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COUNTY POSTER WINNERS — Winners in the conservation poster contest in Perquimans County were presented prizes Friday. Shown above are l. to r. (front row) Lisa Thompson, Jennial Perry; (back row) Alice White, Joseph Smith, Wayne Wilder and Gina Stevenson. (SCS Photo)

Conservation posters:

Winners named

Winners were announced Friday in the Perquimans County Conservation Poster Contest. The contest is sponsored annually by the Perquimans County Board of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors.

This event was the climax of a course of study on conservation condusted in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades during February. The students studied conservation and prepared individual posters for this contest. The posters were not restricted to Soil and Water Conservation, but to any sound conservation idea of our natural resources that the student wished to present. The posters were judged on how the conservation idea was presented, 50 points; originality, 26 points; artistic ability, 15 points; and neatness, 10 points. County winners were: Fourth grade, first place, Lisa Thompson, Central Grammar second place, Jenneal perry, Hertford Grammar; Fifth grade, first place, Joseph Smith, Perquimans Union School; second place, Alice White, Hertford Grammar; Sixth Grade, first place, Wayne Wilder, Hertford Grammar, second place Oina Stevenson, Hertford Grammar.

Prizes were presented by District Clerk Elizabeth Winslow. First place winners received $5 and second place winners received $3.

The District contest will be held March 2, in Winfall, where a luncheon will be held in honor of the winners from the five counties, sponsored by the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation.

The local Board of Supervisors, Floyd Mathews, Carroll Williams and Elmer Lassiter wish to express their appreciation to the students, Mrs. John Coston, and school officials and teachers for their fine cooperation in mading this project a success, and also the judges, Miss Thelma Elliott, Mr. F.A. McGoogan, and Mr. Joe Tunnell for their assistance in selecting the winning posters.

Board of Education meets

The Perquimans County Board of Education met recently in regular session with all members present.

In policy matters, the Board was informed of the approval of a Rockefellar Foundation Grant for a six-county Alliance for Progress program project.

In budget matters, the board approved the following: increase of $2,245 for occupational education equipment, increase of $2,820 for occupational education materials, increase of $1,483 for occupational education work study, and increase of $921 for occupational education extended day. All increases were made with state funds. The board also approved the transfer of $700 from the principal services account to psychological services and testing.

The board discussed banking services and services offered to school systems in other communities by banks. No action was taken.

In action, the board approved the direct reimbursement method for unemployment insurance as of Jan. 1 to Board employees qualifying and properly certified by the Employment Security Commission as eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

In personnel matters, the Board accepted the resignation of Betty C. Sawyer as ESEA Title I Aide. Several other personnel matters were discussed with no action taken.

In program area, the board discussed the recent three-county meeting to discuss the concept of a career center for Perquimans, Chowan and Gates counties. The board was informed that a meeting had been scheduled with Walter Jones Jr., staff member for Governor James B. Hunt Jr., to discuss the concept and to request a meeting with the Governor. In formal action, the Board went on record endorsing the concept and a continuance to explore the career center concept and to seek outside funding.

In other program area, the Board discussed state accredidation and the Perquimans County testing program. Plans to address the problem of unsatisfactory student performance of seventh and eighth graders at Perquimans Union School was also discussed.

The Board also approved the driver education plan for Perquimans County as presented by William Byrum, principal of Perquimans County High School.

The Board heard status reports on Phase I of the Perquimans High School construction and renovation project and the high school field house project. It was announced that a special meeting had been planned to meet with the Board architect on PCHS Phase I.

The Board was informed of plans to initiate a breakfast program for grades K-6 in the county beginning May 1. It was pointed out that this would allow approximately five weeks to carefully study and analyze the breakfast program prior to the end of the school term. Plans are to use the summer months to review the program and make any necessary changes before the next school year.

The Board approved a revised school calendar for teachers and aides.

Following its regular business session, the Board heard from a delegation of citizens headed by spokesperson Clifford J. "Pete" Perry. They expressed concern over the proposed plans for construction and renovation at Perquimans High School. The Board assured the group that they have no plans to construct any buildings in the "swamp" area between the current high school main building and the vocational building. The Board also informed the delegation that specifications for Phase I of the project are being developed by the Board architect to determine the amount of work that can be done with the funds on hand which amounts to close to $1 million.

Kindergarten registration opens

Hertford Grammar School and Perquimans Central School will register students for the 1978-79 kindergarten classes on Friday, March 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In order for a child to be eligible to register, he or she must be five years old on or before October 16, 1978.

In order to be accepted and properly registered, the parent must furnish the school valid proof of the child's age and present the school with the child's immunization record. The immunization record can be obtained from either the family doctor or the health department.

For further information, contact the schools: Hertford Grammar School — 426-7166; Perquimans Central School — 426-5332.

Democrats plan March 4 gathering

The newly formed Perquimans County Young Democrats have announced plans for their pig picken' membership drive.

The event will be held Saturday, March 4 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Lions Club Building on Grubb Street Extended, Hertford.

