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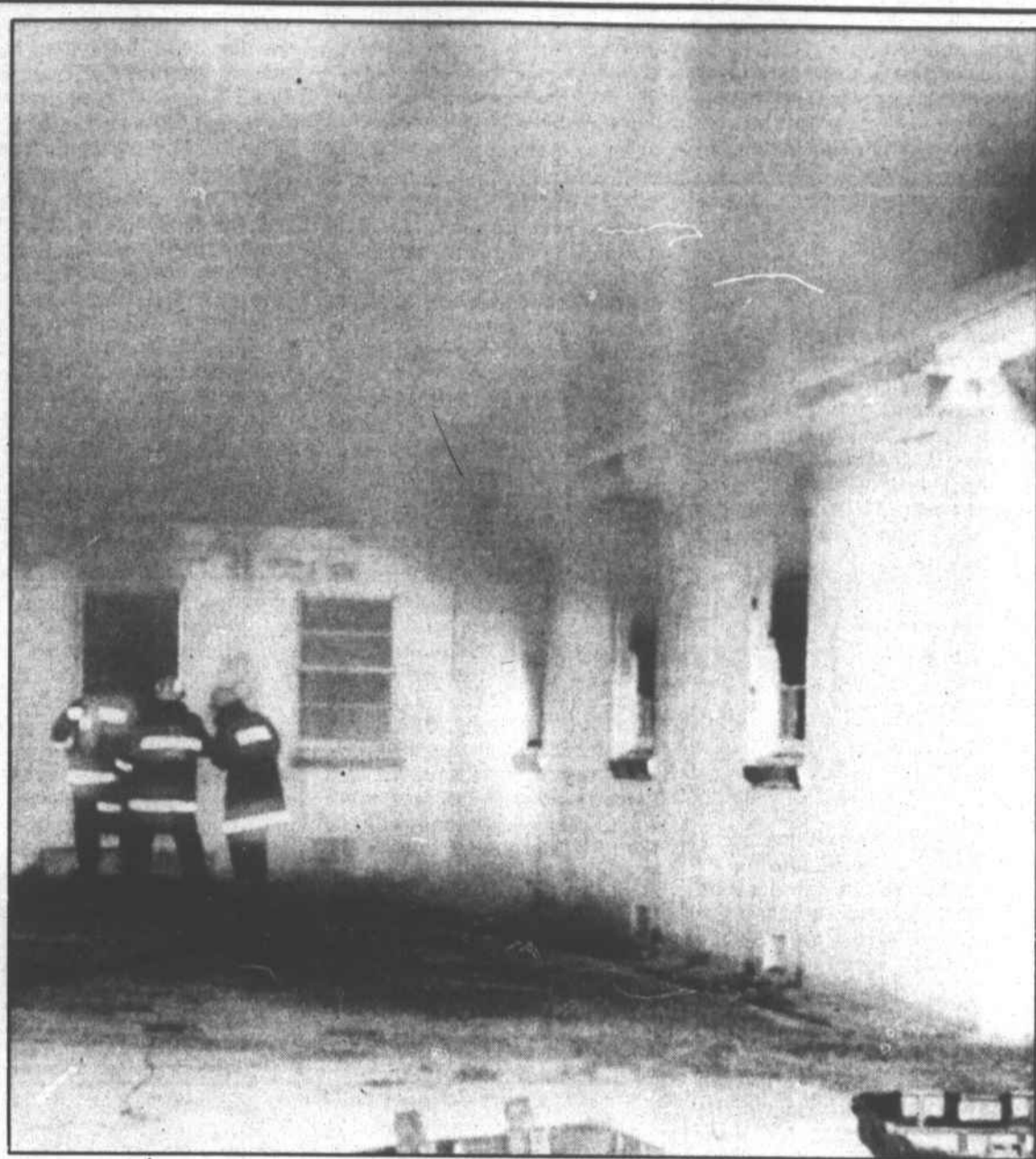
Candidates to speak at BPW rally

The voters of Perquimans County will be afforded the opportunity to meet and hear the area's political hopefuls tonight (Thursday, May 1) at 7:00 p.m. The Perquimans County Business and Professional Women's Club will host a "Meet the Candidates" night at the Perquimans County Courthouse in Hertford.

Slated to participate in the forum are the following candidates for the House of Representatives seat from the First District: Vernon James, Winnie Wood, Harry Schiffman, Sam Walker, and Pete Thompson. The following candidates for the office of the Sheriff of Perquimans County are scheduled to take part: Julian Broughton, Joe Lothian, Donald Riddick, and Ben Shively. Several other candidates for local offices will be on hand to answer questions and express themselves on the issues of their particular campaigns.

