



UP CLOSE — North Carolina's Governor Jim Hunt (center) greets President Carter and Senator Robert Morgan as they arrive at the airport. Looking on is candidate John Ingram.

GREETING THE PRESIDENT — Many Wilson residents living along the route from the airport to downtown took advantage of their locations to get a glimpse of the president as he passed by in the motorcade. One family found some flag-waving atop a load of tobacco as one way to welcome the president.



SOME OPPOSITION — While President Carter was received warmly, supporters of Ingram's incumbent opponent still took advantage of the visit to do a little campaigning of their own such as this banner waving at a house just blocks from the site of the president's speech.



IN TOBACCO LAND — Governor Hunt, candidate Ingram, and N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham listen to the president's brief remarks during his afternoon visit to Grower's Warehouse in Wilson.

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sweeping lawn outside the library despite a slight drizzle. It had previously been announced by state democratic officials that over 40,000 visitors and townspeople were anticipated.

In his remarks, Carter praised the Democratic administration in North Carolina, did his bit to boost Ingram's campaign, and spent some time addressing areas of interest to farmers with emphasis placed on the tobacco issue.

Carter elicited laughter from the crowd when he jokingly said he had planned to bring HEW Secretary Joseph A. Califano Jr. along until discovering that Wilson is not only a large tobacco producing area, but also a large brick producer.

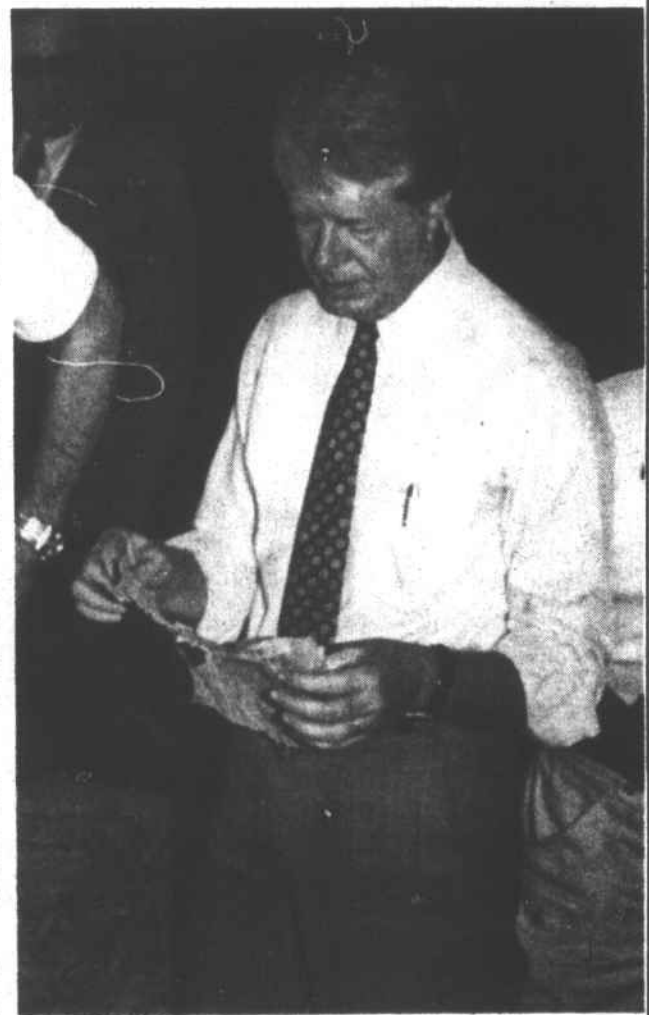
President Carter also pledged support for small farmers and for the federal tobacco price support and quota program. Twice during the day, he predicted

that farmers would see a 25 percent increase in net profits next year resulting in "\$5½ billion more in farmers' pockets."

Throughout his speech delivery, Carter was interrupted by chants from protestors saying, "Free the Wilmington 10." Carter drew the greatest response of the day when he reacted to the protestors with the following statement, "There is a time in our country to recognize basic human rights. One of those is the right to speak, or even to shout, when others are trying to speak."

From the library, the president nudged his way through the hand shaking crowd, to go on to a private luncheon attended by top Democrats in the state.

His final appearance of the day was at Grower's Tobacco Warehouse where he participated in a mock auction and made brief comments praising North Carolina Secretary of Agriculture Jim Graham.



