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Law And Order Plans Outlined By Official

Melvin Bunch, planning director for the Albemarle Law and Order Association, outlined regional and local projected plans for the upcoming year to members of the association Thursday afternoon at the Holiday Inn.

"Presently we have 19 active projects with a total operational budget of \$519,000," he reported.

Now we are in the process of working on projects for 1974-75. These projects, after they are considered on the local level and approved, will be taken to the Governor's Committee on

Law and Order for final approval and funding, he said.

Projects under consideration include:

A law and enforcement study made on the projected law enforcement needs of Dare County, including Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills and Manteo, as well as Hyde and Currituck Counties.

A Crime Prevention Unit for Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County which will work to achieve more public participation in crime investigation as "Prevention Is The Key." Continuation of the grants

for Heritage House, Elizabeth City and Lighthouse Boy's Home in Dare County.

An Investigative Unit for use initially in Dare County.

Guest speaker for the meeting was John Faircloth, executive director for the N.C. Criminal Justice Training and Standards Council.

To date the council has certified nearly 16,000 law enforcement officers, he said.

This figure includes many reserve and auxiliary officers and nearly 10,000 full time law enforcement of-

ficers, Faircloth added.

He stated that the General Assembly passed a law in 1971 establishing the council. It was in September 1972 when the council actually got started, he added.

We studied progress made throughout the other states and began putting together a general set of rules to be used as criteria for certifying officers. In January 1973 we adopted the first minimum entrance standards for law enforcement officers throughout the state.

These general standards include: 20-years of age, U.S. citizenship, high moral character, no convictions of felonies, at least a high school education or the equivalent.

If the candidate passes these requirements he is placed on a 12-month probationary status. Within this time period he must receive 160 hours of training.

Previously 58 per cent of the law enforcement officers within the state had no prior organized basic training, Faircloth said.

"We feel this is certainly a milestone — now that we have instigated a statewide training program. Although we are still not where we would like to be we are

taking great leaps in the right directions," he said.

The training included courses in: law enforcement professionalism, primary functions of law officers; recognition of law violations, legal and effective search and arrest procedures.

Other important skills taught include: effective use of weapons, report and court case preparation, crowd control and juvenile treatment.

In addition to the training program a general certification program has been initiated, Faircloth said. Law enforcement officers must be licensed throughout the state. The certificates are awarded to three degrees: basic, intermediate and advanced, rated according to law enforcement training, education and experience. "This is one way we have of rewarding our officers," he said.

Another fact Faircloth was particularly proud of was, "The General Assembly passed a minimum salary program in 1973 providing that full time officers on the local and county level made at least \$6,000 per year. Hundreds of officers were involved," he said.



FROM PERQUIMANS COUNTY — Always in good attendance are two local law enforcement agents from Perquimans County. From left, Chief of Hertford Police, Ben Gibbs, Sheriff Julian Broughton, Faircloth, Troy Toppin, sheriff of Chowan County and Bill Eure sheriff of Gates County.

Health Center Begins 'Zap'

The Pasquotank-Perquimans-Canden-Chowan District Health Department has recently adopted a new program, "Operation Zap", designed to reverse the alarming downward trend of immunization levels among our preschool children. Polio immunization levels particularly have diminished drastically in North Carolina as well as across

the nation since 1964 (days of Sunday polio programs). Polio is not the only disease involved; protection against such vaccine preventable diseases as Diptheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles and rubella need to be increased in our preschool children. In the summer of 1972 an immunization level survey was conducted among two-year-old children in North

Carolina and the results were disheartening—only 38 per cent of the two-year-olds surveyed could meet the minimum requirements of three (3) DTP shots, three (3) doses of oral polio vaccine, measles vaccine and rubella (German Measles) vaccine. With the exception of rubella vaccine, all the others are required by State law and should have been received by the second birthday. Again, with the exception of the rubella vaccine, all these vaccines must be received before a child will be permitted to remain in school.

"Operation Zap" referred to earlier, provides a follow-up mechanism for children 0-4 years of age who receive their immunizations from the health department. Such a follow-up system permits the health department to impart better service to young preschool children in that their immunization records will be reviewed. Contact will be made with parents whose children have not maintained their immunizations. This contact shall be informative to the parent as well as motivational in hopes that the parent will then want to get the inadequately immunized child back to the health clinic for the remaining immunizations. This program should enhance the sagging immunization levels in our county in this preschool group and further reduce our children's chances of contacting a vaccine preventable disease. It will take about eight (8) to ten (10) months before the effects of this program can be measured objectively.

All the vaccines that have been mentioned here can be readily obtained from private physicians or from our District Health Department, located in Edenton, Elizabeth City, Hertford and Camden. Immunization clinic schedules are as follows: Elizabeth City: 9-11 or 1-4 the first four Thursdays of each month

Edenton: 3-5 P.M. each Friday

Hertford: 3-4 P.M. each Thursday

Camden, 1-4 P.M. each Thursday.

To maximize the benefits that vaccines offer, get your children immunized early in life and maintain the immunization schedule recommended to you by your doctor or health department.

past president of the statewide association — to the Albemarle District, to the State Association, and to the National Association of Conservation Districts, where he heads the Third Forest Subcommittee.

The recipient was praised for youth work and for motivating others to improve environmental quality, as well as outside civic activities.



RIBBON CUT ON NEW STORE — Western Auto held its grand opening Monday with a ribbon cutting at the Harris Shopping Center. On hand for the occasion were city officials. From left, Jesse Harris, shopping center developer, Bill Cox, Mayor, Mrs. Doris Jean Baker and Gary Baker owners, and Bob Keith, Western Auto Sales Manager.



