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Byrum heads Chamber of Commerce slate of officers

By Nancy Smith
The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce held its 23rd annual banquet on Monday night, December 2 at Angler's Cove Restaurant. After a social hour and a buffet dinner, attention turned to the Chamber business. It was reported by 1985 Membership Chairman Hal Byrum that to date the Cham-

ber has 115 members. This is five members fewer than last year at this time. Byrum encouraged those businesses who had not, to sign their pledge cards. Retiring Directors Becky W. Winslow, Phillip Lane, Shirley E. Perry, William Wray Chappell, and Walter L. Humphlett, Jr. were recognized by Mary C. Harrell.

In his remarks as Retiring President, Walter L. Humphlett, Jr. again thanked the members of the Board, Mary Harrell, and the entire membership of the Chamber for their support and spirit of cooperation. He made a special presentation to Mayor "Bill" Cox in recognition of the help Cox had so willingly given the Chamber during Humphlett's tenure. Humphlett closed his remarks by stating that he was behind the Chamber and would be available to help in any way he could.

Mary Harrell then recognized the new officers. The 1986 Board of Directors includes: President, Hal By-

rum of Don Juan Manufacturing; Vice-president, Bryant Perry of Perry Hog Farm; Treasurer, Larry Chappell of Larry's Drive In; Terry Chappell of Pitt Hardware and Terry Chappell and Associates; Kent Copeland of Farmers Home Administration; Lewis Evans of Perquimans County Farm Bureau; Jewell Hollar, Holiday Island Social Director; Edgar Roberson of Albermarle Chemical and A.O. Roberts of Eure Seed Farm.

H. R. Christensen then introduced Ray S. Jones, Jr. who entertained the large gathering with anecdotes and an introduction to the "Tater Family".

In his remarks as incoming President, Hal Byrum pledged to work with all members who will let their ideas be known to him.

Byrum then drew tickets to distribute the many door prizes donated by Chamber of Commerce members.

There being no further business or announcements, Byrum adjourned the meeting.



HAL BYRUM

Health care, computer system addressed by commissioners

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
A new program set up by the State Division of Medical Assistance and a request to look into the possibility of purchasing a new computer system for several county departments elicited lengthy discussions during the regular meeting of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners on Monday morning.

Personal Care, a new in-home health care program administered by the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA), will come into effect in North Carolina on January 1, 1986. According to Paul Gregory, director of the Perquimans County Department of Social Services, the program is geared for those individuals who are eligible for placement in a nursing home or rest home. The program will allow these individuals the opportunity to remain in their homes and receive supervised care on a regular basis. The program will be supervised in each county by a nurse, who will work directly under a qualified social worker.

The DMA will leave the decision of program control to each county's board of commissioners. According to Gregory the board will have three choices in deciding who will operate the

program—the Department of Social Services, the health department, or a private provider.

Gregory told the board that his presence at the meeting was to ask for consideration in gaining control of the program once it is allocated to the board by the state. He pointed out that the Social Service Department currently operates the CHORE program which provides in-home health care on a limited basis, and operates very closely to the new Personal Care program. He said that he foresees the two programs coming together to provide a needed service.

The new program will provide more hours in the home than the CHORE program does; and it will enable a nurse to visit the home at least once each week. Currently the CHORE program serves 21 clients in the county.

According to Gregory the Personal Care program will require a part-time nurse and a full-time social worker. Monies for the nurse's salary will come from the DMA, as will approximately 64-percent of the social worker's salary.

No decision was made by the Board as to which department will operate the program at this time; the board agreed to withhold a decision until more information was available from the DMA.

Cheryl Phillips and County Manager Randy Keaton discussed with the board the need for a new computer to serve the county's tax office, water department, finance office, and Social Services Department.

Currently the county has an IBM 32 which has been in use for seven years. According to Phillips and Keaton this system is capable of doing only what is necessary to get by with, leaving a large workload that must be done manually in the tax office, and some jobs being left undone.

