served by the Edenton Historical Commission, after which the group will go over to Hope Plantation for dessert and more history.

Historic Halifax, known for its role in the pre-Revolutionary government of North Carolina, will be the last site visited by the Albemarle-Chowanoke Express on its return trip to Raleigh Sunday afternoon.

## Art Extravaganza this week

On May 9th and 10th (this Thursday and Friday) the Perquimans County School System will host "The Very Special Arts Extravaganza," a program that will feature a wide variety of art forms, from crafts to music, that are available in this area.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 9:20 a.m. on Thursday at Perquimans County High School to kick-off the event, leading students, teachers, parents and community citizens into the vast world of art.

More than 50 local artists and craftsmen will be exhibiting and or demonstrating their talents throughout the two-day event.

Also included in the program will be exhibits and demonstrations by local students. A total of 79 displays will also be available for viewing. These displays include paintings, macrame, dance, teething, quilting dolls, drama tating, magic, puppets, stained glass, quilling and more.

Among the performances scheduled are choral, reading, recitations, gymnastics, singing, storytelling and dance.

The purpose of the Arts Extravaganza is to share with the public the way in which the arts are integrated within the curriculum of all grade levels in the

school system throughout the year.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend this festival of art on May 9th and 10th from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Special plans have been made for Friday, May 10, to include a dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 sponsored by the Perquimans County Band Boosters. The dinner will be held in the high school cafeteria.

Entertainment for the evening will include a performance by the PCHS Chorus and the PCHS Band. There will also be an art auction, with Red Barber and Guy Williams of Elizabeth City serving as auctioneers.

## Ground-breaking held for clinic

Quality health care was brought a little closer to home

for residents of Perquimans County on Monday with ground

breaking ceremonies for a new medical office to be built by an affiliate of Albemarle Hospital.

Regional Medical Services, formed by the hospital last summer as part of a new direction in health care service in the area, plans to build a 2,208-square-foot medical office and laboratory here by early summer.

"This means a whole lot for the town of Winfall and the county," said Winfall Mayor Lloyd Morgan during an interview prior to the ceremony. "I think the community will benefit greatly. I feel that the community will support it."

The facility is being built on a site on Highway 37, a road which links Winfall with Hertford. The contractor for the project is Crown Point Development. Construction costs are estimated to be \$135,000.

Dr. Neil DeNunzio, an Internal Medicine physician, who is currently completing his residency in Pennsylvania, will staff the medical center.

Hospital administrator, Bob Jeffries, said, "This project initiates a new drive by the hospital and its affiliate, Regional Medical Services, to bring medical care to underserved, outlying communities."

The Winfall office is the first of four satellite medical centers planned by RMS. Other areas being studied include Sunbury, Jarvisburg and the Morgan's Corner-South Mills area as part of the hospital affiliate's program to extend health care.



**GROUND BREAKING HELD**—Local officials were on hand for a ground-breaking ceremony for a new doctor's office in Winfall on Monday. Pictured left to right are Hertford Mayor

Bill Cox, Winfall Mayor Lloyd Ray Morgan; and Chairman of the Perquimans County Commissioners, Welley White. (Photo by Jane Williams)

## Jail-A-Thon proves success for Cancer Society Chapter

More than \$4,900.00 was raised in Hertford last Thursday when the Perquimans County Chapter of the American Cancer Society held a Jail-A-Thon on the lawn of the courthouse.

The event turned out to be a field day for many local residents as they situated themselves on benches in front of the courthouse jeering at the "jailbirds" trying to post bail.

Retired school-teacher Grace Coston was the first to be arrested and Kent Sawyer of FmHA was the first to raise his bail. Morris Kornegay, principal of Central Grammar School raised the most money during the day, \$180.00, excluding the \$25.00 fee charged to lock him up.

"It was very successful," stated Debbie Sutton, chairman of the event, and "we plan to do it again next year."

