



CHEAP RIDE — Remember when you drove your 1925 Ford to the gas pump and could fill it up for next to nothing? The price of gas has changed as well as the look of the gas pumps. This pump in the Bethel Community next to a store brings back memories. (Sawyer Photo)

County School System Receives \$13,855 Grant

The State Board of Education has approved a grant of \$13,855 to be awarded the Perquimans County school system for

an experimental education project entitled "Assessment of Need". The new project is being funded under a

Department of Public Instruction program called State Experiments in Educational Development (SEED). Only nineteen such grants have been awarded for the 1974 fiscal year.

According to Mrs. Von Valletta Director of Development for the Department of Public Instruction, "the first SEED money was allocated by the 1971 General Assembly, and nineteen grants were awarded to local school systems for the 1971-73 biennium. The success of the program prompted the General Assembly to fund nineteen additional projects for 1974."

The nineteen projects were selected from a total of fifty-five proposals submitted by local school units across the State. A total of \$236,937 was awarded, with funding levels ranging from \$6,853 to \$22,640, based on the local school units request.

"Each SEED project will research a current educational need or problem," Mrs. Valletta. "The data collected as a result of the study can then be evaluated and successful educational practices can be spread."

NOTICE
The Perquimans County Board of Education will operate a kindergarten program in both Hertford Grammar School and Perquimans Central Grammar School beginning with the next school year.

All eligible children who have registered at one of these schools will be admitted.

This is a new program for the Perquimans County Schools. Every effort will be made to insure its success. It is felt that this additional program will prove to be an asset to the educational system of the county. Any questions concerning the program should be directed to the school office at either of the above mentioned schools.



Michelle Boyce And Her Horse

Taking Her Project Seriously Was Way

Four years ago, not realizing how much work and time was involved with a 4-H horse project, Michelle Boyce plunged in with full determination to learn. During these years she has been county champion for her 4-H Horse and Pony project 3 years, and winning this year at the Northeastern District 4-H Show enables her to compete at the 4-H State Horse Show in Raleigh Saturday July 7, 1973.

Her horsemanship has been cultivated through love and work. Training has been enjoyed because of Michelle's ability to understand her horse and its potentials to learn. Each work out between horse and trainer, showing learned progress has been a fulfilled reward for Michelle.

Owning "Sun's Candy Bar" for 1 1/2 years she has won over 30 trophies

and collected over 100 ribbons of accomplishments. Beginning to branch out her schooling Michelle has done some Junior judging at shows and is working this summer at a farm as Junior trainer and teacher.

Desiring to be an all-around champion with her horse, she rides Western and English and is also working over fences.

Michelle is 14 years old and a rising freshman at Perquimans High School lives at Rt. 1, Belvidere with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Boyce.

LEGION MEETS TONIGHT

The regular monthly meeting of Post 126 American Legion will meet tonight at 8 p.m. at the Post home. New Officers for the coming year will be sworn in. All members are urged to attend.

School Consortium Set

WINDSOR — Alliance For Progress, Inc., a regional six-county consortium to seek out additional funds to provide for the educational needs of the counties, is expected to begin work officially in mid-July.

Announcement was made this week of the naming of a director and the receipt of a grant to

provide funds in addition to the \$1 per pupil outlay which the participating counties have agreed to include in their new budgets.

A joint statement by Robert B. Spivey of Windsor, chairman of the Alliance, and Smith Bagley, president of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Inc. of Winston-Salem, revealed

that the Foundation will provide a grant of \$25,000 "to enable this organization to seek out discretionary educational funds from the Federal Government for use by the six-county consortium comprised of Hertford, Martin, Bertie, Chowan, Gates and Perquimans Counties." Dr. Dale Gramley, executive director of the

Reynolds Foundation, has worked with the group in securing the grant as has J. A. Pritchett of Windsor, a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Along with the grant announcement Spivey revealed that Richard Baker Jr., assistant superintendent of Bertie County Schools for the past four years and associated with the Bertie County School system for the past 10 years, will be director of the Alliance.

