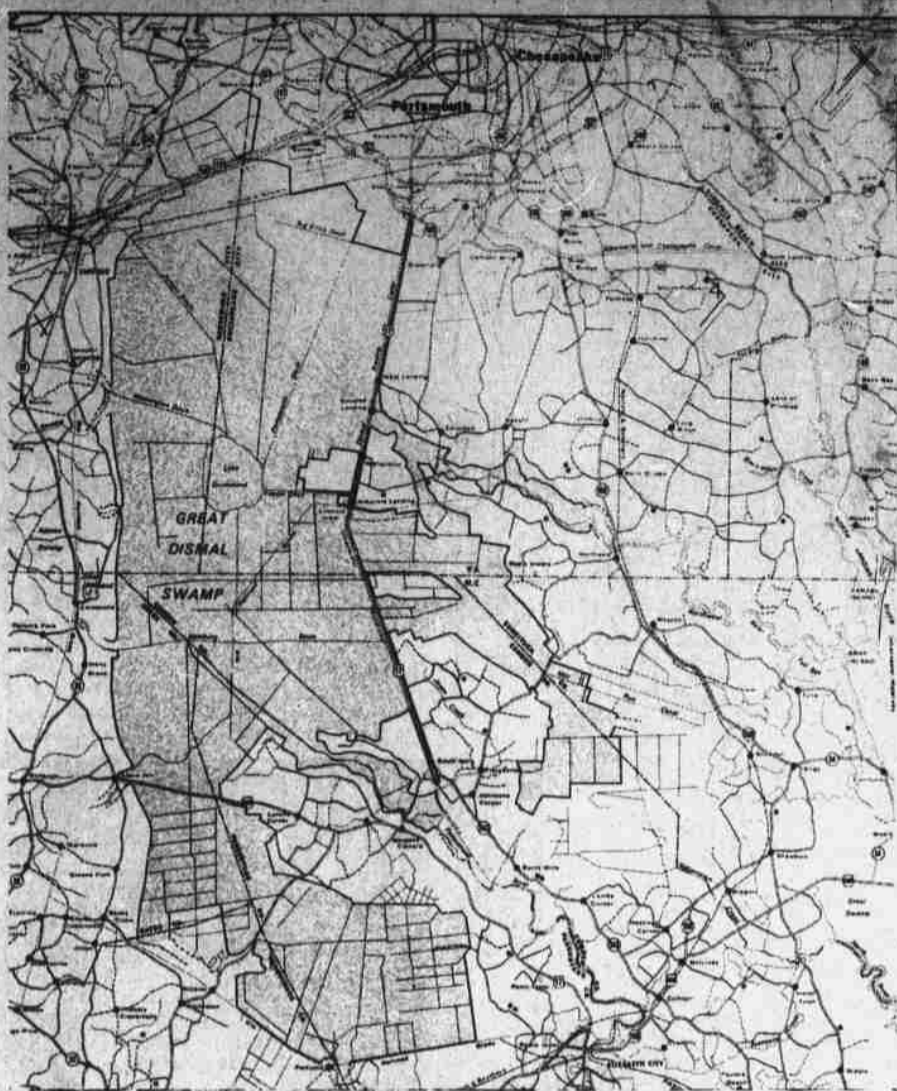


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GREAT DISMAL SWAMP STUDY AREA

Recreational Value Of Dismal Swamp Under Way

A study of the resource and recreational values of the Great Dismal Swamp Canal is now underway according to Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Nathaniel P. Reed.

According to Reed this study is to determine the desirability and feasibility of protecting and preserving the ecological, scenic, recreational, historical and other resource values of the Swamp and Canal with particular emphasis on the development of the Canal for recreational boating purposes. Alternatives for preserving the Swamp, their effectiveness and costs are also being studied. The study will determine the type of Federal, State or local programs, if any, that are feasible and desirable and are in the public interest for preserving, developing and making accessible the numerous values associated with the Swamp. Under

Public Law 92-478, the Secretary of the Interior is directed to consider potential alternative beneficial and appropriate uses of the water and related land resources for residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and transportation purposes and for other public services.

