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**EXPLAINS CAMA** — David Stick, vice-chairman of the Coastal Resources Commission, visited Hertford last Tuesday night to explain several areas of the Coastal Area Management Act placing emphasis on the areas of environmental concern.



**LOCAL MEMBER** — T. Erie Haste Jr., of Hertford, a member of the Coastal Resources Commission, introduced Stick and commented during the course of the evenings discussions. (Newbern photos)

## Stick Discusses Coastal Area Management Act

By KATHY NEWBERN  
A small crowd turned out at the county courthouse last Tuesday night to hear David Stick, vice-chairman of the Coastal Resources Commission, speak and answer questions.

Not allowing his spirits to be dampened by the small population of his audience, Stick enthusiastically discussed one of the things he knows best, the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) with emphasis on explaining the areas of environmental concern concept.

Stick explained how phrasing in the CAMA can be interpreted differently. He said, "Maybe it's because government, especially big government usually makes things complicated instead of simple." "What we have here is a 63-page act filled with a lot of legalities. I can understand why people get confused," he continued.

Stick cited the areas of environmental concern in the CAMA which will probably affect Chowan, Camden, Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties most. They are historic sites and estuarine waters and their erodible shorelines.

Under the act, the Coastal Resources Commission supposedly will first identify these areas of environmental concern and then come up with review permits. However, Stick pointed out, the commission is now working on "turning over to local government the opportunity to take first crack at identifying these areas of environmental concern."

Stick added that at present, there have been no recommendations to the CRC to include wet lands,

swamp lands, etc. in the areas of environmental concern. And commission member T. Erie Haste Jr. added, "However we shouldn't leave the impression that these marsh lands will be excluded from the areas of environmental concern. That is finally up to the Coastal Resources Commission."

In connection with the line of discussion, one farmer present asked who decides which areas are low lying. Local land planner Curt Robbins replied, "We can get elevation scales, but the final naming of areas of environmental concern will hopefully be left up to local people."

Stick further commented, "The normal interpretation of the act was that the commission would get professionals, biologists, etc. to tell us where potential areas of environmental concern exist and then turn these over to local government.

That was what the act implies, but we have gotten away from that assuming that those living in the inner counties know better about these areas. We are hopeful in that we feel you can do it better than some outsider."

Stick straightened out one misunderstanding which often comes up. He said, "When an area is designated as an area of environmental concern, it does not mean that the area can't be used, but we will use concern in the use of these areas."

According to Stick, the goals of the Coastal Area Management Act are "to establish a system of protection, preservation, orderly development and management of coastal resources in North Carolina."

One suggestion concerning local waterways such as the Perquimans River and Albemarle Sound was made at the meeting. It was suggested that in the

local land plan, a request be made for periodical monitoring and inspection of such waterways even though this is not required in the CAMA.

County Farm Agent Richard Bryant pointed out one area he felt local people should become aware of and concerned with, the erodible shoreline. Bryant pointed out that in his work with local farmers, he has witnessed this more and more and said, "Really these places concern me more than the swamp lands."

The last area of discussion which caused much comment was that of obtaining permits in connection with the rules and regulations of the act. Stick explained that permits for major developments, such as housing projects will be handled by the CRC while minor permits for development will be left up to the local people to work out in connection with the land use plan they adopt.

## Harrell And Walters Attend Conference

Local School Superintendent C.C. Walters and Assistant Superintendent Pat Harrell left yesterday for the State Superintendents' Conference to be held July 16-19 in Wilmington, N.C.

The theme of this year's conference is "The Measure of Decision." Several nationally known speakers will be on hand for the four-day conference.

Dr. Willard Wirtz, President of the National

Manpower Institute and former U.S. Secretary of Labor will be one of the featured speakers along with Dr. Robert Leestma, Associate Commissioner for Institutional Development with the U.S. Office of Education. Dr. Leestma directs federally funded programs for institutional development, international education and libraries.

Also to be featured at the conference is Dr. Mario Fantini, Dean of Education

at State University College in New Platz, N.Y. Dr. Fantini is a widely published author on alternative education and educational change.

In addition to the featured speakers, the conference will also deal with recent state legislation as

## Tobacco Hearing Set In Greenville

First District Congressman Walter B. Jones announced today that his subcommittee on tobacco will hold formal hearings in Greenville, N.C. on Friday, July 18. These hearings will be held between 2 and 4 p.m. at the Moose Lodge located on the Farmville Highway. Members of the committee who will be present on this occasion will be Congressman Jones, chairman; Congressman John Breckinridge of Kentucky, Congressman Charles Rose of North Carolina, Congressman John Jettette of South Carolina, and Congressman William Wampler of Virginia.

The two major topics for discussion will include the lease and transfer of tobacco allotments across county lines to contiguous counties and the increase of parity from 65 per cent to 70 per cent. Jones stated, "This is an effort on my part to permit tobacco farmers, processors and warehousemen, the opportunity to be heard and to permit the members of the committee to appraise themselves of the prevailing circumstances in Eastern North Carolina and to receive the views and comments of as many interested parties as time permits."

## Chamber Of Commerce, Industrial Development Commission Seek Manager

The members of the Board of Directors of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Development

Commission recently decided to combine efforts in securing a manager to be responsible for the work of the Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial

Development of Perquimans County.

