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**FIRE AND BRIMSTONE** — Thad Eure, Secretary of State, was guest speaker for the annual Democratic Rally held Monday night. Eure encouraged local residents to become more actively involved in politics both locally and on the state level.



**TALKING IT OVER** — Eure talks with Hartford Mayor Bill Cox (left) and the county chairman of the Democratic Party, Joe Nowell. The outspoken Eure had several interesting comments concerning the Republican administration. (Newbern photos)

## Thad Eure Delivers 'Fire & Brimstone' To Local Democrats

By KATHY NEWBERN

Thad Eure, North Carolina Secretary of State is noted throughout the Tar Heel State as a gifted orator. Monday night was no exception when Eure delivered a fire and brimstone speech to approximately 100 people attending Perquimans County's annual Democratic Rally held at Angler's Cove Seafood Restaurant in Bethel.

In his opening remarks, Eure commented on the excellent turnout and said, "I knew I would see some of the finest democrats here that could be found in North Carolina."

He told the county residents and Democrats present from the surrounding area that he realized the northeastern counties of North Carolina "had no part in electing a Republican North Carolina in the Senate." He added, "I will be one of the proudest men in the state if I can live to see us get rid of that crowd."

Eure has served as Secretary since he was elected to that position in the general election of Nov. 3, 1936. He pointed out that he has served in state

government under the last eleven North Carolina governors.

Eure cited several things that bothered him about state government. One of these was the one man, one vote concept. According to him, because of this, the smaller counties in North Carolina will not be able to get a representative from their area in the General Assembly. He said, "Now in 1975, there are 30 counties that do not have a representative of their county sitting in either house of the general assembly." Eure also predicted that by 1980, this number will increase to 40 out of North Carolina's 100 counties.

In encouraging local Democrats to become active, Eure stated, "We haven't done in Perquimans County all we could do." He exemplified this by pointing out that there are approximately 3,000 registered Democrats in this county that has an approximate population of 8,000. Eure said, "What we need is enthusiasm. We need interest and we need to cultivate that interest. You can do it." Commenting further, Eure said, "Who's

responsible for every good thing we've got in Perquimans County and North Carolina? The Republicans didn't do it; they haven't been in power." "What this state needs is a two-party system. The Democrats stay in and the Republicans stay out. That's the kind of two-party system I'm in favor of."

Eure offered encouragement to those disgusted with politics. He was optimistic that North

Carolina's northeastern area will soon be receiving some of the things "she should have gotten a long time ago."

In closing, Eure asked Democrats in the county to keep up their efforts and to make their voices heard. He encouraged those attending to get more local Democrats registered and to the polls. In closing he said, "Please, if you don't want to do it for yourselves, do it for me, 'cause I ain't ready to leave."

## Vouchers To Be Issued For WIC

Announcement was made today by Mrs. Nona Huggett, Nutritionist for the District Health Department, of the times and places for reissuance of food vouchers for the WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) supplemental nutritional food program.

"It is important that those persons already receiving the supplemental food vouchers," states Mrs. Huggett, "obtain their vouchers for March during the first week in March. Before they can get their vouchers, they must have already been enrolled and have their 'WIC' identification card and number."

The issuance of March vouchers is for those already enrolled in the WIC program. Those persons interested in finding out more about the program should call or contact their county health center.

Participants who reside in Camden County can pick up their vouchers during the first week in March (March 3 to 7) during the hours of 9-11 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m. at the Camden County Health Center.

Participants who reside in Perquimans County can pick up their vouchers on March 3 and March 4 from 9-11 a.m. only, at the Perquimans County Health Center.

Participants who reside in Pasquotank County, take notice — pick up your vouchers on March 5, 6, and 7 from 9-11 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m. only at the Banks Street, Pasquotank EIC Building.

"Participants must come on the assigned days and times of their county and at the right place. And, those participants who live in Pasquotank County must go to the EIC Building on Banks Street for their vouchers," Mrs. Huggett said.

