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**LITTLE GIRL IN SPRING**—The pretty child is Christian Swain, age four. Last week she came with her grandmother, Mrs. Katherine Ward to the Municipal Building. On the way into the building she sniffed every flower

around the building. After being spotted, she consented to having her picture taken. She lives in Elizabeth City with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Swain. (Francine Sawyer Photo)

## Lawmakers Cite their Local Contributions

By KATHY M. NEWBERN  
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"The law makers are working for you." This was the theme at the Albemarle Association of Counties and Towns (AACT) meeting last Thursday night which was held at Angler's Cove. Guest speakers included Representatives Stanford White and Vernon James along with Senator J.J. "Monk" Harrington. Senator Phil Godwin was not present due to illness. Each speaker was given his turn at the platform with questions and answers following.

A Perquimans County Commissioner directed a question to the three speakers as to what had been done for the local communities. First, White explained that probably most beneficial was the \$7 million allocated for a medical school at East Carolina University in Greenville. He explained that the bill to evaluate farm land as separate land would effect this area. Other laws he cited as being of local interest to the area included funds for technical institutes, work with mental institutions, prison reform bills, and efforts to make Jockey's Ridge at Nags

Head a state park. White mentioned two bills that never got off the ground. One would have allowed Supreme Court judges to remove county commissioners. The other would have removed 3 per cent of the food tax leaving the 1 per cent for county use.

Following White, Rep. Vernon James told the group that he and White are outlining a bill to obtain a seed and soil testing laboratory in Plymouth to serve Region R. Elaborating on the local interest question, James explained that \$10.6 million has been approved for

community colleges, with the College of the Albemarle to receive \$90,000 and Elizabeth City State University getting \$800,000 plus another 1/2 million dollars for construction of a gymnasium. James said that he hoped for a revision in this area, stating that he felt money should be allocated according to the number of full-time day students at an institution.

Next, Sen. Harrington told those present that his number one project for the year had been the ECU medical school. Concerning this, Harrington said, "The governor was against us 100 per cent and that helped us win it. I'm not in favor of no more Republican governors." He said that the medical school would be great for all of Northeastern North Carolina, and that doctors liked to locate within 100 miles of a medical school. Harrington also urged local county commissioners to unite and organize with those from other counties to make the best of the land use bill. He explained that a fight in the senate for a 15-man commission on land use had been denied, and compromise was made for a 12-man committee with the governor appointing an additional three.

Motions were made by two Perquimans County Commissioners. The first, to look into plans of having a person from Chapel Hill to set up a local one-day seminar for new county commissioners. The second motion asked about inquiring into the possibility of commissioners journeying to N.C. State University in Raleigh to learn of their projects, especially land use.

Before adjournment, Perquimans County Commissioner Lester Simpson introduced a motion to thank the lawmakers for the jobs they have done. This was unanimously approved.



**BUTTONHOLED**—Macon Johnson, left, chairman of the Camden County Commissioners, who is always a lively person at any meeting, seems to be telling Sen. Monk Harrington just what is what. (Staff Photos By Kathy Newbern)

## \$60,000 Grant Goes For Handicapped Child Center

A \$60,000 grant to Alliance for Progress for a child center has been awarded from the U.S. office of Education.

The announcement of this demonstration child centered home based program for handicapped children

was made by 1st district Congressman Walter B. Jones.

The program will work with children from birth to three years old who are mentally or emotionally handicapped, have speech or language problems or

other learning problems.

The program will go into the home stressing emphasis on both the child and his parents or guardian.

The purpose of the program is to help the child develop his full potential for social, emotional, physical

cognitive growth with three main objectives. These objectives are designed to help the parents as well as the child accept the handicapped.

The objectives are to develop techniques, understand and accept and meet needs of that child and parent and demonstrate these specific techniques between the child and parents in their home.

Those working with the program believe one main quality of the project will be the early intervention which helps the child understand his handicap through early teaching.

The six-county project was founded for the first of three years with hopes it will be continued after that time.

It will be administered by the six-county school systems through alliance for progress with the cooperation of other county agencies.

The six counties include in Alliance for Progress are Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Martin and Perquimans.

## Boosting Health Role

By FRANCINE SAWYER

The 1973 General Assembly has enacted several significant statutes designed to boost the ability of local health departments to carry out their role to "protect and advance the public health."

Briefly the new provisions are:

Require, not merely authorize, counties to provide public health services;

Revise the composition of local boards of health to allow greater participation; Provide local health services directly from the state to appropriate counties;

Appoint local health directors only after consultation with the state health director and the county commissioners;

Permit local health departments to charge fees (and therefore collect from third-party payers) for voluntary services given to citizens;

Increase state financial support of local public health services, including a special \$2 million appropriation for district departments and state-provided local services and for local salary increase.

The board of health members for Perquimans County are: Lester Simpson, Dr. Allan Bonner, C.O. Walters and Mayor Bill Cox.

In more detail, the provision of public health services reads this way: each county shall make public health services available to its residents. Counties may furnish services by operating a county health department, etc.

