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## Coastal Land Use Planning Begins Here

The following is an explanation of the goals and objectives of the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) and the steps being taken to develop a plan for Perquimans County.

The intent of the CAMA is for each county government of the coastal region to set down its own long-range plan for the development of its own county. These local governmental agencies have the responsibility to find exactly what the residents of the county see as the best path to follow for orderly, prosperous growth for their area. Without the benefit of such citizen input, uncontrolled growth could cause serious misestimates in community facilities, county growth policies and ecological stability.

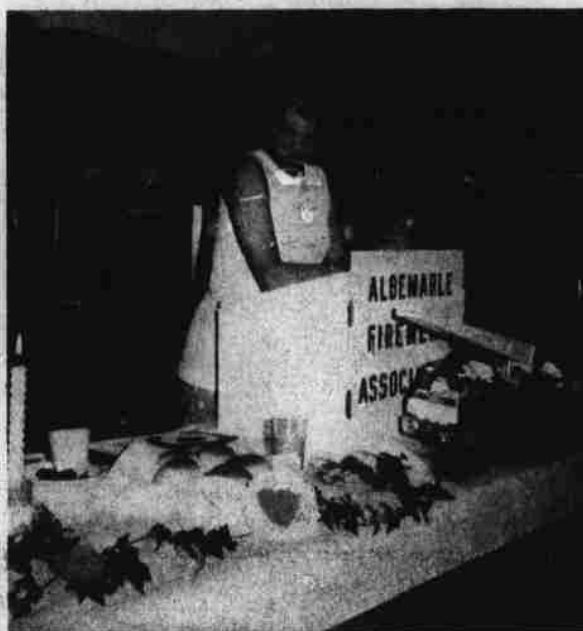
The CAMA calls for each of the 20 coastal counties to develop their own set of goals and objectives. In coordinating these with those of adjacent counties, the Coastal Resources Commission has developed a detailed set of guidelines. Under the direction of these guidelines, a professional planning staff is working in conjunction with the county commissioners and planning boards to develop each individual plan. By each county developing its plan by the same guidelines, uniformity of all 20 coastal county plans will be achieved.

The Perquimans Board of County Commissioners have begun the task of developing their county plan. By submitting a letter of intent to the secretary of North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources they have expressed their desire to develop a land use plan for Perquimans County. With the technical assistance of Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission and Department of Natural and Economic Resources planning staffs, the commissioners and the county planning board are undertaking the preliminary stages of coastal land use planning. Planners are now working in the county.

The county commissioners took the first step by adopting a far-reaching citizen participation plan at their meeting of February 3. Utilizing this method, each township and municipality would be represented by a non-elective, private citizen who, with each county commissioner of a given township, will give a broad perspective of what type of county growth is desired. Those who will serve on the citizen's advisory committee will be named at the February 17 meeting of the county commissioners.



**FIREMAN OF THE YEAR** — Charlie Skinner, left, was presented with the Fireman of the Year award by the Albemarle Firemen's Association at their February meeting. Making the presentation was Carlton Jackson, A.F.A. president. Skinner, a member of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department, is also very involved in several other church and civic organizations in Perquimans County. (Newbern photo)



**GUEST SPEAKER** — Mrs. Emily King, editor of the "Tarheel Firefighter", was the guest speaker at the Albemarle Firemen's Association special Ladies' Night meeting held at Camden County High School.



**A.F.A. TREASURER** — At the February meeting, W.A. White of Hertford was elected 1975 treasurer of the Albemarle Firemen's Association.

## Skinner Is Named Fireman Of Year

Charlie Skinner, a member of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department, was named "Fireman of the Year" at a meeting of the Albemarle Firemen's Association held Feb. 4 in Camden.

Besides the presentation of the prestigious award, the night was also the A.F.A.'s first Ladies' Night and business included the election and installation of officers for 1975.

Members of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nixon, chief; Mr. and Mrs. John Beers, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Newbern, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Tilley and Mr. and Mrs. W.A. "Billy" White.

