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## Parade scheduled

It's time once again for the annual Perquimans County Christmas Parade sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees.

This year's parade will be held on Saturday, December 5th in downtown Hertford at 2:00 p.m., and will feature all the highlights from years past.

The parade will wind through the streets of town and will feature everything from the Perquimans County High School "Marching Pirates" to fire trucks and horses with buggies. Santa Claus has also promised to be on hand for the big event.

Parade entries are still being accepted for the Christmas parade, but they need to be returned as soon as possible. If anyone group or organization did not receive an invitation to participate in the parade and would like to do so, they may obtain an invitation by calling Phil Harris at 426-5307.

The grand marshal for this year's parade will be announced at a later date.

Mark your calendars and make plans to come out see this year's Perquimans County Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 5th at 2:00 p.m.



## Winter weather hits area!

Old man winter made his presence known last Wednesday as much of the county was covered with a thin blanket of snow. The snow was gone by Thursday, but winter weather will soon return.

## Policeman is hired

The Hertford Police Department recently hired a new policeman for the department.

Chief Marshall Merritt announced last week that William Alan Lynn has been hired to serve on the force. Lynn, who has five years of public law enforcement experience, and served five years in the Army with the military police was one of two men interviewed for the position. Lynn is a certified breathalyzer operator, and also is experienced with radar equipment operation.

Lynn was sworn into office on Monday of this week by Perquimans County Clerk of Court Jarvis Ward. Lynn, who is currently a resident of Plymouth, North Carolina and his wife, Freda, will be moving to Hertford shortly. The Lynns have two daughters, Rebecca age 5, and Robyn age 3.

## AADA awards banquet scheduled

On Thursday, December 3rd, the Albemarle Area Development Association will hold their annual meeting and 25th Annual Awards Banquet. This year's banquet will be held, as in past years, at the Kermit E. White Center on the campus of Elizabeth City State University. The guest speaker for this year's banquet will be North Carolina's governor, the Honorable Gov. Jim Martin.

Also, during the meeting several awards will be presented by the Albemarle Area Development Association honoring recipients in the areas of business, economic and community development as part of the association's Economic Development

Business Awards Program.

This year the award for business and economic development in Perquimans County will be presented to Dr. Robert E. Lane, MD, PA of Hertford. Dr. Lane recently opened his own medical practice in Hertford, after several years association with the Chowan Medical Center. Dr. Lane is well known and well respected in Perquimans County. He is the County Medical Examiner, Medical Director for the Brian Center Nursing Facility, Chairman of the Perquimans County American Heart Association, Chief of Staff at Chowan Hospital, an active member of the Hertford Saddle Club, and Dr. Lane is also in-

volved with the Indian Riders 4-H Club in Perquimans County.

During the AADA banquet and award presentation a short video tape on Dr. Lane and his contributions to the economic development of Perquimans County will be presented.

The AADA annual meeting and awards banquet is open to the public and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Tickets for the evening are \$10.00, and they can be purchased at the Perquimans County Extension Office and the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

## Commissioners adopt resolution on Monday

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution on Monday night in support of establishing a no wake zone just off the shore line of Holiday Island in the Albemarle Sound.

Mr. Ed Allen, a resident of Holiday Island came before the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners on Monday as a representative of the Holiday Island Board of Governors to request that the board adopt the resolution so that channel markers and waterway signs could be erected in the canals throughout Holiday Island, and in the canal approaches.

In providing background information for the board Monday, Mr. Allen told the commissioners that for years the residents of Holiday Island have had plans to dredge the canals throughout their area leading from the Albemarle Sound. For approximately 15 years the six miles of canals have fallen into a bad state according to Allen, and just recently the Holiday Island Board of Governors and the Holiday Island Property Owners Association decided to take the bull by the horns and do something to correct this problem.

In February of 1987, the group received a CAMA permit to dredge the canals, and after bidding out the project work has recently begun. Cape Dredging of Buxton, North Carolina is currently dredging the area.

Holiday Island is now ready to request that the state erect channel markers for the waterways, but before this can be done Allen told board members several things must be done, the major thing being the establishment of the no wake zone.

The no wake zone will extend 50 yards off the shoreline along the coast of Holiday Island leading into the canals. The purpose of establishing the no wake zone is to legalize the markers, which will be erected so that wildlife enforcement officials can enforce violations which occur in the area.

Allen told board members that as soon as the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission receives their resolution in support of establishing the no wake zone, they would take action to erect the state-approved signs.

Wallace Nelson also came before the Board of Commissioners on Monday to inform the board of the formation of a citizens coalition against Drug and Alcohol Abuse in Perquimans County. Nelson, who serves on the governor's council against drug and alcohol abuse, told board members Monday that the local group has held two meetings, and has a third scheduled for November 30th.

Nelson told board members that he and members of the coalition feel that the drug problem is a community problem, and that the coalition needs community support to be effective. Wallace also told the commissioners on Monday evening, that he was not asking at this time for anything specific from them other than their support, but that the coalition might need their help at a later date.

The commissioners stated their support for the formation of the local coalition, and told Nelson that they would work in any way possible to assist their efforts.

Under other business, the board took the following action: the board of commissioners adopted an encroachment agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation regarding a communication line for the water department. The line will be placed on a bridge belonging to the NCDOT. Previously the line had been running under the creek bed. The line carries a signal from the plant to the water pump which starts the pump. The board also approved purchasing a new 1988 automobile for the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department, and an IBM computer system for the department. The commissioners expect the car to arrive in January or February. The computer equipment will be in place as soon as possible. The commissioners also granted the Hertford chapter of the BPW permission to erect their Christmas Tree on the court house lawn as they have done in the past.

