

THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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"As we were" scheduled

The time is getting closer, and everything is ready so make plans now to attend "As We Were" a show of historical pictures depicting scenes of Hertford and Perquimans County as they were not so long ago.

"As We Were" will feature old photos of the floating bridge, the Hertford Hotel, and much more. There may even be a few mystery photos.

The show will be held on Friday, April 22nd from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m., and on Saturday, April 23rd from 10:00 until 4:00 p.m. at the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce. Admission is free to all, and the building is accessible to handicapped persons.

This event is being co-sponsored by The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, and Perquimans County Historians.

Health fair is scheduled

The Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Service will host a "Food For Health" Fair, on Thursday, April 21, 1988 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Perquimans Extension Auditorium. The Health Fair will offer cholesterol screening for a three dollar fee, blood pressure and diabetes screening, a three minute step test for cardiovascular fitness and a taste of low-cholesterol foods. Educational exhibits will also be available for viewing and obtaining health and nutrition information.

Sponsors for the "Food For Health Fair" include the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Perquimans County Extension Service and the Perquimans County Health Department. Throughout the fair, door prizes (cookbooks) will be given. We cordially invite you to this Health Fair and encourage you to bring family, friends and neighbors. For more information and to register for the cholesterol screening, call 426-5428.

"Freedom or Tyranny" to be presented

A Town Meeting To Discuss Our Proposed National Constitution
You are invited to participate in a recreated 1788 town meeting in northeastern North Carolina where period characters will debate the newly-proposed national Constitution. Discover the reasons many North Carolinians feared this document and see why the establishment of a strong national government became such a volatile issue in this state. Relive the controversies and emotions of this fascinating period in our nation's history.

Dr. Fred Ragan, Professor of History at East Carolina University, will introduce each program and will afterwards challenge the audience to examine the Constitution more closely. Using the Albemarle region as a specific example, participants will be asked to discuss both present and future issues involving Constitutional questions. A reception will follow this discussion.

Presentation Dates & Locations
All programs begin at 7:30 p.m. - All presentations are free

April 21 - Elizabeth City - Museum of the Albemarle

April 25 - Edenton - Old Courthouse
This special program commemorating the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution is funded by the North Carolina Humanities Council, the North Carolina Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution and the Northeastern Historic Places Office.

For additional information, please contact: Eastern Office - Archives and History, 117 W. 5th St., Greenville, N. C. 27856, Phone 752-7778.

Groundbreaking ceremonies planned

The spring meeting of the Board of Directors of Perquimans County Restoration Association will feature groundbreaking ceremonies for the Perquimans Center for seventeenth century life in the Albemarle. The present State of North Carolina had its true genesis in 1689 when Philip Ludwell was appointed governor and given a commission which referred to him as governor of the "Province of Carolina that Lyes North and East of Cape Fear." Taking part in this ceremony will be a representative of Dr. Parker Chesson, President of the College of the Albemarle. The College has been most helpful in developing the plans for the Center. Also, Mr. Irving H. Wainwright who has established a trust to help with the operation of the Newbold-White will



Special Olympics held Friday!

The weather co-operated and local students enjoyed the Special Olympics on Friday. Over 50 athletes participated and the games were extremely successful. Above Phil Woodell, helps one special olympian with the standing broad jump.

Two men vie for two year term on county commissioner's board

EDITOR'S NOTE: On May 3rd the voters of Perquimans County will also have an opportunity to vote for one county commissioner for a two year term from the Hertford District. The commissioner elected will be fulfilling the unexpired term of W. W. "Welly" White, who resigned from the board to serve as Clerk of Superior Court in January. This week, we visit with those candidates Durward F. Reed, Jr. and Jan Spruill.

DURWARD F. REED, JR.