She also stated that failure to renew the vouchers during the first week of March will require the participant to wait until the next month's posted registration dates. "If you are a 'WIC' participant, renew your vouchers during the first week of March, or you'll have to wait," Mrs. Huggett emphasized.

## Ms. Gladys Hall To Represent County

The Albemarle Regional Manpower Advisory Committee has been reorganized for the year 1975-76 and plans are in motion to launch the new program. The program is under the sponsorship of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission and according to the State Manpower Board will be funded at approximately the same level as last year which was \$645,750.

W.B. Gardner, Chairman of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commissions Board has named Gladys Hall,

representing Perquimans County to serve on the Programs Committee.

A sub-committee of the Albemarle Regional Manpower Advisory Committee met on Tuesday Feb. 18 at the Edenton Employment Office to map tentative plans for the new program. The intent of the manpower program is to supply and upgrade skills of residents of the region through education, on the job training and motivational training in order to provide the clients the tool with which to seek a job and provide a better living for his family.

## Chamber To Hold Slogan Contest

A \$25 cash prize is being awarded to the Perquimans County High School student that comes up with the best slogan tying in our area with the Bicentennial Year.

It is a 25-words-or-less contest and the principal, William Byrum, and teachers there have all the details. If you have a son or daughter there, encourage him or her to enter the competition.

The slogan will be used on

special brochures for the Bicentennial Year, in other publications, and elsewhere.

In addition to the cash prize, there will be a good deal of publicity for the winner.

The Chamber's Board of Directors will judge the winner, without knowing who sent in what entry, in about six weeks.

That park on U.S. 17 is now replete with plantings

to make it even more attractive. Another Chamber project bearing fruition.

And, without going into details at this point, continuing efforts to bring another doctor into the county, are being pursued.

Dr. Boone, the dentist who will start his practice here in August, tells us he is really looking forward to becoming a Perquimans

resident.

The membership campaign is continuing and doing quite well, the most heartening aspect being the number of new members — businessmen, farmers, professionals, individuals. If you have not become a participant in our efforts to better the life of our community, the Chamber office will be glad to supply you with the necessary information.



**POETRY CONTEST WINNER** — Perquimans High sophomore Cindy Hendren (left) was the winner in a recent poetry contest sponsored by the Perquimans Arts Council. Brenda Hollowell, president of the council, presents her a \$50 check.



**POETIC TALK** — Cindy Hendren (center) winner of the local poetry contest talks with two visiting professional poets, Betty Adcock of Raleigh and James Applewhite of Durham. All three poets recently gave readings at the Perquimans High School library.



**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS** — Following a reading of some of his poems, James Applewhite talks with area residents and Perquimans High students concerning his poetry. The poet offered encouragement for some of the young poets present.



**EXPRESS YOURSELF** — Betty Adcock, visiting poet, talks with Mrs. Carroll Harrell, high school English teacher and students concerning her poetic style. In her poems, Ms. Adcock is fond of reminiscing about actual experiences. (Newbern photos)

## Cindy Hendren Named Poetry Contest Winner

By KATHY NEWBERN

James Applewhite and Betty Adcock, two professional poets, presented a reading of their poetry at Perquimans High School library Thursday night before a small audience. One of the highlights of the program was a reading by Perquimans High student Cindy Hendren, winner of the recent high school poetry contest.

Brenda Hollowell, president of the Perquimans Arts Council introduced the poets. The high school poetry contest was sponsored by the local arts council with the support of the Northeastern Arts Council.

Ms. Adcock, a resident of Raleigh, has written a volume of poetry in the process of being published entitled, "Walking Out." The poems she selected to read were concerning her 16-year-old daughter, an old house where she once lived, her father, and the small town in which she grew up.

