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Funds Available

Rural volunteer fire departments in North Carolina will be able to receive some federal financial help, thanks to the U.S. Congress and the Rural Development Act of 1972. It is all part of a pilot project to provide better fire protection to rural areas and towns of less than 10,000 population.

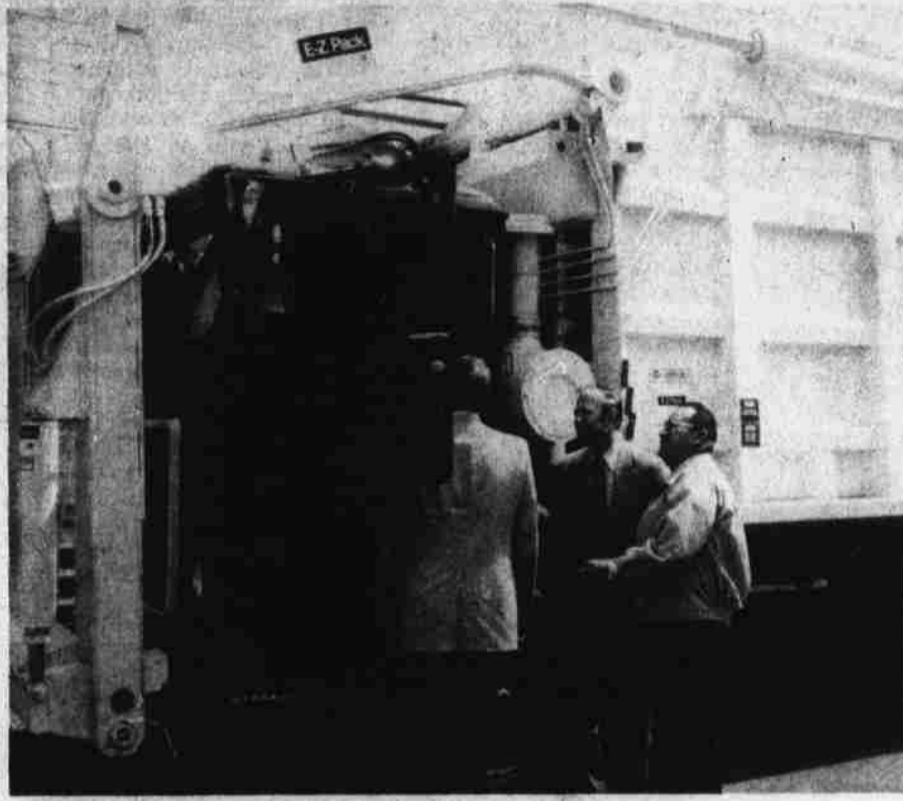
The key objectives of the project are saving lives and protecting property in unprotected or inadequately protected rural areas. Under the provisions of the program, only volunteer fire departments which serve rural areas or communities of less than 10,000 populations are eligible to receive the funds. The money can be used to organize, equip, and train local volunteer fire departments, but the departments must be able to provide at least 50 per cent of the costs.

In North Carolina, emphasis will be on

obtaining suppression equipment, such as communications (radio), slip-on pumps, backpack pumps or other types of fire suppression equipment. Equal consideration will be given to the need for both structural and grass or brush type equipment.

Of the 3,073 counties in the United States, more than 2,600 are considered rural and contain approximately 45 per cent of the total U.S. population. These counties have about 2½ million farms with an estimated value of over 900 million dollars, not including crops and other natural resources. An estimated 50,000 volunteer fire departments provide protection for these areas. There are more than 1,050 such volunteer fire departments in North Carolina alone.

The program is being handled in North Carolina by the Division of Forest Resources, Department of Natural and Economic Resources.



LOOKIN' 'ER OVER — Looking over the new Chowan-Perquimans Sanitary Landfill truck are Ellis Winslow (at the wheel), a Perquimans County Commissioner; and standing from left to right are Lynn Porter of Simpson Equipment Co. and Commissioners Lester Simpson and Tuck Webb. (Ward Photo)

Counties Purchase Truck

Due to the purchase of a new truck, citizens in both Perquimans and Chowan counties will soon be having even better service at trash container pick-up sites.

