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ALBEMARLE EMC YOUTH TOURISTS — One of the first stops on last week's 1978 Youth Tour to Washington for the 37 North Carolina high school students on the trip was the Mall of the Smithsonian Institution. The tour, which is sponsored by North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations, featured

visits with members of the Tar Heel Congressional delegation and stops at major historic monuments and government buildings. The two young people on the tour representing Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation were: (l. to r.) Celeste Gwendolyn Wescott of Camden and Bonnie Rae Sanderlin of South Mills.

Tour Washington

RALEIGH — Bonnie Rae Sanderlin of South Mills and Celeste Gwendolyn Wescott of Camden, joined other young North Carolinians last week for the 1978 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. June 11-16.

They won the expense-paid trip by competing in a contest sponsored by Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, headquartered in Hertford.

They joined approximately 1,000 young people from 21 states for the

tour of the nation's capital city.

During their stay, the Youth Tourists had individual appointments at their Congressmen's offices and attended the Broadway play, "Annie."

Among the points of interest they visited in the Washington area were the Pentagon, Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Zoo, the Library of Congress, the J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building and other government agencies.

Meeting planned for highways

RALEIGH — North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) officials will conduct a public meeting in Elizabeth City to provide area residents with an opportunity to participate in the annual update of the State's Highway Improvement Program.

Scheduled for 2 p.m. on Friday, June 30, the meeting will be held in the Pasquotank County Courthouse in Elizabeth City.

Division One, which encompasses Bertie, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Tyrrell, Washington, Perquimans, Dare, Currituck, Pasquotank, Camden, Gates, and

Chowan Counties, is represented on the North Carolina board of Transportation by T.G. Joyner of Garysburg and Marc Basnight of Manteo.

Basnight, who will chair the meeting, said, "This important meeting provides our region with the opportunity to make area transportation needs known to the board of transportation."

"It represents our commitment to fully involve the general public as well as the local leadership in planning for the future highway improvements," added Joyner.

The Highway Improvement Pro-

gram is a planned and programmed course for highway construction that balances anticipated revenues against estimated highway projects costs in the coming years.

The Elizabeth City meeting is one of 14 scheduled throughout the State to provide maximum possible citizen participation in the planning process to improve the North Carolina highway system.

The Highway Improvement Program is the department's basic planning document and includes project-son North Carolina's rural primary and urban highways (generally US

And NC numbered highways).

"These meetings are a key element in our State's partnership with the local communities in building a better North Carolina for all of our citizens," said Secretary of Transportation Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr. "We encourage and actively seek public participation in these meetings. I have instructed my staff to record all public comment at these meetings so that the suggestions and concerns voiced by the citizenry can be reported to the full Transportation Board for its consideration," concluded Bradshaw.

Congressmen rated favorably

BOSTON, VA. — Nine North Carolina Members of Congress have received favorable ratings from the American Security Council for consistently representing public opinion in the American Security Council's 1978 National Security Voting Index released recently. Included in the nine rated favorably were Senator Jesse Helms and Representative Walter B. Jones.

In that Index, Senator Helms received a rating of 100 percent compared to North Carolina Senator Robert Morgan, Democrat, who received an unfavorable 50 percent rating. Congressman Jones was among four representatives to receive a 100 percent rating also.

The Index tabulates individual

voting records of Members of Congress on major national security issues and compares these votes with public opinion on the same issues.

John Fisher, President of the Council, commented that "the people in North Carolina who are represented by these Members of Congress can be proud of the fact that so many of their elected representatives have consistently voted to maintain a strong U.S. defense posture."

These results were just released in the 1978 National Security Voting Index, which is published every two years by the American Security Council as a service to the public.

Covering key national security

votes during 1977 and early 1978, the National Security Voting Index compares voting records of Members of Congress to a national scientific sampling of all voting age Americans by Decision Making Information (DMI).

The DMI Poll revealed, for example, that 79 percent of the American public favors a defense posture of military superiority over the Soviet Union.

It is significant that the Defense Making Information Poll showed that Americans of differing political ideologies all strongly favor U.S. military superiority.

For instance, in the DMI Poll, 70 percent of the liberals favored U.S. superiority, together with 86 percent of the conservatives, and 80 percent of the moderates.

The American Security Council also conducts a National Security Issues Poll of opinion leaders throughout the nation, the results of which reinforce the DMI findings.

Fisher explained that the National Security Voting Index is an analysis of ten key Congressional and Senate

votes on important national security matters, including internal security, South Vietnam aid, the importation of Rhodesian chrome, the B-1 bomber, and the Panama Canal.

He went on to say, "During the past several months, experts and leaders from both major political parties and from practically every other walk of life have expressed increasing concern over the dangerous growth of Soviet military power and the reduced capability of the United States to oppose effectively the expansion of Soviet global influence. Ultimately, the most important decisions regarding our national security are made by Congress."

The American Security Council's role in preparing the Index is strictly that of analyst-reporter. The Council, which is headquartered in Boston, Va., is a non-profit research and educational organization devoted exclusively to national defense issues. Its members and contributors nationwide number approximately 225,000, with over 3,475 of those members in North Carolina.