President Carlton Jackson called the meeting, which was hosted by the Camden Volunteer Fire Department, to order. The A.F.A.'s chaplain Lawrence

McInturff gave the invocation. Following dinner, Camden Chief Henry Hughes welcomed the group and recognized special guests.

Charlie Skinner, outgoing secretary, called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. Under new business, Skinner announced a regional school for pump operations to be held May 10-11 in Edenton.

The 12-hour course will be divided into six hours of classroom activity on Saturday followed by six hours of field operators on Sunday. The school will be sponsored by the Department of Insurance. Skinner also introduced the evening's guest speaker, Mrs. Emily King, editor of the "Tarheel Firefighter."

In her comments, Mrs. King pointed out that there are some 2500 fully paid firemen in North Carolina compared to some 25,000 volunteer one in the state.

## Albemarle Electric Announces Payment

Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation has announced payment of 1974 taxes to the State of North Carolina and to its five-county service area of \$53,572.

The electric cooperative, with headquarters in Hertford, paid to the State of North Carolina the per cent gross receipts tax of \$35,897. Three per cent of gross receipts within municipal

city limits will be returned by the State to the cities.

Ad valorem taxes amounting to \$17,675 were paid to the counties served by Albemarle EMC, including Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck. The cooperative, owned by its member-consumers, serves some 5,000 families in the Albemarle region.

She cited this need to inform the public of these men unselfishly devoting their time as the way her publication came about. She said, "When I saw a fireman in uniform, I naturally thought he got paid." "I started the thing (magazine) just on a shoestring. I had an idea, a shoestring, and a big mouth."

Mrs. King pointed out that some may find it strange that a woman would be the editor of a firemen's magazine. She said, "I've always taken on a man's job, but not as a fireman although I am an honorary fireman. I study it and I can also very much relate with the wives. I do know what a dangerous job a fireman has and what the wives go through. And while we're giving the firemen such a big hand, which is what I've been trying to do for years, we should also recognize the wives."

In closing, Mrs. King theorized that firemen are a special kind of people with some feeling for their fellow man "because they get very little thanks and no pay."

Following the Fireman of the Year presentation, new officers were elected and installed. W.A. White of Hertford was elected as the A.F.A.'s treasurer for 1975. Other officers are: Ervin Hassell, Washington County, president; Clifford Middett, Dare County, 1st vice-president; William R. Forehand, Camden County, 2nd vice-president; Bobby Winborne, Chowan County, Secretary; and Lawrence McInturff, Hyde County, chaplain.

## Rollback Will Not Affect Albemarle EMC

Consumers of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation should not expect a 25 percent rollback on the fuel adjustment on their bills according to Edward E. Brown, Jr., general manager.

"I am sure that recent publicity about such a rollback will confuse many

consumers across the state — including ours," he stated. "But that order issued by the N.C. Utilities Commission on February 3 applies only to residential customers of investor-owned companies like VEPCO and CP&L."

Brown pointed out that Albemarle EMC buys power

wholesale from VEPCO under a rate contract approved by the Federal Power Commission in Washington, D.C. Should the FPC order VEPCO to rollback its wholesale rate on the fuel charge, he said, then the EMC would follow with such a reduction also.

"Our Cooperative paid VEPCO \$228,000 in fuel charges in 1974," he stated. The charge has risen to such tremendous proportions that we have no choice but to pass the full amount of the charge on to our consumers."

According to Brown, the fuel charge cost the Cooperative less than \$4,000 in January of 1974 but the cost in January of 1975 had risen to nearly \$40,000 — an increase of 1,000 percent.

He also stated that the fuel adjustment would be even higher in February based on figures he had received that now put the adjustment at approximately 1.2 cents per kwh.

"Only two years ago our total cost of power was less than one cent per kwh," Brown added. "Now, the fuel adjustments alone is in excess of one cent, and that's part of the blame for rates doubling in many instances."

"It appears that energy related products and services will continue to cost consumers much more than ever before," he said. "However, should our costs be reduced we will immediately pass on the savings to our consumers."

