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Filing period closes

The filing period for the upcoming November election closed at 12 noon on Monday, and several races have developed.

In the first district race for the county commissioner's seats, two are open. The four year term currently held by Lester Simpson will see incumbent Simpson challenged by Leo A. Higgins of Snug Harbor, and Edward Allen of Holiday Island. The other seat, which is for a two year term, on the board recently vacated by W. W. "Welly" White, will feature a race between recently appointed board member D. R. Reed, and Jan Spruill.

In the second district races for the county commissioners seats, incumbents Wayne Winslow and Thomas Nixon will run unopposed.

The clerk of superior court seat will be sought by three democratic candidates and one republican. The race will see W. W. "Welly" White, current clerk of court running against democrats Gail Godwin, Paul Douglas Umphlett, and republican Roger Whitley.

A race has also developed for the Perquimans County register of deeds seat. Incumbent Jeanne C. White will be challenged by Alice White Cope-land.

Several seats on the board of education will also be contested. The Bethel seat, currently held by Emmett Long, will be sought by Benjamin C. Hobbs, and Edgar Roberson. Emmett Long will not seek re-election. The Hertford seat currently held by Preston Stevenson will be sought by L. Wayne Howell, and Kathy Terranova. Stevenson has also decided not to seek re-election to the board of education. The other seat open on the board of education representing the Parksville township, will see incumbent Cliff Towe running unopposed.

The board of education is a non-partisan election, and those seats will be voted on in the May primary. The results will be final at that time, and residents will not vote on them in the general election in November.

The other seats will be voted on in the primary, and again in the general election.

Jamboree scheduled

The Perquimans County Jaycees will host an old fashioned Valentine's Day Jamboree on Sunday, February 14th from 3:00 p.m. until at Joe's Place in Hertford.

The jamboree will feature the music of "Intruder", "Albemarle Sounds", and the "Crusin Coyotes", barbecued chicken and all the fixins.

Tickets are \$8.00, and are currently on sale. They can be purchased from any members of the Perquimans County Jaycees or at Joe's Place.

Apricot, Inc. receives go ahead for block grant

The Perquimans County Commissioners have given Apricot, Inc. the go ahead to make application for a community block development grant they are seeking.

Following a request last month by the local manufacturer that the county assist them in obtaining a \$600,000 community block development grant, Hackney High of the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development came before the board of commissioners on Monday to make a presentation regarding the grant.

The commissioners had earlier expressed concerns with their involvement in the grant process, and were also concerned about their liability for repaying the grant money should it become necessary.

Mr. High explained to members of the board on Monday that they would not be responsible for repayment of the money as long as they insured that the provisions of the grant were followed by Apricot, Inc.

The \$600,000 dollar grant will be made in the form of a low interest loan to Apricot, and represents 50 percent of the total project, which is being proposed by Apricot, Inc. The total project is estimated at \$1.255 million dollars.

The grant will allow Apricot, Inc. to expand its present facilities, and at completion of the project should provide approximately 300 more jobs for people in the area.



Ward honored by bar association!

On Friday members of the Perquimans County Bar Association gathered to honor Mr. Jarvis Ward for 25 years of service to Perquimans County at the clerk of superior court. The bar association presented Mr. Ward with a plaque for his years of service to the county, and treated him to lunch. Pictured above are from left to right: back row - Gary M. Underhill, Janice Cole, J. C. Cole, and Walter Edwards. front row - Mr. Oakey, Silas Whidbee, Jarvis Ward, Eva Ward, and John Matthews. Friday's gathering was also the first meeting of the bar association in Perquimans County.

Commodities distribution scheduled

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION
February 24, 1988
8:30 - 12:00
(RAIN DATE: 2-25-88)

Perquimans County will receive cheese, butter, corn meal, instant milk, flour and rice for distribution to the needy of Perquimans County in February. We hope to have good weather for the day of distribution; however, we have made a rain date of February 25, 1988 if needed.

The Hertford Lion's Club will begin the distribution at 8:30 a.m. It will be conducted at the Ice Plant, Grubb Street in Hertford and will be available to all income eligible households in Perquimans County. Households having four or more members should bring a helper with them to assist in carrying the food to the car.

All households who will not be able to pick up their commodities may use a representative for this purpose. The commodities card or application must be signed in the correct places for this to be acceptable. No household will be allowed to pick up food for more than themselves and one other household as representative.

There will be two lines at the distribution site. The second line will be for the handicapped and/or disabled; however, a doctor's statement must be provided for this purpose.

Cars may not be driven into the distribution area. Please remember to park in only authorized parking areas as the Hertford Police Department will be patrolling the area.

Applications may be obtained from the following agencies beginning

February 15, 1988: Department of Social Services, Health Department, Economic Improvement Council, Catholic Social Services, Senior Citizen Center and the Open Door Ministries at the Ice Plant.

The Commodities Distribution Program is available to all eligible persons without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, handicap, or political beliefs. Information about regulations against discrimination and how to file a complaint may be secured from the N. C. Division of Social Services, 325 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, N. C., or from your county Department of Social Services.

