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## Local fire departments receive grants

Raleigh—Governor James G. Martin announced that 96 rural fire departments in North Carolina will receive matching fund grants as part of the Federal Rural Community Fire Protection Program, including Perquimans - Bethel Community and Perquimans - Inter County.

The North Carolina rural fire departments will receive \$69,185 in federal grant funds from the program for fiscal year 1988-89. The money will be used to purchase a variety of firefighting equipment ranging from "turn-out gear" (helmets, coats and boots) and hoses to pumps and pumper trucks.

Rural fire departments interested in receiving grants must file an application with the Division of Forest Resources showing the department's need for the funds. In addition rural fire departments must be able to match the grant received.

To qualify for the Federal Rural Community Fire Protection Program, rural fire departments must serve fewer than 10,000 people. The program is administered by the Division of Forest Resources in the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development through the U. S. Forest Service.

## Traffic accidents predicted

Charlotte, N. C. - Fourteen persons could lose their lives in traffic accidents in North Carolina over the long Memorial Day holiday week-end, the N. C. State Motor Club has predicted.

The state will count its toll over a 78-hr. period from 6 p.m on Friday, May 27, until midnight Monday, May 30. Last year 13 fatalities occurred and 1,088 were injured over a similar period.

The highways are expected to be crowded as travelers begin to steam toward the beaches and mountains for a relaxing week-end.

All national studies tend to show that recreational driving is more dangerous mile for mile than routine driving around our home towns. "The holiday is meant to be celebrated and enjoyed, but stay aware of travel dangers so it does not end in tragedy," Dr. John G. Frazier, III, president of the statewide motor club stated.

"We want to remind all drivers that the speed limit is still 55-mph on all highways except where clearly indicated on specified rural interstates," Dr. Frazier pointed out. "Voluntary compliance is very essential if we are to reduce deaths on our highways," he continued.

"Traffic laws are made for every drivers protection, make it your personal decision to drive within the speed limit, use your safety belt, and abstain from drinking when driving," Dr. Frazier urged.

As of this date 487 persons have been killed on North Carolina roads. This is 49 less than at this same time last year. It is felt that safety belt usage is a major factor in this decrease.

"Remember to buckle up, and drive defensively at all times," Frazier advised. "The basic rule of defensive driving is never more important than on long holiday week-ends," he concluded.

## NAACP banquet planned

The Perquimans County Chapter of the NAACP would like to remind everyone that the chapters annual banquet will be held Saturday, May 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Perquimans County High School Cafeteria.

Tickets for the event are still available, and are \$10.00. They can be purchased from any NAACP member.