Where a county furnishes public health services, Perquimans County is one, the policy-making body for the county health department shall be a county



**NEW STATUTES**—The '73 General Assembly has enacted several laws designed to boost the ability of the local health departments across the state to boost their services. According to district health director, Howard Campbell, this district is following through on the new laws.

## Perquimans Added To List

Nine North Carolina counties were added to the coverage area of the Tidewater Chapter of Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America at the annual meeting, held in Norfolk, Va.

board of health composed of nine members appointed by the board of county commissioners, upon consultation with the local health director. Howard Campbell is the area's health director.

The county board of health shall include: one licensed physician, one licensed dentist, one licensed pharmacist, one county commissioner, and five persons appointed from the general public.

Members of the county boards of health shall serve three-year terms, but no board member may serve more than three consecutive three-year terms.

The county board of health shall elect its own chairman annually. The county health director shall serve as secretary to the county board of health.

## Proof Of Birth Required

They are: Bertie, Chowan, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Northampton, Perquimans, Tyrell, and Washington. Three counties—Camden, Currituck and Pasquotank—were already covered by the local chapter.

Expansion of the coverage area means that the local chapter rather than the national organization will now fund patient and community services for victims of muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular diseases.

Mrs. Mildred Marsh of 138 Atlantic St., Norfolk, is program coordinator of the chapter and can be contacted for information as needed.

### MEETING

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit of 126 will meet Thursday, May 2, at the Legion Home at 8 p.m.

All members are asked to be present so that the Poppies can be distributed.

## Demos Seek Funds

Perquimans County Democrats are completing the ten cents per registered Democrat fund raising plan in which the county is to keep half of the funds raised.

This is another idea in which it is hoped to involve all Democrats on the precinct level to be involved in fund raising for local and state parties.

County Democrat officials wish to announce the precinct leader and the amount needed:

Belvidere, Joe Nowell, \$30; Belvidere-Nicanor, Mrs. Annie M. Baker, \$15; Bethel, Joe Spruill, \$35; East Hertford, Mrs. Jean McNair, \$65; West Hertford, Tom Brown, \$45; New Hope, Ben Chambers, \$40; and Parkville, Walter Humphlett, Jr., \$60.

All aids are to report to leader or meet with the secretary, Mrs. Jean Harrison at the Municipal Building in Hertford on May 23 at 5 p.m.

Mrs. A.H. Eason is treasurer and member of the Perquimans County Democratic executive committee.



**DISCUSSION**—Lester Simpson, left, Representative Vernon James and Hertford Mayor Bill Cox discuss details of legislation which will be coming up in the next session of the N.C. General Assembly.

## Karen Haskett Selected As Outstanding Woman

Forty-six outstanding women students at East Carolina University have been selected for special recognition during the campus' annual Women's Awareness Week.

Each student was chosen by her own academic department for recognition. Students nominated received certificates of recognition at a special ceremony last Monday in the lobby of Ingis Fletcher Hall.

The ceremony was attended by members of the

ECU faculty and administrative staff, and was one of the highlights of the annual week. Other Women's Awareness Week events include an art show of work by women artists, lectures, films and panel discussions.

Women's Awareness Week is sponsored by the ECU Women's Residence Council.

Ms. Karen Haskett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Haskett of Hertford was one of the women recognized. Her major is psychology.

## Emergency Swine Meeting

The North Carolina Pork Producers Association is calling an emergency swine producers meeting to be held Friday, May 3 at 10 a.m. in Greenville, North Carolina. The purpose of the emergency meeting is to discuss the financial crisis that faces pork producers today.

Extremely high production cost and depressed live hog prices has caused much concern among North Carolina Pork

Producers which is creating substantial financial losses according to Tom Farmer, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Pork Producers Association.

Congressman Walter Jones along with other Washington officials, representatives from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and representatives from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and

representatives from North Carolina State University will participate on the program. Pork producers from across the entire state are invited and urged to attend this special meeting.

If this situation continues, it will drive pork producers out of business. Producers selling breeding stock for slaughter and decreasing hog numbers means less pork in the market place in the future.

## Ostomy Group Meeting

Stanley Z. Pollock of Lincolnton, N.C. will be the guest speaker for the May 5th meeting of the Northeastern N.C. Ostomy Group. Pollock was recently honored for 25 years of volunteer service with American Cancer Society. He is also a member of United Ostomy Association, Inc. His topic will be "Having Fun" and there will be a question and answer period. Us Clara Winslow is in charge of the program.

The meeting will be held in the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation Building (REA) in Hertford at 2:30 p.m.

Ostomates, physicians, nurses, family, social workers and all interested persons are cordially invited. A social hour will follow the program.

## White Assigned

Army private Alwood White, 22, son of Mrs. Annie M. White, 316 Stokes St., Hertford, N.C., is assigned to the 9th infantry division at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Pvt. White is an armor reconnaissance specialist with the combat support company, 2nd battalion of the division's 77th armor.

His wife, Nina, lives at 719 16th St., Virginia Beach, Va.