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## Swamp Studies To Be Known

The tentative recommendations of the Secretary of the Department of the Interior regarding recent studies conducted under PL 92-478 (commonly referred to as the Dismal Swamp Study Act) will be made known at two open meetings for the general public to be held this month in North Carolina and Virginia.

At 1 p.m., June 24, at the Sheep School Auditorium, corner of Road and Elizabeth Streets, Elizabeth City, and at 9 a.m., June 25, at the Suffolk High School Auditorium, Saratoga Street, Suffolk, Virginia, a proposal will be discussed which will lead to final recommendations to be made by the Secretary of the Interior to the U.S. Congress regarding the desirability and feasibility of protecting and preserving the Great Dismal Swamp and Dismal Swamp Canal in Virginia and North Carolina.

Among the highlights of the recommendations are: 1. That the primary area of the Great Dismal Swamp, consisting of approximately 123,000 acres in North Carolina and Virginia, be acquired and managed for the principal purpose of protecting and preserving a unique and outstanding ecosystem and its incumbent diversity of plant and animal life with secondary management to provide nature-oriented public use.

The Fish and Wildlife Service should acquire approximately 67,400 acres for addition to the existing 49,100-acre Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge to include water management, timber management and day-use, nature-oriented public management programs; developments to include a public transportation system for access to the Swamp interior, nature trails, rest rooms, basic environmental-education facilities and headquarters.

The Corps of Engineers should acquire about 40 acres to enhance the

recreation program associated with the existing Lake Drummond Reservation; to develop a public boat ramp and parking area along the Dismal Swamp Canal and a foot bridge across and a hiking trail along the Lake Drummond Feeder Ditch.

The State of North Carolina should acquire 13,500 acres and manage an appropriate amount as a State Park paralleling the Dismal Swamp Canal and construct a public boat ramp and parking area near the south end of the Dismal Swamp Canal.

The State of Virginia should acquire, develop and manage about 210 acres located east of the Dismal Swamp Canal near its junction with the Lake Drummond Feeder Ditch for visitor contact purposes and to fulfill public access needs prior to entering the Great Dismal Swamp.

The City of Suffolk, Virginia should acquire, develop and manage about 1,000 acres for visitor contact purposes and to fulfill public access needs prior to entering the Great Dismal Swamp.

The City of Chesapeake, Virginia should develop a Dismal Swamp Canal hiking trail, a Northwest River canoe trail, and operate and maintain various picnic sites, boat ramps, and other public-use facilities associated with the Virginia portion of the Dismal Swamp Canal.

The Old Dominion University should pursue its proposal to acquire an area near the Great Dismal Swamp for the development of an "Ecological Education Center" to promote environmentally related research, education and interpretation activities associated with the Great Dismal Swamp.

2. That the operation of the Dismal Swamp Canal be continued by the Corps of Engineers under a revised water allocation system; primary use of Dismal Swamp water to be used to enhance the ecology of the

Swamp; secondary use of the Dismal Swamp water to be used to operate the Dismal Swamp Canal for recreational and commercial boat traffic with excess water to be spilled into the drainages of the Northwest and Pasquotank Rivers for biological enhancement and/or domestic purposes.

3. That additional studies be conducted by:

The U.S. Geological Survey to provide detailed information relative to a water allocation system for the Dismal Swamp and Canal.