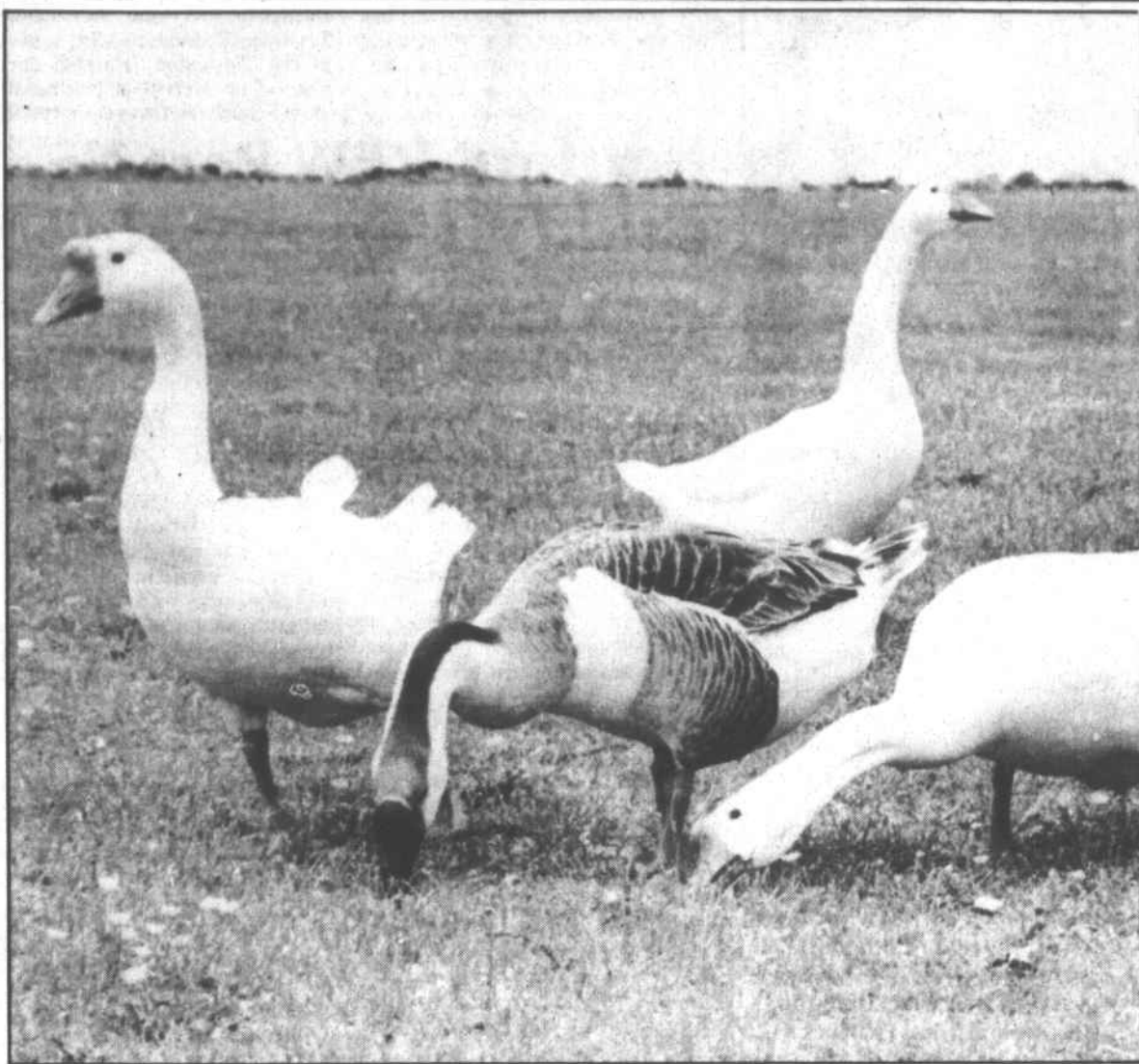
Dr. Brenda Allen, N C State University will be the guest speaker for the evening.

## Early deadlines observed

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday the offices of the Perquimans Weekly will be closed on Monday, May 30th.

All deadlines for next week's paper will be Friday, May 27th at 5:00 p.m.

The Perquimans Weekly will reopen on Tuesday, May 31st at 9:00 a.m.



## Life on the River

Photo by George Wilmore

Life on the Perquimans River offers many beautiful sites and sounds. Recently Mrs. Lucille Winslow was visited by three geese who stopped in her yard on Front Street for a visit.

## Hertford applies for community development block grant Tues.

On Tuesday, May 17th, the Hertford Town Council held a public hearing to discuss an application for a community development block grant.

Ms. Jean Crew-Klein, grant project co-ordinator with the Albemarle Commission and preparer of the town's application, presented the application and copies of the C-1 and L-1 project areas to the council and inter-

ested citizens for review.

The new application totals over \$600,000 with \$527,400 for C-1, and \$72,600 for L-1 portions of the project.

C-1 portion of the project includes Market and Dobbs Streets, and will involve 31 housing units, 20 of which are in severe need of rehabilitation.

The L-1 section covers portions of Cox and Edenton Street, and according to surveys the housing conditions

in this area are critical, with all of the 8 targeted structures being considered sub-standard housing.

After reviewing and discussing the application, and reviewing the proposed project area, the council voted to proceed with the application for the community block development grant.

The local contribution for this grant will be \$30,000.00.

## Boynton, Mack selected for governor's school

Two Perquimans High School students have been selected to attend Governor's School this summer. They are Nancy Boynton, and Cornelius Mack.