Special guest speaker will be Steve Glass, Executive Director of the North Carolina Democratic Party. Other party officers planning to attend are M.C. Teague, Gary Jewell and Lee Walton.

At a recent organizational meeting, enough interest was expressed to form a local chapter of the nationwide organization. The March 4 meeting will include comments from the guest speaker, presentation of the club's charter, election of officers.

Prospective members are invited to attend. The only qualification for membership is that the person be a registered Democrat 36 years of age or less. Membership dues are $1 per year.

More informatin may be obtained from Mrs. Ann Young or L. Paul Smith Jr., acting chairman.

CAMA permit program in effect

North Carolina's Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) permit program is in place and will begin on March 1 according to the North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission and the Coastal Resources Advisory Council.

After March 1, the (CAMA) permit will apply to most construction activity in designated coastal areas of environmental concern.

Trained permit officers will be available at most local coastal planning or building inspection offices or at the field offices of the North Carolina Department of Natural Pesources and Community Development (NRCD) in Washington, Wilmington, and Morehead City, to assist any persons planning development in the coastal area. These permit officers will assist persons in identifying projects which require the CAMA permit and will provide information on other state, federal and local permits. Information is also available at the NRCD Coastal Management Office in Raleigh at 919-733-2293. The local permit officer is Keith Haskett who can be contacted in Tax Department located in the Perquimans County courthouse.

"This (CAMA) permitting system is going to protect the vital natural resources for which the Coastal Area Management Act was designed," said Dr. Parker Chesson, Chairman of the Coastal Resources Commission. "With the tremendous assistance of local governments over the past years, I think we've developed as reasonable a program as we could."

"The system is not perfect at this point, and we'll be watching it closely over the next few months, working to coordinate it with other programs as much as possible and to simplify it."

Tommy Gray, Chairman of the Coastal Resources Advisory Council said, "The Coastal Area Management Act permit program marks a whole new beginning in terms of land use planning for the whole state. We're seeing the culmination of a lot of work on the part of local governments and I think we're beginning to sense the responsibility we have for good land use planning in our state."

The CAMA permit for major development activities will be let by the Coastal Resources Commission while local governments, participating in the CAMA permit program, will handle minor development permits.

A major development permit will be needed if the development requires another state permit, contains a land or water area in excess of 20 acres, contains a structure in excess of 60,000 square fect, or involves drilling or excavating for natural resources. Minor development permits will be issued by local governments for all other development activities in areas of environmental concern.

Designated areas of environmental concern consist primarily of the estuarine system, ocean hazard areas, public water supplies, and fragile coastal natural resource areas.

The estuarine system includes estuarine waters, coastal wetlands, public trust areas, and estuarine shorelines.

Ocean hazard areas include ocean beaches, frontal dunes, inlet lands, and other areas in which geologic, vegative, and soil conditions indicate a substantial possibility of erosion or flood damage.

Public water supplies include small surface supply watersheds and public water supply well fields.

Fragile coastal natural resource areas include coastal complex natural areas, unique geologic formulations, and coastal areas that sustain remnant species. Designation of these fragile areas will be done in the future on a case-by-case basis.

Persons who proceed with development in a designated area of environmental concern without a permit will violate the CAMA if subsequent determination is made that a CAMA permit is required. Penalties may be up to $1,000 or 60 days or both.

Senior citizens receive aid

More than 3,000 senior citizens in Region R received help from the Area Agency on Aging during the first quarter of the current fiscal year.

The Area Agency on Aging receives money each October 1 from Title III of the Older Americans Act to provide services to persons 60 years of age and older. These services are provided by the Economic Improvement Council, the sub-contractor of the Title III Aging Program in the 10-county Albemarle area.

The Area Agency on Aging in State Planning Region R is the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Available services include transportation for medical assistance, public agency assistance, special senior functions, shopping, and banking; in-home services such as visitation, telephone communication, and minor tasks; small home repair; and employment counseling.

Overall, 2,522 senior citizens in Region R received transportation services, 469 received in-home services, 133 received small home repair, and 57 received employment counseling.

ESEA consultant visits schools

Emmett Kimbrow, Consultant with ESEA Title I for school district 1 was in Perquimans County Feb. 21 to observe and review the local ESEA Title I program.

Kimbrow visited classes, talked with teachers and aides, and had a luncheon meeting with members of the local Title I Parent Advisory Council.

He expressed his pleasure with the local program and said he was especially impressed with the work of the Parent Advisory Council.

FIRST PLACE WALKER — Chief John Krause with the Chief Petty Officers Association, Elizabeth City chapter, is shown presenting a $50 savings bond to Sarah Nixon, student at Perquimans County High School. She was first place in pledges collected for the recent Walk-A-Thon sponsored by the PCHS Health Careers Club to benefit Unitzd Cerebral Palsey.

PRESENTATION MADE — Placing second in pledges collected in the recent walk for Cerebral Palsey was Toni Divers. Above, she receives a $25 savings bond, from Sandra Middleton representing the Coast Guard Officers Wives' Club of Elizabeth City. (Staff photos by Kathy M. Newbern)