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STATE SUPERINTENDENT—At a meeting of school personnel of educational district I, Craig Phillips recently presented the proposed budget to members of the 1975 General Assembly. (Staff photo by Kathy Newbern.)

Anniversary of Man's First Powered Flight

Who could ever imagine that one of the most important events in the history of the world could be decided by the toss of a coin?

A modern day public relations man would have picked a better day for the event than a cold, windy Dec. 17, and a better location than the deserted sandy beaches of Kitty Hawk, N.C. But Kitty Hawk was an ideal location for brother Wilbur and Orville Wright who had traveled from their cold snowy home in Dayton, Ohio — to fly.

This year marks the 71st anniversary of man's first powered flight from the slopes of Kill Devil Hill — in the Wright's wood and fabric "glider" as they called it.

The deciding coin toss came three days before the historic flight when the plane was ready to fly on

Dec. 14. Wilbur, the older of the brothers, won and took his place at the controls. He sailed into a stiff wind. The frail craft was only airborne for three seconds when a gust caused it to dip into the ground, damaging a wing. It took the Wrights three days to make necessary repairs — something they had done many times before, following several hundred test flights with a series of smaller gliders.

Wilbur and Orville were no strangers to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Searching for a place to try their machines their first visit was made in the autumn of 1900 at the recommendation of the United States Weather Bureau. Many of their wing designs were created from observing Kitty Hawk seagulls through many hours of watching and studying.

For three years when their bicycle business would slow down for the winter the two would come to North Carolina for several months of study and testing. Each year they brought with them a new and larger glider.

Then as the end of 1903 loomed, the brothers brought their largest

creation yet — this one sporting a motor — a 12 horsepower four-cylinder weighing less than 200 pounds constructed in their Ohio shop.

The 17th of December dawned, another typical Outer Banks winter day ... windy and cold.

Donning his goggles and gloves against the wind, Wilbur began readying himself for another try. But a gentle prompting from brother Orville reminded him of the coin toss and his full-fledged try at flying three days earlier. So the controls now went to Orville.

Twelve seconds and 120-feet later ... it was, in the words of Orville, "the first time in the history of the world a machine carrying a man had raised itself by its own power into the air in full flight."

That day there were three more flights. On the final one Wilbur flew for an astounding 59 seconds, more than 825 feet.

Dec. 17, 1903, will indeed be remembered by man till the end of time. The date has even been remembered by later pilots from the surface of the moon. But it will always hold a special place in the hearts of all Tar Heels — it happened here.



TALKING WITH GOVERNOR—At a recent luncheon with James Holshouser, N.C. Governor and Frank Perdue, president of Perdue Farms, Inc., plans were announced that Perdue would build a new poultry processing in Bertie County. Following the luncheon, on behalf of the mayor of Hertford, Ray Ward, General Manager of The Perquimans Weekly, invited the governor and first lady to visit Hertford. Ward also presented Governor Holshouser with an issue of the paper containing the article and pictures of the first lady when she recently spoke at the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

North Carolina Schools: Craig Phillips Presents Budget

Members of the Perquimans County Board of Education, school superintendent C.C. Walters, Asst. Superintendent Pat Harrell, LaClaire Rogerson of School Food Services and several teachers in the county's school system attended a Legislative Dinner on Dec. 12 at North Pitt High School in Bethel. The purpose of the meeting was to present the proposed \$585,008,532 budget for North Carolina Public Schools to members of the 1975 General Assembly in Educational District I. The district includes Perquimans, Pasquotank, Currituck, Camden, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Martin, Pitt, Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Dare counties.

Craig Phillips, State Superintendent, presented the evening slide presentation and explained in general the 28 programs

involved in the proposed budget. Prior to the dinner, Phillips also held a meeting of those school officials present. The session was the fifth of eight to be held across the state, one in each educational district. These sessions known as "Educational Family Get Togethers" allow for questions and answers.

Phillips talked to those present on basically fourteen items involving the public school systems across the state. Some of the topics included management, involvement, accreditation, students' rights and responsibilities, sex bias and discrimination and certification.

At the dinner, Phillips presented the proposed budget with slide illustrations. He said, "In the face of possibly being called irresponsible, the (state) Board of Education said, 'If we are going to continue momentum in

education we need \$85 million dollars.'" Phillips pointed out that even though these were inflationary times, public education must not go without needed programs. He then briefly explained each of the 28 programs that the board is requesting money for. In summarizing, Phillips added that although the programs were listed according to priority, the items in the lower priority should be examined and considered just as thoroughly as those in the higher priority range.