The Perquimans County Business and Professional Women's Club is proud to sponsor this event in an effort to help the voters of Perquimans County to be as well informed as possible. The goal of the BPW is to make the working world, as well as the world in general, a more productive and enlightened place in which to function. By providing political candidates with forums for the exchange of opinions and facts, a more informed public can make the choices that are so important to our future.

The public is cordially invited to become involved in the political process of our county by engaging in exchange of information with the people who hope to be serving them as elected officials.



Church Destroyed

A fire on Friday evening gutted the interior of the First Pentecostal Church in the Bagley Swamp community. The fire, which occurred during a revival meeting, was thought to be caused by an overheated electric cord. None of the approximately 100 people in the church were injured. (Photo by Jane Williams)

School Board reviews bids for Union cafeteria

By SUSAN HARRIS
The final general contract bids for the Perquimans Union School cafeteria and kitchen project were reviewed by the Board of Education in special session Monday night.

The engineer for the project, Dan Knight, summarized the outcome of the bidding process. Three general contract bids were received. Rick Gardner Construction presented a low-base bid of \$129,890, with an alternate of \$15,249 for kitchen equipment.

Knight reported that the project will cost approximately \$191,991, which includes general plumbing, electrical, and heating and air conditioning contracts, but does include the alternate funds for kitchen equipment. Superintendent Pat Harrell and Board Chairman Clifford Winslow were authorized to meet with the county commissioners to discuss the project before awarding the contracts.

Harrell updated the Board on the high school construction-renovation project. He said that all the pads for new construction had been approved by Froling and Robinson. The next step will be paving the footings for the new buildings.

He announced that architect Sam Ashford would meet with the Board on May 19th, along with Bob Worthington, to discuss the project.

Jeanie Umphlett and Susan Winslow reviewed with the Board tentative plans for the state-mandated funded summer school program. Included in the classes will be students from grades three, six and eight. The session will be held at Hertford Grammar School, from June 23rd through July 28th.

The state has appropriated \$19,414, which includes funds for salaries for three teachers, three aides, transportation materials and supplies. No more than 15 students from each grade can attend according to state guidelines.

Inclusion in the remedial program will be determined by

scores earned in the annual testing program, along with other state promotion standards as outlined in the Basic Education Program.

Umphlett and Winslow will coordinate the program.

Harrell told the Board that the second annual Arts Extravaganza was quite successful, according to art instructor Deborah Coates, who reported that approximately 400 visitors viewed the exhibits. The event included participation by 32 local artists, 92 teachers, and two clubs. There were 112 exhibits and 18 performances.

Harrell praised the efforts of Coates, Jean Mansfield, and Susan Winslow in organizing the project.

Five county students are presently attending the North Carolina School of Science and Math, Harrell said. He added that only one school system in District I, Greenville City Schools, has a larger number of students attending the high school.

Three other local students are awaiting a final decision on their bid to attend the school next year. They are Lee Cooper, Calvin Hobbs, and Brian Seay.

This Week

During the month of May The Perquimans Weekly will begin offering several new features. In this week's edition you will find a new page entitled "Clubs."

The first Thursday of every month we'll offer, with your help, a look at the people who make up the civic, church, and school groups in our community, and the work that those groups are doing.

Also, in this week's edition, you'll discover a new feature called "Just for Fun." We hope you enjoy it.

Voters to choose from large slate of candidates in Tuesday Primary

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Two statewide issues and several political seats will be voted on in the May 6th Primary Election next week in North Carolina.

Voters will be asked to decide in favor of or against the proposition of a high-level radioactive waste repository site in North Carolina; and on constitutional amendments providing for the election of state and county officers in odd-numbered years.

Local voters will cast their ballots to fill two seats on the County Board of Education. Running for the seat available in Belvidere Township is Incumbent Clifford S. Winslow, who currently serves as chairman of that board. Winslow faces no opposition in his bid for re-election.

Incumbent Mack E. Nixon is being challenged by the Rev. Walter L. Leigh for his spot on

the board representing New Hope Township.

This is a non-partisan race and all registered voters in the county may cast a ballot.

Republican voters will, in addition to the above-stated ballots, cast their vote for their choice as a candidate for the United States Senate Seat. Contenders for that office are James T. (Jim) Broyhill, David B. Funderburk, and Glenn Miller.