Baker was a leader in the study and discussion over a 19-month period which led to the formation of the Alliance. But both Baker and Spivey credit the cooperation of six superintendents, six boards of county commissioners and six boards of education with giving the idea their full cooperation and support.

As a matter of fact, Spivey says he has never seen so much cooperation and so much enthusiasm for a project. And he believes an indicator of the potential success for the Alliance is the enthusiasm and excitement which all agencies, both governmental and private, have shown when the idea was explained to them.

Spivey describes the Alliance as a group of counties having a lot of statistical information on

education which is alike. The Alliance will seek out educational funds for the purpose of trying to upgrade the educational level and to gear education to the needs of this area to meet the growth patterns of the area.

Baker, a resident and mayor of Harrellsville, came to the Bertie County School System as coordinator for the Industrial Cooperative Training program at Bertie Senior High School. He later served as personnel and vocational director for the county system and for the past four years has served as assistant superintendent in charge of federal programs, especially Title I.

He was chosen for a five-month internship program with the State Department of Public Instruction and he feels this was a highlight of his educational career because it enabled him to visit innovative and exemplary programs all over the country.

Office space for the Alliance is being prepared at the C. G. White School at Powellsville at a minimal rental fee to cover utilities. Baker will have an administrative assistant, Mrs. W. H. (Marge) Wynns of Powellsville. She has been office manager for the Title I programs in the county's schools since 1966. Prior to that she was a legal secretary.

Service Integration Introduced Here

A plan to integrate the Albemarle Mental Health Center and health and social services in Perquimans, Chowan, Pasquotank and Camden counties under one administrative unit was introduced here Tuesday night.

Supporters of the proposal believe it will be an avenue to less costly and more effective services for the citizens in a widely dispersed, low-population density region.

According to Charles Franklin, director of the Albemarle Mental Health Center, the integration of human services in the four-county area would be "the first operation of its kind in North Carolina and probably in the Nation."

Wesley Cullipher, Director of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission told last night's gathering that duplication and high administrative costs would be greatly reduced if the plan is implemented.

"We're talking about one budget instead of six and one bookkeeping system. It would only be necessary to have one audit, one purchasing agent and one telephone system," Cullipher said.

In addition, combined secretarial pools, one intake system for clients and one records system

were cited as advantages of the integrated approach to human services by Cullipher.

Presently, each of the four counties is served by a county Public Health Department with a single administration; all four are served by the Albemarle Mental Health Center and by four separately administered Social Services Departments.

A 26-member Human Resources Board will be charged with initial implementation of the program. Employment of a coordinator and a full-time Human Resource Director to manage and direct the entire system were cited as two primary functions of this board.

Only county commissioners will be permitted to exercise voting privileges on the board which also will be comprised of Directors of Health, Mental Health, Social Services and the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission and their respective Chairman of the Boards.

Support for the project has been voiced by David Flaherty, secretary of the state Department of Human Resources. A known advocate of total human services integration statewide, Flaherty has indicated that "state funds will be

available for a model project," according to Cullipher.

In addition, representatives of East Carolina University have offered any technical assistance needed for implementation of the program, Franklin said.

Because 70 per cent of the population in the four county area is located in Edenton and Elizabeth City, plans call for the location of a central facility to house integrated services in Elizabeth City.

A satellite center could be located in Edenton, if the Human Resources Board so chose, Franklin said.

Representatives from Chowan County were not present at the gathering due to continuing racial unrest in Edenton. Criticism of the proposal was heard, however, from Perquimans County Commissioner Thomas Nixon who expressed criticism of the program in general.

"If we plan on running this as a business then we should get rid of three of the four directors," Nixon said. He also stated that cost of the project could be three times more than is projected.

Franklin indicated that "When all four agencies are pulled together, there will be plenty of work for all four directors." He did not comment in depth

GOP Plan Out Of Date

North Carolina Republican Party Chairman, Frank A. Rouse, announced today the formation of the "Plan of Organization Committee" for the 1973 North Carolina Republican Convention.