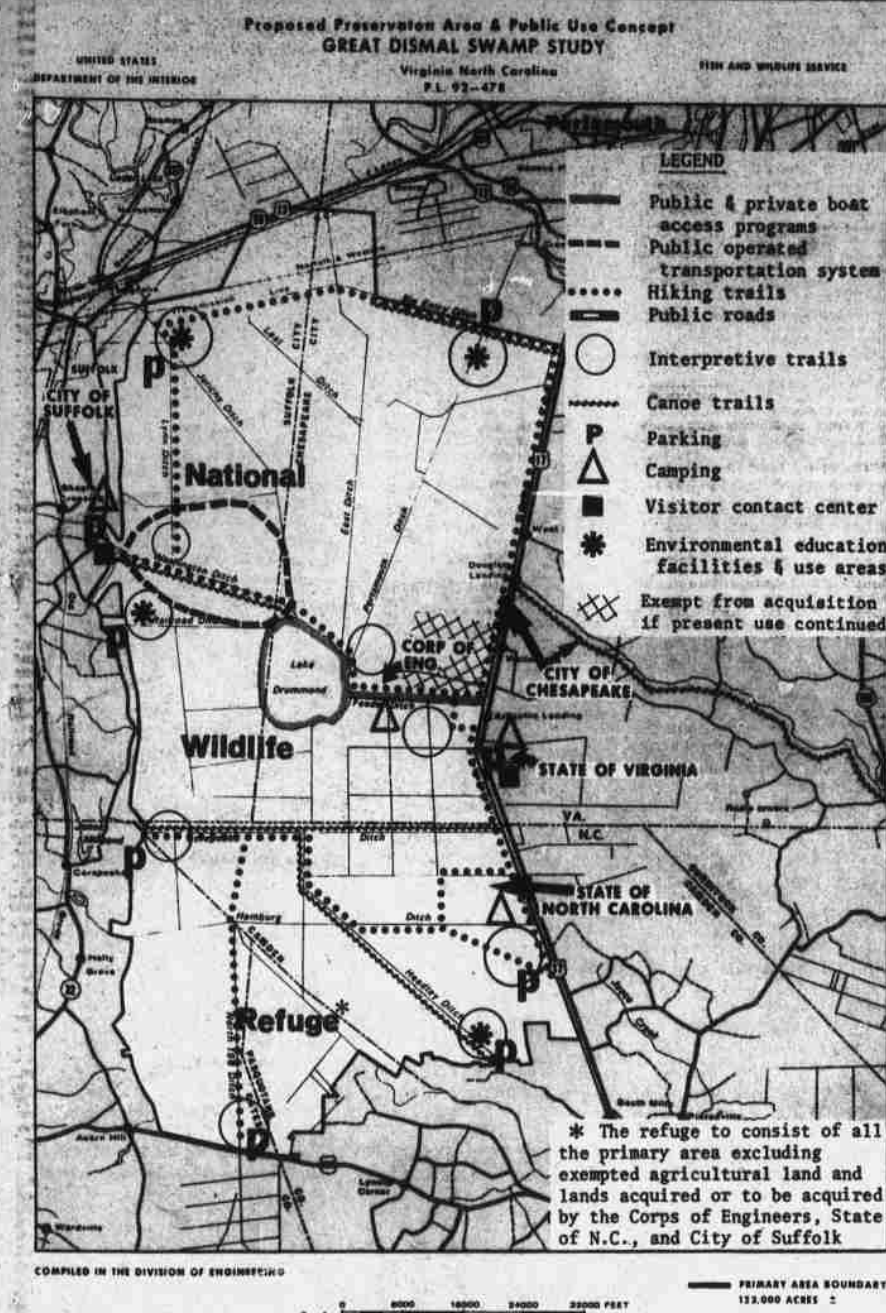
The Fish and Wildlife Service to design, locate and provide cost-data for a public-access transportation system, interpretive facilities and other public-use and management developments.

The Corps of Engineers to provide design and cost-data related to water conservation devices associated with small boat passage through and public access across the Dismal Swamp Canal.

4. That a public-use program committee be organized for the purpose of promoting compatibility and continuity between the various programs and facilities to be administered by the public agencies associated with the Dismal Swamp and Dismal Swamp Canal.

Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at the hearing or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the Dismal Swamp Study Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, Boston, Mass. 02109.

A summary of detailed information on the Dismal Swamp Study may be obtained from the Dismal Swamp Study Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Post Office and Courthouse, Boston, Ma. 02109.



## Additional Housing Going Up In Town

The Commissioners of the Hertford Housing Authority on May 30 signed contracts with Landin Inc. of Greensboro for the construction of 34 dwelling units plus a community building. The project will be constructed on a 10 1/2 acre site purchased from Robert A. White, which is located on the southeast side of the intersection of Wynn fork road and highway 17.

This action is the result of efforts the commissioners have pursued for several years as the need for ad-

ditional housing for our area is quite acute.

Construction is to begin on June 17 with a projected completion date of 300 days which is proposed to be April 1, 1975. The units will be all electric for heat, cooking and hot water and will consist of the following: 4 one-bedroom units, 14 two-bedroom units, 12 three-bedroom units and 4 four-bedroom units. Tot lots, basketball court, baseball diamond and garden plots will be strategically located. The community building

will be approximately 34' x 80' and will have maintenance, storage and office space plus a community room of approximately 25' x 35' with kitchen facilities attached.

The total contract cost will be \$780,000 plus funds for equipment of the community building. Occupancy will be available for all who may apply and rents will be based on family income and dependency.

The commissioners of the authority are Henry C. Stokes, Jr., chairman; D. Talmadge Rose, vice-chairman; J.S. Bass, Julian A. White, and W.R. Privott. Chairman Stokes and Commissioner White have been members of the authority since organized in Sept. of 1961. Mrs. F.A. McGoogan is assistant secretary and Henry C. Sullivan is secretary and executive director.