One time-consuming aspect of the study now accomplished has been to identify the remaining viable portion of the Great Dismal Swamp, indicated on the accompanying map. Approximately 210,000 acres between Chesapeake, Virginia, and Elizabeth City, North Carolina, comprise the study area, which is almost equally divided between the two States. The study area in Virginia is located within the Cities of Chesapeake and Nansemond. The North Carolina study area includes portions of Currituck, Camden, Gates,

Perquimans, and Pasquotank Counties. Involved Federal areas include the 22-mile Dismal Swamp Canal which runs from Deep Creek, Virginia, to South Mills, North Carolina, operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, about 49,000 acres, located in Virginia. The Refuge was donated by the Union Camp Corporation through The Nature Conservancy to the Department of the Interior for management by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System. This large-scale donation by Union Camp, valued at \$12.6 million, is one of the most noteworthy preservation efforts ever made in the United States by a private concern. Other conservation-minded land holders in the Swamp will be encouraged to consider similar donations to insure preservation of an outstanding and unique ecological area.

Assistant Secretary Reed emphasized that hydrological studies outside of the formal study area will be necessary to account for exterior influences on the Swamp and vice-versa. Examples include drainages into the Swamp, as well as surface and subsurface flows from the Swamp.

The Dismal Swamp Study is being coordinated for the Secretary of the Interior through the Boston Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Eight Federal agencies will participate in the investigation. Agencies within the Department of the Interior include: Bureau of Outdoor Recreation - ascertainment of recreation potential and demand; U.S. Geological Survey - water dynamics and mineral data; National Park Service - historical and cultural study; and the Fish and Wildlife Service, responsible for wildlife data, preparation of ownership information, and other social, economic, and public management data, as well as determining the ultimate boundaries of the Dismal Swamp Refuge. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, through the Soil Conservation Service and the Forest Service, will provide information on soils and agricultural uses and present and potential forest management benefits. The U.S. Department of Transportation will be responsible for ascertaining potential public transportation requirements.

County Alderman Honored

Perquimans County, North Carolina was honored here by the National Association of Counties (NACo) for its Albermarle District Jail Facility.

The joint efforts of Pasquotank, Perquimans, and Camden Counties resulted in the first tri-county jail facility in the state. The quality of this facility is far superior to anything the counties could have afforded individually and provides an excellent example of multi-county cooperation.

The award was given as part of NACo's County Achievement Award program. Through the program, NACo honors counties who have made outstanding progress in some area of endeavor. The awards were presented during NACo's annual conference held here July 22-25.

Bernard F. Hillenbrand, NACo Executive Director, said, "The National Association of Counties is proud to salute Perquimans County for its progressive program. It is our belief that county government, because it is closest to the people, serves best. Programs such as Perquimans County's reinforce our belief."

The National Association of Counties, headquartered in Washington, D. C., represents counties on the national level and aids county governments by disseminating information and materials and providing technical assistance.

Judge Hears Cases

Judge Wilton Walker presided at the Wednesday session of Perquimans County District Court. Charges, sentences, and fines were as follows:

Delores Satterfield, charged with creating a disturbance in a public place (Owens Cafe), was unable to have counsel present and the case was continued until August 22.

Bobby Alston, charged with 1. having no operator's license and 2. hit and run - personal injury, received a 30-day sentence on the first count suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs. An appeal was noted and Bond was set at \$100.00 on the 1st charge and Bond was set at \$500.00 on the 2nd charge.

Quinton Earl Chappell was taxed with a fine of \$50.00 and costs when found guilty of a speeding charge.

Thomas Crowder Story, III, charged with driving with license suspended, received a 6-month sentence suspended for 2 years with the following conditions: 1. pay a fine of \$250.00 and costs; 2. not to operate a motor vehicle in N.C. while license is revoked.

Caleb Leon Mallory, charged with 1. not having financial responsibility 2. improper registration, received a 60-day sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50.00 and costs.

William Thomas Nooney was taxed with costs on a speeding charge.

Charles Sumner Welch, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor (2nd offense), and driving with license revoked, received a 6-month sentence suspended for 2 years and ordered to pay a fine of \$250.00 and costs and not operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina for 2 years; on the 2nd count, the defendant was given a 6-month sentence at the expiration of the first sentence which was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$250.00 and costs, and ordered not to operate a motor vehicle in N.C. for 2 years;

Arren Raymond Dancy, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, was given a 6-month sentence suspended for 2 years upon payment of a fine of \$250.00 and costs, and ordered not to operate a motor vehicle in N.C. until proper licensed by State.