The income criterion are listed below:

Household Gross Income Must Be Below Level of Appropriate Size Household

Household Size	Per Year	Per Month	Per Week
1	\$ 7,150	\$ 596	\$ 138
2	9,620	802	185
3	12,090	1,008	233
4	14,560	1,214	280
5	17,030	1,420	328
6	19,500	1,625	375
7	21,970	1,831	423
8	24,440	2,037	470
Add for each additional household member:			
	\$ 2,470	\$ 206	\$ 48



Ruth White retired on Saturday after working with Eagles for 19 years. Above she waits on Mr. Jiggs Burner in the store. White was honored with a retirement supper on Friday evening. The supper was given by the employees of Eagles.

White retires after 19 years from Eagles

On Saturday, Ruth White retired from Eagles in Hertford after working in the store for 19 years.

Smiling as she reflects back over her years with the store, she recalls the many changes that have occurred during that time.

When White started working downtown, the store belonged to Roses, the name changed just a few years ago, but White and many of the other employees continued to work in the downtown store.

The retail business has been a part of Mrs. White's life for sometime now, she began working at the age of 14, and worked 15 years with Woolworth's in Elizabeth City before coming to work in Hertford in 1969.

Mrs. White has always worked full-time since coming to the store, and

according to Mrs. Katherine Nelson, manager of Eagles, everyone will really miss her now that she's retiring.

"We are really going to miss her terribly," said Nelson, but she added we may get her to come back and work occasionally.

Mrs. White is married to Leroy White, the Whites have two daughters, Anne White Winslow and Trudy White Bass. They have four grandchildren.

Mrs. White is originally from Pasquotank County, but has lived in Perquimans County since she was married.

The employees of Eagles honored Mrs. White with a retirement supper at the Golden Corral in Elizabeth City on Friday, January 29th.

NAACP suit seeks to stop election

The Perquimans County Chapter of the NAACP is moving forward with a law suit against Perquimans County which may eventually seek an injunction against the upcoming November election for members of the county commissioners board.

Rev. John H. London, president of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) stated Tuesday of this week that the law suit has been initiated, and is in progress against the county at the present time.

The suit initiated last week by the NAACP seeks to change the voting districts, which are currently used in electing the county commissioners. If these districts are changed, it is the feeling of the NAACP and other members of the black community in Perquimans County, that they would have a better opportunity to elect a black representative to the county board of commissioners.

If an injunction is sought by the NAACP and their attorney, Ronald Penney, and granted by the federal courts, the upcoming election would be postponed indefinitely. Members of the county commissioners board currently in office would also remain in office until the injunction was lifted and new elections were held in the county.

Members of the county board of commissioners have formed a committee to look into the possibility of redistricting for Perquimans County, and they are currently researching the idea of redistricting for the county. Members of the committee include: N. Paul Gregory, Perquimans County manager, Buddy Tilley, chairman Perquimans County Elections Board, John Matthews, Perqui-

mans County's attorney, J. C. Cole, a local attorney, and Juanita Bailey, Perquimans County extension agent. According to county government officials, the idea of forming a committee to look into this matter had been discussed for some time by the county. The formation of the committee did not stem from the announcement of the law suit.

Rev. London, representing the NAACP stated earlier that they welcome the establishment of this committee, and they will be sending the committee a letter urging them to meet with the NAACP and to hold public hearings on the redistricting issue before they present their plans to the commissioners.

London has stated on several occasions that the possibility of compromising with the county concerning this matter does exist, but that if a compromise is not reached that the suit will move forward, and it is the intention of the local NAACP to halt the upcoming election in November.

According to Buddy Tilley, chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Elections, he has been instructed to move forward with the election process as he normally would. "We will move forward with everything as we normally would until I see an injunction signed by a federal judge," said Tilley.

Ronald Penney, attorney for the NAACP could not be reached prior to press time to comment on the suit.

Rev. London has stated that funds are currently being sought to fund the suit, and that the NAACP has had a good response from people in the county. "We have received some very nice pledges of support," said London.

Heart association names memorials chairman

Chris Lane of Hertford, president of the Perquimans County Heart Association announced the appointment of Roy S. Chappell, Jr. as chairman of the Association's "Memorial" program, again this year.

The Memorial Program provides friends and family an opportunity to offer get-well wishes, honor occasions such as birthdays, graduations and anniversaries, or make a memorial through contributions to the local Heart Association.

"This program was established by the Heart Association because of the great volume of requests from Perquimans area residents who wish to make a memorial donation or honor a special occasion," said Chappell.

"More deaths still result from heart disease, stroke and related disorders than all other causes combined," he said, "although the mortality rate has dropped in recent years. Gifts received through the "Memorial" program will be channeled into more research, more education and more community service programs in the Heart Association's fight against early death and disability from heart disease and stroke," Chappell said.

When contributions are received, the Heart Association will send an ac-



Mr. R. S. Chappell

knowledge card especially designed for the occasion or memorial to the person or family the donor wishes to honor.

All gifts made to the "Memorial" program are tax deductible, and the amount of each gift will be kept confidential. For more information, contact the American Heart Association at 426-5213 or write Roy S. Chappell, Jr., People's Bank, Hertford, N. C. 27944.

WEATHER

The groundhog didn't see his shadow on Tuesday!



Weather forecasters are calling for mostly cloudy weather on Thursday and Friday with cooler temperatures. They are also calling for a chance of showers both days.

Temperatures will feature lows in the 30s and highs in the 40s and 50s both days. Temperatures should be warmer over the weekend.