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the School Arts Program. Deborah Coates is the high school's art instructor.

Commissioners hear request for computer

By SUSAN HARRIS
County employees Cheryl Phillips, Keith Haskett, and Randy Keaton presented a request to purchase new computer equipment to the County Commissioners Monday night. The group asked the Commissioners to buy an IBM 36 series computer system.

On state contract the new computer equipment, including a mainframe, three terminals, a printer, training, shipping and installation would cost the county more than \$28,000.00.

According to Phillips, the equipment would allow use not only by the tax and water departments, as with the present system, but would also be available for use by the finance office and the Register of Deed's office.

Phillips and Keaton reported that they had visited Chatham County which uses the IBM 36 to see how the system works. Both were certain that the system would be beneficial to the county.

Chatham County expressed an interest in selling copies of its tax and financial software packages at a price substantially lower than new software.

Any programming necessary to tailor the software to Perquimans County's specific needs could be done by Phillips, who has taken numerous computer courses.

The Commissioners told Kea-

ton to price lease agreements, and to find prospective buyers for the IBM 32 series machine present used by the tax and water departments. Reports on these items, as well as software prices, will be presented at the next board meeting.

Haskett told the Commissioners that the tax and water departments' photocopier is broken, and cannot be fixed. Keaton said he priced several brands of copiers and found the lowest price on a Cannon MP150 at approximately \$1,300.00. The purchase was approved.

The Board was updated on the new rescue squad building by Commissioner Thomas Nixon who is monitoring the project on behalf of the Board. Nixon was authorized to seek informal bids for the electrical installation and cement work.

Holiday deadlines

Early deadlines will be in effect for the next two editions of The Perquimans Weekly, due to the Christmas and New Year's holiday.

The deadline for all news and advertising for the December 26 edition will be Friday, December 20 at 12:00 noon.

Our office will close at noon on Christmas Eve, and will re-open on Friday, December 27, to enable our employees to have an extended holiday at home with their families.

The deadline for news and advertising in the January 2 edition will be at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, December 27. Our office will be closed on New Year's Day.

Please bring your news articles and advertising materials for these two editions in as early as possible to insure proper placement. Due to early press schedules during the holiday season, no materials will be accepted for publication in any edition after the specified deadlines.

We hope that these deadlines will not present difficulties to our advertisers or contributors. We will resume normal hours and deadlines with the January 9th edition.

Merry Christmas, and best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

The Staff and Management
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C.O.A. holds 25th Anniversary celebration

Because of the efforts of one its longtime faculty members the celebration of College of The Albemarle's Silver Anniversary will remain something more than just a memory.

Joseph M. Salmon, former professor of history and Social Science Department chairman at the college, has written a history of COA, drawing from ar-

chival materials, reminiscing with current and former COA employees, conversations with local citizens, and recollections from his 23 years there.

Salmon's chronicle has been issued for sale to the public through the college bookstore. The 24-page commemorative booklet, "College of The Albemarle: The First 25 Years,"

features more than 60 photographs from the early college years to the present. Photos of a number of area alumni are fea-

tured, including Warren White, Bobbi Gill, Frank Gregory, David Harris, and many others.

"Anyone with a tie to the col-

lege should want a copy of this limited edition," says Pam Whitley, dean of college advancement.



FIRST PURCHASE—Dr. Parker Chesson, Jr. purchases the first copy of "College of The Albemarle: The First 25 Years" from COA bookstore manager Deborah

Holland, while associate dean Clate Adylett waits to buy hers. The limited edition pictorial history of the community college's first quar-

ter of a century of service to Albemarle area residents went on sale this week at the college bookstore. (COA Photo)

Local government holiday schedules

The following schedule will be in effect for local county and town offices.

COUNTY
Except for the Sheriff's Department and Dispatch Office, all county offices in the Perquimans County Courthouse, Social Services, Agricultural Extension Service and The Perquimans County Library will be closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 24, 25, 26, & 26, 1985, for observance of Christmas. The Water Department Office will be closed but emergencies may be reported to the Dispatch Office by calling

426-5751

TOWN OF HERTFORD

Garbage and trash pickup will be on a regular schedule on Monday Dec 23rd. On Tuesday, Dec. 24, Tuesday and Wednesday's route will be picked up. There will be no pick up on Dec 25 and 26th. On Thursday, Jan. 2, Wednesday and Thursday routes will be picked up.

Office Schedule's are as follows: Tuesday, Dec. 24, offices will close half a day; On Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 25 and 26, offices will be closed and Wednesday, Jan. 1, offices will be closed.

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CHRISTMAS