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**Picture show scheduled**

A historic picture show "As We Were" will be held on Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23. The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the show at the chamber office. The picture show is being organized because several new residents to Hertford and Perquimans County have expressed an interest in viewing pictures from the past of Hertford, Winfall, and Perquimans County.

Mary Harrell, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce said efforts by local historians to obtain and display pictures for viewing should be of interest both to our young citizens as well as new residents to this area.

The "As We Were" committee, Charles Skinner, Dorothy W. Barbee, Emmett Landing, Robert Riddick, and James Divers are seeking pictures of the wooden river bridges, county rural school buildings, the World War II Air Corps Ground Observation Tower, World War II scenes of Harvey Point, and any other miscellaneous scenes from the past.

If anyone has any photos that they would like to offer for the show, they can contact Charles Skinner Jr. at 426-7690 or they may contact the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce at 426-5657.

If people have photos they would like to share, display boards will be provided to hang framed pictures on during the show. Snap shots must be mounted on some type of tag board or other background that can be pinned to the display racks. Pictures will need to be labeled as to what, where, etc., and the who they belong to.

**Democratic precinct meetings scheduled**

Perquimans County Democrats have scheduled precinct meetings for Thursday, March 3, 1988. Perquimans County Democratic Chairman John London announced today. Precinct meetings will be held at regular precinct polling places and will begin at 8 p.m.

"We want to encourage all registered Democrats to attend these meetings," Chairman London said. "Super Tuesday is right around the corner and we need to have a strong showing at the polls."

Chairman London noted that precinct meetings are the most basic ingredient for Democratic success. Delegates to the county conventions are elected at the March 3 meetings and political and public policy resolutions are voted on.

"The most that people get involved, the better the party can represent the views of all Democrats," Chairman London said.

Make-up precinct meetings will be held on March 10. For further information, call Chairman John London. (426-5093)

Write: P.O. Box 11, Hertford, NC 27944

- Parkville-Community Building, Winfall
- Belvidere-Community Building, Bethel-Community Building
- West Hertford-Hertford Grammar School
- East Hertford-County Courthouse
- Nicanor-Community Building, New Hope-Rotary Club

**Bass tournament planned**

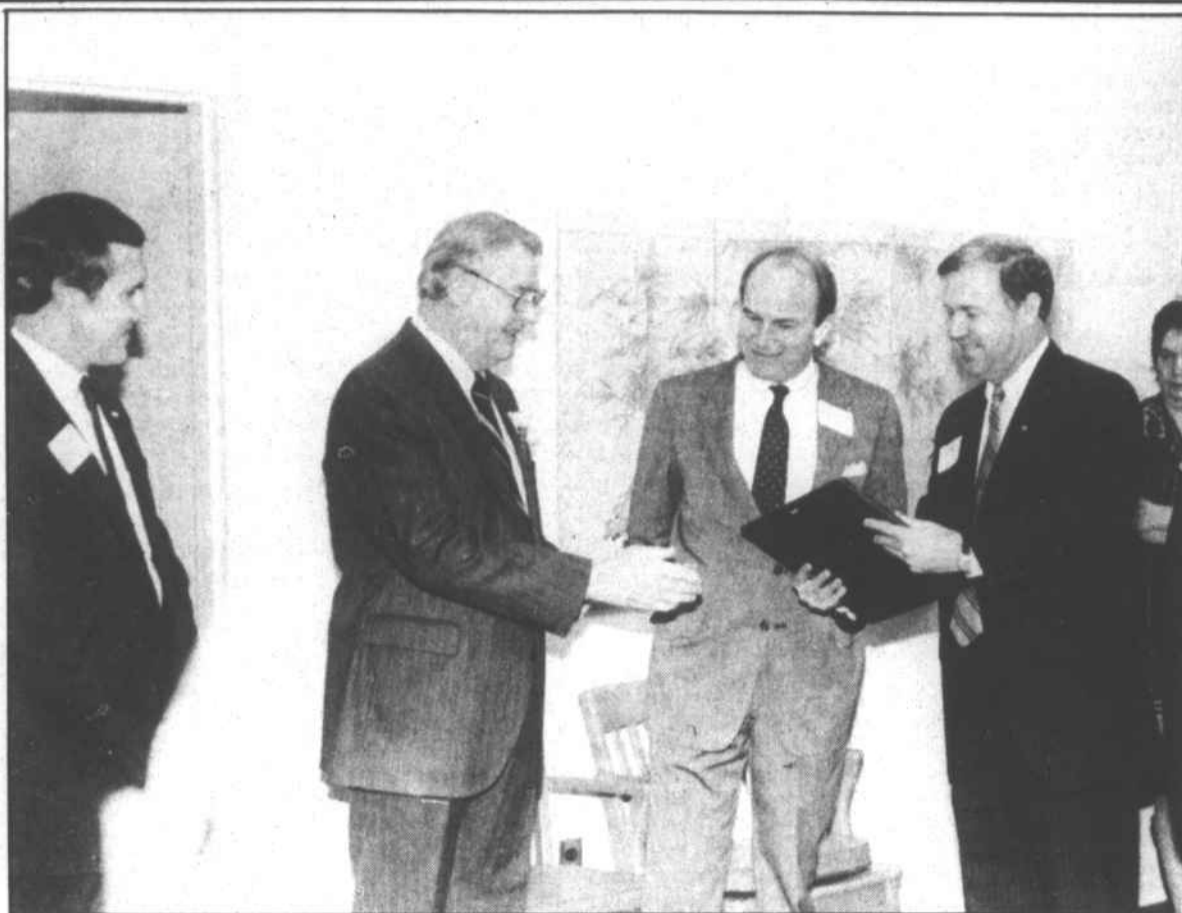
The Perquimans County Jaycees will host their annual Perquimans River Bass Tournament on Saturday, April 9, according to chairman Sara Winslow. Registration and weigh-in will be held at the Hertford Municipal Boat Ramp prior to the 7 a.m. launch time.