COMMISSIONERS COMMENDED—The National Association of Counties' 38th annual convention held in Dallas recently honored commissioners of Perquimans County. From left, Guy H. Webb, Riley S. Monds, Macon

J. Johnson, chairman of the board of commissioners, Camden; Lester Simpson, chairman of Perquimans County commissioners; Thomas D. Nixon, and Robert Lee Spivey, chairman of the district jail commission.

AHRDS Gets \$163,936 Grant

EDENTON — The Albemarle Human Resources Development System (AHRDS) has received a grant of \$163,936 to fund a demonstration project to reduce high risk childbirth among low income couples. The project will be conducted in all 10 counties of Region "R" and will span a three-year period.

James E. Lewis, AHRDS executive director, said the grant comes from the Kate B. Reynolds Health Care Trust in Winston-Salem. R.G. Page, Jr., executive director of the trust, notified Lewis of the favorable approval of the application.

Lewis and Thomas M. Surratt, executive vice president of Chowan Hospital and chairman of the area's Comprehensive Health Planning Council, said the project is new in that it is a voluntary program, is dealing with a particular type birth control method not cover under other programs, and is funded by a private foundation. The program is designed to aid up to 350 families under the Reynolds grant.

Lewis said the program will complement the existing Family Planning program in the area, and will not require additional personnel. It will, however, provide consultants to better train existing personnel as well as to instruct physicians in the new methods.

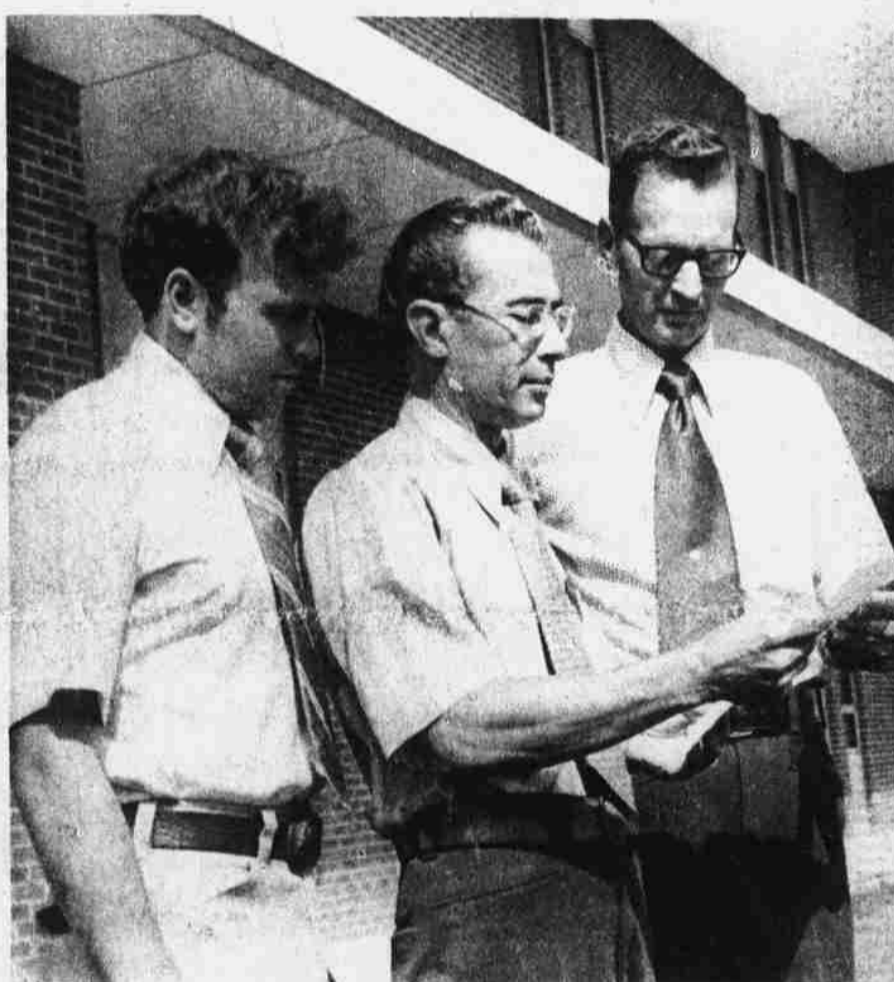
One of the big emphasis is in counseling, Lewis noted. And the thrust will be on new techniques, done on an out-patient basis.