Both Boards feel that this is a step in the right direction, being that neither board had the resources to

accomplish this alone. Anyone wishing more information or to apply for the position should contact the Chamber of Commerce office.

## 800 Want County Water

R.R. Perry Jr. announced today that approximately 800 Perquimans County residents have signed up to be included in the installation of a county-wide water system.

This month ends the survey, said Perry and each road in the county should have been covered. If citizens interested in obtaining county-wide water were not contacted, they have until the end of July to call Perry at 426-7073.

Perry pointed out that those residents who have

signed up now in the planning stages, have to pay a \$25 fee compared to the cost of \$175 to hook on after the system is installed.

Perry said that the next step is to now turn over the information obtained at meetings and through the survey to the engineers for a feasibility study to decide whether to continue the efforts of obtaining county-wide water.

If the engineers find the effort feasible, the next step will be a special election to vote on a water bond referendum.

If it is decided that the effort would not be worth pursuing those residents

who have signed up for county water will have their money refunded.

## Project Vehicle Fire

The Albemarle Firemen's Association is sponsoring "Project Vehicle Fire" throughout the ten county Albemarle Region. "Vehicle Fire" is a project to make vehicle owners aware of the need to have portable fire extinguishers available on all automobiles, trucks, campers, and farm equipment in the event of a fire.

Federal safety regulations require certain classes of trucks and buses to carry a dry type extinguisher with at least a 10 BC rating installed on each vehicle. The Albemarle Firemen's Association is trying to get each vehicle owner to install a dry chemical type extinguisher on their vehicle for safety purposes.

A dry chemical extinguisher is the most effective on flammable liquids and electrical fires both in homes and automobiles. These extinguishers can be purchased locally from dealers.

Melvin Rountree of Woodville, Albemarle Firemen's Association Director for Perquimans County urges citizens to contact a dealer or the nearest fire department for information on portable fire extinguishers.

## Unemployment Is Up, But Outlook Described Positive

Although the unemployment rate of Perquimans County is still higher than usual (6.1 per cent), the Edenton Employment Security Commission office recorded an exceptional amount of positive activity for May 1975. During this month 174 new applications were taken and 21 of these were veterans. Area employers listed 128 job openings with our office. We placed 101 applicants in these openings, 27 of which were

filled by veterans. Our staff made 75 job development contacts and placed 20 applicants through these efforts. Two hundred twenty-three were referred to jobs and 22 were referred to supportive services such as the Veterans Administration and Vocational Rehabilitation. In summary, our staff is very pleased with these activities and we feel that the economy will continue to improve and create more job openings.

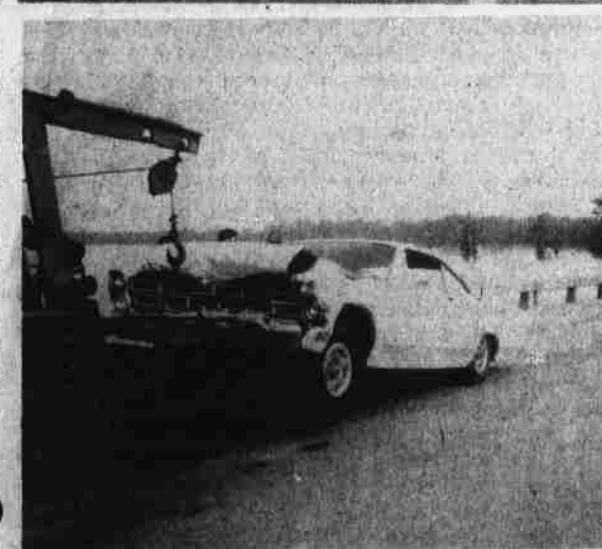
### Boating Safety Rescheduled

Due to bad weather last Sunday, the Boating Safety Day sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees was cancelled.

The program date has been rescheduled for Sunday July 20 from 2-6 p.m. at the piers behind the Hertford Municipal Building.

J.E.B. Stuart, vice commander of the Coast Guard Flotilla 16-1 will be present along with an assistant to administer courtesy motorboat examinations. Local Jaycees will also be present and assist in the program.

Local citizens concerned with safe boating are urged to participate in the program at no cost.



**ACCIDENT ON BRIDGE** — An accident involving two vehicles occurred last week on the U.S. 17 Bypass bridge. Due to work on the bridge, Larry S. Ambrose of Rt. 3, Hertford driving a late model pickup truck was stopped on the bridge. The late model car driven by Keith Haskett Jr. of 205 Woodland Circle, Hertford hit the truck in the rear causing approximately \$75 worth of damage. Damage to the car's front end was estimated at \$800. There were no personal injuries and no charges made. Investigating trooper was Y.Z. Newberry. (Ward photos)

determined by General Assembly action and state programs and guidelines for 1975-76.



**PERSONAL MESSAGE** — An unidentified worker with a car manufacturer in Metuchen, N.J. recently sent a personal message along with a new car to Winalow-Blanchard Motor Company. The message, written on the rear window reads, "Say Hello To Catfish," and is signed "Yank Fan." (Ward photo)



**REVIEW MAP** — Hertford Mayor Bill Cox (left) and Charles Skinner Jr. examine a map showing the existing land use in Hertford. Work is continuing on a map of county wide land use and is expected to be completed by the beginning of August. The Hertford map is being used as a guideline.