

Committee of 100 unveils brochure

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
"Perquimans County,
North Carolina...worth com-

ing to for a short visit or for
a lifetime," is the leading
paragraph in the county's

newest brochure; the first
full-color, quad-folded offer-
ing of its kind.

Developed through the
Perquimans County Com-
mittee of 100 the brochure
highlights the historical as-
pects of the county and ac-
centuates the agricultural,
educational, recreational
and industrial potential
available in the area.

The brochure bills Perqui-
mans County as 'the county
of contrasts' and features in-
formation on education and
technical training, agricul-
ture, market area and pop-
ulation, financial and bank-
ing resources, availability of
medical services, transporta-
tion, housing and life-
styles, climate averages, in-
dustry and work force
statistics, utilities, historical
background and recreation.

The use of graphic art in
the brochure depicts a com-
fortable lifestyle for resi-
dents of the county focusing
on the Perquimans River.

The presentation is spon-
sored by a variety of local
interests including the Com-
mittee of 100, with assis-
tance from the Perquimans
County Chamber of Com-
merce.

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the Perquimans County In-
dustrial Development Com-
mission.

Copies of the brochure are
available at the Perquimans
County Chamber of Com-
merce Office, located in the
Hertford Municipal Building
on Grubb Street.



Commission accepts concept for development office

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
The Albemarle Commission
voted last Thursday night to ac-
cept the concept of a program
that will provide economic de-
velopment planning in the ten-
county region covered by the
commission.

The concept calls for an of-
fice of economic development
planning to be operated at the
Albemarle Commission building
in Hertford that will aid in the
recruitment of industries into
the area.

According to Patrick Kelly,
who currently oversees the Job
Training Partnership Act
(JTPA) program and Small
Business Association 503 Pro-
gram through the Albemarle
Commission, one of the funda-
mentals of the commission is to
attract industry, and the imple-
mentation of this program will
be a positive step in that direc-
tion for the region.

"We have a lot of the nec-
essary tools available through
the commission to establish this
type of program," Kelly stated
Tuesday, commenting on the
two programs that he currently
oversees. Kelly will become the
economic development planner
for the new office upon the ac-
ceptance of the concept by the
full membership at their Sep-
tember meeting.

Funding for the new program
would come from state grants

and area industrial organiza-
tions that will comprise the pro-
jected \$94,541.00 budget for the
first year of operation, with
most of the money already ap-
propriated for the project.
Funding for the first three
years of the project has been
already been targeted by the
commission.

The responsibilities of the of-
fice will include active indus-
trial recruitment, which will en-
tail marketing Region R to
potential industrial clients and
assisting localities, counties and
industrial development groups
in luring industry into the Albe-
marle area. Kelly pointed out
that the office will not try to
pinpoint one specific site for de-
velopment, but will work to en-
tail industry into the entire
area.

The responsibilities of admin-
istering the JTPA program and
the Small Business Loan pro-
gram will also come under the
office, as will the Private In-
dustry Council and the Albe-
marle Development Authority.

The office will work to advise
local governments on the for-
mulation of economic develo-
ment policy and will administer
any Community Development
Block Grants and Economic De-
velopment Block, etc. under
contract with the Albemarle
Commission.

Brewin creates new feature for paper

Alice Brewin, age 11, has be-
come the newest and youngest
feature writer for The Perqui-
mans Weekly with the begin-
ning of her new column "Kids
Korner" in this week's edition
of the paper.

Alice, the daughter of Margar-
et Brewin of Hertford, will en-
ter the sixth grade at Hertford
Grammar School this fall.

Aside from her strong inter-
ests in writing and drawing Al-
lice also enjoys sticker collect-
ing, swimming and tennis.

Her column will appear as a
weekly feature in the paper on
the school page, and will fea-
ture stories and drawings that
will be enjoyed by children and
adults as well.

Alice will be aided in her ef-
forts by a fellow sixth grader,

Bridget Twine, daughter of
Jimmy Twine and Carolyn
Twine.



Alice requested the feature
because she felt that the paper
should offer a spot that's "just
for kids."

Social Services Dept. receives grant

By JANE B. WILLIAMS
The Perquimans County Com-
missioners voted Monday night
to accept \$10,000 per year for
the next two years from the
State of North Carolina for the
Perquimans County Depart-
ment of Social Services to aid
in the investigation of child
abuse and neglect cases in the
county.

The money is a portion of the
\$1-million biennial appropriation
set up the state legislature ear-
lier this year, and must be used
to set up a new child protective
service position or to fund a re-
cently established child protec-
tive service position.

Perquimans County deter-
mined a need for a full-time
position in this field last year and
the commissioners have been
funding the program locally
since August, 1984.

Eligibility requirements for
the funding called for accep-
tance by the County Commis-
sioners and required that the
money be spent within state
mandated guidelines.

According to Paul Gregory,
director of Social Services in
Perquimans County, his office
averages five to seven cases of
child abuse or neglect investi-
gations per week. Currently he
has two social workers in his of-
fice that investigate those re-
ports, with one worker spending
65 to 70 percent of her time on
child investigations and the
other concentrating on the in-
vestigations about 40 percent of
her working hours.

Gregory pointed out to the
board that these investigations
take more time for a social
worker than any other type of
investigation handled by the de-
partment.

Gregory stated that most of
the calls are unsubstantiated,
but that there is a definite prob-
lem throughout the area with
child abuse and neglect.

He stated that poverty does
not breed child abuse or ne-
glect, but that it is created by
family stress situations. Cases
in the county have involved
children from ages six months
through 17 years old in various
economic situations.

Gregory said that the situa-
tion usually occurs when family
stress cannot be handled by an
individual and their emotions
are taken out on the children in
the household, however he was
quick to add that there are no
classic cases of abuse and ne-
glect.

The job of the social worker
is to go out and help the family
to deal with their problems and
frustrations in a healthy man-

ner. According to Gregory in
the eight years that he has been
associated with the department
they have only taken custody of
children from five families, and
that in each case except two the
children were returned to their
homes.

Under state law a child can
only be removed from his or
her family if their life is in dan-
ger, Gregory added. He sees
this as a positive step to insure
that each family receives fair
treatment under the law. Greg-
ory stated that there are several
services offered through his
department to aid families in
overcoming the abuse-neglect
problem.

Reports of child abuse and

neglect are taken by Gregory
or a social worker in the de-
partment during normal operat-
ing hours. At night or on week-
ends reports should be made to
the Sheriff Department, the
Perquimans County Dispatcher
or the town Police Department
and information will be for-
warded to a social worker.

In the near future a beeper
system will be set up in the dis-
patch office to notify the De-
partment of Social Services of a
case during non-office hours.
The beeper system was ap-
proved earlier this month by
the commissioners, and accord-
ing to Gregory the equipment is
on order.

Merchants sponsor fashion show

"A Fall Full of Fashion," a
fashion show sponsored by
Hertford merchants, gave a
preview of the styles and colors
to come Saturday afternoon at
the Holiday Island Clubhouse.

The show, coordinated by
Judy Christensen of Darden De-
partment Store, highlighted the
various fashion outlooks that
will be available to consumers
of all ages in Perquimans
County for the upcoming sea-
son.

Models representing vari-
ous stores paraded the aisle in
striking bold colors, with
shades of purple predominating
the show. Sportswear and
dresswear for men, women and
children showed off the sophis-
ticated look that will be preva-
lent this fall.

Represented in the showing
were Darden Department Store,
Quality Clothing Outlet, White's
Dress Shop, Woodland Dress
Shop, and Youthland.

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