The new Chowan-Perquimans Sanitary Landfill truck was bought by the two counties with revenue sharing funds. Perquimans paid half of the total cost of \$45,220. This money had been previously allocated for the expense. The counties received the new truck on May 5 after a six-week wait. The truck was purchased from Simpson Equipment Company in Wilson, N.C.

Lester Simpson, chairman of the Perquimans County

Commissioners and a member of the Chowan-Perquimans Sanitary Landfill Commission said that on behalf of the commission he would like to thank the public for cooperating with them until a second truck could be purchased. Simpson added, "I feel like this will cause us to provide much better service to the citizens of both counties. Now our biggest problem is educating the public as to what items can be taken to the trash containers that are distributed throughout the counties." Although the majority of the two county-community is cooperating by taking only household garbage to the trash containers, but there are

some who are abusing the service. Simpson pointed out that worn out appliances, old furniture and a list of other large items are being taken to the container sites and left there. These items are too large to be put in the containers or picked up by the sanitary landfill trucks, therefore a special trip has to be made to remove these objects.

The Chowan-Perquimans Landfill Commission reminds the public that household garbage only is to be taken to the container sites. And now with a new truck and the continued cooperation of citizens in both counties, service can become even better.

Coastal Area Management: By The People

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is Part IV of a four-part series on the Coastal Area Management Program. This statement was supplied by the Coastal Resources Commission.

Public Participation. Input, A voice. These are several different ways of saying the same thing. And there are just as many different ways of accomplishing it.

Of the 20 counties in the Coastal Area Management Program, some are large, some are small, some have industrialized areas, and some are rural, but the people in all 20 counties have the same desire to take part in the land use planning effort. Therefore, each county had developed its own method of obtaining the citizens' views.

The Coastal Resources Commission is the body that will evaluate and give final approval to each land use plan later this year. To provide order to the complicated process, the commission has published guidelines for local land use planning.

A "Handbook for Public Participation" has been distributed to point out some of the ways of gathering the important opinions and observations of the public within each county. The handbook discussed two topics: information and involvement.

In its introduction, it points out that it

accomplishes little to inform a person without encouraging him to participate in the planning, and even less to get a person involved if he is not informed. This is why this series of articles on the Coastal Area Management Program has been presented. The information is available — now it is time to participate.

The need to participate is obvious. Every acre of land and water will be accounted for in the land use plans produced this year in the Coastal counties. And these plans will be the blueprint for the future development of the entire coastal regional of North Carolina.

Today there are a half million people living and working in the coastal counties. As the number of people increases, and the value of their property increases, the pressures will go up. In order to determine the best use for your land and the proper direction for your county you must take part in the planning process.

This means attending the meetings of your county or town planning board. It means talking to your neighbors about their objectives for their land.

All of these issues and more are under study right now in each crossroads and city in every county in the coastal area. The professional planners who will draw the lines on the land use maps are attending many of the neighborhood or town meetings. They are listening and writing now so that the lines they draw will be correct.

Now is the time to speak up. Now is also the time to answer any questionnaires that come to you; these are being studied and tabulated to get an overview of what the people of each community would like to see in the future.

One method which is being put to use in nearly every county is the citizens' advisory board. This is a group of interested citizens who are appointed by the local government officials or planning boards to formulate policies and determine the objectives of the citizens.

By itself this board is

simply one more layer of government, but if the advisory board can penetrate into the neighborhoods and obtain a real feeling of what the public wants and needs in the next few months, it will be serving its county well for years to come. If you are asked to serve on an advisory board, whether a countywide or community group, take the time to do it.

If you have questions about the Coastal Area Management Act or your city's or county's role in the Coastal Area Management Program, write to the Coastal Resources Commission, P.O. Box 650, Morehead City, North Carolina 28557.

Or call the Coastal Resource Commission collect at 919-829-2293 during business hours.



JOHN GOSLING

Symphony To Perform At P.C.H.S.

The North Carolina Little Symphony will perform at Perquimans High School on Thursday, May 22 at 9:30 a.m. Assistant School Superintendent Pat Harrell said the county is very fortunate to have the symphony visiting but they are able to give only one performance.

The symphony is made up of 70 musicians in this its 44th session, and 31st annual tour. During this year's tour, the symphony will perform nearly 200 concerts in schools, churches and civic auditoriums throughout North Carolina and Virginia and the unit is expected to travel over 18,000 miles.

