

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Town Council hears reports

All members were present when Mayor W.D. (Bill) Cox presided over the regular meeting of the Town Board of Commissioners on April 3.

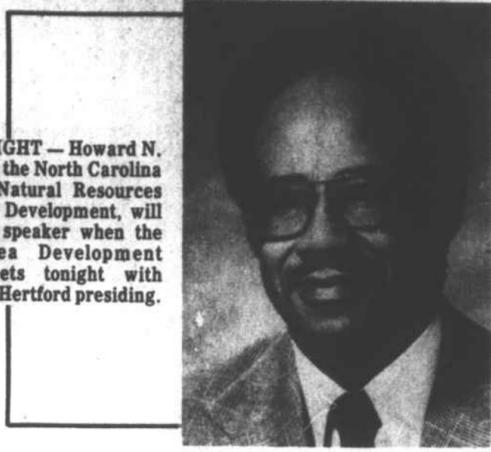
The Board heard a report on ABC store sales for the month of March. A monthly report of activities was also presented by Chief Marshall Merritt for the Hertford Police Department. Also reporting was Howard Capps, Planner, who presented an update on progress in the King Street Community Development Program.

The Board agreed to hold public hearings on zoning extra-territorial area and to submit application to HUD for funds to continue community development for 1978-79. The Board also authorized repair of the municipal piers on Punch Alley.

On motion, the Board approved: inspection fees to be charged by the Codes Inspector and authorized a copy of fees to be published in the local newspaper; authorized the purchase of six additional monitors for the Hertford Fire Department.

The Board also agreed that input from the public was needed in naming the Recreation Park to be located on Grubb Street. It was agreed that official entry blanks would be made available to the public to submit ideas for naming the park. These blanks are to be filled out and submitted to either the Town Clerk or the Recreation Director with 5 p.m. April 21 being the deadline. A prize will be awarded to the individual submitting the name selected for the park.

**TO SPEAK TONIGHT** — Howard N. Lee, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, will be the featured speaker when the Albemarle Area Development Association meets tonight with Wayne Ashley of Hertford presiding.



## Howard Lee to address AADA

Howard N. Lee, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, will be the guest speaker at the April 13 meeting of the Albemarle Area Development Association to be held at the Soundview Restaurant in Washington County.

A native of Georgia, Lee was appointed to his present post by Governor Jim Hunt in January, 1977. As Secretary, Lee administers a broad range of programs, including

marine fisheries, forestry, community employment, housing and state parks. His department has approximately 2,000 employees and administers state and federal operational funds and grants of over \$200 million annually.

AADA president Wayne Ashley of Hertford urges all county directors, town and county officials and interested citizens in the Albemarle area to attend the meeting which will begin tonight at 7 p.m.

## NCDOT crews work on bridge

**RALEIGH** — North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) officials have issued a warning to motorists traveling on NC-12 across the Herbert C. Bonner Bridge spanning the Oregon Inlet.

Motorists are urged to watch for bridge maintenance crews at work on the 12,864-foot long structure.

NCDOT maintenance crews are on the bridge working to strengthen four piers, weakened by shifting inlet currents that are lowering the inlet bed.

"We will have additional crews on the job working 10-hour days, seven days a week till the job is done," declared Jimmy D. Lee, NCDOT's Bridge Maintenance Chief.

"Holes will be cut through the bridge deck and additional steel piles will be driven to strengthen the four bents," explained Lee.

Through traffic will be maintained on the bridge by use of traffic signals that will guide the motorists around the construction site, but some traffic delays can be anticipated.

Repairs to the Hubert C. Bonner Bridge, the second longest bridge in North Carolina, are expected to be completed by May 1.

Preliminary cost estimates to repair the bridge over the Oregon Inlet have been set at \$100,000.

## Reception planned for doctor

Hertford's new doctor, Dr. Ernesto Lazaro, opened his practice at the Hertford Medical Clinic on April 3. Office hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. The office is closed on Thursday afternoons.

In an effort to officially welcome the doctor and his family to the community, a reception in their honor will be held Sunday, April 16 from 3-5 p.m. at Hertford Grammar School.

Sponsoring the reception are the Perquimans County Economic Development Association and the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Medical Committee.

All local residents are invited to attend the reception and meet the doctor and his family.

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

First on the agenda was a status report on the investment of capital reserve funds for school construction.

In related matters, the Board heard a report on the 1977-78 budget and approved two budget amendments. Discussion on the coming year's budget was held with no action being taken.

Banking services were also discussed with no action taken.

On personnel matters, the Board met with William D. Tice and Gary Q. Stubbins, principals at Hertford Grammar School and Perquimans Union School to discuss faculty in ex-

ecutive session. No action was taken.

In program areas, the Board was advised of plans to initiate a community based alternative program. Discussion was also held on the community education program.

In unfinished business, members of the Board discussed requirements in high school diplomas and requirements for graduation. The Board discussed using different diplomas and changing the number of units required for a student to graduate from high school. Also in the same area, the Board discussed Governor Hunt's concept to initiate a residence math-science high school in North Carolina for gifted and/or talented students.

The county and state testing programs were reviewed and a student

progress report from Perquimans Union School was presented.

Superintendent Pat Harrell reviewed with the Board his recent visit to the Newport News, Va. schools to observe teacher training program.

In the area of administrative operations, the Board accepted the bid from William Felton for demolition and removal of the Perquimans High School athletic field fence. Bids are anticipated soon on construction of a new fence.