Nancy Boynton has been selected to attend Governor's School - East. Laurinburg, N. C. She will be studying Natural Science.

Following are the school and community activities in which Nancy has been involved:

Beta Club, Pep Club, Drama Club - Historian, Health Careers Club, Spanish Club, Band - instrumental and colorguard, Vice-President of UMYF at Hertford United Methodist Church, Treasurer of the Elizabeth City District UMYF, Member of the Society of Distinguished American High School Students, Scholastic All-American High School Student, Member of Who's Who in American High School Students, Accepted to the North Carolina Summer Ventures Program for Summer '87, Youth Representative to the Hertford United Methodist Church Administrative Board.

Nancy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Boynton of Hertford, N. C.

Cornelius Mack, grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Wright Demery of Belvi-



Boynton

dere, N. C. will be attending Governor's School West at Salem College - Winston Salem, N. C.

Mack's community and school activities are as follows:

District Beta Club President, Junior Class President, Student Council Vice-President, Drama Club, Spanish Club, Marching, Concert and Jazz Bands, Who's Who Among High



Mack

School Students (2 years), Scholastic All-American, attended Summer Ventures in Math and Science at East Carolina University, Busdriver, Received a letter of Commendation from Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan, for an essay written about the Constitution, Usher at Riddick Grove Baptist Church, member of Church Youth Group, member of the Boys Scouts of America.



Pictured above are the students honored at Friday's banquet.

Photo by Ginger O'Neal

## Band awards night held Friday

On Friday evening, over 250 people gathered at the Perquimans County High School cafeteria for the first Perquimans County Band Banquet and Awards Night.

The evening was sponsored by the Perquimans County Band boosters, and featured dinner, the years highlights presented by drum major, Christy Waters, and the presentation of awards.

Sheila Perry Evans, former PCHS

Marching Pirates drum major, 1980-1982, was guest speaker for the banquet, and band director, David Ziemba was recognized with a plaque for his service and dedication to the band.

In addition to honoring Mr. Ziemba, the band also honored the following band students with special awards: Machele Davis was chosen outstanding senior, Tony Boone, Cornelius Mack, Christy Waters, Jim

Luke, Chris Evans, Darrell Felton, Lisa Rennie, Matt Matthews, Tim Byrum, and Tracie Brown were all chosen as outstanding members of the Perquimans High School Marching Pirates.

In addition to the special awards, all the band members received letters or pins for their years of service to the band. Harrell Murrill was the only band student to receive a pin for five years of membership in the band.

## County proposes 6 percent budget increase next year

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on Monday evening, following a public hearing, to adopt a bond order for the refinancing of the county's water and sewer bonds.

By adopting the bond order, the commissioners will save the county approximately \$2.6.

The commissioners accepted an offer from Wachovia Bank and Trust Company to refinance the bonds on Monday, and under the proposal the county will have a 20 year payment schedule at a fixed interest rate of 10.75 percent for the entire twenty years.

The original proposal entertained by the board from Wachovia stated that the county would have an interest rate of 10.75 percent for the first 15 years, and for the last five years the interest rate on the loan would be variable, carrying an interest rate of the prime plus .25 percent. This proposal was scratched and a new one drawn up when county attorney John Matthews learned that the local government commission, who must approve all bond orders, would not approve a variable interest rate for refinancing these bonds.

Under the refinancing agreement, the county expects the bond payments will be in the neighborhood of \$294,990.00 compared to \$282,000.00 presently, and Paul Gregory, Perquimans County Manager, states this will save the county taxpayers approximately \$2.6.

Also during Monday night's special meeting of the commissioners, the board tentatively approved the 1988-89 fiscal year budget.

The tentative total operating budget for the county over the next fiscal year is projected at \$4,051,116, reflecting approximately a 6 percent increase over the 1987-88 budget.

After reviewing the proposed budget with commissioners on Monday, Paul Gregory stated the budget is very similar to last year's budget with a few exceptions.

Those exceptions include two major capital outlay expenditures, one for a new sanitary landfill to be shared by Perquimans and Chowan counties, and one for expansion at the Albemarle District Jail in Elizabeth City. The budget increase is also due to a 5 percent across the board salary increase for county employees, \$25,000 for the library expansion project, and a \$500 dollar increase to be given to each of the county's seven volunteer fire departments.

