

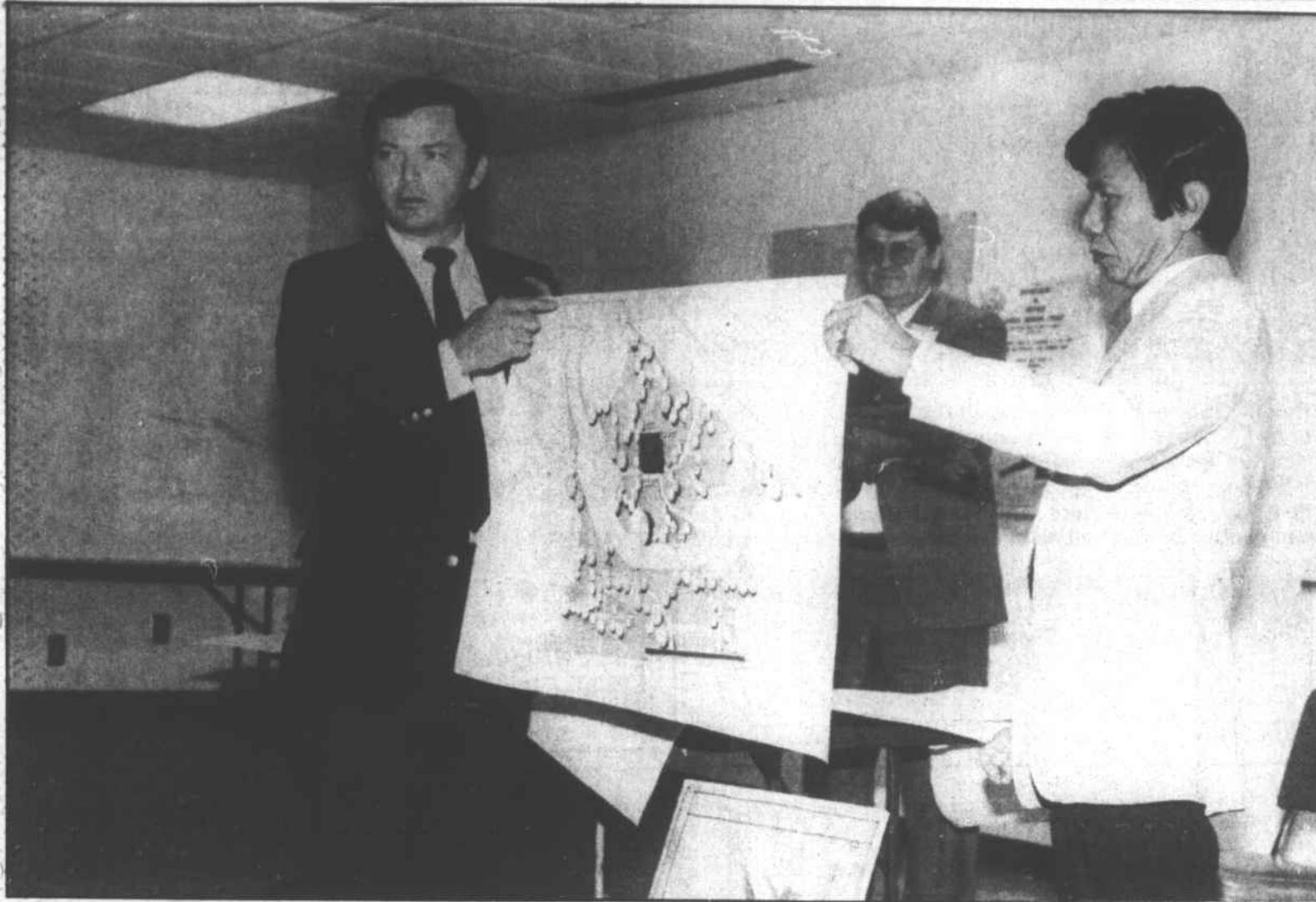
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Above Mr. Phil Hinton of the North Carolina Department of Transportation reviews plans for the new rest area and welcome center which is to be constructed north of Elizabeth City as Mr. Frank Bowen also of the N.C.D.O.T. looks on.

Organizational committee discusses plans for center

Albemarle area officials, representatives of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Karl Kuhlman of the Army Corps of Engineers, and Scott Russell of the Dare County Department of Tourism gathered Thursday for an organizational meeting concerning the planned rest area and welcome center on U.S. Highway 17, north of Elizabeth City.

Mr. Don Flowers, Executive Director of the Albemarle Commission served as chairman of the meeting. Mr. Flowers welcomed D.O.T. officials and Mr. Kuhlman as well as other guest present, and stated his enthusiasm for the planned center.

Mr. Frank Bowen, and Mr. Phil Hinton of the North Carolina Department of Transportation reviewed proposed plans for the center, and fielded questions from those present.