OUTLET OPENS — S & E Fashions held a ribbon cutting at its outlet at Harris Shopping Center. From left, Jesse Harris, Bill Cox, Sandra Trueblood, manager, Joan Elliott, Hugh Young, owner Wendell Outlet.

Bunch Awarded

Lloyd C. Bunch of Chowan County Monday night received the 1973 "President's Award" for outstanding service to the conservation movement at the 31st annual convention of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The honor was presented by President M. E. Knight of Gates County, who cited many years of support by Lloyd Bunch — himself a



AWARDED — Chief of Elizabeth City Police, C. W. Owens was cited by the N.C. Criminal Justice Training and Standards Council for his outstanding contributions to law and order. The award was made at the Albemarle Law & Order business meeting last Thursday in Elizabeth City. Presenting the award is John Faircloth, right, executive director of the council. (Photos By Francine Sawyer)

Beaman Bench Candidate

Grafton G. Beaman, an Elizabeth City attorney, age 33, has announced that he will file as a candidate for District Court Judge of the First Judicial District in the May 7 Democratic Party primary.

Beaman joined Winfield A. Worth in the practice of law in Elizabeth City in September 1967, and this partnership continued until Mr. Worth's death in 1969. In addition to practicing law, Beaman has served since 1971 as a United States Magistrate from which office he has just recently resigned in order to run for District Judge. As a federal magistrate Beaman conducted trials on federal misdemeanor violations and held preliminary hearings on federal felony cases which occurred within his eight county division.

Beaman received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N.C. in June 1963, and is a 1966 graduate of the University's Law School where he was a member of the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. After graduating from law school,

passing the Bar exam, and being admitted in 1966 to the North Carolina State Bar, Beaman served as a Law Clerk (legal research assistant) to a United States District Judge.

Presently he is a member of the American Bar Association; The American Judicature Society; North Carolina Bar Association; The North Carolina State Bar; First District Bar Association which he has served as Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President, and President; a member of the Elizabeth City Pasquotank County Bar Association of which he has also served as President; the Elizabeth City Jaycees in which he has held the office of State Director; a member of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club; Christ Episcopal Church, Elizabeth City, where he is currently serving on the Vestry and as Chancellor. Beaman is also a director and treasurer of the Museum of the Albemarle, and a past director of the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce.

In announcing his candidacy Beaman said, "If the



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people should choose to elect me, I would strive always to be aware that the most important case is the one immediately before me and therefore it would be deserving of my undivided and conscientious attention."

Parker Awarded

E.E. Parker of Sunbury, in Gates County, was honored Monday night as North Carolina's "Conservation Farmer of the Year" for 1973.

The award was presented by President M.E. Knight of Corapeake at the 31st annual convention of the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts at the Wilmington Hilton. It is the top annual award of the Association, and the recipient must win on the county and area level before competing with several others for the state honor.

The citation for E. E. Parker lists "almost 30 years" of conservation farming as a cooperater with the Gates Soil and Water Conservation District, and also lists his accomplishments in wildlife habitat, in maintaining his own farm in model condition, and for his support of the Hobbsville-Sunbury Watershed Project.

Outstanding Scholars

A 1969 graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill where he earned a B.S. degree in business administration, Monds achieved his perfect average at NCSU in demanding pre-medicine courses. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Monds Jr.

Winslow, who earned straight "A's" as a sophomore in the Agricultural Institute, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Winslow. Hoskins earned his nearly perfect average as a freshman in pre-veterinary medicine. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Hoskins Sr.

White, who is studying mechanical engineering, is a junior in the School of Engineering. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. White, Jr.

Health Care Is Concern Town Seeks Police

House Democrats see health care legislation as a major concern of the 1974 session of the North Carolina General Assembly, which convened in Raleigh Wednesday, according to Rep. Vernon G. James of Elizabeth City.

A House Committee on Health, working jointly with a similar Senate committee, has been conducting hearings on several areas of the health care field during the legislative interim. Active also have been a number of health-related study commissions.

"The health of our citizens is one of North Carolina's most important resources," the representative said. "The productivity of our state is directly tied to health and the ability to work. Continued access to adequate health services is of the utmost importance."

The health committees heard testimony in the interim on health facilities and services, health care costs, health manpower training and education, and the utilization and licensing of health manpower.

The 1973 General Assembly provided legislation to set up a rural health service program and an emergency medical program now in progress in North Carolina.

During the 1974 session, House Democrats will also be considering many other important subjects, including an expansion of the kindergarten program for the state's five-year-olds.

Land use and environmental legislation also will have a role of importance in the session.

There'll also be State employees' job security, ethics legislation, auto liability insurance, as well as the adoption of legislation to continue reorganization of State government.

NEW PLANS Darden's Department Store, located in downtown Hertford has canceled all plans of continuing its liquidation sale. See Page 7 for details.

Town Seeks Police

Hertford has asked for an additional police officer, it was learned at the Albemarle Law & Order meeting held last Thursday.

According to Melvin Bunch, planning director, this is the second request made for an additional police officer.

The first request, made a year ago, did not qualify, because at that time the committee had a decision not to fund a force with five officers or less.

The request must go before the Hertford Town Council for approval, because local funds must meet only five per cent of the funding.

County Fund Drive

How great will the Democratic Party be in Perquimans County? It's up to us, said Mrs. Albert Eason, treasurer.

Four Big DO'S for Democratic leaders and workers:

- (1.) Find all the democrats in your precinct.
- (2.) Get them to register.
- (3.) Get them to vote.
- (4.) Get more of them to invest in our party by working for the party and making contributions.

How can we do this? Make personal contact by knocking on doors, meeting people on the streets, talking to people at parties, meetings, and other functions.

Our next fund-raising drive to complete is by Jan. 31. Please make your report not later than Jan. 28 or 29 at the Municipal Building in Hertford with the secretary, Mrs. Jean Harrison.