

Support After A Major Storm

Friday action by the Coastal Resources Commission means that coastal towns and counties will get state support as they begin planning for rebuilding after a major storm. At its August 26-27 Wilmington meeting, the Commission concluded eighteen months of study and two public hearings by voting unanimously to develop guidelines for coastal communities to use in post-disaster reconstruction planning.

"The necessity of planning for disasters and the rebuilding effort which follows has been underscored by everyone who addressed the Commission," said J. Parker Chesson, Jr., Chairman. "Now these guidelines will help our coastal communities make important decisions for the future. The Commission will also be developing state policies to guide reconstruction when issues affect the entire coastal area. We will bring these policies back to the people and local governments for a thorough public discussion of these choices."

The Commission voted that plans developed by communities and counties must establish policies on the most important post-disaster issues including utility and rights-of-way relocations, sound engineering practice for construction, local plans for public works projects and resubdivision of lots into adequately sized lots. These issues must be addressed in the local plans although specific decisions about how best to accomplish the goals are left to the local governments. Once the local policies are set, state and federal agencies and public utilities are bound by law to comply with them.

In other action, the Commission agreed to take several important issues to public hearing at its next meeting. Among the hearing topics will be a proposal

to no longer require permits for certain kinds of minor development involving public trust or estuarine waters. Another proposed rule change would allow estuarine bulkheads to reclaim more than one year's erosion when smaller bulkheads are impractical. Procedural rules on hearings, civil assessments and rule-making will also be covered in the October 7-8 meeting. The meeting site has not yet been set.

In committee action, the Commission directed that studies be completed on ways to improve and create public beach areas along the shorelines of the coastal sounds. The Commission also directed staff to draft policies which would forbid the mooring of floating homes in the waters of coastal North Carolina for consideration at the next meeting. The ban was proposed because the structures pose navigation and pollution threats and interfere with the use and enjoyment of public waters.

In a major address Natural Resources and Community Development Secretary Joseph W. Grimsley told the Commission that the continued funding of the Coastal Area Management Act was essential to the future well-being of the coast. "You don't have to look far to see the value of coastal management in North Carolina," Grimsley said. "Other states have left their coast and its resources to chance and now are overcrowded, polluted and at the mercy of the next big storm."

Grimsley noted that there are special problems and issues on the coast. "These issues arise from the area's popularity and its delicate and productive system of land and water. With CAMA, North Carolina has a tool for finding answers to these and other important decisions for our future," Grimsley added.

Vanceboro Hires Chief Of Police



Mayor Morris, Alton Whitley, William Jewell

Jewell-New Chief

William Henry Jewell and Cynthia will be making their home in Vanceboro with their son, Steven. Mr. Jewell will be taking the job as Vanceboro's new Chief of Police. Mrs. Jewell is an LPN and is presently employed at the Aurora Medical Center.

Mr. Jewell was sworn in by Mayor Morris and Mr. Alton Whitley, Police Commissioner, last Thursday.

Mr. Jewell comes to Vanceboro with four years in law enforcement experience. He was a former Sgt. with the New Bern Police Department. He is presently involved with the National Guard holding the rank of Sgt.

He looks forward to giving the town good coverage and he has observed that Vanceboro is a nice quiet town and hopes to help keep it that way being available 24 hours per day to handle problems and information.

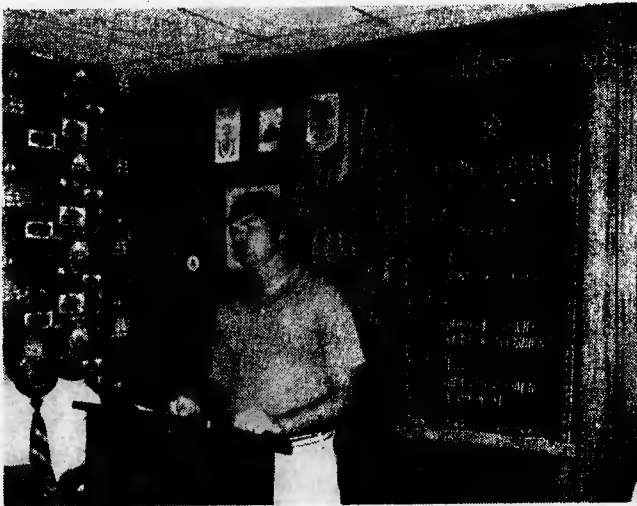
Mr. Whitley said, when asked for comment, "We feel we are very fortunate to get a man of Mr. Jewell's caliber as our police chief. I feel he is here to serve the people."

Coach Speaks To Rotary

Clay Jordan, Head Football Coach at West Craven High School, gave the Vanceboro Rotary Club a tally on West Craven Football. His guest was Norman Becton, #44, and Jimmy Blackburn, #63.

Jordan set the game plan for the group by first saying, "I'm not a speaker", but after he started talking about the football at West Craven you really couldn't tell he was not a speaker. He praised the coaching staff, the students, and athletes at West Craven. He pointed out that West Craven has four athletes playing with major colleges.

Jordan's football players have a winning attitude. No matter, win or lose, the coaches feel if the players give 100% they are winners and Jordan says his team does give 100%, and he is really proud of the effort that each member puts into the game.



Clay Jordan speaks to Rotary members

Jordan gave thanks to the communities for their support of athletics at West Craven. He encouraged everyone in the community to come out and enjoy the games.

Southern Region Chairman

North Carolina's Lieutenant Governor, Jimmy Green, was elected the Southern Region Chairman of the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors during their 21st annual meeting held in Orlando, Florida, August 23rd through August 26th. The Southern Region is made up of fifteen southern states and Puerto Rico. That makes Lieutenant Governor Green an officer and a member of the executive committee of the Conference.

The National Conference of Lieutenant Governors was established June 15, 1962, in Seattle, Washington. Its members came from all 50 states and the four territories. The general function of the Conference is to foster interstate cooperation and promote efficiency and effectiveness throughout state and territorial government administration. This year's executive committee is planning to oversee a special study on the office of Lieutenant Governor.

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