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## Alliance discuss data processing

By TONY M. JORDAN

The Alliance for Progress met Monday night at 6:30 in the new Gates County Community Education Center to discuss, along with other business, the possibility of data processing becoming a reality in the six county alliance of which Perquimans County is a member. The other members are Chowan, Gates, Bertie, Hertford and Martin counties.

form of grants from the state. This would have not imposed much, if any, cost on the benefitting recipients.

It was then that studies were taken in the area to see whether the counties could profit through the computer system. The reports came back conclusive that using the computers would be profitable. In order to initiate the project, it will involve the cooperating counties applying for a loan.

At present, three of the six members have committed itself to data processing by contract. Farm Home Administration is now

negotiating with Executive Director Richard Baker and L.M. Brinkley, acting chairman until January.

The question came up whether a county commissioner could make a 10 year commitment on the county he represents. The group was informed there was no definite commitment until a contract had been signed. There was a little pressure from the three committed counties to get a fourth to join their ranks. The cost per county would drop from \$11,000 to \$8,500 with a fourth member and around \$6,000 if all six join.

Ben Graham, attorney of law, pointed out to the members that

some action must take place tonight. With this in mind, it was agreed that Baker and Brinkley would represent the group by signing documents, promissory notes, etc.

There are chances the money will be delayed a month and a half. In such case the interim money from a commercial bank will serve the purpose until the loan comes through.

In other business, Eugene Jordan reported for the International Transaction Committee. Jordan, who was very enthusiastic about the recent work in the committee, reasoned that we can't afford to let opportunities pass us by to export our products to Europe.

The key to success, as Jordan sees it, is delivering the product on time and in the condition expected by the Europeans. The fact that we are non-unionized and near a seaport enhances our chances of success.

In addition to our products it is thought our technology is also in high demand in certain parts of the world. Jordan finished by saying, 'International Transactions is one of the most important things to come before the Alliance for Progress.'

Ms. Beth Foushee explained the work of the Council on Developmental Disabilities. Its primary work is with mentally handicapped children

and adults. But CDD is a very flexible agency and will work with the individual county or area in whatever way the county wishes. Foushee said it worked much like a partnership.

Perquimans County School Superintendent, Pat Harrell, turned the Community Education report to Brewster Brown. Brown stated with an increase of funds it is important to check where the money goes so it may benefit more people.

Last on the agenda was a tour through the newly built Community Center beside the Gates County High School. It included a number of classrooms, a vinyl-poured basketball court and locker rooms.

Data processing has been the six-year old organization's longest running project. At first, there was hope the group would receive aid in the



**DEMOCRATS FOR INGRAM** — An enthusiastic group gathered at the Perquimans County Courthouse Monday, October 23 to distribute Ingram pamphlets, posters, and other campaign material across the coun-

ty. With the election coming closer people of the town are supporting their candidates more earnestly. Be sure you use your right to vote on Tuesday, November 7. (Staff photo by Tony Jordan)



**RUSTLING LEAVES** — As the chill of winter moves in on us the trees bare themselves once again to the harsh north wind. Before they do, we

can admire their colors and truly believe that this is a magical world. (Staff photo by Tony Jordan)

## Deadline extended

By Tony M. Jordan

William Nixon, president of the Perquimans County Restoration Association for the Newbold-White House, and R.L. Stevenson, Finance Chairman for the association, announced Tuesday that the November 1 fund-raising deadline has been extended until December 1.

Stevenson, who is heading the local campaign to raise \$25,000 making the project eligible for that same amount in matching state funds, said Monday, 'The deadline for the project has been extended due to the fact that local contributions have been lagging.'

The past week has shown a remarkable improvement in gifts to the campaign. A total of \$10,785 had been raised prior to last week. The new total of \$16,010 brings the objective of \$25,000 within striking distance.

Much of the funding so far has come from outside of Perquimans County. Besides former residents, there have been grants from The Smith-Richardson Foundation, National Park Service, North Carolina Legislature and Parks and Recreation.