A total of \$1,000 in cash prizes will be awarded as follows: first - \$500, second - \$200, third - \$150, fourth - \$100, fifth - \$50, andunker - \$50. Prizes are guaranteed.

The entry fee is \$25 per person. Each boat will have one two-person team.

Anyone interested in entering the tournament should contact Sara Winslow, 102 Phelps Street, Hertford, N. C., or any Perquimans County Jaycee for an entry form.

Also scheduled for April 9 is a community yard sale at the Perquimans County Recreation Center at 8 a.m. Spaces are available for \$10. To reserve your space, contact Chairman Jeff (Shrimp) Perry at 264-3640, or any Jaycee. Concessions will be available at the site.



On Thursday, February 18th, Peoples Bank and Trust Company honored Mr. Robert L. Stevenson who is retiring after over 40 years of service. On Thursday the staff of the bank, members of the community, and others gathered on the second floor of the bank for a reception in Stevenson's honor. Above Stevenson is presented a plaque by Mr. Marshall Teterton on behalf of Peoples Bank, and below Mr. Bill Cox presents Stevenson a silver tray from the town of Hertford in honor of his service to the community. Stevenson was also honored by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, and the Perquimans Historical Association for his many contributions throughout the years. Mr. Stevenson and his wife will be moving to Nashville, Illinois where they will make their retirement home.



Stevenson served as the city executive for Peoples Bank in Hertford for many years. He was recently replaced as city executive by Ben Berry.

**School construction project started**

Work has begun on the new Board of Education Administrative Office Building project, and it looks as though the project may be completed for the 1989-90 school year.

Members of the Board of Education and Superintendent Harrell met with the general contractor, Rick Gardner, in a pre-construction conference last Thursday, and according to Harrell the project should be completed within six months.

The construction crews were scheduled to move in and begin work this past Monday, and according to Harrell everything is moving along nicely regarding the project.

The Perquimans County School Board met on Monday, February 15th and conducted the following business:

Board members learned that the North Carolina Association of School Administrators is working hard for support from the legislature regarding implementation of the new asbestos removal requirements. The NCSA is asking that the legislature provide each region of the state with

an engineer who would work with school systems regarding implementation of the new asbestos requirements. They are also seeking assistance from the legislature regarding funds for the project. Harrell also reported to board members last week that three bills are being introduced into federal legislation, which ask for an extension of time for implementation of the new asbestos program.

Richard O'Neal, Maintenance Supervisor for the schools, also reported to the board on Monday that the new heating system at the high school is working well, and following a meeting with Simmons, the general contractor for the project, last week they hope to close the project out in the near future.

Harrell also reported, following the board meeting on Monday, the 15th, that a representative from Cooley Roofing came and spent the day on Tuesday, February 16th. The representative looked over the high school administrative building roof. Following his visit, Harrell stated that the representative had been in

contact with him stating that his report was in the mail. According to Harrell the report will outline a work plan devised by Cooley to repair the roof. Harrell stated that upon receipt, the plan will be submitted to the board for their approval, but stated that he was pleased that Cooley finally admitted there is a problem with the roof.

**Weather forecasters are calling for fair partly cloudy warmer weather this weekend. Temperatures will feature lows in the 30s and highs in the 40s.**

**The Register of Deeds Office; A source of vital information**

Perquimans County is rich in history, and the register of deed's office is a valuable source of information regarding the county's history.

Jeanne C. White, Perquimans County Register of Deeds, Deborah Reed, Assistant Register of Deeds, and Lillian Anne Holloman, Assistant Register of Deeds, are charged with the duty of keeping the most vital records in the county.

The register of deeds office employs one of the most complex and technical record keeping systems in the county and the state, and they are responsible for keeping records such as deeds, deeds of trust, corporations, assumed names, birth records, marriage records, death records, service discharge records, maps and plats, financing statements, and more. The office of the Register of Deeds also prepared the county jury list for use in the court system.

Does their job sound easy? Well it's not. In addition filing all of the above documents, they must be kept up to date, and secured copies of each document must be forwarded to the Department of Archives and History in Raleigh for their records. Copies of all land transfers in the county must be forwarded to the tax office, and copies of all the marriage records must be sent to the office of vital statistics in Raleigh.

