

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY



## Eure to attend course!

Carl Eure has received a scholarship to the modern farming short course. The course will be held in Raleigh, and will feature all sorts of information and new techniques involved with farming. Carl, center, is pictured with Mr. Ben Berry of

Peoples Bank, and David Carter of NCB as they present him with a check for the course. The course is co-sponsored by the N. C. Bankers Association and is an annual event.

## Local NAACP to move forward with law suit

The Perquimans County NAACP has announced following a meeting on Monday evening that they will move forward with a law suit against Perquimans County to change the voting system within the county.

According to Rev. John H. London of the Perquimans County NAACP the suit would hopefully force the county to establish new voting districts, and will charge the county

with violating the national voting rights act. The suit will seek to provide members of the black community with better representation in all aspects of local government in Perquimans County.

The NAACP has hired Attorney Ronald Penney to represent them in the suit, and according to London the NAACP has filed the suit because

they do not foresee any future for blacks in the area of politics of Perquimans County in the near future.

London stated that the NAACP certainly welcomes the establishment of a committee by the board of commissioners to study the possibility of re-districting, and stated that a letter would be sent to the committee urging them to hold a public hearing

on their finding before a decision on re-districting is made or presented to the commissioners.

The NAACP's announcement on Tuesday that they are moving forward with the law suit was prompted by the commissioner's recent appointment of Durwood Reed last Tuesday to fill a vacant seat on the county board of commissioners.

## Local races beginning to develop in elections

With just a few days left in the filing period several races have developed in the upcoming local elections.

In the first district race for the county commissioner's seat incumbents D. R. Reed and Lester Simpson, acting chairman of the board will be challenged by Leo A. Higgins.

In the second district race for the county commissioner's seat incumbents Wayne Winslow and Thomas

Nixon have filed to seek re-election.

A race has also developed for the clerk of superior court's office. The current clerk of superior W. W. "Welly" White will be challenged by Paul Douglas Umphlett.

Races are also developing for several seats on the board of education. Benjamin C. Hobbs, and Edgar Robinson have filed seeking the Bethel township seat. Emmett Long the in-

cumbent candidate announced on Monday that he will not seek re-election to the board. Long has served on the board for 20 years, and stated that he felt it was time for him to retire.

Two other have also filed to seek seats on the board of education. Incumbent Cliff Towe has filed for re-election to the Parksville seat, and L.

Wayne Howell has filed to seek election to the Hertford seat. Incumbent Preston Stevenson who currently holds the Hertford seat has not filed for re-election.

In the race for Perquimans County Register of Deeds incumbent Jeanne White has filed.

The filing period for all offices will end at 12 noon on February 1st.

## Pesticide recertification workshop scheduled

On February 2nd a workshop for area farmers whose last names begin with A thru F will be held at the Perquimans County Extension Office for the purpose of recertification for their pesticide licenses.

Growing increases in the use of pesticides, and changes which are developing all the time with regard to pesticide usage have caused state and national officials to take a second look at the pesticide certification process.

From now on all farmers who use

pesticides will have to be recertified and carry a valid license. All those farmers in North Carolina whose names begin with A through F must be re-certified before June 30th 1988.

February 2nd's workshop will review material developed by the North Carolina Pesticide Board, and will cover all aspects of pesticide usage.

According to Stan Winslow, County Extension Director, the pesticide recertification process is long overdue. "Pesticide licenses should have to re-

newed just like driver's licenses," said Winslow.

The re-certification process will help area farmers who have been asking for additional training in the area of pesticides for some time added Winslow who will be offering the workshop.

Winslow added that area farmers are concerned with pesticide useage, and are concerned with using them safely so that they do not endanger citizens of the county or crops they produce.

## Shirley Perry files for 1st district house seat

Perquimans County Resident Shirley Perry has announced that she will once again run for a seat in the North Carolina House of Representatives representing the first district.

Perry who filed to run for the seat on Tuesday as a Republican ran in 1986 for the house of representatives and was defeated by Representative

Vernon James, and Rep. R. M. "Pete" Thompson.

Perry has been extremely active in the political arena, and is also very active in state and local affairs. She has served as president of the chamber of commerce, is a governor appointee on the rural rehabilitation corporation, is currently the county

representative on the health systems agency, and is a representative on the local economic improvement council just to name a few of Perry accomplishments.

Mrs. Perry is a native of Chowan County and has been a resident of Perquimans County for 36 years. She is married to Rudolph Perry, and

they operate Perry Hog Farm, Inc. in Belvidere.

"I would like to represent the people of the first district in Raleigh," said Perry. "I will work hard in their interest," she added.

Also running in this race are both incumbents James and Thompson.

## Distinguished service award winners announced

The Perquimans County Jaycees honored several area residents last Thursday at their annual Distinguished Service Awards Banquet.

Sara Winslow received the coveted award of the evening, the distinguished service award. Winslow, a native of Perquimans County was honored for her continuing service to the area. Winslow is employed with the North Carolina Department of Coastal Resources in Elizabeth City, and is a member of the Perquimans County Jaycees.

Others honored during the evening were Sid Eley, outstanding area fire-

fighter, Barbara Dancheese, outstanding rescue squad member, Tanya Howell, outstanding youth, James Logan, outstanding law enforcement officer, Mrs. Frierson, outstanding senior citizen, Karen Luzcz, outstanding young educator, and Wayne Winslow, outstanding government official.

James Lamb received the Rogerson Memorial award which goes to the best softball player in Perquimans County, and is voted on by the coaches.

