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Winfall celebrates!

On Saturday Central School was the scene of Winfall's centennial celebration. Above members of the town council along with other special guests listen as Cheri Williams recounts some of Winfall's history.

Winfall community celebrates centennial

WINFALL—A good crowd, special guests such as The Navy's Atlantic Fleet Band, the reigning Miss North Carolina, Karen Bloomquist, and a schedule of full of other events combined Saturday to make the Town of Winfall's centennial celebration a great day.

Winfall's 100th birthday party was held on the grounds of Perquimans Central School, and began at 11:00 a.m. with a horse and buggy procession led by the Hertford Fifes and Drums. The horse and buggy used for the procession was provided by the Edenton Carriage Company. The carriage was a 1986 reproduction of a turn-of-the-century buggy constructed by Justin Carriage Works of Nashville, Michigan. The carriage is used daily to give tours of historic Edenton.

A program followed the procession and included speeches by Mayor Lloyd Ray Morgan, music by Ms.

Bloomquist, reigning Miss North Carolina, a brief recounting of Winfall's history by Mrs. Cheri Williams, a presentation to the local essay contest winners, and a reading of letters expressing congratulations to the town from Governor James G. Martin, and President Ronald Reagan.

Mr. Wayne Harris, a representative for Congressman Walter B. Jones was also present for the celebration, and made a few brief remarks during the program. Senator Marc Basnight also arrived later in the day to express his best wishes to town residents. Letters from Rep. Vernon James, and Rep. Pete Thompson expressing their best wishes.

Area residents and visitors were treated throughout the day to other special events including croquet on the grounds, a moustache contest, sack races, an old fashioned cake auction, and the burying of a time

capsule.

The time capsule which was buried in front of the school will be opened in the year 2037. According to Morris Kornegay, Principal of Central School, the capsule contained a number of remembrances, none of which has any monetary value, which show what life in Winfall is like presently in 1987.

Included in the time capsule are items such as a video tape of Perquimans Central School's classes and grounds which was done by Mrs. Diane Owens, a Perquimans Central School t-shirt and button, a list of what kindergartners at Central School would like to be doing in 50 years, a history of the town of Winfall, a copy of President Reagan's letter, pictures of the students at Central School, and this year's headline stories from the Perquimans Weekly.

Swindell Funeral Home in Hertford donated the stone which marks the spot where the capsule was buried.

Saturday's visitors also got a chance to view some historical displays, purchase crafts and baked goods, and Officer Jack Staley was on the grounds with a wildlife display provided by Hunter's Choice Taxidermy.

The historical displays exhibited depicted the history of Winfall as well as the history of Perquimans Central School and featured such items as old school books, electric bills from years gone by, old pictures of local residents, and many other items of interest.

Winners of Saturday's mustache contest were 1st place: Bill Stallings, 2nd place: Al Whitehurst, and 3rd place: Richard Copeland.

Winners of the life in Winfall essay contest were Josh Boone, and Anne Ellsberry. Josh is a student at Perquimans Union School, and Anne is a student at Perquimans Central School.

Board makes 1987-1988 budget requests Monday

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners listened on Monday evening as the Perquimans County Board of Education made a budget request for the 1987-1988 school year totaling \$1,826,648.00.

This proposed figure shows an increase of just under \$233,000 over the 1986-1987 budget figures submitted to the board last year at this time.

Stating that they had no apology for the budget figures, and thanking commissioners for their help in the past, members of the board of education stated that they feel the 1987-1988 budget figures contain no excess. The Board of Education feel that the budget reflects what they feel they need to operate Perquimans County's schools in the coming year.

Pat Harrell, Superintendent of the Perquimans County schools reviewed the budget figures for the board, and made some comparisons of statewide statistics for the board.

According to the statistics presented by Harrell, Perquimans County is 96th in the state in terms of per pupil resources which are available, but fourth in the state in terms of those resources which are allocated for public school use. Harrell stated that he and the board of education feel that this shows a positive commitment by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners towards public education, and gives them hope that this year's budget will also meet with the county commissioners approval.

Several areas of the budget proposed by the Board of Education show an increase over figures from last year.

Some of those areas which showed an increase were pupil transportation expense, regular instructional programs, student services, and clerical assistance in the schools, instructional staff support, informational services, and employee benefits.

Harrell addressed the reasons for increases in the areas, and added that they are subject to change based on the funding of the basic education grant.