One of the candidates seeking the people's vote in the primary for this office is Durward F. Reed, Jr. Mr. Reed is currently serving on the board of commissioners, he was appointed by the commissioners to fill the seat left by W. W. "Welly" White. Mr. Reed stated that he has chosen to run for this office, because he has been interested in Perquimans County government for over 33 years, he feels he is well qualified to become a county commissioner, and adds that since he was appointed to fill the seat, he decided he would become a candidate, and hopefully be given the opportunity to continue serving the county for another two years.

Mr. Reed states he is not familiar with any great problems facing Perquimans County, other than normal operations, but adds he is certainly concerned with several issues, such as problems with the environment, roads, economic growth, and the quality of life in Perquimans County.

In discussing the environment Reed stated he feels the commissioners and the county should work to clean-up problems which exist. With regard to roads, Reed feels the county has always pushed for the development of roads, but feel they should continue working on the roads, especially the four-laning of U.S. 17. Reeds sees this as an important factor in developing this area.

Reed states he is interested in economic growth provided it is good, stable development, which will be beneficial and attractive to the community. He feels economic development should be well planned, and added it takes money to promote development in a county.



Reed

When asked about the voting rights issue, Reed feels the committee appointed by the board of commissioners to work on this problem has made a great deal of head way, but the present system needs to be corrected. Reed feels the system should be established so all qualified citizens can have an opportunity to run.

Reed is familiar with Perquimans government. He was elected in 1952 to the position of county treasurer, and served in that position and later when it was changed to county finance officer for over 33 years.

Mr. Reed is a native of Perquimans County, and he has been in business in Perquimans County (Reed Oil Company) for 38 years. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University, and he has attended several county government schools at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill. He is an active member of the Hertford United Methodist Church, is a charter member of the Perquimans County Jaycees, and has been active in other civic organizations.

Reed and his wife, Edythe have four children, and they live in Hertford.

JAN SPRUILL

The other democratic candidate seeking election to the board of commissioners for the two year term is Jan Spruill.

Mr. Spruill has chosen to run for county commissioner at this time, because he says he feels it is time for a change in Perquimans County Government.

He states there are lots of problems facing the county, and that many of



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those problems are similar in nature. Spruill feels the biggest problems facing Perquimans County at this time are growth, and planning for that growth. He feels industry should be sought out, and adds that growth and development are important to the economic future of the county.

In discussing some of the other issues facing the county, he had the following comments: sewer districts and their establishment: Spruill feels this issue should certainly be looked into, and adds this is part of the county's growth problem. Without proper sewage facilities, industry cannot locate here. Roads: Mr. Spruill feels road development is important. He feels the county should work on having dirt roads here paved, and he is certainly in favor of four-laning U.S. 17. Zoning: He is in favor of zoning in Perquimans County, and adds that he feels this ties into the growth issue.

Mr. Spruill is a native of Perquimans County, and has lived here all of his life. He has been in business in Hertford (Community Gas) for 18 years.

He is a member of the local Committee of 100, is active in the American Legion, is a member of the Perquimans County Chapter of the NAACP, and is a member of First Baptist Church in Hertford.

Spruill and his wife, Ann, have two children and they reside in the Bethel township.

Mr. Spruill states he feels he will do a good job if elected county commissioner.

Holiday Island completes environmental survey

The Holiday Island Property Owners Association has developed a list of 50 to 60 alleged environmental violations on the island, and they are moving forward in an effort to get the problems corrected.

According to several members on the board of the Property Owners Association, a survey of the property in Holiday Island, done earlier this year, has revealed the alleged violations, and the list has been forwarded to the Perquimans County Health Department for action.

Jake Hardison, president of the property owner's association said the violations have a wide range in scope, but cover everything from dry wells to drainage pipes running into ditches.

The property owner's association and other residents of Holiday Island are concerned about these violation since many of the ditches flow into canals leading to the Albemarle Sound and may endanger its water quality.

Hardison was quick to point out during a recent interview that the violations identified are alleged, and because the board members are not environmental specialists, they have forwarded the list of what they feel are apparent violations on to the health department for their review and action.