Congratulations to all the winners.

## Reed appointed to county board

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners have appointed Mr. Durwood Reed to fill the vacant seat on the board. The appointment was made last Tuesday evening during the commissioner's meeting.

Reed will fill the seat vacated last month by W. W. "Welly" White who resigned to become Perquimans County's new clerk of superior court following the retirement of Mr. Jarvis Ward.

Reed was one of three people recommended for the appointment by the Perquimans County Democratic party. The other people recommended were Rev. John H. London, and Mr. Jan Spruill, both of whom are black. Reed's appointment to the board was voted on unanimously by the commissioners, and was neither discussed or debated during Tuesday's meeting.

The NAACP had gone on record earlier stating that they hoped a black candidate would be appointed to the board, and several NAACP members were present again at Tuesday's meeting to let their feelings be known.

Mrs. Estelle Felton, vice president of the local NAACP stated that the appointment of a black to board would afford black members of the community a voice in local govern-

ment, and she hoped that the commissioners would consider that fact in making their appointment. Mrs. Felton and the others present stated that they had no negative feeling towards Reed, and added that they felt no partiality towards either black candidate.

Mr. Reed is native resident of Perquimans County, and retired recently from Perquimans County after serving 30 years as finance officer.

Paul Gregory, Perquimans County manager stated following the meeting that he felt the commissioners had a tough decision, and that all of the candidates were qualified to serve on the board.

Later during Tuesday's meeting the board did appoint a committee for studying the possibility of re-districting voting districts to offer the black committee a better chance at having a representative on the board of commissioners. The members of the committee are Mr. Buddey Tiley, Chairman of the Perquimans County elections board, Mr. J. C. Cole, Mr. John Matthews, Mrs. Juanita Bailey, and Mr. Paul Gregory. The committee will be looking into this issue at reporting to the commissioners at a later time.

## County receives good audit report

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners received a good report concerning the county's 1987 audit Tuesday.

Mr. Aiken, the county's auditor was on hand Tuesday, and told members of the board that the county was in good shape with regard to cash and investments. Aiken did state however that he felt the board should continue to keep a close eye on the water department which has lost money for the past two years.

The department which lost over \$600,000 in both 1986 and 1987 is in better shape this year according to the audit, but according to Aiken the situation should still be watch carefully by the county.

The revenue produced by the county's water department has greatly increased this year due to expansion of water lines, and Paul Gregory says he feels the system will make money next year, and with no unforeseen circumstances may break even this

year. "The commissioners and I are really surprised that the water department is doing as well as it's doing. The department will come close to breaking even for the year," said Gregory. "That's surprising considering all the money that's been spent in the department since the early summer," he added.

Many of the problems with the water department losing money have occurred because of depreciation of equipment, and added expense for replacing and repairing that equipment.

Hopefully with new renovations which have been done within the system these added expenses will be decreased in the coming year.

In other areas of the audit Aiken reported the county is in good financial shape. Those areas included investments, and undesignated cash reserves.

## Board of Education seeks additional funds for facilities

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners listened intently on Tuesday as the Perquimans County Board of Education presented their long range facilities plan, and made a request for additional funds on Tuesday evening.

The board of education came no closer to getting any funds, but they did make the county aware of the school's long range facility needs.

The long range school facilities plan presented by the school board to the county was required by the N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction, and identifies over \$12 million dollars in needs including renovations repairs, and replacement for each of schools as indicated below: \$3.15 million for the middle school, \$2.3 million in renovations to the grammar school, \$1.16 million in renovations to the high school, and \$3.7 million for replacement or Central School in Winfall.

The board of commissioners praised the school board for their plan of action concerning the county's needs, but expressed their concern about the cost.

The commissioners stated that they did not know where the money was going to come from to pay for the repairs, replacements, and renovations outlined in the plan.

The school board stated that they can expect approximately \$5 million in school facility funds which have already been allocated by the general assembly, but according Clifford Winslow, chairman of the board of education, he does not feel the county will be eligible for critical needs funding because the schools in the county are in good shape compared to other county's facilities.

The commissioners stated that realized the schools have definite needs for facilities, but added that other needs in the county make it impossible for them to commit any additional funds at this time.

Both boards expressed on Tuesday their hope that the state would come through with some additional money to help in funding the county's long range school facilities plan.

## Committee of 100 sets annual meeting

The Perquimans County Committee of 100 will hold it's annual dinner meeting February 1 at Angler's Cove Restaurant.

The guest speaker will be Ms. Gretell Boyette of Kenly, N. C. Ms. Boyette is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College. She taught school for 6 years before retiring to become a full time mother and a "professional volunteer".

Ms. Boyette has been active in all types of volunteer work—Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, fund raising and drives for local charities, P.T.A., political organizations and the Blood Mobile—just to name a few. She has served on boards and held offices in

many of these organizations. She was named Johnston County Volunteer of the Year, and in 1980, was the recipient of Kenly's Public Service Award.

Ms. Boyette's main interest and energies in the past 4 years has been in the founding and organization of the Tobacco Museum located in Kenly. Ms. Boyette will tell how Kenly has tapped into North Carolina's growing tourist trade with the opening of this museum.

Anyone interested in the development of Perquimans County is invited to attend this dinner meeting. Social hour will be at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be at 7:00.

## WEATHER

Weather forecasters are calling for clear cold weather on Thursday.

Friday and Saturday's weather will be clear and cold with temperatures featuring lows in the 20s, and highs in the 40s.