CLOSE EXAMINATION — Like any good buyer, President Carter closely examines some of the product as he participates in the mock auction at the Wilson tobacco warehouse. (Staff photos by Kathy M. Newbern and Paige Eure)



MAKING A POINT — President Carter employs some hand gesture in making a point supporting Ingram's bid for the U.S. Senate seat. Ingram, looking on, appears to approve.



SMILING REACTION — Governor Hunt and President Carter smile in reaction to a comment made at the tobacco warehouse by Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham (right).

Board acts on several matters in lengthy session

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

Curriculum changes and personnel matters were among action taken when the Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session Monday night with all members present.

In policy area, the Board approved policies and regulations to be included in a 1978-79 teacher handbook. The Board also discussed the need to develop a policy on employee retirement with no action taken.

Discussion was then held on changes in the open meetings law enacted by the 1978 session of the N.C. General Assembly. Three resignations from

employees were approved by the Board: Clara DuBois as ESEA reading teacher at Hertford Grammar, Elizabeth Thach as ESEA aide at Hertford Grammar (retirement); and Kathy Seagraves as teacher in the Perquimans Union gifted-talented program.

Two people were accepted for employment: Gladys Hall, community schools coordinator and Cynthia Buck, an EMR teacher at Perquimans Union. Assignments for 1978-79 were also discussed and Superintendent Pat Harrell pointed out that three positions in specialized remain to be filled for the coming year.

In program areas, Superintendent Harrell

then reviewed with the Board local student results in the state's annual testing program. In addition, he shared results of local testing of students in grades 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10 which were not included in the annual testing program. He pointed out that for these students a mental ability test and an achievement test were given to obtain the students' anticipated achievement levels and their actual achievement. The results were given in grade equivalencies and showed all students in those grades performing above their anticipated level. Superintendent Harrell said, "That's telling me that kids are learning, that students are achieving even though we

may be below norms in some cases."

Returning his attention to the annual testing results, Harrell said, "Our scores at the ninth grade are among the lower in the region. But I'm an optimist. There are some bright spots in all of this."

In other program areas, the new band program for the coming year was discussed briefly to outline public opinion and the Board later discussed housing the program in classroom space at the old ag. building at Union School. This space, Harrell said, would allow practice away from other classrooms thus preventing any disturbance. The Board then ap-

proved a suggestion by Harrell to invited Brooks Whitehurst to address the Board concerning industry and its role in public education. Whitehurst is employed with Texas Gulf Sulphur and is on a leave of absence to work with educators in this area.

A program proposed by local Lions Clubs was then discussed and approved. Following a pilot program operated in the Edenton-Chowan School System last year, Lions are expanding their program to perform eye screening on every pupil in local systems. Approved for local implementation, the program will start with kindergarten students and work up anticipating to go through sixth grade.

Two curriculum areas were discussed with action taken on both. First, the Board approved requiring three units of mathematics for graduation from Perquimans High School instead of the existing requirement of two units. Second, the Board approved a pre-algebra program to be initiated in the coming school year at PCHS. This would be a two-year program moving at a "slower pace" than the current algebra curriculum. Students would be identified by administrators.

Superintendent Harrell also told the Board that three additional reading aides will be employed with CETA funds if qualified people can be

found, two to join Hertford Grammar and one going to Perquimans Central Grammar.

Status reports were then heard on construction and renovation at Perquimans High, the high school athletic fence project, and the high school field house project.

Storage needs were briefly discussed following an appearance by the Board at the Monday morning meeting of the County Commissioners. No action was taken.

In administrative operations, milk bids for 1978-79 were awarded to Sealtest, the lowest of the three bidders. The Board accepted their bid of \$1.1 for a half-pint of plain, skim or chocolate milk.

Also, the Board approved lunch and breakfast prices for the coming year, remaining the same as last year: lunch — K-8, 50 cents; 9-12 55 cents; reduced, 20 cents; and adult, 70 cents; breakfast — paid, 25 cents; reduced, 10 cents; and adult, 35 cents. Discussion was also held on the food services program in general for the coming year.

The Board approved the auction of surplus items and equipment on hand to be held Aug. 26 at Union School.

Following the regular meeting, the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters with no action being taken.