

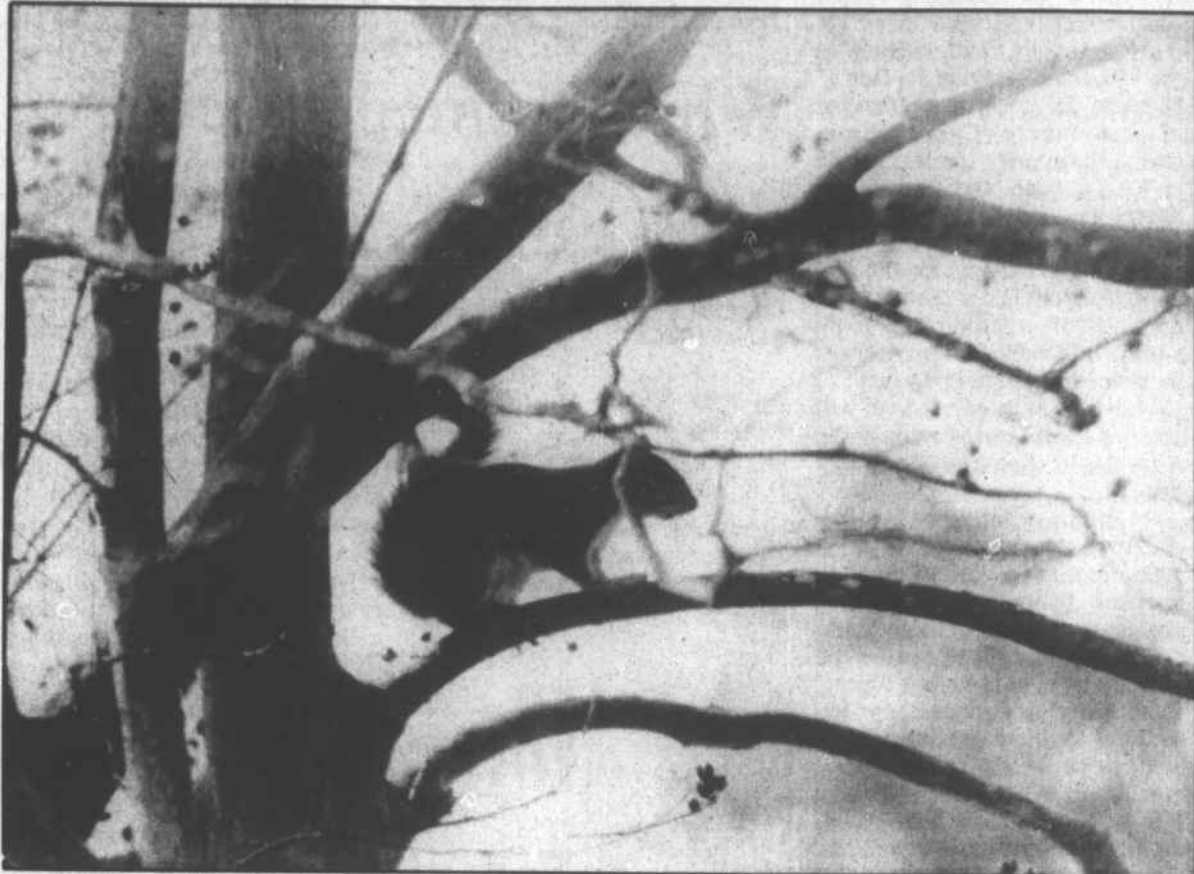
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Spring Makes Appearance

The Grubb Street Squirrel has returned to the trees at The Perquimans Weekly Office following the arrival of Spring-time weather to Perquimans County. Animals coming out of

hibernation, budding trees and blooming flowers have heralded the arrival of an early Spring. (Photo by George Wilmore.)

Standards changed for soybean seeds

By STAN WINSLOW
COUNTY EXT. CHAIRMAN
On March 18 the North Carolina Board of Agriculture temporarily lowered the minimum germination requirement for soybean seed sold in North Carolina from 70 percent to 60 percent, with all such seed which germinates from 60 percent to 69 percent to be marked "SUBSTANDARD GERMINATION".

Subsequently, the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association temporarily lowered their minimum germination standard for Certified-2 seed from 70 percent to 60 percent. Certified-2 seed germinating between 60 percent and 69 percent will be marked "SUBSTANDARD GERMINATION" with a large stamp on the Certified tag. Both actions will be in effect for the next 120 days only.

The reasons for the change are pretty apparent—to increase the supply of acceptable quality soybean seed to growers in a year when quality seed supply is unusually tight. The supply of Certified-1 soybean seed is very short, with a very limited quality of our varieties available from other states. It is anticipated that these temporary changes in min-

imum germination standards will increase the supply of acceptable quality soybean seed that can be legally sold and or certified in North Carolina by approximately one-third.

There are no differences in genetic (variety) purity among "Certified-1", "Certified-2" and "Certified-2 Substandard Germination" soybean seed. All are three generations away from Breeder seed and all have been subjected to the same quality control standards. The differences are in minimum seed germination standards only. "Certified 1" equals 80 percent germination, "Certified-2" equals 70 percent germination and "Certified-2-Substandard Germination" equals 60 percent germination.

Certified-2 soybean seed, including Certified-2-Substandard Germination, can be successfully utilized for planting with a little attention to details in obtaining an adequate stand. Be extra careful about cloddy seed beds which make good seed-to-soil contact difficult. Check planting depth closely (in the field, not in lane). Be sure all seeds get adequately covered with soil, but don't plant them too deeply. We

suggest no deeper than 1½ inches deep unless a pre-emergence broadleaf herbicide is used, which case we suggest 1½ to 2 inches deep (check the herbicide label). Recognize that percent emergence is usually lower when planting in dry seedbeds than in soils with adequate moisture, or in cool seedbeds than in warm seedbeds.