## Electricity Rate Increase

In a recently held special meeting of the Hertford Town Board, it was decided that it would be necessary to increase the electrical rate by 10 per cent.

Mayor Bill Cox pointed out that this action has become necessary because of rate increases charged to the town by VEPCO, the town's source of electrical power. Mayor Cox said that the increase charged to the town by VEPCO has far exceeded the 10 per cent that is to be passed on to the customers, but that it was the feeling of the town council that by cutting all unnecessary spending and by being very conservative in town operations, the town could absorb a portion of the increase charged for bulk electricity.

The increase that VEPCO is charging the town of Hertford has been necessary because of the rapid increase in the cost of fossil fuels used in the production of electricity. The end result of this increased fuel cost has been that the cost of electricity sold to the Town of Hertford has almost doubled from June 1973 to June 1974.



CONVOY FIRE — A Marine convoy on its way to Cherry Point had a slight delay last week when one of the trucks caught fire. Members of the Hertford Volunteer fire department were on the scene quickly to extinguish the blaze and get the troops marching again. (Sawyer Photo)

## Health Services

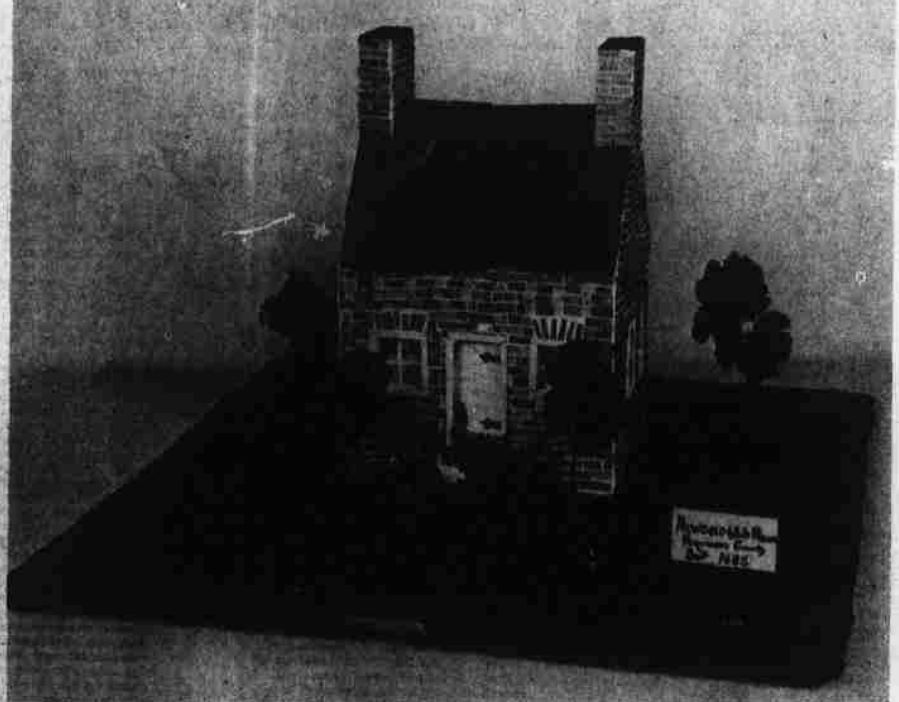
People in the Albemarle area need to become more familiar with the local Home Health Agency and the type of service it provides to people under Medicare.

The District Health Department in Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan and Currituck Counties is the only recognized Home Health Agency in the Albemarle area and it serves only the residents of that four county area. It provides services for people under either Part A or Part B of Medicare.

Some of the services it provides are occupational therapy, part-time service of home health aides, medical social services,

medical supplies and appliances furnished by the agency. It does not provide for full-time nursing care, drugs and biologicals, personal comfort or convenience items or meals delivered to your home.

There are different requirements to qualify for these services under Part A and Part B of Medicare, but under either part of Medicare you must need part-time skilled nursing care, or physical or speech therapy; you must be confined to your home; a doctor determines you need home health care; and a doctor sets up and periodically reviews the plan for home health care.



STATE AWARD MODEL — This model of the Newbold-White House was done by Tommy Haste, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eerie Haste, Jr. The model was awarded second place in the 1974 Junior Historian Contest and will be on display in Raleigh for one year. (Photo courtesy of N.C. Museum of History)

## Unique Fund Raising

A unique twist to fund raising is taking place with the Perquimans County Boy Scouts.

"This year, the Boy Scouts of America, have made an arrangement wherein farmers may contribute bushels of grain (soybeans, corn) and peanuts to the annual fund drive," according to Stuart M. Anderson, drive chairman.