The Register of Deed's office is also responsible for cancellations for deeds of trust, completing legitimations, issuing marriage licenses, no-

**Bob Etheridge visits county on Thursday**

Area educators and other concerned citizens listened on Thursday as Bob Etheridge, democratic candidate for North Carolina Superintendent of Schools spoke of the importance of education to North Carolina during an informal campaign stop at Jimmy's Barbecue.

Etheridge, who has served since 1979 in the North Carolina General Assembly, a former county commissioner, and a resident of Lillington stated, on Thursday, that he feels education is the key to economic survival in North Carolina. Etheridge stated that in the majority of counties in North Carolina, education is the largest employer, the largest payroll, and the state's education budget is the largest single budget in the state of North Carolina, and therefore, education is the key to economic success.

Etheridge is committed to continued implementation of the Basic Education Program, he is interested in

providing state funding to assist local schools in the renovation of old facilities, and new schools, he is interested in providing effective classroom instruction, and he wants to work towards investing in public education wisely and efficiently with complete accountability to the citizens of North Carolina.

Etheridge added on Thursday that he committed to providing every child in North Carolina the same opportunity for educational excellence.

Representative Pete Thompson was also on hand Thursday, and stated that the Northeastern delegation of the state house of representatives has announced that they are endorsing Etheridge for the office of state superintendent.

Following Mr. Etheridge's, and Mr. Thompson's comments, Mr. Etheridge answered several questions from those present relating to educational issues.

**Evans receives national award**

Lewis B. Evans, Agency Manager for Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company of Perquimans County has been awarded the National Quality Award by the National Association of Life Underwriters.

Evans is a resident of Rt. 2, Hertford and an insurance agent with Perquimans County Farm Bureau. The NQA is awarded annually to those life insurance agents who maintain a high quality of business as reflected high persistency standards.

Evans is now enrolled in the American College to obtain a Chartered Life Underwriters degree, (CLU). He has achieved many outstanding awards from North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company and Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company during the 1980-87. Among them include the Presidents Club Award.

Evans, a native of Chowan County is a 1964 graduate of Chowan High School. He has been with N. C. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance and Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company since September 1, 1980. In May of 1982 he was promoted to Agency Manager of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau Office.

Evans stated "It has been rewarding to serve the personal insurance needs of the Farm Bureau Members in this county."

Evans serves actively on the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He is a member of the Hertford Rotary Club, and Parkville Ruritan Club. He is also an Associate member of the Perquimans County Jaycees. Evans is a member of the Hertford Baptist Church. He is married to Reva Perry



Evans

Evans and they have two sons, David and Chris.

David is a junior at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N. C., majoring in Government and Business. Chris is a junior attending Perquimans County High School.

The NQA award serves as a means of giving national recognition to life insurance agents who do a quality sales job to the great benefit of the public and the industry.

The National Association of Life Underwriters was formed in 1890 and presently has some 1,000 state and local affiliates with 150,000 members.

The Association promotes professional development, ethical standards, community service programs, public education and recognition to and for its members.



Lillian Ann Holloman searches through a record book for valuable information in the Register of Deeds office. The Register of Deeds Office is a vital source of information for county residents.

tary commissions, keeping the bankruptcy records, and answering all the request for geneology records.

In addition to their other duties, White, Holloman, and Reed also make all the office's permanent records. All counties in North Carolina do not do this, and until just recently, the documents were microfilmed and sent to a company so that permanent records could be made. The ladies in the office also are responsible for indexing and cross indexing all of the county's records, and all of the records are listed by names.

The Register of Deed office works a great deal with the public. They assist people in finding valuable information locating records, and they search deeds for the public which is not really one of their duties, but a service they offer.

Ms. White, the Register of Deeds for the county, has served in that capacity for the past 12 years, and she is elected by the people of Perquimans County. Her assistants, Reed and Holloman, have both been working in the office for 11 years, and nine and a half years respectively.

Reflecting back over the years that they have been working in the office, all three ladies say that things have really changed.

Recordings of deeds have more than doubled, laws and requirements have changed, and paperwork has increased tremendously, but they feel they all work together well and that makes their job more pleasant. "We

all work together, and we all have are hands in all of what's going on," said Reed.

In looking to the future White, Reed, and Holloman state that they hope this year they will be able to budget for a computer system, which they feel would be a tremendous help in indexing records, and keeping up with records such as births, deaths, marriages, and more. They are also hoping that eventually the county will have a complete mapping system like several of the surrounding counties. This year the North Carolina Land Records Department is beginning the process with aerial photographs of the county, but the project is expensive, and will take approximately five years before it is completed. When completed, the system would provide the Register of Deeds Office with maps of every piece of property in the county.

In addition to their duties at the local office, White and Holloman also teach notary public training for College of the Albemarle.

Ms. White and the other ladies would like to encourage the residents of Perquimans County to visit the Register of Deeds Office if there is information they can provide. They are located on the first floor of the Perquimans County Courthouse or you can call the office of the Register of Deeds at 426-5660. They will be happy to assist you,