This is more obviously true with lower quality seed than with high quality seed.

A fungicide seed treatment, at least for Certified-2 seed, would probably be a good investment for 1986 soybeans. Disease orga-

Voter registration to close April 7 for May 6 Primary

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
On Tuesday, May 6, 1986, Perquimans voters will assemble in the county's five polling places to name their choice of candidates for the November General Election.

Registration for the May Primary Election will end on Monday, April 7, eligible persons who are not registered to vote, or those who have moved from one precinct into another should do so before the April 7th deadline. All 17 year olds that will become 18 years old on or before November 4, 1986 are also eligible to register now and vote in the May Primary as provided in the North Carolina General Statutes.

Locally, voters will choose one of four democratic candidates for Sheriff of Perquimans County. Incumbent Sheriff Julian "Little Man" Broughton is being opposed by Winfall Police Chief Joe Lothian, local building contractor Donald Riddick, and general maintenance contractor B.F. (Ben) Shively.

The only other contested race in the county is for the non-parti-

san seat in New Hope Township for the Perquimans County Board of Elections. That seat is currently held by Maca Nixon, who is being challenged by the Rev. Walter Leigh.

Registration of voters is conducted Monday through Friday

at the Perquimans County Board of Elections Office at 104 Dobbs Street in Hertford.

Absentee balloting will be allowed in this election. Applications for absentee voting will be available through Tuesday, April 29 at 5:00 p.m.

Funeral services held for Corprew

HERTFORD—Funeral services were held Friday, March 28, at Bethel Baptist Church for Billy Dean Corprew, who died Thursday, March 20th while fishing in the Albemarle Sound.

Corprew, age 29, was reported as missing to the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department that Thursday evening when he failed to return home. A search party was sent out from the Bethel Fishing Center. The search for Corprew, which was aided by the Chowan and Perquimans Rescue Squads, the Coast Guard and numerous individual

volunteers, found no trace of Corprew until Sunday morning when a gas tank, believed to be from Corprew's boat, was found in Bull's Bay. Corprew was found in the same area on Wednesday.

A native of Chowan County, Corprew resided at Route 1, Hertford. He was the husband of Mrs. Judy Forehand Corprew and the son of Lawrence and Inez Harris Corprew of Route 1, Hertford. He was a commercial fisherman and a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

Besides his wife and parents, survivors include two daughters, Miss Christy Lynn Corprew and Miss Billie Jo Corprew, both of the home; a sister, Mrs. Patricia C. Markham of Elizabeth City; two brothers, Larry Corprew of Rt. 4, Hertford and Bobby Corprew of Rt. 1, Hertford; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lillie Harris of Rt. 1, Hertford.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 28, at 3:00 p.m. in the Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. Gordon Shaw, the Rev. Stanley Nixon and the Rev. Asby Browder officiating. Burial was in Bethel Cemetery with Swindell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Johnny Corprew, Carl Lane, Ray Smith, Ricky Nixon, Jim Harris, Tommy Harris and George Drawdy.

Cox to address Democrats at Convention

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
HERTFORD—Hertford Mayor and City Manager W.D. (Bill) Cox has been selected as the keynote speaker for the Perquimans County Democratic Party's annual convention on Saturday, April 5, 1986. According to county chairman, the Rev. John H. Lon-

don, the convention will convene at 1:00 p.m. at the Perquimans County Courthouse.

Cox has stated that he will speak on the importance of unity within the confines of the party. He stated that there is a need to stop talking about the current condition of the party, and to begin a positive effort to re-build the Democratic Party as a party for the people.

Among the items on the agenda for the convention will be the election of delegates to the Democratic District Convention that will be held on June 14 and the State Convention that will take place in Raleigh on July 12. Two members will be chosen to represent Perquimans County on the Judicial, State and House District sectional committees.

The Rev. London noted that the county conventions that will be held on Saturday throughout the state are important to all democrats in North Carolina. "We will gather to strengthen our organization and will begin to organize for a Democratic victory in the fall."

Students train for Special Olympics

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
Exceptional children throughout the Perquimans County School System have been hard at work over the past few weeks getting in shape for the Spring Special Olympics that will be held on April 15 at Perquimans Union School in Winfall.

The Special Olympics are held annually across the nation for handicapped children and adults. The program gives participants a drive for competition and a goal to work towards.

Locally approximately 45 children will be competing in this year's Special Olympics, which will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last until 1:00 p.m. Activities that will be featured in the program are: a softball throw, frisbee throw, shotput, standing long jump, a 50-meter walk, 50, 100, 200 and 400 meter dashes, a 400-meter relay race and a running long jump.

All of the children that take part in the program will be awarded a certificate of participation, and winners for first through sixth places will be recognized in each category.

The participants will be encouraged to by 'huggers'. This year's huggers will be students from Perquimans County High School and local community volunteers.

All exceptional students participating in the local olympic program will be eligible to participate in the regional competition that will be held in Elizabeth City later this Spring.

Funding for the Special Olympic program comes

through donations from businesses and individuals in the community. As with all special programs funding is essential for the success of the event. Donations are still needed and can be sent to: Perquimans County Special Olympics; In Care of Alma Banks, Perquimans Central School, Winfall.

In the event of inclement weather the Special Olympics will be held on April 17.

Kathy Ansink's TMH students are hard at work, preparing for this year's Special Olympics. The event will be held on April 17 at Perquimans Central School in Winfall. (Photo by Jane Williams.)