Some of the increases Harrell reviewed included the rising costs of employee benefits. Harrell stated that this increase was due largely to the rising price of health insurance, and that state officials expect these costs will continue to rise each year.

Some other reasons for increases in various areas were the addition of a guidance counselor at Perquimans Union School, extension of school secretary's contracts from nine months to ten months, the addition of library aides at each of the schools, and an increase in salary for bus drivers next year.

The Board of Education also shows a significant increase in funds needed in the area of furniture and equipment for the coming school year. This is largely due to the purchase of an activity bus, but total requested for this category were \$100,000.

The Board of Education also identified eight major priority items under buildings and grounds which reflect \$217,000 of the budget requested. Those eight items are P.H.S. gymnasium roof, P.H.S. landscaping, walls, walks, lights, and drives, P.U.S. landscaping, walls, walks, and lights, P.U.S. renovation, P.H.S. gymnasium and vocational building window replacements, P.H.S. floor replacement, and P.C.S. and P.H.S. vocational building replacement of floor tile.

After listening to the Board of Education's request the commissioners announced that they will review the proposed budget in greater detail, and will let the board know their feelings at a later date.

The commissioners also heard from a group of citizens representing Holiday Island on Monday. The residents were on hand to request that the county move a water meter 7 of a mile toward their property. The meter is currently located on property owned by Yeopim Properties, and the residents of Holiday Island feel that the board should move the meter at the board's expense. The commissioners stated after listening to the citizens of Holiday Island that they will consider the issue, and have the county attorney John Matthews look into the matter. They added that they will do everything they can to help the citizens of Holiday Island with the problem.

Wayne Floyd of Rivers and Associates was also on hand Monday to report on the county's new well, and the Bethel water plant renovations.

The board also adjourned into executive session on Monday evening to discuss personnel matters of the county.

Heritage days planned

The Perquimans County Committee for America's Four Hundredth Anniversary and the Perquimans County Restoration Association, Owners of Newbold-White, North Carolina's oldest house will participate jointly in Perquimans Heritage Day, 1987.

Activities planned for Saturday June 13, 1987 will emphasize the part the Perquimans River has played in the growth of Perquimans County and the establishment of Hertford as the county seat. Following the failure of the English to establish a permanent settlement on Roanoke Island in 1587, almost three-quarters of a century passed before the colonization of "Carolina" began in the Albemarle.

The day-long program begins with the Hertford Walking tour, originating at the Municipal Building Annex. Mary Inez Harrell, Executive Director of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, will serve coffee and brief tourists on the 25 site brochure which describes sites which have been important in the history of the town and county since George Durant purchased land from the Yeopim Indians in 1661. Guided tours will be conducted at 10 and 11 o'clock a.m., and self-guided tours are suggested after that time. Sites are clearly marked.

Missing Mill Park will become the scene of activities at 11 a.m. when the Holiday Island Yacht Club sails up the river to capture Hertford, recreating the capture of Hertford by Burnside's troops in 1863. It is hoped that the citizen militia (consisting of all able-bodied men between sixteen and sixty will be able to repel these awesome pirates.

Senator Marc Basnight, assisted by Representatives Vernon James and R.M. (Pete)Thompson will take part in a ceremony officially recognizing the shad boat as North Carolina's boat, joining the dogwood as the state flower, the cardinal as the state bird, and the Scotch bonnet as the state shell.

At 2 p.m. the scene shifts to the Perquimans County Library for a program called: "Shad Boats and Other Historical Boats of the Albemarle" Michael B. Alford, Curator of Water

craft Research, North Carolina Maritime Museum, Beaufort, N.C. will be the featured speaker.

Sara Winslow, Director of the striped bass project of the North Carolina Marine Fisheries will mount an educational exhibit at Missing Mill, emphasizing the importance of our rivers. Jack C. Staley, Jr. of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission has also been asked to prepare an exhibit.

Heritage Day, 1987, will be most at the Newbold-White House, and everyone is invited to see area craftsmen demonstrating the skills which were so important in early Albemarle. Joyce Hobbs will demonstrate basketry, Emily Harrell, various kinds of needlework, Mark Cartwright, Potting and Fannie Beales, quilting.

