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ALL TOGETHER NOW — Junior High School students in the county participated in a Music Festival Monday night at the Perquimans Union School gymnasium. Shown here, music teacher Caroline Wright instructs the group.



AND AWAY WE GO — Ms. Ruth Jewell, music consultant with the Cultural Arts Department division of the State Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, N.C., led a day long workshop with the students. Shown here, she participates in the program.



SWEET NOTES — Junior High girls provide some of the music for the festival. The program included sacred songs, spirituals, folk songs, a group of popular songs and a special patriotic medley.



GETTING IT TOGETHER — Helping to organize the music festival were county music teachers Caroline Wright and Danny Meads. Special consultant was Ms. Ruth Jewell. Posing with the group is Perquimans County School Superintendent C.C. Walters. (Photos courtesy of Pat Harrell)

School Board Makes Visits

Members of the Perquimans County Board of Education visited Perquimans Union School and Central Grammar School on Mon., Feb. 17. A visit to Hertford Grammar School and Perquimans High School was planned for the following day.

The purpose of the school visits was to talk with principals, teachers, and students about the instructional programs in the schools and to view the school facilities. The visits by the board members are in an effort to keep abreast of the programs and needs of the county's school system. Every member of the board participated showing their interest to know the needs of the schools and encouraging communication between the school and the board.

Also, the Board of Education attended a District I School Board meeting held at W.T. Grigg Elementary School in Camden. Guest speaker was N.C. School Superintendent Craig Phillips. Attending with all Perquimans County Board of Education members, were Mrs. Estelle Felton and Mrs. Mary Bryant, members of the county advisory council.



SPECIAL GUESTS — Officers of the North Carolina Association of Rescue Squads attending the area meeting in Perquimans County included (l to r.): Ray Kane, secretary-treasurer; Max Wesson, vice-commander; and Charles Swinson, State commander.



ELECTED — Elected at the area rescue squad meeting were (L. to r.): Dedrick White, secretary-treasurer; Lonnie Skinner, one-year director; and Durwood Evans, two-year director.

Area Rescue Squads Meet

The Perquimans County Rescue Squad hosted a district meeting held Friday, Feb. 14 at the squad building.

H.B. Miller, captain of the local squad welcomed all those in attendance. Dan Berry gave the invocation.

Special guests recognized included the N.C. Association of Rescue Squads State Commander and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swinson, Vice-Commander Mas Wesson, Secretary-Treasurer, Ray Kane; Jackie Roberson; Everett Wiggins; and Robert Binner of Action Fire and Safety, Inc.

Lonnie Skinner, president, called the meeting to order. Progress of each of the squads were given along with a report of the Emergency Medical Technician Course of the squads. Approximately 50 rescue squads members attended representing Pasquotank, Colerain, Perquimans, Ahoskie, Chowan, Moyock, Currituck and Gates. Officers elected included Lonnie Skinner — one-year director; Dedrick White — secretary-treasurer; and Durwood Evans — two-year director.

Twenty-two members of the Perquimans County

Rescue Squad attended the meeting. The meal was furnished by the newly formed Perquimans County

Rescue Squad Ladies' Auxiliary. The next area meeting will be held in Ahoskie.

Thad Eure To Speak At Coastline Number Demo Rally



THE HONORABLE THAD EURE, SEC. OF STATE

North Carolina's Secretary of State, The Honorable Thad Eure will be the guest speaker at the annual fund raising dinner and county wide Democratic Rally to be held Monday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at Angler's Cove Restaurant. Eure has served as Secretary of State ever

since he was elected to that position in the general election of Nov. 3, 1936.

A native of Gates County, Eure is a legal resident of Winton in Hertford County. He attended Gatesville High School, and obtained his law degree from Chapel Hill's University Law School. In the past, Eure has served as mayor of Winston, county attorney for Hertford County, and was a 1929 member of the General Assembly representing Hertford County. Eure served as principle clerk of the N.C. House of Representatives for several sessions. He has been president of the National Association of Secretaries of States, and currently serves as dean of that organization. Eure was the keynote speaker at the Democratic State Convention in 1950, and permanent chairman in 1962. Eure is also chairman of the board of trustees of Elon College.

A member of the Congregational Christian Church, Eure is married to the former Minta Banks of Winton. The couple have two children, a boy and a girl, and seven grandchildren.

At the county Democratic Rally, Eure will concentrate his comments on more involvement in the Democratic Party and encourage political participation.

The price for the dinner is \$7.50 per person and tickets can be obtained from Joe Nowell, Bill Cox, W.F. Ainsley or any precinct chairman.

Students Participate In Poetry Contest

Students at Perquimans County High School have had the opportunity this week to participate in a poetry writing contest with the motivation being a \$50 first prize.

The contest is being sponsored by the Perquimans County Arts Council which operates out of the Northeastern Arts Council.

The winner of the contest will be required to read his or her poetry at a poetry reading tonight, Thursday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The reading, which will be held in the Perquimans High Library, will also feature readings by two professional poets, James Applewhite and Betty Adcock. Interested citizens throughout the county are encouraged to attend.

Students submitting poems for competition had to follow certain requirements. Each student was asked to submit three original, unpublished

poems. Poems could be of any type, pertaining to any subject, but limited to 45 lines in length.