They propose the purchase of an IBM 36, which will enable the

tax department to add collections and other jobs that must now be done manually into the system.

The IBM 36 would also enable the finance office of the county computer access, as well as the Department of Social Services.

According to Keaton, funds to pay for the system could possibly come from revenue sharing, re-evaluation funds, and Social Services.

Social Services has already budgeted funds for a smaller computer system, but according to Paul Gregory, they would be willing to allocate their monies towards the purchase of the larger system, possibly paying for one-fifth of the purchase price. Gregory said that his department would need a printer and a terminal in their office, and could possibly lease time on the computer from the county on an annual basis, guaranteeing a continued income to the county.

The purchase price of \$27,700 includes the system, hardware and utilities. Prices for programs and software have not yet been obtained. Keaton said that in order to obtain a definite price the county would have to write up a bid specification sheet and obtain bids.

"It's something that's needed," Keaton said, "not just something that would be nice to have."

Several members of the board expressed an interest in the possibility of purchasing the system, but were concerned about total price.

Commissioner Wayne Winslow apparently summed up the feelings of those board members saying, "I'm in favor of it, but I do want to know what it's going to cost before we commit."

In other business the Board re-elected W.W. White, Jr. as chairman and Lester Simpson as vice-chairman. Jeanne C. White was reappointed as clerk to the board.

County's bond anticipation notes sold

BY SUSAN HARRIS
HERTFORD—The bond anticipation notes for the high school construction-renovation project were sold last week. Wachovia Bank & Trust Company purchased the entire \$2 million issue at an interest rate of 4.98 percent, according to county finance officer Randy Keaton.

"We were real pleased with the (interest) rate," Keaton said in a telephone interview Monday. The bond resolution prepared by

bond attorneys and passed by the county commissioners allowed a maximum rate of 12 percent.

The interest on \$2 million at 12 percent for one year is \$240,000.00. At 4.98 percent, the amount of interest paid falls to \$99,600.00. Keaton said some people had anticipated a rate of 7 to 8 percent.

Keaton said a spokesperson at the local government commission explained to him that the interest rate was favorable probably because of the tax exempt status of the bond anticipation notes. Purchasers of the bonds pay no state or federal income taxes on earnings.

The notes expire on Dec. 3, 1986. If the construction-renovation project is not complete by that date, the notes must be renewed, or new bond anticipation notes sold.

When the project is completed, Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) has agreed to purchase

the bonds at an interest rate of 7.75 percent.

Work on the project is in full swing. The wings of the 1928 building have been demolished. Footings have been poured for the staircases, and brickwork to close the ends of the building has begun. Inside renovation is also in process.

New steps are being built for the entries to the stage area in the auditorium.

The pads for the new cafeteria and science building will be completed as soon as weather permits.

C.O.A. Week set by commissioners

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
A resolution proclaiming the week of December 9th through 16th as College of the Albemarle Week in Perquimans county was presented to Dr. Parker Chesson, president of the college, by W.W. White, Jr., chairman of the Perquimans County Commissioners, Monday morning.

The resolution was presented in honor of the college's 25th anniversary this year. C.O.A. was chartered on December 16, 1960 as the first community college in the State of North Carolina.

In accepting the proclamation Chesson offered his appreciation to the board and to the people of Perquimans County for their continued support of the college. According to Chesson, an average of ten percent of the county's

adult population takes advantage of either regular curriculum courses or non-credit courses offered by the institution each year.

The proclamation declared that C.O.A. has continued to grow and improve during its 25 year history as an institution of higher learning, and has benefited numerous citizens of Perquimans County. It also stated that the college has made a significant contribution by assisting businesses and industries in meeting their needs for job training. The college was also commended for continuing to promote excellence in the community through its numerous programs that serve to enrich the lives of all its students and participants.

Christmas parade set for Saturday

By Nancy Smith
Three bands and 55 entries will make up the annual Christmas parade to be held in Hertford this Saturday afternoon (December 7) at 2:00 p.m.