Ms. Adcock was followed by Applewhite, a teacher at Duke University. He pointed out prior to his reading that he is not a political poet, and preceded to read several poems relating to his interpretation of events during the second world war, and others relating to growing up. Like Ms. Adcock, Applewhite will

also soon publish a volume of poetry entitled, "Statues of Grass."

Following the two guest poets, Cindy Hendren read her three entries in the poetry contest. They were entitled, "You've Journeyed Far", "Future Past", and "Lost: First Love - Found: A Memory." Three students at the high school received honorable mention for their poetry entries. They were Connie Baker, Nancy Long and Ruthie Ward. Two of the girls were present to read one of the poems they entered. Connie read "Changes" and Nancy read "Let Us Bow Our Heads".

Cindy is 16 and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hendren of Rt. 1, Tyner. A sophomore at Perquimans High, Cindy enjoys writing both prose and poetry, all phases of art, and music. She plays the guitar and piano, often at Up River Friends Church where she is a member. At school, Cindy is a member of the Stencils and Pencils Art Club, and a majorette in the Perquimans County Marching Unit.

Cindy said she has been writing poetry for at least four years but usually concentrates her writing on short stories. She has written over 25 poems and her subject range varies according to her mood.

Cindy is versatile in her poetic style; a majority of her poems do not rhyme although she said she can go either way. She said one of the difficulties she has in writing poetry is finding a title for the poem. According to her, "the poem sometimes comes easier, then you have to search for a title."

For winning the poetry contest, Cindy received prize money in the amount of \$50. She said she hopes to save at least half of it. Concerning the contest, Cindy said she thought it probably would encourage her to submit her poetry for publication. At present, Cindy has not attempted to have her works published.

Cindy is uncertain of her plans upon graduation from high school, but she said she thought occupational or recreational therapy would be interesting. According to her, those fields could enable her to combine all her interests in the arts and in people. She added that she had considered going into professional writing and two of her teachers had encouraged her in that area.

Why does Cindy write poetry? She said, "Sometimes it can lift your spirits."

The following is Cindy's poem that the judges ranked highest:

### YOU'VE JOURNEYED FAR

It's been a long day, and you're weary  
Come and rest here in the cradle of night,  
I know you want them to realize  
How badly they've hurt and abused you.  
They treat you like trash.  
They stab you in the back  
And lie about you.  
Pretending you have no feelings.  
They just don't know that your heart,  
So rich in patience and understanding,  
Can somehow find room to love them.  
You think you're growing old.  
But as you mature you grow more beautiful.  
You are God's most fantastic creation, now and forever.  
Tomorrow I'll take a long walk with you  
And listen to you, comfort you  
As you whisper softly to me on the wind.  
They will regret and make amends  
For all the injustice done to you.  
I promise, but now  
Just rest until the rays of dawn kiss your face.  
Sleep peacefully; I won't let them harm you.  
Precious Earth, you're the only world we have.

## Cultural Calendar

March 3-7:

The Chowan College Division of Art will sponsor "A Drinking Vessel Workshop." Jack Neff, resident potter from Penland, N.C., School of Crafts, will be visiting artist for the workshop. Neff will demonstrate various techniques of throwing on the potter's wheel. The workshop will be held in the ceramics studio of Green Hall. Anyone interested in attending the workshop at any time during the week is welcome. There is no fee.

March 2:

Stewart Theatre, Raleigh — 8 p.m. Oh Coward! This production will feature Patricia Morrison who starred on Broadway in The King & I. It is a musical review based on Noel Coward's works.

February 28:

Edenton Baptist Church, 8 p.m. "John Haddow: In Concert". John is artist-in-residence at Beaufort Tech. He is a classical pianist who studied in France and London, England, and has played extensively in Europe as well as the United States. Admission is \$1.00.

March 4 & 5:

Stewart Theatre, Raleigh — 8 p.m. New York Jazz Quartet.

## Auxiliary To Meet

The American Legion Auxiliary, Post 126, will meet Thursday, March 6, at

the Legion Home at 8 p.m. All members are asked to be present.