Rouse stated in making the announcement that, "While our present Plan of Organization has stood the test of time, it is frankly out of date." He said, "I have

encouraged this committee to immediately schedule a

series of open, public meetings across the state so that our Plan of Organization

which will be presented to the State Convention will reflect the wishes of the majority of North Carolina Republicans."

Perquimans Personality

V. N. Darden

V. N. Darden is a native of Nasemond County Virginia and was born in a little community called Driver.

His father was a farmer and Darden 81-years of age is a merchant. He has been selling good to people of Perquimans County since the near beginning of the 20th century.

He came to the area to go to school. He got his first job in 1910. That was his first taste of North Carolina.

Later he went into business as a merchant

and the store was called Rutenberg Stokes and Darden general store.

The store as all stores in those days sold groceries, hardware and furniture.

After some partners sold out or retired Darden is the only partner still in the business.

Darden has served on the town council of Hertford and in 1938 he was elected mayor of the town. The duties were also those of a city manager.

Darden predicts that in years to come there will

Commissioners Action Monday

The Board of Perquimans County Commissioners set the tax rate at \$1.80 per hundred dollar assessed valuation for 1973-74 at their meeting on Monday.

The budget for the new year was adopted by the Board in the amount of \$1,733,271.

Carson Spivey was reappointed for a two year term to serve as senior tax supervisor.

D. F. Reed, Jr. was reappointed to serve as county accountant for a period of two years, also.

Directors for the Perquimans County Development Commission were appointed by the Board for three year terms. They were William D. Cox, Bradley Jennings, and Steve Perry.

be few independent merchants. He sees the chains taking over.

"The young fellow of today doesn't have the capital to invest in a big operations," he said.

Cases Heard

Judge George M. Fountain presided at the Perquimans County Superior Court and heard the following cases: Joseph Proctor vs Weyerhaeuser Co. - injuries sustained in logging January 27, 1969. Proctor was awarded \$20,000.00 by the court. An appeal was noted in the case and Bond was set at \$200.00;

Melvin Barrington, charged with fraud, received a 6 months sentence in the Perquimans County Jail and assigned to work under the supervision of the N.C. Department of Correction;

William Bowser, charged with assault inflicting serious injury, was given a 12 months sentence in the Perquimans County Jail which was suspended for a period of 3 years and placed on probation for that time. Special conditions included - pay as restitution to Harold Thompson the sum of \$1,200.00, and pay as follows: \$200.00 immediately, and pay \$100.00 on the first day of each month beginning August 1 at the Office of Clerk of Court, and costs of court;

Gerard Richardson Buchanan was found guilty of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor and received a 6 months sentence suspended for 2 years with the following conditions - 1. pay \$100.00 and costs, 2. remain of good behavior 3. surrender driver's license.

John Henry Davis, charged with assault, was ordered to serve 30 days in the Perquimans County Jail. Elizabeth Marie Faulk Ransom of Pasquotank County, charged with distributing 2 dosage units of LSD, was sentenced to 2 years in the Women's Division of the State Department of Correction; charged with distributing 10 dosage units of LSD and sentenced to 10 years in the Women's Division of the State Department of



JESSE HELMS

Helms Aid Visiting County

Senator Helms is being closely held in Washington due to the problems facing the country and he is sending his personal representative and staff Assistant, George S. Dunlop, to Perquimans County to meet with anyone who would like to discuss problems with him.

Dunlop will be at the Perquimans County Courthouse from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17. J. Emmett Winslow who supported Senator Helms for election to the United States Senate, is making local arrangements for Dunlop.

There are many problems facing the people, among them crop allocations, fuel and gasoline allocations, and shortages, rising inflation, our foreign policies, and other serious problems. Anyone will be free to ask questions concerning them. Young people and especially young voters are urged to attend.

Correction (sentence to begin at the expiration of previous sentence); on other charges the defendant was given a 5 year sentence when found guilty of manufacturing marijuana; prayer for judgment was continued for 3 years with the defendant on good behavior on a charge of possession of phenylcyclidine;