Stevenson noted pledges payable within the next six months are now being taken and will be counted to the final goal. These may be made verbally by calling Stevenson at 426-5213 or by sending your letter to: P.O. Box 318, Hertford, NC 27944.

## Meeting attended

Pat Harrell, superintendent of the Perquimans County Schools, attended a statewide superintendent conference in Raleigh October 31-November 2. The three-day conference sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction's Division of Development and the Office of Federal Relations was held at the McKimmon Extension Center at N.C. State University.

John F. Jennings, counsel for the subcommittee on elementary, secondary and vocational education (U.S. House of Representatives), kicked off the conference at noon on Tuesday. Presenters of outstanding demonstration projects from across the nation were honored Tuesday night at the new Athens Drive High School.

Sessions were focused on the latest federal legislation related to education as well as guidelines for Titles I and IV. Representatives from across the nation presented over fifty demonstration projects to the conference participants.



**INGRAM IS COMING TO HERTFORD NOV. 3-4**

## Local man injured; brother killed in accident



**ACCIDENT KILLS ONE** — Marvin Lee Sawyer, 17, of Rt. 6 Elizabeth City died early Sunday morning in a one vehicle accident in Pasquotank County on State Road 1136, 6.6 miles from Elizabeth City. James Garrison Sawyer, 23, driver of the 1977 Chevrolet pickup and brother of Marvin Sawyer was carried to

Albemarle Hospital and quickly transferred to Norfolk General where he is listed in critical condition. Michael Ray Lane of Elizabeth City, also in the truck, received minor injuries in the crash. Patrolman Cook, reporting the accident at 12:10 a.m. Sunday morning, published in his statement that the

driver, traveling south, took a curve at a high speed, skid 30 feet on the road, 45 feet on the shoulder, 30 feet in the ditch and 50 feet on the right side of the ditch. The truck then became airborne, bounced and struck a parked truck owned by Louis Twiford. (Staff photo by Tony Jordan)

## Court has interruptions

**HERTFORD** — Tommy Allen Whitehurst, 21, convicted of the break-in at Scotties Store in the Harris Shopping Center on October 4, escaped from the custody of Sheriff Broughton last Wednesday. He was recaptured by Broughton with the aid of Officer James Logan near the King Street section of Perquimans County High School within 15 minutes after the breakout.

The incident occurred at 1:30 p.m. on the opening day of the trial in which Whitehurst was convicted of felonious larceny, felonious breaking and entering, and an accessory

## 'Overcharge'

**HERTFORD** — The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce urges local citizens to sign the petition opposing the recent VEPCO rate increase. 'Operation Overcharge' as it is being called by organizers is now in full swing across the 22 county area.

Richard S. Coiner, president of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, said all the petitions must be in by November 15. A personal appeal to the governor is scheduled for late November. The goal is to get 25,000 signatures.

Petitions can be found in most businesses in Hertford and many of the country stores throughout Perquimans county. The last date to sign in this county is Nov. 10.

after the fact of the breaking and entering.

Broughton removed Whitehurst from the cell in which he shared with another inmate so the latter could have privacy with a visitor. He was next seen running down King Street. Officer Logan chased him on foot and arrested him near the Edenton Road-King Street intersection.

**HERTFORD** — Superior Court was interrupted last Wednesday by

an anonymous phone call claiming that a bomb would explode in the Perquimans County Court House at 10:30 a.m. The call was received by one of the secretaries in the office of the Clerk of Court, Jarvis Ward. Ward forwarded the information to Sheriff Julian Broughton. Judge Seay was notified of the call and the courtroom was cleared. At 10:45 courtroom proceedings began where they left off 15 minutes earlier.



**LOCAL FIRE** — A fire broke out early Saturday morning completely destroying a house across from Wynne Fork Courts outside of

Hertford. None of the occupants were injured. The source of the fire has not been determined. (Staff photo by Tony Jordan)