The North Carolina Symphony was founded in early 1932. The first concert was performed in Hill Hall at the University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill on May 14, 1932. State support began with \$4000 for the 1943-45 biennium. Annual tours of the orchestra began in 1946.

Perquimans County — Offered by Peoples Bank and Trust Co.

Bryant Perry — Best Swine Showman from Perquimans County — offered by Perquimans County Farm Bureau.

In the Fitting and Showmanship Contest — Hogs — Bryant Perry captured first place honors and Kent Copeland placed second, Bryant received \$15.00 and Kent received \$10.00 from J.C. Rountree of South Mills.

A Special Congratulations to each participant and a Special Thanks to local businesses from the Perquimans County Extension Service for their efforts and support in making this event such a success", states Billy J. Griffin, Jr., Associate Agricultural Agent.



TOOLS OF THE TRADE

MOBILE MUSEUM — Shown above is just one of the many exhibits which will be in the Mobile Museum of History when it visits Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City on May 17 thru 23. The public is invited to visit this only traveling museum.

Mobile Museum To Stop At MOA

The Mobile Museum of History, North Carolina's only traveling museum, will open at the Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City on Saturday, 17. It will be on display through Friday, May 23rd. The exhibit is free to the public and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Featuring an exhibit entitled "The Story of Archaeology," the Mobile Museum of History is a traveling extension of the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh.

The mobile unit consists of a custom-built van trailer which visitors enter and exit through sliding glass doors. It operates by a self-contained lighting, sound, heating and air conditioning system. Fifteen to twenty visitors can be accommodated in the exhibit area at one time.

"The Story of Archaeology" illustrates some of the techniques and purposes and results of archaeological exploration

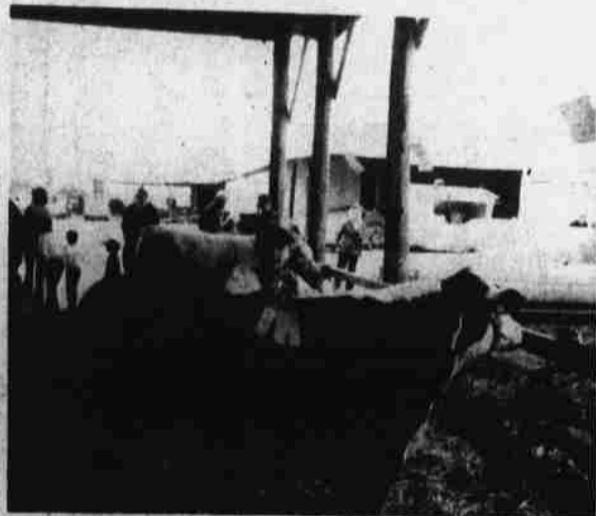
for "historical treasures" underground and underwater in and off the coast of North Carolina.

Through archaeology, we learn about our past. The digging of an Indian mound, a trash pit, or the mapping of a sunken ship gives the archaeologist information to help better understand man.

The exhibit is presented through the use of displays on archaeological techniques and preservation, displays of recovered artifacts and an audiovisual slide presentation on the history of underwater archaeology in North Carolina.

After the visit to the Mobile Unit, it is hoped you will visit the Museum of the Albemarle to enjoy the Indian exhibit and the case containing artifacts from the Black Warrior, a Civil War schooner, sunk in Pasquotank River in 1862.

Teachers are welcomed to schedule Museum tours and enjoy the added attractions in the Mobile Unit.



GRAND CHAMPION STEER — Shown here, C.F. Stallings Jr. exhibits the grand champion steer at the recent Livestock Show and Sale.



HOG CHAMPS — Shown here, Arden Stallings exhibits the grand champion pen of three hogs. The scene was at the Livestock Show and Sale.

County Participates In Livestock Show And Sale

The 30th Annual Livestock Show and Sale was held on April 30, at Small's Produce Terminal in Elizabeth City. Perquimans County exhibited 53 hogs and 7 steers. Perquimans had the Grand Champion Pen of Three hogs which was won by Arden Stallings, weighed 665 and was purchased by Miller & Humphlette for .53 a lb. C.F. Stallings, Jr. exhibited the Reserve Champion Pen of three, weighing 690 and purchased by Tuck's Bar-B-Que for .53 a lb. C.F. Stallings, Jr. also exhibited the Grand Champion steer which weighed 1,040 lbs. and was purchased by R.O. Givens for .81 a lb.