A primary focus is trying to provide women in the 35 and up age bracket who are typically high risk individuals, an alternative to more traditional birth control methods.

Lewis said the system and planning council were aided in development of the program by Carolina Population Center in Chapel Hill.

The program is designed to provide additional services at the three area hospitals—Albemarle in Elizabeth City, Chowan in Edenton, and Washington County in Plymouth. Procedures will be performed in any of these hospitals.

Lewis said the program has gained endorsement of area physicians, who without their participation it would not be possible.



Gary Lewis, left, and James E. Lewis, right, of Albemarle Human Resources Development System, and Thomas M. Surratt, chairman, Comprehensive Health Planning Council in Region "R".

Perquimans Personality Thomas Hurdle

By FRANCINE SAWYER
Thomas Hurdle is a tall, attractive young man, who likes his work, has a pretty wife and enjoys his community.

He is 24-years-old, has blonde hair and has personality.

Hurdle is active in the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department, has been a member since January. A member of the Perquimans County Rescue Squad, he was recently elected as a member of the board of directors for Hertford Township.

He and his wife, the former Anna Chesson, who have been married three years, live at 328 Grubb St., Hertford.

Hurdle believes the rescue squad and fire department were only a few of the good things started in the community. The reason he is a member is because he wants to help these organizations to continue to be strong in the community. So he joined to help.

"If more people would take an interest all community organizations would be better," he said. When not involved in his civic duties, Thomas can be seen at Bill and Jesse's Cox's One Stop Service Station. He has worked there for three years, Cox, owner of the station said

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THOMAS HURDLE

"Thomas is a good fellow in the community and a good worker here." "I am glad I have him," Cox added. His wife Anna is employed by Peoples Bank in downtown Hertford. In his spare time he likes to visit with couples of his age.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Richard MacConnell of Elizabeth City announce the birth of their third child, second daughter, Vera Lynn, born Monday, July 23, at the Albemarle Hospital. Mrs. MacConnell is the former Vickie Johnson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson of Hertford.

Hurdle said he enjoyed people very much. His hobbies are working on cars, camping, and he likes to eat a good steak.

As far as the future is concerned, Thomas Hurdle has no set plans. Right now the Hertford native is happy with life and just lives without any hangups.

TO MEET
The Perquimans County High School football team will meet Monday, August 6 at 9 a.m. for physicals. All varsity and junior varsity are requested to meet with Coach Calvin Webster in the gymnasium. Please be prompt.

Ice, Is Hot Item

Ice, it seems has become a major problem for the truck farm operation of Thurman Harrell & sons.

Harrell has on many occasions this summer had to get the ice from Norfolk, Elizabeth City, Winchester, Va., and Salisbury, Md., according to him.

Harrell further stated that a \$3,000 load of fresh corn can be ruined for lack of ice. He said five times since July 1 he has been denied ice from the Hertford Ice Plant. The Hertford ice plant is operated by the town of Hertford.

According to a town official the ice plant can produce approximately 56 cakes in a 24-hour period.

Major Bill Cox of Hertford said, "the ice plant works on a first come first serve basis. Nobody is denied ice, Cox said but the capacity is limited," he said.

T.R. Harrell & Sons is the only major truck farming operation in the county, shipping under its own label.

It employs some 40 youths of the county each summer.

County In The Red

The American Red Cross bloodmobile from Tidewater will be in Hertford Aug. 23, Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. Problems have arisen however, due to the lack of participation Perquimans County has contributed to the blood program.

Since fiscal year 1970-71 to present, Perquimans County is 361 pints of blood in the red. In other words the county "owes" 361 pints in the program to break even for the number of units which have been given to Perquimans County

residents during the past several years.

LEGION MEETING POSTPONED

The regular monthly meeting of Post 126, American Legion, has been postponed until August 8. Commander Roy Ball has asked that all members take notice of this change. Bruce Honeycutt, Department Commander of North Carolina for 1973 will be here to install officers of Post 126 for the coming year. Commander Ball has asked that members make a special effort to attend this meeting. A fish fry will be held for the members prior to the meeting.