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Perquimans Weekly joins the Cox family

From staff reports

The Perquimans Weekly became a member of Cox Newspapers, Inc. Monday following completion of a sales transaction announced last summer.

In the transaction, Thomson Newspapers, Hollinger International Inc. and Cox Newspapers, Inc. exchanged ownership of 15 daily newspapers and one non-daily. The exchanges simultaneously complete transactions Cox and Thomson announced in August and Thomson, Hollinger and Cox announced in November.

Completing the August agreement:

Thomson has assumed ownership of Cox's five daily Tribune newspapers in suburban Phoenix (Mesa, Tempe, Chandler, Gilbert and Scottsdale) and the Yuma Daily Sun.

Cox has received two of Thomson's North Carolina dailies, The Daily Advance and Rocky Mount Telegram, the Perquimans Weekly in Hertford, as well as cash and other considerations.

Completing the November agreement:

Cox has gained Hollinger's News Messenger (Marshall, Texas). The November announcement also included Hollinger's The Daily Southern (Tarboro), which Cox and Hollinger later decided to exclude from the transaction.

Cox Newspapers, Inc. is a subsidiary of Cox Enterprises, Inc., which also is a leader in broadband communications/cable, television/radio broadcasting and automobile auctions.

Thomson Newspapers is a main operating unit of The Thomson Corporation, which includes specialized information/publishing worldwide, newspaper publishing in North America, and leisure travel in the United Kingdom.

Jordan Whitchard III, pub-

lisher of the Greenville Daily Reflector, whose responsibilities include Cox's daily and weekly newspapers in North Carolina, has named Belinda Gaudet as publisher of The Daily Advance and The Perquimans Weekly.

Gaudet, a CPA, was a reporter and city editor during 1971-1978 for the former Cox-owned Port Arthur (Texas) News. She returned to the newspaper in 1983 and served as controller until 1987. Gaudet was promoted to publisher-editor of Cox's former newspaper, The Orange (Texas) Leader. In 1995, she became vice president and general manager of Cox Arizona Publications, Inc. and Tribune Newspapers.

Richard D. Brown, who has been publisher since June 1990, has decided to stay with Thomson Newspapers as publisher at another Thomson newspaper.

"During my tenure here as publisher of The Daily Advance and The Perquimans Weekly, I have made a lot of good friends and business associates," Brown said. "I will certainly miss being a part of our community. The people here are wonderful and I feel blessed by the relationships that I have developed since my arrival.

"My goal as publisher has been to make The Daily Advance and The Perquimans Weekly better hometown newspapers for our subscribers and the business community. I hope I've accomplished that goal.

"I wish our community great success in the future. And I know The Daily Advance will continue to be the Albemarle region's hometown newspaper and The Perquimans Weekly will continue serve Perquimans County well."

Brown will continue to serve as publisher of The Daily Advance and The Perquimans Weekly through the end of 1996.

CHRISTMAS IN PERQUIMANS



All the signs of the season are showing in Perquimans County. School plays, church programs, holiday parties, the Extension Homemakers Christmas Ramble, the parade, and lights twinkling through the night tell us the season is here. School plays have included the second grade performance of "A Sombrero for Santa" (above) at Hertford Grammar School. The Perquimans County Middle School Eighth Grade Band (right) was a big hit at the downtown musical gala last Tuesday evening. In addition to numerous programs in churches throughout the county, Bethlehem Church of Christ will hold a live nativity Dec. 20 and 21, 7-9 p.m.



A Christmas message

Light a Candle

When the Christmas season passes,
With it's mistletoe and pine,
Keep your candle in the window
So its guiding light will shine
Just as bright on each tomorrow
As it did on Christmas Day.
Keep within your heart the spirit
That is Christmas charity.

Christmas glitter soon grows tarnished,
But one candle in the night
Offers guidance to the wanderer
Looking for a beacon light.
It will shine in honest welcome
For the stranger who will see
Friendly welcome in a town that
Otherwise might lonely be.

So just put away your presents,
Take the trimmings from your tree,
But don't lock away the spirit
That is Christmas charity.
Light a candle in your window,
Never let it fade away...
Keep it just as bright tomorrow
As it was on Christmas Day!

"Christmas charity,
Never let it fade away.
Keep it just as bright tomorrow
As it was on Christmas Day."

Newspaper sets deadlines

The Perquimans Weekly has announced early deadlines for both the Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 issues.

All news releases, including church news, should be submitted for the Dec. 26 issue by Friday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m. Advertising deadline is Friday, Dec. 20 at noon.

For the Jan. 2 edition, news

releases, including church news, should be submitted by Friday, Dec. 27 at 3 p.m. The advertising deadline for that issue is Friday, Dec. 27 at noon.

The Perquimans Weekly office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas and on New Year's Day.

SADD sponsors Lights on for Life

The Perquimans County High School Students Against Driving Drunk Club are asking local residents to join communities nationwide Friday in the annual "Lights on for Life" campaign.

"Lights on for Life" is a symbolic headlight observance designed to focus attention on the impaired driving issue. People across the country are being asked to keep their headlights on as they drive during the day in remembrance of persons killed or injured in

alcohol-related crashes.

The observance is intended to send a positive message to the community and to remind the public that alcohol-related crashes are preventable.

Lights on for Life

Friday, Dec. 20

All day long

Please drive with your headlights on in memory of those who have been killed or injured in impaired driving accidents.

PCHS SADD Club members believe that "Lights on for Life" is an important program, and encourage everyone in Perquimans County to burn headlights on Friday to show support for the SADD Club message, "Drinking and Driving is a Deadly Combination."

Outside

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
High: 50s Low: 40s MOSTLY CLOUDY	High: 50s Low: 40s MOSTLY CLOUDY	High: 40s Low: 30s CLEAR