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Charles or Charles? Perquimans voters to make choice

By TRACY E. GERLACH
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Their names are the same, they're friends and there's not much difference in the philosophies of the two candidates running for the only contested local race in Perquimans County.

But come Nov. 3, voters will have to choose between Republican Charles E. Woodard and Charles T. Skinner, a Democrat, as their next representative on the Board of Commissioners in the first district.

"Basically Charles and myself agree on the things we feel are important for the county," said Skinner of his friend and pharmacist, Woodard. "I just want to do what I can do to help the community. I always have."

Skinner, 65, is a former employee of the N.C. Employment Commission and former Perquimans County fire marshal of 20 years. He is retired.

Woodard, 45, owns and is the pharmacist for Woodard's Pharmacy on Church Street.

Both candidates identified the county's water system and waste disposal as the two issues most important to Perquimans County during the next four years.

"Water is a critical need for all people," Skinner said, adding that solid waste and waste water will also be on top of the county's agenda. "It's a universal problem throughout our state here. We're all faced with taking care of this mess we're making."

In addition to water and solid waste disposal, Woodard said he would like to see the sheriff's department receive additional help and more cooperation between Woodard counties. More cooperative involvement, like the Albemarle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority is essential in North-eastern North Carolina, he said.

"Anytime you can join forces together, it seems like you have better solutions to problems," Woodard said. "If we can join together, maybe Raleigh will listen to us more."

Woodard, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Pharmacy, serves on the Health Department board, the Perquimans Social Services board, the College of the Albemarle Nursing board and the Hertford Lions Club.

He and his wife, Harriette have three children, Dabney, Drew and Rob.

Skinner, a U.S. Marine and veteran of WWII and the Korean War, is a graduate of Perquimans County High School. He and wife, Thelma have two children, Shelton and Richard.

In addition to the first district commissioner's race, Shirley Yates and Archie W. Miller Sr. will run uncontested for two vacant commissioner's seats in the second district.

Bed and breakfast inn opens

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

The lilting drawl of a smiling Nancy Rascoe drifted across the lawn of 1812 on the Perquimans Sunday, welcoming guests to the grand opening of the bed and breakfast inn with the hospitality for which southerners are famous.

The music of the Detention Hall Jazz Band, featuring Edgar Lane and David Ziemba, floated across the lawn where guests chatted while enjoying a banquet of hors d'oeuvres served on tables covered with crisp, white table cloths and a variety of drinks.

Inside, music from the antique piano in the downstairs hallway was audible over the voices of guests touring the rooms painstakingly restored with attention to every detail.

The open house, complete with a ribbon cutting courtesy of the Perquimans



1812 on the Perquimans owners Nancy and Peter Rascoe cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the bed and breakfast inn Sunday. Offering best wishes were Chamber of Commerce president Tommy Harrell, commissioners chairman Mack Nixon, Edenton-Chowan Chamber representative Carol Twiddy, Hertford mayor John Beers, and Peter Rascoe III. The ribbon cutting was sponsored by the Perquimans Chamber. (Photo by Susan Harris)

County Chamber of Commerce, was the culmination of a dream for Rascoe. Surrounded by family and friends, she celebrated the renovation of the home once owned by her grandparents and its future as a historic lodging for visitors to Perquimans County.

About 350 people toured the nine-room, rambling farm house which features five guest rooms, each complete with its own bath facilities. The center-hall structure boasting eight fire places includes first- and second-story porches on the front, and a screened porch joining the 1920s-era kitchen to the main house. On the screen porch is a dining table where guests can enjoy home-cooked breakfasts in warm weather, and a wicker swing and chairs for lounging or visiting with

other guests.

In addition to the guest rooms and porches, visitors to the inn can enjoy the formal parlor, dining room and cozy library downstairs, or relax in the wide upstairs hallway filled with cushioned wicker chairs.

The downstairs guest room houses a poster bed draped with white cotton, a chaise lounge and a bathroom complete with an old-fashioned footed tub and brass fixtures. Two of the four upstairs rooms contain twin beds. The remaining two offer king-size beds and day beds. Each room has been decorated with different colors, all carefully selected with the assistance of the North Caro-

lina Department of Archives and History. Paint colors were chosen to echo the original hues.

Rascoe named the inn 1812 on the Perquimans because the deed to the property upon which it sits was dated 1812. From the second floor porch, the Perquimans River is in view on the horizon. A path across the road from the inn leads back to the river, where a pier will be built to allow visitors to arrive by boat and dock near the inn.

Not only does Rascoe welcome overnight guests, 1812 is available for bridesmaids' luncheons, wedding receptions and other celebrations.

The inn is located on Old Neck Road. Wanting those who wish to visit the bed and breakfast to recall the telephone number easily, Rascoe was able to secure 426-1812 for the inn.

Offering congratulations and best wishes to Rascoe and her family at the grand opening were Mary Harrell, Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director; Chamber President Tommy Harrell; Board of Commissioners chairman Mack Nixon; Hertford Mayor John Beers and Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce representative Carol Twiddy.