Four citizens of the community served as judges announcing the winner yesterday, Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Applewhite and Ms. Adcock are two of 38 poets conducting readings throughout the state this spring under grants from the North Carolina Arts Council.

Students at the high school participating in the poetry contest and the titles of their poems are as follows: George Bowser, "Abortion"; "The Loner"; "Bad Boys"; Angela Stallings, "Good-bye to the Sea"; "Autumn Departure"; "Unsatisfied"; Rita Faye Moore, "He Lives"; "People"; "Thoughts"; Lavern Woodard, "Blackness Is"; "Death Enters"; "A Mother's Child"; Lynn Hurdle, "The World

Today"; "The End of Time"; "My Mirror"; Leory Ferebee, "Ghetto Child"; Reality"; "Black Brother, Get Down"; Paul D. Miller, "Cars"; "America"; "Birds"; Tosh Toe, "The Moon"; "Hamburgers"; Denise Cullipher, "The Perfect Place"; "Thinking"; "The Guy I Love"; Tammy Speaker, "Bright Seasons"; "Colorful Dreams"; "Our Love Is Sweet"; Paul L. White, "Roses"; "Let Us Run"; "Communist Chant"; Nancy Long, "Sweet Winter"; "Inside and Outside"; "Let Us Bow Our Heads"; Marvin Riddick, "City Folks"; "Ode to the Sea"; "Grass"; Ann Ward, "A Beautiful Sight"; "Sunrise by the Sea"; "The Lonely Porpoise"; Wanda Owens, "Ballad of a Woman"; "Life"; "Fantasies"; Cindy Hindren, "Future Past"; "Lost: First Love — Found: A Memory"; "You're Journeyed Far"; Ruthie Ward, "What Is Alone?"; "Longing For the Beach"; "Haiku"; Beth Swindell, "The Watcher of Time"; "The Pond"; "The Day's Finest Moment"; Johnny Wilson, "These Are the Reindeer"; "Just Riding"; "The World Today"; Connie Baker, "Changes"; "Diary"; "The Thrill Is Gone"; Beth Winslow, "Quiet"; "Peace and Solitude"; "Crucified, New Times".

BOARD TO MEET

The Executive Board of the Perquimans County Unit of the American Cancer Society will meet Monday, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m. at the REA Building.

The public is invited to attend.

E.I.C. Continues

The Economic Improvement Council, Inc., since 1965, has operated under the Office of Economic Opportunity, providing services and technical assistance to low-income residents of the Albemarle Area.

The agency will continue to operate under the Community Services Administration (CSA) which Congress approved in December 1974. The new agency, which replaces the OEO, will become an Independent Agency, if, President Ford does not

exercise his option of transferring the CSA to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

According to Bert A. Gallegos, the new CSA Director, there seems to be "overwhelming sentiment" among the nation's governors, mayors, and officials of the 633 CAPs in favor of an independent status. If the agency's independence is preserved, it is possible that Congress may expand its role. Some of the original OEO Programs that were transferred may be

returned such as Head Start, Health and Migrant Programs.

The Economic Improvement Council, Inc. expects to operate the first year beginning June 1, 1975, with 80 per cent federal funding and 20 per cent local matching. The funding level will be approximately \$306,000 for its local initiative programs. Currently, the agency operates Job Development, Housing, Education, Transportation, Senior Citizens, Youth Development, and Full Year Head Start, which is funded by the Department of HEW.

Changes In Food Stamps

Food stamp recipients in North Carolina and across the nation will have some marked changes in their food stamps they begin purchasing on March 1, 1975.

The biggest change will be in the denominations of the food stamps. New \$1, \$5, and \$10 coupons will be in the coupon book in place of the current 50 cents, \$2 and \$3 coupons.

The colors of the coupons will be different and the design will also be different. The U.S. Department of Agriculture states that the

rising amount of monthly allotments and the corresponding increase in the volume of coupons needed to meet these allotments is the reason for changing to higher denominations. Larger coupon values reduce shipping and production cost.

The change in color and the new more complicated design of the coupons was made to stop counterfeiting.

Food stamp recipients are required to spend any of the old coupons they have before July 1, 1975. Grocers

will not accept the old coupons after that date.

Without the 50 cent coupons, grocers will use the \$1 stamps and a credit slip for any change less than a dollar or the recipient may purchase foods worth the amount of their change or pay the difference in cash between the cost of the food and the next lowest dollar amount.

Unemployed North Carolinians are swelling the ranks of the food stamp program. In October, there were 371,478 food stamp recipients in the state. This number increased

drastically by December with 464,484 recipients — a 25.1 percent increase.

It will be some time before the number of recipients for January are known but it is estimated that over 500,000 North Carolinians are participating in the food stamp program or 9.5 percent of the states estimated population.

News reports from Washington indicate that 17 million people nationwide were participating in the food stamp program in December or eight percent of the population.



NEW OFFICERS — The Perquimans County Horse and Pony Club elected new officers to serve for 1975 at a meeting held Tues., Feb. 11 at the Perquimans County Office Building. Officers are (l. to r.): Charlie Fowler, president; Howard L. Askew, vice-president; Thelma Rogerson, secretary; Carolyn Fowler, treasurer. (Newbern photo)