"Here is an example of how it may work: a farmer fills out the contribution card by designating he will donate a certain amount of

bushels of soybeans. At this time he also names the grainery that he deals with on the same card. At harvest time, the Boy Scout office will get with the grainery and they will pay the scout fund direct for the number of bushels donated at the present market value, in the name of the farmer making the contribution. The farmer will be given a receipt for the contribution which he may deduct from his taxes. However, since he will not be paid for these bushels directly, he does not have to report it as income.

Secondly, he gets the added benefit of deducting the cost of growing these bushels as it will be included in his yield figures.

"This program was verified as being a legal procedure by attorneys on the Tidewater Boy Scout council board of directors. We hope all county farmers will help the boy scouts in our county, by either a cash contribution or as a donation outlined above," Anderson said.

There are seven scout troops in the county.



STATE AWARD WINNERS — Tommy Haste and Melanie Morris, both of Hertford, recently won state awards over stiff competition in the Junior Historian contest. (Staff Photo by Kathy Newbern)

## Hertford Youths Cap State Honor

Two Hertford young people recently won state awards in the 1974 Junior Historian Contest topping more than 2,000 other entries from across North Carolina.

Melanie Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Morris of Market St., won first place in the Individual Literary section for her

essay on the Newbold-White House. She is a seventh grade student at Chowan Academy.

Tommy Haste, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eerie Haste, Jr., won second place in the individual arts category for his model of the Newbold-White House.

Both students are members of the Chief Rockahock Junior Historical Society, Chowan Academy, Edenton. The group literary award went to this society for their project on church histories for Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties. The club advisor is Mrs. Virginia H. Wood.

Projects were rated on historical accuracy, contribution to state and local history, workmanship, and style of presentation. Both the essay and model done by the young Hertford citizens will be on display in the Tar Heel Junior Historian Gallery of the N. C. Museum of History in Raleigh for one year. Awards were presented to the Junior Historian Contest winners on May 17 by the N. C. Literary and Historical Association at the third Annual Tar Heel Junior Historian Day picnic at Yates Mill near Raleigh. Mrs. James E. Holshouser, Jr. was the featured speaker.

Judges for the contest were: Mrs. Memory F. Mitchell, Mrs. Natalie G. Miller of the Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources; and Jesse Vuncannon of the State Department of Public Education. During judging, identification was removed from entries.

## Father's Day Observance

Lester H. Simpson, Chairman of the Perquimans County Commissioners, has proclaimed the use of "Beef for Father's Day" and urges the serving of beef in all homes on June 16 so that beef may have its rightful place among foods served on special days and the importance of the beef industry to our state's economy be recognized.

Simpson says, "Father's Day is an appropriate time to honor the beef industry and its contribution to the strength and welfare of North Carolina and the nation. What better way to say, 'you're number one' to dad than to serve beef on his special day?"

Already a special day in the nation, Father's Day - with Beef for Father's Day - becomes extra special.

## Lightbulb Sale

The Hertford Lions Club will begin a broom and light bulb door-to-door sales program. Members will be selling the items on Thursday June 20 from 7-9 p.m. As always, the proceeds from the sales will be used to help the blind.

## Farm Fest Plans

The Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau is making plans for the second annual farm festival.

The festival date is set for July 31 through Aug. 1 at the Perquimans County High School gym.

There will be a ribbon cutting at noon on Wednesday, July 31. This will kick off the festivities.

A dinner is planned for Wednesday night. Inside the gym will be displays from individuals, clubs, associations, organizations, industries and businesses.

Anyone interested in renting a booth can contact Paul Smith, Jr.

For those who sew, can, or make arts and crafts, there will be a judging category where cash prizes will be awarded. Also there will be a judging category for garden products and field crops. Cash prizes will also be awarded.

Events are being planned to fill the two days. A farm tour is being planned to give everyone the chance to see how their food grows. Games are also being planned.

## Demos Meeting

County Democrats precinct meetings will be held Tuesday June 18 at 8 p.m. In the event a quorum is not present a second meeting will be held Tuesday, June 25, at 8 p.m. at the polling places of each precinct.

The county convention will be held Saturday June 29 at 2 p.m. This information should have been made public 30 days before the meeting by the county chairman.

The Congressional district conventions will be held Saturday July 20, at 1 p.m.

## Dance Is Scheduled

The Elizabeth City Shrine Club will have a dance Saturday, June 15 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. for Shriners and guests.

Admission will be \$5.00 per couple. Music will be furnished by The Countrymen.