Teen escapes injury in train, truck wreck

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

A Perquimans County teenager walked away from his overturned truck after colliding with a train last Wednesday afternoon.

Billy Wade Pierce, 16, of Route 2, Hertford was travelling north at a normal rate of speed on S.R. 1214 near Winfall when he crossed a railroad track and was struck by a westbound locomotive. According to the report of N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper T.M. Lassiter, the 1992 Ford pick-up driven by Pierce was knocked off the left-hand side of the road, overturned and landed on its top in a ditch. The accident occurred around 3:35 p.m.

Pierce ran to the nearby home of Mr. and Mrs. George Roach for help, said his mother, Marlene Pierce.

Mrs. Pierce said that locomotive engineer Alan Johnson, 54, of Suffolk, Va. told her that as soon as he could stop the train, he and a second railroad employee ran back down the tracks to investigate. When Mr. Roach saw the men looking around the truck, he called out to tell them that Pierce had escaped from the overturned vehicle. Johnson also told the Pierces that their son was the only survivor of the three vehicle-locomotive crashes he had experienced over the past three years.

Pierce was transported by Perquimans EMS to Albemarle Hospital. Mrs. Pierce said he received over 100 stitches to close deep gashes in his neck which resulted from flying glass.

"He was just blessed," Mrs. Pierce said. "The good Lord was looking after him, that's all there is to it."

The truck, registered to Billy Pierce Farms, was totaled. No damage to the train, owned by the Chesapeake and Albemarle Railroad Company, was reported to the highway patrol.

Pierce was charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. No charges were filed against Johnson.



Skinner



Woodard



Those who gathered for Jollification VII enjoyed a delicious buffet prepared by the Perquimans County Restoration Association Special Events Committee. Table decorations were made by Mary Alice Brinn. PCRA raised over \$2,000 from the annual event, which included entertainment and a raffle. (Photo by Anzie Wood)

History buffs find 'fun' in 'fundraising'

From Staff Reports

Newbold-White house patrons found the "fun" in "fund-raiser" Saturday evening at Jollification VII, the annual money-raiser for the Perquimans historic complex.

Guests tapped their toes to the sounds of the Detention Hall Jazz Band. Edgar Lane, David Ziemba, Michael Chinkscates, Joey Haskett, Daniel Fowler, Adrian Frierson and Billy Reed

played the swing music of the jazz era on the porch of the David Newby cottage.

Chairman Sharman Haskett and the Perquimans County Restoration Association Special Events Committee prepared a tempting assortment of culinary delights for the soup and supper buffet. The hamcock bean soup, a southern favorite, was enjoyed on the lawn during the concert. After the entertainment, the

guests assembled in the Perquimans Center for dinner.

Sarah Bunn of Elizabeth City won the drawing for the Pembroke table, handcrafted by Gordon Boyce of Tyner.

Organizers tagged the evening a success, with 75 attending the jollification. Proceeds are estimated at over \$2,100, and will be used to continue to upgrade the Newbold-White historic complex.

Joining regional landfill authority benefits county

By TRACY E. GERLACH
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Perquimans County could save as much as \$90,000 in tipping fees, or 3 cents on the county tax rate through its decision to join an eight-county solid waste management authority, County Manager N. Paul Gregory said Monday.

By joining with other counties, the cost of a liner for the landfill, legal expenses and engineering expenses will be spread eight ways instead of one.

"We know we can do it cheaper by more counties being involved," Gregory said.

Perquimans County was one of eight to attend the first official meeting of the Albemarle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority last week.

Currituck, Camden, Gates, Chowan, Hyde, Tyrrell, Perquimans and Dare counties sent appointed delegates to the meeting at the Albemarle Commission building, Pasquotank and Washington counties, both of which were considered in earlier plans, did not vote to join the group and were not represented Thursday.

Among the first orders of business for the new authority will be to close on an option to purchase 121 acres of land in Perquimans County for a landfill at \$1,250 per acre. The group also discussed hiring Jerry Parks to be executive director of the authority.

Perquimans County may receive some incentive money from the other seven counties in the authority since it is likely to host the new high tech landfill within its boundaries, Gregory said. That money could be used for any county project. It would

not be tied directly to solid waste issues, he said.

"Other counties have talked about providing to Perquimans County for being host county," he said. "We're not asking for incentive, but there will be." According to estimates from

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Parks, Perquimans County would pay a tipping fee of \$50 if it were to remain in the three county system, but less than \$40 per ton as part of the larger authority.

As the host county, Perquimans could get Department of Transportation funds over and above its usual allotment for the upkeep of roads leading to the landfill, Gregory said.

Under the current Perquimans County system, residents pay a \$25 solid waste fee. Gregory said he doesn't expect that amount to decrease now that the county has joined the authority, but hopes to keep it constant for another year.

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