Quilting predates the settlement of Carolina by many centuries. It is thought that the art began in Persia, and knights returning from the Crusades in the Middle Ages brought it back to Europe with them. Quilting was used as a social pastime in colonial times, and is now developed into an art form. A Perquimans County quilt, owned by Mrs. Jesse Lee Harris has recently been used in an ad to promote the state under the heading "In North Carolina, some of our greatest works of art never hang in museum". This advertisement was prepared by Michael Winslow a Perquimans native, and his production team. It won the prestigious Stephanie E. Kelly national award. This quilt, and other heirloom quality quilts will be on display at the Newbold-White House.

The David Newby Carolina Coastal Cottage (ca 1820) will also be open on June 13. At 4 p.m. Program Director David McCall and his wife, Bonita, will preside over an English Strawberry Tea there. The public is cordially invited to take part in this and all of the day's events.

Heritage Day, 1987 will close with Jollification II, beginning at 8:30 p.m. This is a benefit for the Newbold-White site, and will feature music dancing, with an al fresco supper during the evening. Admission to this is by ticket only, at \$15.00 per person.



Band wins first place: The Perquimans Marching Pirates won first place band and auxiliary this weekend at a band competition held at Carolina Beach. The band received a trophy, and a cash award for their win.

Zoning board to review request

Once again zoning classifications of some of the areas within the city limits of Hertford which were established earlier this year have been questioned by property owners.

On Wednesday, May 13th, the Hertford Zoning Board met to finalize the city's zoning ordinance and map, but a few of the property owner's effected in the zoning change were on hand to raise some questions about their property's new zoning classifications.

Mr. Phillip Lane came before the board on Wednesday to question their decision about classifying his property on Center Hill Road R-10.

The R-10 restriction which is proposed for Mr. Lane's property would only allow construction of single family dwellings, and greatly limits what the land can be used for.

In an emotion packed statement Lane directly asked the board why they had placed such limitations on his property, when across the street the land is proposed to be zoned R-6 which allows trailers, and is much less restrictive than the R-10 classification.

"I don't believe it's right when the man across the street has got R-6," said Lane. According to Lane he has spent quite a bit of money developing the land, and feels that he can not live with the R-10 restrictions which are proposed for the property.

Lane requested after much discussion that his property be classified transitional residential. Under the transitional residential classification Lane would have more freedom to develop the land, but would have to have any plans for development approved by the town council and the zoning board.

The zoning board placed the R-10 restriction on the property earlier this year to insure that there would be no more mobile homes placed on the property. Currently Lane has two mobile homes that are on lots just behind his store. Lane received permission from the town council some time ago to place the trailers there for a period of time until he could further develop the property. The board set

no time limit for allowing the trailers to remain at their present location, but Mayor Cox stated the board was under the impression that it was only a temporary arrangement with Mr. Lane.

Buddy Tilley, Chairman of the zoning board said on Wednesday that those trailers are the thorn in the side of the zoning board, and they are concerned about having more located in the same area.

After a very heated discussion between members of the board and Lane the meeting was adjourned.

The ball is now in the zoning board's court.

The zoning board will meet again later this month to consider Lane's proposal and will at that time make a decision about the property's classification. After their decision is made they will make their recommendation to the town council who will have the opportunity to approve or disapprove their actions.

Until the decision is made the zoning ordinance remains unfinalized.

Eye clinic scheduled

On Tuesday, May 26th, the Albemarle Eye Care Center working with the Perquimans County Senior Citizens Center will sponsor a free eye care clinic and screening for senior adults in the community.

Dr. Redding of the Albemarle Eye Care center will be conducting the free cataract screenings at the center beginning at 3:00 p.m.

According to the Albemarle Eye Care Center cataract develop with age, and cause cloudy vision in older adults. The center hopes that this free screening will be helpful in identifying those older adults who have a cataract problem, and they will assist them with further treatment of the problem.

According to Rae Burns of Albemarle Eye Care Center one-half of all blindness is preventable, and this screening is the first of many steps taken to provide the older population with necessary education and information on vision problems.

The screening is open to everyone in Perquimans County, and will be free of charge.

Extravaganza scheduled

Today and tomorrow the Perquimans County Schools will hold their third annual Arts Extravaganza at Union School.

The festival will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon on Thursday. On Friday, the hours for the festival will be from 9:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m.

During the two day extravaganza teachers, students, parents, and community citizens will be performing, displaying works of art, providing interesting exhibits.

Also plan on treating the family to a BBQ chicken dinner which will be served from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.. The dinner will be \$3.50 a plate, and will be prepared by the Perquimans High School FFA group. The plate will include BBQ chicken, potato salad, green beans, rolls, tea, and a cup cake.