Hardison added that the property owner's association has offered to help the health department any way they can, but stated they will have to depend on them to enforce the law. "We will have to depend on the Health Department to do the police work," he said.

Perquimans County Health Department Sanitarian, Vernon Squires, said on Tuesday that he has not yet received the list, and before making any comment on what action the health department will take he will have to see the list of the alleged violations.

The property owners whose names are on the list of alleged violations have never been contacted individually by the board or the Holiday Island Environmental Committee, but Hardison and the other members of the board present stated notices had been sent to all the property owners on the island. These notices stated

the survey was being conducted, and outline what they could expect. Other notices appeared in weekly and monthly newsletters, and the matter was discussed at general meetings of the property owners.

Hardison stated the notices informed property owners they had 30 days to clean-up any environmental violations, and that time has long passed.

"We were hoping this would not be necessary," said Hardison. "It was our hope that some of the problems would be corrected," he added.

Hardison stated some violations were cleared up by property owners following the association's survey, but most still remain. He also stated the alleged violations included on the list are not limited to one area of Holiday Island. There are violations sited in both the camping and residential sections of the community. He also added that it is also very difficult to know for sure whether some of the violations sited have merit, because not all the residents at Holiday Island reside there year round. "For people who do not live here year round, it is difficult to say it is a violation for a pipe to run to a ditch without actually seeing something being discharged," said Hardison. He added, although we did find a few pipes running from dwellings to ditches or possibly a canal, it is difficult to know for sure whether they are actually violations, that will be left up to the health department.

Hardison and the other board members stated on Saturday, that public awareness has done some of the policing in these matters, adding that many of the situations existed because people simply were unaware that they were doing anything wrong.

Since undertaking this project, the board members stated that the response they have received from property owners has been good, and they are pleased that the association has taken steps to clean-up these environmental problems.

Hardison added he is sure there are similar problems, such as the ones at Holiday Island, throughout Perquimans County, and hopefully Holiday Island's actions will make others aware of similar situations, which exist in their community.

PCHS host Albemarle area band clinic recently

On Tuesday, April 12th, Perquimans County High School hosted the Albemarle Area Band Clinic.

Over 85 students were selected and participated in the clinic from the Albemarle region, including Holmes High School in Edenton, Camden High School, Currituck High School, Manteo High School, Northeastern High School, and Perquimans High School.

The clinic began at 9:00 with rehearsals throughout the day, and concluded on Tuesday evening with a concert conducted by guest Conductor, Ralph Shumaker. Shumaker is a Professor of Music at East Carolina University in Greenville.

The Albemarle Area Band Directors Association was founded in February of 1986 for the purpose of enriching music education in this part of North Carolina, and to foster professional development among its

members. At that time, they organized the Albemarle Area Band Clinic to be held in April of each year.

Each school can bring 16 students to the clinic with a set instrumentation. Selection for the clinic band was based on two criterias, benefit to the individuals as a musician and benefit to the home school band in terms of that students musicianship and leadership.

Those students selected from Perquimans County included: Lisa Renne and Josie Wills, Flutes, Anita Whidbee, Tammie Willetts and Renee Turner, clarinets, Nancy Boynton, Bass Clarinet, Darrell Felton and Robert Ponton, Alto Saxophones, Tony Boone and Cornelius Mack, Trumpets, Chad Bundy and Sean Vail, French Horn, Matt Matthews, Trombone, Rodney Modlin, Baritone, Tim Byrum, Tuba and Tracie Brown, Keyboard.

Albemarle 4-H livestock show and sale scheduled

The forty-third annual Albemarle 4-H Livestock Show and Sale is set for next Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26th and 27th, at the Albemarle 4-H Livestock Building in Elizabeth City.

This year's program will get underway at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday with the weighing and entering of all the hogs, lambs, and steers in the show, and will culminate on Wednesday evening with the livestock sale of the animals at 7:00 p.m.