According to plans outlined by Bowen and Hinton, the center will be

just over 1100 square feet in size, designed using very traditional architecture, and will be finished with attractive wood siding. The building also has 360 feet (included in the 1100 sq. feet) which has been designated for use as a small visitors information center. Phil Hinton also stated that the building will focus on the Drummond Canal, and will include a dock for easy access by boaters traveling on the canal. He added that this center will be the first one in the state with dock facilities for boaters traveling.

Both men stated that the project is scheduled to be released for bids sometime in November of this year, and that construction should begin sometime in early 1988. The center should take approximately one year to be completed.

Karl Kuhlman, of the Army Corps of Engineers was on hand to give the

corporation's view of the project. He echoed everyone's enthusiasm for the center, and stated that the planned center has also become a significant factor in keeping the Dismal Swamp Canal open for boating traffic.

Kuhlman stated that the canal must be operated by the corps to insure proper operation in case of an emergency such as a flood, and he added that the visitor's center has been a significant reason for the corps' recommendation that the canal be maintained and kept open for boating traffic. Kuhlman reported that he feels the center will be an asset to the area, and that it will prove very beneficial to travelers both on the highway and on the canal.

The organizational committee also discussed budget figures for the planned center due to the fact that the Albemarle Area will be expected to staff, and fund the visitor's information center.

Mr. Scott Russell of Dare County's Department of Tourism, who manages the welcome center at Kill Devil Hills discussed operation of a visitors information center with the group, and went over some budget figures of his center with them.

Based on operation costs at the Kill Devil Hills center Russell estimates that it will take a budget of approximately \$20,000.00 to run the new center. The \$20,000.00 figure estimated by Russell provides for one full time staff person serving as a manager. Volunteers from the Albemarle Area would be called upon to provide additional staffing.

After hearing all the reports Flowers divided the group into committees which will work on the details of the planned center.

Commissioners honor Ray White for service

The Perquimans County Commissioners met Monday and presented Mr. Ray White with a resolution honoring him for his many years of service as the Perquimans County Dog Warden.

White who retired recently from the job has been replaced by Mr. Clinton Ray Winslow, Jr.. Mr. Winslow can be reached by calling the Perquimans County Health Department.

Sheriff Joe Lothian also presented the commissioners with a proposed procession ordinance for funeral and other processions in the county. The ordinance deals with yielding the right of way to processions or failure to do so, speed requirements of processions, and many other issues. The board voted to table the proposed ordinance on Monday until they can review it further.

Mr. Matthews of the Soil Conservation Office introduced Mr. Richard Saunders to the board. Mr. Saunders is the new Soil Conservation Technician who will be working with the

cost share program. He will be housed in Perquimans County, but will work with the cost share program in Chowan, Perquimans, and Gates counties.

The board also approved a bid of \$39,497.00 by Mr. Jim Mills to replace the heating and air conditioning units at the ARPDC building. Work on the project will begin as soon as possible.

The board formed a committee Monday to review a proposed animal control ordinance. Members of the committee include Randy Keaton, County Manager, Wayne Winslow, County Commissioner, Ray Winslow, Dog Warden, and Howard Campbell. The ordinance will be reviewed by the committee, and a public hearing will be held on the matter before an ordinance is adopted by the county commissioners.

Mr. William Wray Chappell was also appointed to the county dispatch board on Monday's meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Area officials meet with D.O.T. officials

With road improvements and transportation on their minds Perquimans County officials met with newly elected North Carolina Department of Transportation board member Phil Godwin.

The purpose of Wednesday's meeting which was organized by Mayor Bill Cox was to allow officials from Perquimans County an opportunity to get to know Mr. Godwin, and to discuss some of the county's transportation needs with him.

During his informal comments Mr. Godwin, a democrat from Gates county, stated that he felt it was a great honor that Governor Martin had selected him to sit on the N.C. Board of Transportation. Godwin added that he is learning a lot about the area, especially about area transportation needs.

Godwin stated that he will be work-

ing to get the area's fair share of funds for highways and road improvements, and he went on to say that roads are extremely important to the economy of this area. Improvement of our roads is needed to bring business and industry to the area added Godwin, and is vital to our economy.

When asked about the causeway Godwin stated that research into the problem was continuing, and that hopefully the department of transportation would soon have a solution. He added that he would do everything he could to see that the problem with the causeway is solved.

Godwin also told area officials that he was concerned about the county's needs, and would always be available to listen to their concerns and requests.

One of the largest crowds ever gathered Saturday evening at the National Guard Armory for the 1987 Chowan Hospital Ball.

According to Mrs. Joseph Haskett, Jr., and Mrs. O.B. Rawls, IV who were co-chairmen of the ball, 316 people including several residents of Perquimans County were on hand for the event, and 69 people made donations for the ball which is held annually by the Chowan Hospital Women's Auxiliary to benefit hospital programs.