Board of Education given updates

All members were present when the Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session Monday night.

The board reviewed the 1977-78 budget and the 1978-79 budget.

Also discussed was progress on the roofing project at Perquimans Central School and the athletic fence project at Perquimans High School.

In personnel matters, the Board approved the employment of Frances Hammer as part-time book-

keeper and Thomas Reid as a CETA worker. The Board also accepted the resignation of Dora Spruill.

Discussion was then heard on recent legislative appropriations and action.

A report was presented on the teacher-parent conferences held to review student testing results.

The Board approved an agreement with the Department of Social Services for school social workers.

Status reports were heard on the field house project and athletic fence project at Perquimans High School, the renovation and construction at the high school, and the tri-county career center.

Approval was given to list the Board meetings on the Perquimans County Marching Unit community calendar for the coming year.

The next regular meeting, scheduled for July 3, has been cancelled due to a conflict for Board

members attending another meeting.

Jaycees outline plans for July 4th celebration

The Perquimans County Jaycees have announced tentative plans for July 4th activities for the community.

The day's events will include a fish fry with Kenny Stallings as chairman, an "Anything Goes" activity headed by Julian "Boogie" Nixon,

countywide church service with club chaplain Wayne Winslow in charge, and the annual fireworks display supervised by Parker Newbern.

All activities will be held in the high school ballpark.

The fish fry will be held from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 per plate and

available from any Jaycee member.

Helping offset the expenses of the fireworks display this year are various local businesses and civic organizations.

More details of the July 4th events will be announced next week.



LEADERS OF SPONSORING CLUBS — The appreciation supper for firemen and rescue squad personnel, held Thursday night, was sponsored by the three Ruritan clubs

of Perquimans County. Their leaders pose above: (l. to r.) J. Wesley Harrell, Durants Neck Ruritan Club President; Frank McGoogan, Bethel Ruritan Club

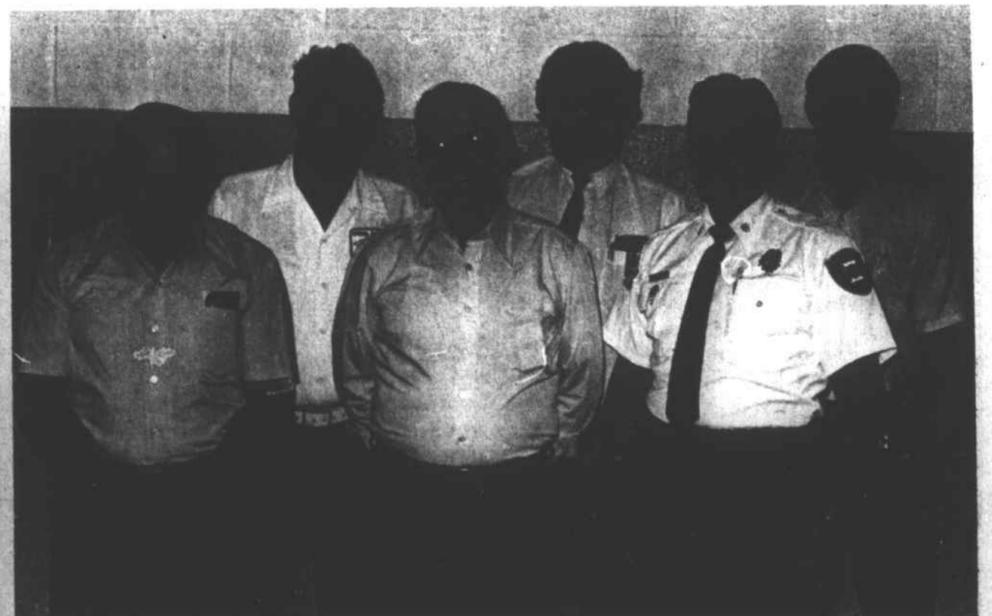
President; and George Roach, Parkville Ruritan Club Vice President.



SOME SPECIAL GUESTS — Some special Ruritan guests were present at Thursday's appreciation supper. Shown above with Penton Eure (center) are James Chambers

(left), Ruritan Zone II Governor; and Wilson E. Holland, Past District Governor of the Holland District. Holland represented Bob Wrenn, President of Ruritan National, at the

dinner. And Eure, a member of the Durants Neck Ruritan Club, served as chairman for the supper. Eure is also a past District Governor in the Ruritan organization.



REPRESENTING THE HONOREES — Representing the special men and women of the hour at Thursday night's appreciation dinner in their honor were their leaders shown above. They are (l. to

r.) Melvin Rountree, Inter-County Fire Department Chief; Emmett Elmore, Perquimans County Rescue Squad Captain; Harold Copeland, Belvidere Fire Department Assistant Chief; Wayne Winslow, Winfall

Fire Department Chief; Charlie Skinner Jr., Hertford Fire Department Chief; and Donald Hobbs, Bethel Fire Department Chief. (Staff photos by Kathy M. Newbern)