As in past years, this year's show will feature competition in the following categories: lambs, fitting and showmanship for lambs, judging of hogs, fitting and showmanship of

hogs, judging of the steers, and fitting and showmanship of steers.

This year Perquimans County will have 42 participants in the show, including 37 youngsters who will show hogs, 7 showing steers, and 12 who will show lambs.

Mark your calendars now, and make plans to come out and see the 43rd annual Albemarle 4-H Livestock Show and Sale.

For more information on the Livestock Show and Sale, contact Stan Winslow or Jeff Copeland at the Perquimans County Extension Office, 426-5428.

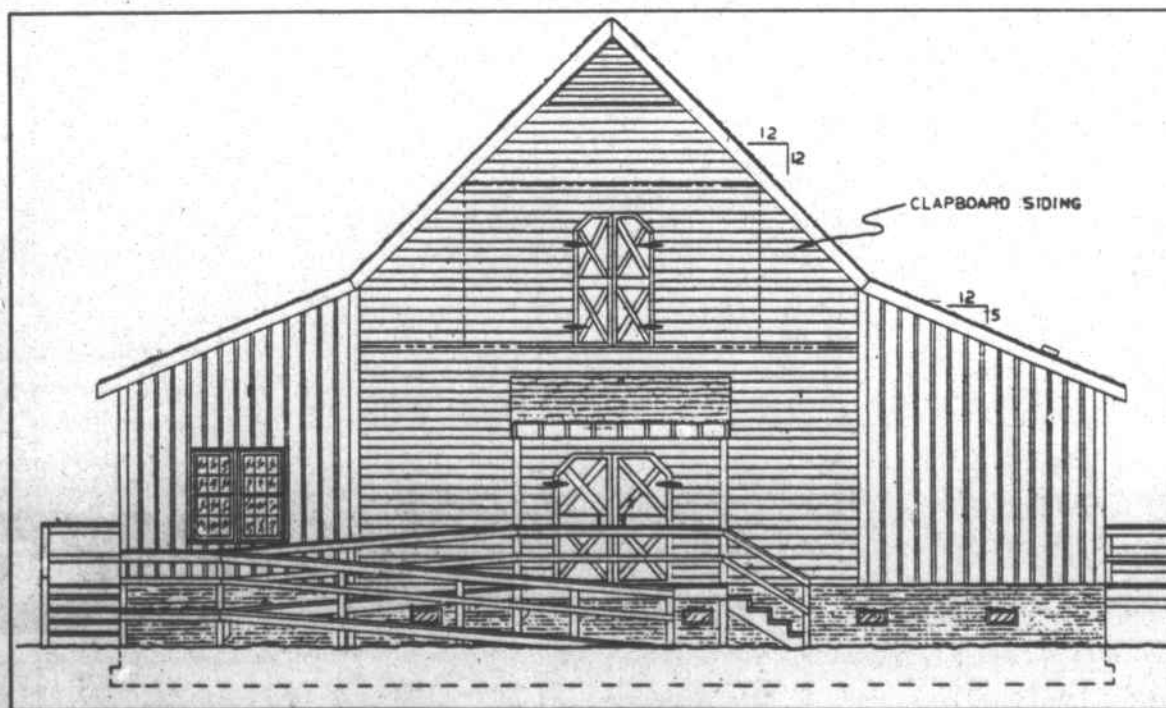
Meet the candidates night

On Tuesday, April 12th the Hertford Business and Professional Women's Club sponsored "Meet the Candidates Night".

All of the local candidates were present as well as candidates for state offices. The evening was very well planned, and the courthouse was

filled with people interested in the issues, and the candidates views concerning them.

Also last week the PTA at Hertford Grammar School held a "Meet the Candidates Night" for everyone running for the board of education.



Front elevation Perquimans Center at Newbold-White House.

Due to the political articles running this week there will be no article on a Perquimans County agency. That feature will return next week.