The commissioners did not increase county taxes for the coming year, but water rates will be raised July 1st, in an attempt to make the water department self-sufficient.

The new water rates will be as follows: the basic rate for water usage under 2000 gallons will go from \$7.50 to \$8.50, for users of 2000 to 5000 gallons of water the rate will be increased by \$2.60 per 1000 gallons up to 5000 gallons, for usage of 6000 to 10,000 gallons of water the rate will be increased by \$2.40 per 1000 gallons up to 9000, and for usage of 10,000 gallons or more the rate will be increased by \$2.20 per 1000 gallons.

These new rates will hopefully increase the water departments revenues next year by approximately \$45,000.00, and commissioners are in hopes that this will make the department self-sufficient. Additional funds will also allow the department to do some routine scheduled maintenance over the next year.

The county commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed 1988-89 budget, June 20th at 8:00 p.m. in the courthouse.

## Perquimans Jaycees win state awards

The Perquimans County Jaycees captured many awards at the NC Jaycee convention held in Asheville, May 20th-22nd.

Eighteen of the county's jaycees traveled to the Great Smokey Hilton and brought home some of the state organization's most prestigious awards.

Parker Newbern received the Charles K. Hawkins Memorial Award, given to the top ten local presidents in the state. Newbern and nine other recipients were chosen from among 200 local presidents in North Carolina. He led the Perquimans Chapter to one of its best years yet.

Perquimans County received the first triple-up Award given in three years. The chapter began its fiscal year on May 1, 1987 with 27 members, and ended on April 30, 1988 with 83 members.

Also won in the membership area was a second place plaque in the over-all Bridge Builders Competition. Chapters were awarded points throughout the year for growth. The chapter was awarded first place honors in its population division in the Bridge Builders Competition for fourth quarter growth. The chapter signed 19 new members in the month of April alone.

Diane Copeland was awarded an Individual Development Achiever of the Year Award for her dedication to and participation in the various personal growth programs offered through the local and state organizations.

Jeff "Shrimp" Perry received a C. William Brownfield Award given to outstanding first-year Jaycees. Perry was among the top ten competitors submitted by their local chapters during the second half of the fiscal year.

All-Star team of the quarter awards were given to local officers, who achieve excellence in their areas of responsibility during each Jaycee

quarter. Diane Copeland was named Individual Development Vice President of the fourth quarter for her performance.

The Perquimans County Chapter received a parade of Excellence Programming Award for outstanding service to their community, leadership training within the chapter, and keeping the Jaycee spirit.

Five Parade of Excellence Awards were captured by the club for in-chapter extensions (signing at least ten new members in one month), growth, and retention of members.

The Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center presented the chapter with a plaque for their financial support.

A special friendship award was given to the club for their financial support of Boys and Girls Homes of N.C., Inc.

The Jaycees ran over 75 projects during the 1987-88 fiscal year. These programs included the 4th of July festivities, a truck pull, CPR training, the Christmas Parade, a bass tournament, a senior citizens Christmas party, the DSA-Rogerson Memorial Awards Banquet, a coastal region Steer Stabbing, two jamborees, two car washes, yard sales, and a host of other events. Funds were raised for Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center, Boys and Girls Homes of N.C., Inc., CF, MD, and the Jaycee Burn Center.

The Jaycees are comprised of young men and women ages 21-39, who seek to help their communities and themselves through leadership training, personal growth programs, and community support and involvement.

Those who made the trip to Asheville were: Greg and Jeanie Biggs, Carlton Boyce, Richard and Diane Copeland, Scott and Elaine Copeland, Joe Elliott, Diane Ennis, Phil and Susan Harris, Ronnie Hite, Bernie and JoAnne Jones, Parker Newbern, Jeff and Nancy Perry, and Sara Winslow.

## WEATHER

Weather forecasters are calling for warm muggy weather this weekend with a chance of showers on Thursday, and Friday. 3 Temperatures will feature highs in the 70s and 80s, and lows in the 50s, and 60s.