The event is sponsored jointly by the Perquimans County Jaycees and the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce. Parade Chairman Edgar Roberson said in an interview on Monday that he is excited about the number of entrants and thinks that this year's event will be something special.

The parade will commence at Perquimans County High School. Entrants need to be at the High School by 1:15 p.m. The parade will travel down Edenton Road turning right at Harris Shopping Center. It will proceed down

Grubb Street and turn right onto Church Street. A right turn onto Dobb Street will bring the entrants back to Edenton Road which they will follow to the High School.

The bands participating in this year's parade will be representing Perquimans County High School, Perquimans County Junior High School, and Northeastern High School.

Santa Claus will make his seasonal debut in the parade and will be settled in at the Courthouse Green after the parade to take orders for Christmas morning.

The afternoon will be topped off by the annual lighting of the Christmas tree on the Courthouse Green by the Hertford Business and Professional Women's Club.

Local writers release second book

Something's cooking in Hertford. This "something" is the product of two and a half year's work, and has been lovingly and painstakingly coccoed by three Hertford women. The culmination

of effort by Chris Kelly Kornegay, Jean Winslow, and Edna Harvey Wolverson will soon make its appearance in the Albemarle area and the rest of North Carolina, as well as nationally. Their latest

book, "Taste Buds," follows their first successful endeavor, "Inside Out", both in format and hopefully, favor with the reading public.

"Taste Buds" is structured in basically the same as "Inside Out." The book is divided into twelve months and the months into weeks. Each week has helpful gardening hints, delicious recipes, and delightful illustrations. Every season is highlighted as special holidays throughout the year.

Readers who are lucky enough to have a copy of "Inside Out" (which has sold out of two printings) will find something a little different in "Taste Buds." This book has a main character, "The Lady." Many old fans and those joining the ranks of the new readers will find some part of "The Lady" recognizable. She is middle-aged (or plus), and has been very active in such all-American family activities as PTA, church, scouts, and has spent hours and hours in every woman's favorite activity, carpooling. "The Lady" runs in an out of the pages of the book, appearing to the delight of her readers, where they least expect her.

"Taste Buds" contains three times the material that "Inside Out" did.

The book will have a plastic cover and double binder, and is being published by Wimmer Brothers Publishing of Memphis, Tennessee. The book also uses all new material. The first book, "Inside Out", was taken from each woman's weekly column in the local paper, The Perquimans Weekly.

Each woman is responsible for a different segment of "Taste Buds." Jean Winslow, a native of Edenton, North Carolina, grew up in Huntington, West Virginia, is the gardener. Her love of gardening is evident from the seasonal displays in her magnificent yard.

Edna Harvey Wolverson is a native of Kinston, North Carolina, and a graduate of Salem College. Owing over two hundred cookbooks, she comes from a long line of creative cooks. Wolverson is responsible for the delicious recipes that abound inside the cover of both books.

Chris Kelley Kornegay is originally from Raleigh.

She has been an illustrator and cartoonist most of her adult life. Her cartoons will delight the readers of "Taste Buds."

The authoresses will be featured at a Wine and Cheese Tasting Party at the Country Corner in Edenton on Friday, December 13th, where their autographed books will be on sale. The books are also available through any member of Saint Catherine's Guild of the Holy Trinity Church. For further information, contact Mrs. John (Betty) Crawford at 426-7483 or Mrs. Nelson (June) Watkins at 335-0110. Copies may also be secured from any of the three authoresses, Chris Kornegay, 426-7500, Edna Wolverson, 426-7665, or Jean Winslow, 426-5443. The book sells for \$12.95.

(Editor's Note: The preceding article is a special to the Perquimans Weekly by Andrea Boone, Perquimans writer for the Big Wednesday TMC. Our thanks to Andrea.)



Pictured above are (left to right) local gardener, Jean Winslow; cartoonist,

Chris Kornegay; and cook, Edna Wolverson. (Photo by Andrea Boone)