Sam Ashford, Board architect, then met with Board of Education members to review the plans for the proposed field house at Perquimans High. On motion made and passed, the Board accepted the plans conditional upon approval from the Division of School planning and in-

structed the architect to proceed with plans and advertise for bids on April 24.

Ashford then reviewed with the Board plans for the proposed renovation and new construction at Perquimans High School.

An update report was given on the proposed tri-county career center pointing out that the three counties may be eligible to receive a small plan grant from the state to assist in developing a complete proposal for consideration by private and public agencies.

On action taken, the Board approved the 1978-79 school calendar. Teachers will report for work on Aug. 16 with Aug. 25 being student orientation day. The first full day for students will be Aug. 28.

## Board of Education reviews several areas at meeting

## First CAMA permits are let

The first Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) permits for minor development projects were issued for designated coastal areas of environmental concern in the first month of the new CAMA permitting program.

The designated coastal areas of environmental concern comprise less than three percent of the land

and most of the water in the 20 counties in the coastal area.

Estimates from CAMA permit field coordinators were that four minor development permits had been issued and 47 were being reviewed. There were 19 applications for major development permits being reviewed in the period mentioned.

Minor development permit applications will have generally a 30-day processing time; major development permit applications will have a 90-day processing time unless a hearing is requested.

Major development projects are ones requiring another state permit, containing a land or water area in excess of 20 acres, containing a structure in excess of 60,000 square feet, or involving drilling or excavating for natural resources in designated areas of environmental concern.

Keith W. Haskett, permit letting officer for Perquimans County

reports that two local permit applications have been made, one of which is still being reviewed.

### ACTION TAKEN AT CRC MEETING

The North Carolina Coastal Resources Commission approved two regulations authorizing Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) general permits for construction projects in designated coastal areas of environmental concern, initiated prior to the permit changeover date of March 1, and for uncontested permit applications at its April 6 meeting held in Atlantic Beach. CAMA permit coordinators, located

at the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development field offices in Washington, Wilmington, and Morehead City, will sign the general permits.

The Coastal Resources Commission also considered examples of construction proposals for the new CAMA permit, being reviewed by local permit officers, in a report on the CAMA permitting program which began March 1.

The Commission will discuss the implications of proposals to withdraw water from the Chowan River or its tributaries on the Albemarle Sound drainage basin at its May 23 meeting in Nags Head.

## Chamber seeks info

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce is in the process of compiling a list of civic organiza-

tions in Perquimans County and the chairman or president of each.

In addition to civic groups, the Chamber would also like to have the names of community chairmen for the numerous charity organizations such as the Cancer Society and Heart Fund.

Those chairmen are urged to contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 426-5657 immediately with the information requested.

## Farmers to vote in referendum

All people in North Carolina who earn some income from field corn will have an opportunity to vote on establishing a self-assessment of one-fourth cent per bushel of corn on April 26. According to Richard H. Bryant, Agricultural Extension Chairman in Perquimans County, if the referendum passes, the assessment will apply to the next three corn crops, 1978-1980.

Bill Griffin, president of the association said the purpose of the self-assessment is to establish funds which would be used by the Corn Growers Association of North Carolina, Inc. to conduct programs related to improving corn marketing, research and educational programs. Decisions on how the funds would be used will be made by the 24-member board of directors representing all areas of North Carolina.

There will be polling places in Perquimans County according to Bryant. These will be located at the

County Office Building, J & N Supply Co., Hertford Supply, Hertford-FCX, Belvidere Farmers Exchange, and Moody Harrell and Sons.

In the past few months, farmers have been asking many questions about what the farm bill would include, what will happen with the aflatoxin situation, and what prices can be expected for corn this fall, according to Bryant. The Corn Growers Association could have some input into the decision making on all these topics at both the local and federal levels.

On this same day, farmers will also cast their ballots on the following referendums that are already in effect — swine, beef cattle, and eggs.

"I hope each person who deals in these products will take the few minutes it takes to vote. Please vote and sign the voter register that will be located at the polling places. You may vote at any of the polls," Bryant concluded.

## Heritage Week set for April 23-29

Thousands of North Carolinians will join the state's First Lady Carolyn Hunt, in recognizing North Carolina Heritage Week April 23-29. Mrs. Hunt, who has been named chairperson for the week, will visit the Kannapolis City Schools April 26 to observe activities taking place in observance of the week.

This year's celebration will focus on the arts. Several community festivals have already been scheduled and a number of exhibitions are planned to include North Carolina music, art, crafts, dance and drama. The Department of Public Instruction encourages all

schools and colleges within the state to cooperate by giving special emphasis to the study of North Carolina culture. Business and industry will also be involved in the special week by offering promotions of North Carolina products and display arts and crafts in shop windows.

Heritage Week is sponsored each year by the Department of Public Instruction to provide Tarheels an opportunity to celebrate their state's heritage and to increase their awareness and appreciation of the state's history, arts, crafts and music.

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**SELECTED TO ATTEND GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL** — Perquimans County School officials were informed this week that Charles Michael Bullard has been selected to attend the 1978 summer session of Governor's School. The special program, held annually on the campus

of Salem College at Winston-Salem, N.C., offers special study for gifted and/or talented students in the state of North Carolina. Bullard will be concentrating his studies in the area of natural science. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Bullard of Hertford. (Staff photo)