The following is a list of participants and buyers of hogs from Perquimans: Arden Stallings, 240 lb. individual hog was purchased by C.J. Stallings & Son of Joppa for .61 per lb.; C.F. Stallings, Jr.'s 235

lb. individual hog was purchased by Farmers Bank of Sunbury for .64 per lb.; Cheryl Stallings, showing 4 hogs weighing 925 lbs. and purchased by Smithfield Packing Co. for .52 per lb.; Gary Byrum showing 4 hogs weighing 825 lbs. and purchased by Hertford Supply Co. for .57 per lb.; Earley Byrum showing 4 hogs weighing 780 lbs. and purchased by Farmers Feed and Seed Store for .55 per lb.; Kent Copeland showing 4 hogs weighing 805 lbs. and purchased by Moody Harrell and Son for .61 cents per lb.; Deana Copeland showing 4 hogs weighing 780 lbs. purchased by Cargill and Nutrena Feeds for .72 per lb.; Donna Elliott showing an individual hog weighing 195 lb.; Paige Elliott showing an individual hog weighing 180 lbs. purchased by Gwlatney Hertford Hog Market for .57

per lb.; Lynn Elliott showing 4 hogs weighing 735 lbs. and purchased by Hertford Supply Co. for .55 per lb.; Darlene Riddick showing an individual hog weighing 230 lbs. and purchased by Hertford Supply Co. for .70 per lb.; Sharron Riddick showing an individual hog weighing 235 and purchased by Lee Riddick & Son for .75 per lb.; Bryant Perry showing 4 hogs weighing 745 lbs. and purchased by the Bank of North Carolina, N.A. for .58½ per lb.; Melanie Perry showing 4 hogs weighing 775 lbs. and purchased by FCX, Inc. for .60 per lb.; Daryl Perry showing 4 hogs weighing 775 lbs. and purchased by Hertford Hog Market for .57 per lb.; Brian Baker showing 4 hogs weighing 605 and purchased by Moody Harrell and Son for .58 per lb.

In the steer show participants were: Arden Stallings showing a Choice steer weighing 835 lbs. and purchased by Bank of North Carolina, NA and Swindell Funeral Home for .60 per lb.; Cheryl Stallings showing a Choice Steer weighing 1,030 lbs. and purchased by C.J. Stallings & Son, Joppa for .71 per lb.; Edward Winslow showing a Choice Steer weighing 1,055 and purchased by Central Fertilizer Co., for .60 per lb.; Claudia Winslow showing a Choice Steer weighing 1,005 lbs. and purchased by Peoples Bank and Trust Co. and Woodards Pharmacy for .64 per lb.; Clyde Elliott showing a Good Steer weighing 990 lbs. and purchased by Hertford Supply Co., Winslow Blanchard Motor Co., and Winfall Ready-Mix for .55 per lb.; Donna Elliott showing a Good steer weighing 950 lbs. and purchased by Winslow Blanchard Motor Co. for .59 per lb.

Following is a list of Trophies and Awards: C.F. Stallings, Jr. — Grand Champion Steer — Offered by First Union National Bank of Elizabeth City, N.C. — Also offered by Friends of the Albemarle Livestock Show and Sale Association — \$500 Savings Bond for Grand Champion Steer. Cheryl Stallings, — Best Steer in Perquimans County other than Grand Champion or Reserve — offered by Perquimans Ruritan Clubs. Arden Stallings — Grand Champion Pen of Three Hogs — offered by Albemarle Grain Equipment Co., Elizabeth City, N.C., and Best Pen of Three Hogs — offered by Perquimans County Farm Bureau. C.F. Stallings, Jr. — Reserve Champion Pen of Three Hogs — offered by Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co. Cheryl Stallings — Best Individual Hog in

Vehicle Registration

The 1974 auto and truck registration by counties and towns have been compiled by the Registration Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Pat Mitchell, Director of the division stated, "This year's total issuance of

license tags was up compared to 1973 by 167,506."

In Hertford, the number of automobiles registered was 3,079 and trucks numbered 1,215. In all of Perquimans County, 3,894 autos were registered and 1,526 trucks.