

Lane again elected PCRA president

Chris Lane will continue to lead the Perquimans County Restoration Association. Lane was elected to serve another two-year term as president of the organization at PCRA annual meeting.

Other officers elected included Natalie Bero, vice president; Linda Burkhalter, treasurer; and Nelia Lane, secretary.

In addition to the officers, the following individuals were elected to serve two-year terms on the PCRA Board: Mary Alice Brinn, William Byrum, Chari Colin, Carlton Davenport Sid Eley, Carroll Harrell, Jackie Hobbs, Jan Hostetler, Merry Johansen, Elizabeth Jones, Mary Krepela, Steve Lane, Barbara Matthews, Jane M. McMahon, Donald Morris, Catherine Nixon, Van Shank, Bettie Stokes, Paige Underwood, Jeanne

White, Lois White, Julian Winslow Jr., Harriett Woodard, and Gerald Zel. Ex-officio members of the board are Melanie James, Mary Reed and Shirley Spaeth.

The Perquimans County Restoration Association, a non-profit organization, promotes the cultural heritage of Perquimans County and preserves the 18th century character of the Newbold-White House. From its location on the Perquimans River the Newbold-White House interprets early 18th century life in North Carolina. Dating to 1730, the house is the oldest brick house in the state and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call (252) 426-7567.

4-Hers earn annual awards

4-Hers and volunteers earned accolades for their work at the Annual 4-H Achievement Night.

Everett Foster, Fiffany Mills, Anneisha Overton and Stephanie Mills were named Outstanding 4-H Club Members. Pooles Grove captured Outstanding 4-H Club of the Year honors. The Outstanding 4-H Volunteer of the Year award went to Elizabeth Mills, with Chardae Garner as Outstanding Teen Volunteer. "Gus Award" recipient for outstanding service to 4-H went to Hertford Grammar School principal Edward Williams.

Project book award winners were: 9-10 year olds: 1st Place Dog - Marcus Bailey; 9-10 year olds: 1st Place Fruit/Vegetable Use - Anneisha Overton; 9-10 year olds: 2nd Place Hog - Daniel Forbes; 11-12 year olds: 1st Place Peanut Foods - Mariza James; 11-12

year olds: 1st Place Hog - Heather Forbes; 11-12 year olds: 2nd Place Lamb - Courtney Lane; 13-15 year olds: 1st Place Community Service - Chardae Garner; and 13-15 year olds: 2nd Place Lamb - Hannah Lane.

Other youth and volunteers recognized for their 4-H work were Billy Townsend, Tykisha Frierson, Latoya Garner, Keisha Wynn, Kiara Garner, Madonna Garner, Jessica Townsend, Kelly Detmer, Sheila Overton, Sarah Garner, Johnetta Frierson, Pat Harris, and Barbara and Don Gustafson.

A talent show themed "A Night With the Stars" featuring music was presented by youth.

Taking part in the program were Kelly Detmer, Tiffany Mills, Tykisha Frierson, Stephanie Mills, Latoya Garner, Mariza James, and Anneisha Overton.

Applications available for meal delivery volunteers

Nominations are due Friday, April 20 for the Albemarle Commission's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Awards. The awards will be presented at the luncheon on May 9. The award is named for the late Clifton M. Grimes of Gates County and honors those who have shown outstanding dedication and devotion to older adults in the agency's 10-county service area. The Area Agency on Aging serves Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare,

Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

Categories for awards are (1) Excellence in Aging (individual); (2) Positive Image (group, business, or church); (3) Public/Private Partnership (organization); and (4) Outstanding Dedication To Aging (service provider).

To receive a nomination packet, please call Myra L. Mock, Volunteer Administrator, at 426-5753.

DEATHS

Walter M. Adams

Walter M. Adams, 88, of the 200 block of West Church Street, Edenton, died Friday, March 23, 2001 in Chowan Hospital. Mr. Adams was the son of the late Mittie Phelps and John Adams and the husband of Edith Winslow Adams. Mr. Adams was a member of the Edenton United Methodist Church.

Surviving other than his wife are two sons, John Adams of Edenton and Herb Adams of Jacksonville, FL; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, William Adams.

A funeral was held March 25 in Beaver Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Huskins and Rev. Charles Lockwood officiating. The Evans Funeral Home of Edenton served the Adams family.

Jesse P. Perry

Jesse P. Perry Jr., 88, an international agricultural expert, botanist, author, sculptor, and poet, died Saturday morning, March 24, 2001.

Mr. Perry was born in Hertford, North Carolina, son of Jesse P. Perry and Buena Vista Perry of Hertford. Following a four-year tour of duty (1941-45) in the U.S. Navy where he attained the rank of Lieutenant, he enrolled at Duke University. There, he received his Bachelor of Science, followed by a Masters Degree in Forestry. Following one year as an assistant professor of forestry at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, he joined the staff of the Rockefeller Foundation in 1949.

