

Local Officials Attend Recent Housing Conference



ATTEND CONFERENCE — Representing Chowan County women at a N. C. Farm Bureau Leadership Conference was Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Parrish, left, and Mrs. Gail Bunch. The conference was held April 8 and 9 in Raleigh.

Local Housing Officials attended a recent meeting of the N.C. Section 8 Housing Association.

Gil Johnson, EIC Section 8 Housing Director and past president and program chairman of the association, along with Walter Noneman and Robert Mullen also of the EIC staff attended the meeting.

Sixty-five Housing Officials throughout the state met in Winston Salem to receive technical information and training regarding programs they operate by contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The common program effort shared by the Public Housing Agencies represented at the workshop is, as reflected in the Association's name, HUD's Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment Program. Section 8 provides rental assistance payments to owners on behalf of cer-

tified tenant families having income of 80 per cent or less of the median income in the area.

Through the use of local Public Housing Agencies as program Administrators since 1974 HUD has housed nearly six hundred thousand families through the Existing Housing Phase of this program.

In a recent report "Rental Housing Assistance for the Poor: A Southern Analysis" published by the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta, Georgia, Southern state in responding to the needs of non-metropolitan areas... through the Section 8 existing housing program. HUD's success with the program in North Carolina can be attributed to, the report continues, "a flexible and diverse approach to Section 8 existing programs by the state. North Carolina has taken advantage of the fact that in rural areas Section 8 programs do not require the existence of a

local housing authority. As a consequence, existing housing programs can be administered by any public entity such as a community action agency, a regional council of governments, or a department of social services."

It was these housing agencies and authorities which were represented at the two-day meeting.

Ned Fowler, Executive Director of the Northwestern Regional Housing Authority and President of the Association, opened the meeting with an update of program regulations. He explained that HUD's Central Office in Washington, D.C. is taking a greater interest in providing technical assistance and administrative guidance to Public Housing Agencies connected with Section 8 programs. A summary of HUD's latest administrative issuances were provided for workshop participants. Key program policies

were discussed in "round-table" fashion utilizing experienced program directors as topic moderators. HUD's home counseling program, a discussion topic which drew considerable response from the participants, was moderated by Gloria Bryant and Elza Loflin, President and Vice-President respectively of the North Carolina Federation of Housing Counselors.

On Friday, program policy issues were recapped utilizing summaries of the previous day's discussions. The absence of HUD personnel, ordinarily in attendance at the Association's quarterly meetings and workshops, was explained as being due to conflicts in scheduling and short notice.

Contractual and legal problems experienced by Public Housing Agencies nationwide were brought to the attention of the group. The inadequacy of ap-

propriate funding to implement HUD's new regulations regarding mobile home owners was addressed and findings will be forwarded to HUD's Area Office in Greensboro as well as the Central Office.

Future workshops are being organized around specific areas of program concern as designated by HUD officials and expressed interests of the Association's membership. Housing Quality Standards.

involving inspection and review functions of Public Housing Agencies, will likely be the next workshop topic. Announcements will be forwarded to all such agencies in the state.



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president John Sledge and Irby Walker, state secretary and treasurer," Mrs. Parrish commented.

Mrs. Parrish also spoke on WPTF, a Raleigh radio station, telling listeners why Farm Bureau women are "something special".

Mrs. Parrish and Mrs. Bunch both expressed their interest in organizing an effective women's committee for Chowan County.

The conference offered classes on Farm Bureau Structure and Philosophy, Women's Programs and Activities, Safety, and the organization of county programs as well as motivational classes.

"This was a two-day conference with an opportunity to discuss our concerns with state

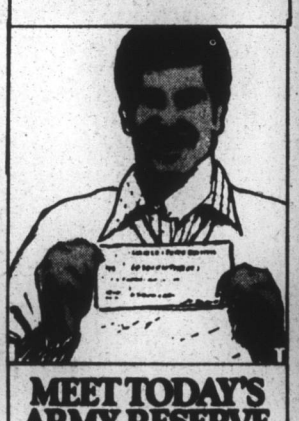
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