There being no further business for the board to discuss the meeting was adjourned. The board will meet again on November 30th at 7:30 p.m. when they hold a public hearing on the proposed land use plan.

## Vernon James honored

A charter member of College of the Albemarle's Board of Trustees was recently honored for his years of service to the college and to northeastern North Carolina.

Rep. Vernon James (D-Pasquotank) has served COA since December 1960 when he was first named by the governor of North Carolina to serve on the college's Board of Trustees. Since that time, he has been reappointed to the Board by six governors from both political parties.

"If you get through a couple of governors, you're doing well," James told the group of COA faculty, staff, administrators and fellow Board members gathered for the occasion. "I've zigzagged and dodged the shots a long time."

This year, however, James was not reappointed by Gov. James Martin

for another term on COA's Board.

James, who served as chairman of the Board during 1986-87, said he believes serving the college has helped him better serve the Albemarle area during his years as a legislative representative.

"Don't write me off. I intend to keep doing the most I can help serve this college and others in the area," said James.

COA President Parker Chesson presented James with a plaque and commented on James' efforts for the college. "He has always been there when the college needed him," said Chesson.

Ray Jones Jr., COA's new chairman of the Board, presented James with a gavel for all he has done for the college, the community and the state of North Carolina.



Newbold - White House, North Carolina's oldest house.

## Newbold - White to close

As has been customary the Perquimans County Restoration Association, owner and operator of North Carolina's oldest house, Newbold-White, will close it for the winter on November 26. The site will be reopened on March 1, 1988.

The Board of Directors will entertain the docents at a luncheon at noon on November 24 to show their appreciation to these volunteers. All Board Members are urged to attend so that they may become acquainted with the docents. Without them, the site could not be kept open, and the thousands of hours the docents volunteer, make them the mainstay of the site's operation.

A seventeenth-century cemetery was discovered at the site several years ago, and during 1986 archaeological work was completed so that the grave site could be enclosed. At 1:30 p.m. on November 24, the Reverend Henry A. Bizzell, Jr., Pastor, Hertford United Methodist Church, and Raymond A. Winslow, Jr., Archivist, Perquimans County Restoration Association, will conduct a service of re-dedication for this cemetery. The graves have been marked with brick, and the Association will maintain the site in perpetuity. The public is invited to attend this service at 1:30 p.m.

## Smoke-out scheduled

On Thursday, November 19, 1987, Americans across the nation will join together in the American Cancer Society's "Great American Smoke-out".

For 24 hours beginning on the 19th the public is asked to refrain from smoking in

honor of this event.

For more information on the "Great American Smoke-out" and activities which are planned in our area contact the local chapter of the American Cancer Society in Elizabeth City at 338-5353.

## Chowan Hospital to sponsor ministers conference on drug and alcohol abuse

Chowan Hospital, in cooperation with the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse among Children and Youth, will jointly sponsor an educational conference for area ministers and church lay leaders on alcohol and drug abuse problems. The conference is to exchange ideas, information, and program availability aimed at prevention, intervention, and treatment issues we face with today's drug and alcohol abuse problems.

In June of 1986, Governor Jim Martin established the Governor's Council to serve as an advocate and promotion group to coordinate efforts addressed to problems in this area. Johnny Byran, Hospital Director, in announcing this conference, stated, "It is difficult to pick up a newspaper

or watch a television newscast without being reminded of the drug and alcohol abuse problems we face today. It has permeated throughout the whole of society, affecting all ages, all socio-economic groups, all races, all denominations, in effect, every person".

The conference is scheduled for Monday, November 30, 1987, in the classroom at Chowan Hospital on Virginia Road in Edenton from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be no registration fee and lunch will be provided at no cost by Chowan Hospital, Hollowell-Blount Drug Store, Mitchener's Pharmacy, and Woodard's Pharmacy. All area ministers and other interested citizens are encouraged to attend. To register,

please call Betty Swindell at 482-8451, extension 200 as soon as possible.

"Every child born today will face a decision on the use of drugs or alcohol and they are learning to make those decisions at a younger age", stated Wallace Nelson, Director of Pharmacy at Chowan Hospital, and a member of the Council. "Early in the Council's work, we recognized the important role the churches have in addressing this problem. We formed an ecumenical committee and they have worked with local ministers to set up these conferences throughout the state to educate and learn from our clergy".

Mr. Earlie Jones, Executive Director of Oakleigh, a drug treatment center in Durham and a member of the Governor's Council, will give an

overview of the problems we face today in our state.

Other topics discussed will include "The Role of the Church in Alcohol and Drug Abuse", presented by the Reverend Robert Cooke, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Wilmington, and "Intervention Strategies for the Minister" presented by the Reverend John Schield, Executive Director of STEP-1, a drug rehabilitation program in Winston-Salem.

"It is essential that we share this conference with as many church leaders as practical; therefore, attendance of all area ministers is important to our success", stated Bryan. "Chowan Hospital is pleased to be able to work with the Governor's Council in presenting this seminar."

## WEATHER

### Weekend Forecast

Area forecasters are calling for partly cloudy and windy weather with a slight possibility of showers on Thursday. Thursday's high temperatures will be in the mid to upper 60s. Lows will be in the 40s.

On Friday and Saturday the weather is expected to be sunny and cooler with highs in the 50s and lows in the 30s.