At that time, he moved to Mexico where he was in charge of experiment station operations for the Foundation's Mexican Agricultural Program. In 1956, he surveyed experiment station operations in Trinidad, Chile, Columbia and Peru. In 1958, he spent three months in India developing plans for agricultural experiment stations. Later that year, he was transferred to the Rockefeller Foundation's New York City offices.

In 1959, he attended the Advanced Management

Program at the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration. In 1960, he was named Executive Assistant to the President of the Foundation, Dean Rusk. In 1961, he served as the Assistant Treasurer to the Foundation and served as President of the Harvard Advanced Management Association for the New York Area. Between 1961 and 1964, Mr. Perry was the Assistant Director for Agricultural Sciences after which he served as the Foundation's Fellowship Officer. From 1970 until his retirement in 1974, he was the Associate Director for Agricultural Sciences with responsibilities for rural development in the United States. As such, he was instrumental in funding the College of the Albemarle and was also involved with a number of other educational institutions throughout rural areas of the U.S. Later, his role expanded to rural economic development programs in El Salvador, Honduras, Peru, Mexico, Columbia, Brazil and Guatemala.

After his retirement from the Rockefeller Foundation in 1974, Mr. Perry moved from New York to his family home in Hertford, North Carolina where he operated a successful "pick-your-own" blueberry and muscadine grape operation on his farm on Chinquapin Road in Perquimans County until 1998. Subsequently, he devoted much of his time to his poetry book and sculpture.

It was a great satisfaction to Mr. Perry to encourage those around him to further their education. There are many people in Perquimans County who will remember him fondly for his moral and sometimes financial support in helping them to attain their educational goals.

As a scientist, Mr. Perry had interests in agriculture, forestry and botany, particularly pine trees. He published more than thirty technical articles and popular articles in these areas. His interest in pine trees culminated in the publication by Timber Press of his authoritative book, *The Pine Trees of Mexico and Central America* in 1991.

Mr. Perry supported many conservation organizations including The Nature Conservancy, the

Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, Environmental Defense, the National Wildlife Federation, and the Natural Resources Defense Council. He practiced his conservation ethic on his own farm and woodlands and received the Governor's Soil Conservationist of the Year Award in 1981 and 1982. He was honored in the year 2000 as a founding father of CAMCORE, a cooperative devoted to the conservation of endangered forest genetic resources around the world.

Since his days in New York, Mr. Perry had been working on wood sculptures depicting animal or human forms that explored environmental or anthropological themes. His sculptures have been exhibited at the Rockefeller Center in New York City and have won awards at some of the numerous art shows exhibiting them in Eastern North Carolina and the Tidewater area. His body of work includes nearly thirty pieces, many of which have been sold to private collectors.

A life-long poet, Mr. Perry published a compila-

tion of his poems entitled *The Rivers Call*, many of which express his deep and personal relationship with nature. The first edition has sold out and a second edition has recently been published.

Mr. Perry is predeceased by one sister, Mary Lavinia White, and two brother, Eugene Perry and William Perry. He is survived by his beloved wife, Sarah Brinn Perry of Hertford who he married in 1943, his two sons, Jesse P. Perry III and Robert T. Perry and his daughter Sarah B. Perry, and five grandchildren: Margaret L. Perry, Katherine F. Perry, Sarah B. Perry, Jonah Wittkamper and Wesley Wittkamper.

A memorial service was held at the Hertford United Methodist Church in Hertford, North Carolina, at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2001.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his name to The Nature Conservancy, One University Place, 4705 University Drive, Suite 290, Durham, NC 27707.



Swindell Funeral Home of Hertford was in charge of arrangements.

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Death hurts. When your spouse dies, a part of you has died. Give yourself time, time to hurt, to grieve, to cry. Remember that grief is a process. No one can tell you how to grieve. There is no "normal" time span during which healing takes place. The grieving process is never the same for any two people. Heal in your own way and in your own time.

Larry Swindell Rodney Jordan

Cremation Services Available

Over the past 2 years our family has received such love and support from this community that we could never do enough good deeds to make up for what we have received. During Archie's illness and since his journey home, we thank you for your prayers, cards, gifts of remembrance, food & flowers. It is from his love of the Lord, his strength, his endurance, and his thankfulness that we continue to be thankful for each friend and each day. Never once did Archie ask why me?, complain of his pain, or forget to thank God for that day and the blessings he received. He loved Perquimans County; it was his birthplace; where he raised his children; and he wanted to help make it a better place to live. I thank you for sharing your stories of his inspiration with us. It gives us great comfort to know how he touched lives and how he did have a positive influence on his community.

With heartfelt thanks,
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Delsie Miller, William Ray & Glennie Miller,
Gloria & Fernander Deal, Red & Lillian Elliott


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