The theme for this year's ball was "Welcome Aboard the USS Life, and was carried through at both the ball and the pre-ball parties.

Perquimans residents attended a pre-ball party at the home of Mrs. Rufus Timothy Brinn on Front Street in Hertford. In keeping with the nautical theme the yard of Mrs. Brinn's home was decorated with an anchor and life buoy which read USS Brinn. The pre-ball parties for the event began at 7:00 p.m. and continued until 8:30 p.m.. The ball ran from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m..

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the South Bound Band of Greenville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Robert E. Lane, of Hertford, Mrs. Pat Storie, and Mrs. Nan Noble were in charge of the food and buffet tables at the ball which featured

Winfall community plans anniversary celebration

Winfall will celebrate 100 years of history during a day-long centennial celebration set for May 16 at Perquimans Central School.

Among the featured entertainment of the day will be a performance by the U.S. Naval Academy Fleet Band. Also performing during the festivities will be Karen Bloomquist, the reigning Miss North Carolina.

Games and contests will add to the fun as Winfall turns back the pages of time to the year 1887. Old-fashioned games for young and old alike will be offered; and among the contests planned for the event will be a "Best Mustache" competition, so put your razor back on the shelf and make plans to walk away with the prize.

A book portraying the town's history is currently being compiled by festival planners to go on sale during the Centennial Celebration. Anyone having information or photographs from Winfall's early days is asked to contact Cheri Williams at the Winfall Town Office.

In addition to the slated activities for the day, there will be craft booths, historical displays, and plenty of food.

Proceeds from the event and a book sales will be donated to the Winfall Volunteer Fire Department.

Festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until 7:00 p.m., so bring your family and friends for a day of fun in Winfall on May 16th.

County residents plan Jim "Catfish" Hunter day

HERTFORD—A committee is busy planning for a daylong celebration in honor of Jim "Catfish" Hunter.

Although Hunter was elected into the Hall of Fame in January, the event is being scheduled in May to coincide with Hertford's annual old timers baseball game.

Activities are tentatively scheduled to get underway at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9th. Events being planned include a parade, a pig pickin', and the old timers game.

The theme for the parade will be on the road to the Hall of Fame, and according to parade chairman, Charlie Skinner, Jr., the parade will begin organizing at Harris Shopping Center on Grubb Street in Hertford, and will end at the High School. The Perquimans County High School marching pirates will lead the parade.

The pig pickin' is scheduled to get underway following the parade. Visitors will be served free barbecue as long as plates last from approxi-

mately 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the afternoon. Drinks will be sold by the high school athletic boosters. All the pigs, and other items for the barbecue are being donated by area businesses and residents.

The old timers game will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. at the high school baseball field. This year's P.C.H.S. baseball team will face the old timers. In addition to Hunter, who will be pitching for the team several other former P.C.H.S. players will be on hand for the game.

In addition to the activities which are being planned for the day a committee is working on a program honoring Hunter's contributions to baseball, and Perquimans County.

Mark your calendars and make plans now to join in the fun on Saturday, May 9th at Perquimans County's Jim "Catfish" Hunter day.

For more information on the day's activities contact Joe Meads, Paul Smith, Mary Harrell, Mayor Bill Cox, or the Perquimans Weekly.

March is student Art month.

See this week's
featured artist,

Lisa Sawyer on page 11.



Pictured above are Perquimans County residents who attended the Chowan County Hospital Ball which was held Saturday at the National Guard Armory in Edenton.

Local residents attend Hospital ball Saturday

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lovely ice sculptures designed by Mr. Warren Hairston of the naval base in Norfolk, and a swan designed by Mr. John Myers. The ice sculptures were displayed on lighted trays in the center of each of the buffet tables, and were quite magnificent to behold.

The swan which was hand carved by Mr. Myers from a piece of styrofoam left over from the construction project at Perquimans County High School was also displayed on a buffet table.

Guests at the ball dined on heavy hors d'oeuvres, as well as coffee and desserts.

Decorations committee for the evening included Mr. Bert Staggard, Mr.

Walt Garman, Mr. Bob Beaumont, Mr. Leslie Kirby, Mr. Lester Lewis, Mr. West Byrum, Mrs. Joe Thorud, Mrs. Ed Nixon, Mrs. Ed Bond, Mrs. Mike Nixon, Mrs. Robert E. Lane, Mrs. Tim Brinn, and Mrs. Eb Taylor.

The Auxiliary would like to thank all the Perquimans County businesses which assisted them with the ball including NCNB National Bank, Peoples Bank and Trust Company, Hertford Hardware, Dozier's Florist, The Gingerbread Inn and Bakery, and Woodard's Pharmacy.

According to Haskett and Rawls over \$6,000.00 in proceeds were raised by the event, and it was a great success.