Democratic voters will have the widest array of candidates to choose from as they select a candidate for Sheriff of Perquimans County; two candidates for the First District House of Representatives; a United States Senate candidate; and candidate for Judge of the Court of Appeals.

Candidates vying for the office of Sheriff of Perquimans County are: Incumbent Julian H. (Little

Man) Broughton, Joe Lothian, Donald Riddick, and B.F. (Ben) Shively.

Those seeking the two available seats in the House of Representatives are: Incumbent Vernon G. James, Harry Brinkley Schiffman, Audie V. Simon,

R.M. (Pete) Thompson, S.A. (Sam) Walker, and Winifred J. (Winnie) Wood.

Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Results of local races will be published in the May 8th edition of The Perquimans Weekly.

Cancer Society to sponsor Jail-A-Thon

Is there someone who has been bugging you lately? Husband hasn't complimented your cooking in a while? Has your boss forgotten how valuable you are? Are you looking for a fun way to contribute to a very good cause? You're in luck! The American Cancer Society is having its second annual Jail-a-thon on Wednesday, May 7.

For a contribution of a mere \$25.00 you can have your "favorite" person (or people, if life is really tough) busted. The "offender" will be read his or her rights and led away to jail. Once at the jail, bail will be set by a "bailor" in accordance with offenses committed by the "criminal." The jailbird will then be imprisoned until he can raise pledges to equal the amount of his bail. Once the bail has been satisfied, the "convict" is free to go his way and perpetrate more dastardly deeds.

All this fun is to take place on Wednesday, May 7th from 9a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Courthouse Lawn. The American Cancer Society is looking for a few good people who would volunteer their time and energy for this fun event.

Prior to May 7, you may arrange the committal of the person of your choice by calling Debbie Sutton at 426-5124 after 4 p.m. On the day of the Jail-a-thon, a simple phone call to 426-7945 will have your favorite person out of your hair and incarcerated in no time.

The arrest will follow the same routine as a regular arrest begin-

ning with the suspect being read his rights.

The "offenders" in this case will hear the following: "You have the right to remain healthy. If you give up the right to remain healthy, anything you do not try to prevent can be held against. If you have questions, we will be glad to answer them at any time. You have the right to speak to a

doctor, and get a second opinion. If you cannot afford a doctor, there is guidance and aid available through your local American Cancer Society."

To submit to an arrest is completely voluntary and a person is free to leave his cell at any time.

Last year's Jail-a-thon raised \$5,000 for the work of the American Cancer Society. This year's

goal has been set at \$7,300. All donations are tax deductible and support important programs of cancer research, education and service.

It will take a lot of "busts" to reach the goal. The American Cancer Society is counting on the GOOD people of Perquimans County to make this event a success.

Polling places set for local voters

By JANE B. WILLIAMS

Perquimans County voters will have the opportunity to cast their ballots on Tuesday, May 6, when the polls open here for the 1986 Primary Election.

All voters will be given the opportunity to mark their choice on three of the ballots offered during the Primary. Those are for the two non-partisan seats on the Perquimans County Board of Education; a statewide referendum on nuclear waste; and a constitutional amendment.

In addition to these ballots there will also be a ballot for Republican registered voters for a United States Senator. Democratic voters will mark their choice for Perquimans County Sheriff; two First District House of Representative Candidates; a United States Senator; and a Judge for the Court of Appeals.

Polls will open in the county at 6:30 a.m. and will close at 7:30 p.m. Voting will be as follows:

Bethel Township at the Bethel Community Building; Nicanor Township at the Nicanor Community Building; Belvidere Township at the Belvidere Community Building; Parkville Township at the Winfall Community Building; New Hope Township at the New Hope Community Building; East Hertford Township at the Perquimans County Courthouse; and West Hertford Township voters will cast their ballots at Hertford Grammar School.

The Perquimans County Board of Elections has announced that the following will be the precinct registrars: Mrs. Delsie Ward in Bethel Township; Mrs. Becky White in Nicanor; Mrs. Arlene Layden in Belvidere; Mrs. Evelyn Ann Smith in Parkville; Mrs. Carol Roberts in New Hope; Mrs. Carol Baker in East Hertford; and Mrs. Earline White in West Hertford.



Art Extravaganza

Approximately 400 people attended the second annual Arts Extravaganza at Perquimans Union School last weekend. More than 100 exhibits were on display, and 18 perfor-

mances were given during the event. The project is sponsored by the local school system. (Photo by Jane Williams).