Members of the N.C. Senate attending included J.J. "Monk" Harrington, Melvin R. Daniels, Jr., Vernon E. White, and Thomas E. Strickland. Members of the House attending the Legislative Dinner were Howard B. Chapin, W. Stanford White, Roberts H. Jernigan, Jr., George P. Cullipher, Vernon G. James, Sam D. Bundy and H. Horton Rountree.



EAGLE SCOUT—Mr. and Mrs. Julian Broughton proudly look on as their son, Jeff Broughton is pinned as an Eagle Scout. Performing the ceremony was Bobby Holland (right), Scoutmaster. Jeff is a member of Boy Scout Troop 155. Prior to the ceremony, several other members of Troop 155 were recognized for their achievements. (Newbern photo)

Youth Awarded Eagle Scout Rank

Jeff Broughton, son of Sheriff and Mrs. Julian Broughton, became the latest of a long line of local boys to attain the cherished Scouting plateau of Eagle Scout. He was awarded his Eagle Rank last Tuesday evening during ceremonies

at the First United Methodist Church, Hertford. Scoutmaster Bobby Holland, Troop 155, presented the award. Jeff, who actually earned his rank last March, presented his mother with the Eagle pin for her to proudly wear,

signifying that she is the mother of an Eagle Scout. Sheriff Broughton, who was given no award or pin, was in reality rewarded with the satisfaction that his son attained the highest award that a boy can achieve. He is proudly wearing a smile.

Department Opens Offices

The Department of Natural and Economic Resources has opened three offices in the coastal area to provide a variety of assistance to persons associated with the commercial fishing industry.

Economic advisors at each office will offer financial management assistance, help the fishermen comply with national and state safety and health requirements, and try to help him apply the tremendous amount of scientific and technical information available to practical use to increase his catch.

The advisors will be backed by the state food industries development section.

"Today's fishing industry is being bombarded with federal and state regulations and scientific and technical information. The fishing industry is faced with selling its product in a highly competitive food marketing system during an uneasy economic situation," said James E. Harrington, Secretary of the State Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

"Those persons who depend upon the fishing industry for their livelihood cannot be successful by just tossing a net over the side or running a business by the seat of their pants," Harrington said. "The fishing industry is

recognizing these challenges. We believe the services provided at these new offices can help the industry meet those challenges."

The economic advisors and their offices are:

Richard McHugh at the Natural and Economic Resources Field Office Building, 3143 Wrightsville Avenue in Wilmington. The office serves Onslow, Pender, New Hanover, and Brunswick counties. The phone number is 762-3394.

Charles Pridgen at the Dare County Office Building in Manteo. The office serves Dare, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Bertie, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Beaufort counties. Telephone 473-2143.

Gray Simpson at the Division of Marine Fisheries Building at Morehead City. The office serves Carteret, Pamlico, and Craven counties. Telephone 726-7021.

Harrington said the new offices were just one of several steps Natural and Economic Resources had taken in the past several months to assist the fishermen, including moving the Commercial and Sports Fisheries Commissioner from Raleigh to the coast, establishment of a fisheries economic development program and seafood marketing system and special promotion of shrimp.

Banking Hours

The Hertford Office of Bank of North Carolina, N.A. today announced that effective Monday, January 6 the bank will initiate new banking hours.

Manager Wayne Ashley said the new hours, designed to better serve the customers, will be 9 a.m. to

1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. On Wednesday the bank will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Friday hours will be extended to 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The bank's drive-in window will remain open all day.

"These new hours will allow us to keep all our teller windows open during the busy noon hour, providing faster and more efficient service when most people are doing their banking," Ashley said. The new schedule will also allow bank employees to process customer transactions in time to meet the banking regulations' 2 p.m. deadline, he explained.

Perdue Farms To Build New Plant

LEWISTON, N.C. — Perdue Farms Inc., with headquarters in Salisbury, Md., today announced plans to build a new \$8 million poultry processing plant in Bertie County.

The plans were unveiled today at a noon reception held near Lewiston. North Carolina Governor James Holshouser, Frank Perdue, president of Perdue Farms Inc. and Bertie County officials attended. Representing Perquimans County were Ray Ward and Melvin Howell, Farmers' Home Administration.