Albemarle EMC serves over 5100 consumer-member in Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties. It is one of six electric cooperatives which buy power wholesales from VEPCO in North Carolina.

## County Board Of Education Meets

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 3, at 8 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. All members were present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. The minutes of two previous meetings were read and approved.

Paul Harrelle and Truman Newberry appeared before the board to outline and explain the services offered by Newberry, Ashford and Associates, Architects and Planners.

In the way of other business, the Board approved a change in the formation of the Professional Advisory Council. In the future it is to be composed of the Principal and two faculty members from each school. The faculty members are to be elected by the school they represent and they will serve for a two year term on a staggered basis.

On motion duly made, seconded and passed the Board gave full time employee status to any employee who works four or more hours each day on a regular non-temporary basis. Any employee who

works less than this is a part time or temporary employee and not entitled to the regular benefits of a full time employee.

The board approved a revised testing program for the county schools. After some discussion the board approved a project which calls for the employment of two security guards for the schools. This project is to be financed by the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

The Board approved the employment of Mrs. Betty Crawford as part time teacher in the ESEA Title I Program. In other business the Board voted to pay the expenses incurred by Chairman Winslow in attending a Federal Relations Network Conference.

The board made plans to attend the Annual Meeting of District I of the North Carolina School Boards Association. This meeting will be held at the W.T. Griggs Elementary School in Currituck County on Wednesday, February 12.

There being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

## Savings Bond Sales Set Postwar Record

Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in Perquimans County during the fourth quarter of 1974 were \$14,664. Total sales for 1974 were \$49,115. This represents 106.2 percent of their goal of \$46,250, according to R.L. Stevenson, County Volunteer Chairman.

Spurred by the best fourth quarter since 1945, Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in North Carolina during 1974 amounted to \$100,698,422 — 11 per cent higher than 1973, 108.9 per

cent of the state's 1974 dollar goal of \$92,500,000, and the best recorded, since 1945. E Bond sales were \$99,193,422. H sales \$1,505,000.

Fourth-quarter E and H Bond sales in N.C. were \$28,830,572, an increase of 24 per cent over 1973. E sales were \$28,496,072. H sales \$334,500.

Nationally, 1974 sales of E and H Bonds amounted to \$6.86 billion — 9.4 per cent higher than 1973. Fourth-quarter E and H Bond sales of \$1.55 billion were

reported, an increase of 19.1 per cent over 1973. For the year, E and H sales also exceeded redemptions including accrued interest for a net cash inflow of \$38 million. Holdings of E, H and Freedom Shares amounted to \$63.8 billion on December 31, 1974.

Much of the credit for the successful 1974 sales year goes to thousands of volunteers across the nation who spearhead the "Take Stock in America" campaigns to sell Bonds.



**WINNING TEAM** — Jim "Catfish" Hunter and Tara Cook team up to bring a winning streak to handicapped children and adults. Hunter has been named the Easter Seal Society State Chairman.

## Jim Hunter Is Named Easter Seal Chairman

Jim "Catfish" Hunter, today's biggest named in baseball, is in there pitching for handicapped children and adults. His teammate is 6-year-old Tara Shane Cook, the State Posture Child from Mayodan, and together they hope to make the 1975 Easter Seal Campaign a big success.

To quote Jim Hunter, "It may be a little harder to give to Easter Seals this year, but it will mean a lot

more. Little Tara is going to keep on growing and as she does she'll need a larger arm. If each one of us gives a little we can keep helping her and many more that need us."

Tara was born without an arm and the Easter Seal Society has been working with her family to meet the obstacles which go along with being fitted with and learning to use an artificial arm.



**RECEIVES RECOGNITION** — Pictured above, Edwin C. Baker, President of American Defender Life Insurance Company (l.) presents (r) Wayne Winslow and wife Ann of Hertford, a certificate of recognition at the North Carolina Jaycees Awards Banquet held in Raleigh Saturday night. Winslow was recognized for his outstanding performance in his county, and community which led to his nomination as one of North Carolina's five outstanding young men. This is the third consecutive year American Defender Life has sponsored the event in connection with the North Carolina Jaycees.