Construction will begin immediately on 230 acres located on Rte. 308 and State Rd. 1134. Perdue, the largest privately held, integrated poultry processor in the United States, recently purchased the land from the Griffin family of Bertie County.

Perdue will employ approximately 400 local people at the plant upon its completion in March, 1976, thereby adding an annual payroll of \$2.5 million to the local economy.

"Our new plant will have the most modern facilities available in the United States and will meet all local, state and federal environmental regulations," said Frank Perdue.

"We are fortunate that

Perdue Farms has chosen to expand their business in North Carolina. Perdue brings a new concept in poultry production to this line state's northeastern agricultural community, but the economy statewide will also benefit. We do indeed welcome the Perdue company to North Carolina," Governor James Holshouser said.

Page Benton, supervisor of Field Services, Division of Environmental Management, Department of Natural and Economic Resources, commented, "Perdue Farms has coordinated activities with our Division so as to obtain state authorization for discharges as rapidly and effectively as possible."

The new plant will process half-a-million locally grown chickens per week. The Perdue expansion program involves 300 contract growers within a 50-mile radius of Ahoskie with 300 broiler houses valued at \$9.6 million.

A \$2 million feed mill, announced last March, is currently under construction in Colfield. When completed in January, 1976, the mill will be able to produce 5,500 tons of feed per week and store over 600,000 bushels of grain. Contracts are now being

signed for the 1975 spring plantings to be delivered in the fall.

In the near future, Perdue will announce a \$1 million hatchery and regional office complex which will be built to supply the contract growers. Presently, Perdue operates a hatchery in Statesville, N.C.

"We are very fortunate to have such an outstanding company located in North Carolina. The Perdue company will make a tremendous contribution to our economic growth," said Bob Leak, director of the Division of Economic Development, Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

Bryan Smith, chief of Food Industries Development Section, Division of Economic Development, Department of Natural and Economic Resources, commented, "The company has been very efficient, thorough and understanding in working with State Government in order to comply with all regulations. Their site search has been detailed and precise to fulfill requirements to suit their needs and state and local laws."

"North Carolina's economic growth depends on companies of this kind," Smith continued. "Not only does it create a tax base and jobs, but the purchase of raw materials locally creates a greater growth."

Frank Perdue and Executive Vice President Donald Mabe praised the cooperation they received from the State of North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources; Bertie County officials; the Griffin family; and Mr. Hampton Brett, vice chairman of Bertie County Economic Development Commission. Hampton Brett remarked, "This is a great moment for Bertie County and this area. Perdue Farms' expansion will create jobs for our people and flow dollars into our local economy."

Dean's List Students

One hundred and forty-eight students at College of the Albemarle earned positions on the institution's Dean's List in recognition of their scholastic achievement during the Fall Quarter. Dr. J. Parker Chesson Jr., dean of instruction, released the list today which represents 15 per cent of the total fall enrollment of 1,010 college transfer, technical and vocational, and general education students.

Included among those who received "A" in all subjects taken during the quarter were: Jodi Branham and Shelia W. Caddy of Hertford.

Technical — Belvidere — Peggy L. Benton, Durants Neck — Donna J. Baker, Hertford — Deanna E. Beers, Jodi Branham, Shelia W. Caddy, Steven T. Dail and Sylvia A. Gregory, Tyrner — Joan L. Hare and Connie D. Monds, Winfall — William N. Taylor.

Vocational — Hertford — Wilson V. White, Winfall — Ernest M. Chappell.

Drum And Fife Corps Organizes

The "Hertford Fifes and Drums" became a new musical organization in Perquimans County on November 14. The Fife and

Drum Corps is a self sponsored group. The Corps was organized for the purpose of providing musical enjoyment and historical participation for the individual corps member, to keep alive the sound of ancient fife and drum type martial music, and to offer colonial type music for parades and civic functions. The Hertford Fifes and Drums expect to participate in the forthcoming Bicentennial programs as well as providing historical entertainment on special occasions.

Early Deadline

Any advertiser or reader requesting to put an advertisement or news item in *The Perquimans Weekly* for the week of Dec. 23 is asked to have the information in this newspaper by 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 20. The deadline has been moved up due to Christmas.