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## Grants Awarded To County And Town

A grant totaling \$79,273 has been awarded to Perquimans County and a grant totaling \$2,889 has been awarded to Hertford to aid in financing improvement to their respective water supply systems, according to Human Resources Secretary David Flaherty. Similar grants have been made on five other

occasions to cities and towns throughout North Carolina. In all, \$53 million has been awarded totaling 294 grants since the program began in 1972.

Applications for the grants were approved in accordance with the Clean Water Bond Act of 1971. Voters approved the issuance of \$150 million in

clean water bonds in a 1972 referendum.

State grants provide only a portion of the total project cost. Most of the financing comes from local sources with some projects receiving federal assistance, though the amount of federal grant money had decreased during recent months.

Grant applications for water supply construction projects are now being received by the Division of Health Services for processing during the first semi-annual review period of fiscal year 1975-76. Grant awards for these are expected to be issued in January.

## Zoning & Planning

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was submitted by Curt Robbins, local land use planner, in an effort to explain planning and zoning.)

One of the most common mistakes made by people who are basically unfamiliar with the planning process is the assumption that planning and zoning are the same thing. Certainly the two are both parts of the planning process, but they are not the same. Comprehensive planning is the first step during which it is decided by citizen planners what type of growth should occur in which areas. Zoning is the second step in which the plan is implemented. Without it, the plan would be a useless document and all the effort put into it, wasted. Zoning is a necessary tool to help make sure that growth and development occur in the most suitable areas. In Perquimans County, this would mean that the best farm land could be zoned for agricultural use only, protecting prime crop land from development pressures. It would also mean that the areas which had sewer and water or good conditions for septic tanks, did not flood easily and were near roads, could be zoned

for residential or commercial use. It must be pointed out, however, that zoning an area as residential or commercial does not mean that the land cannot be farmed. It is the decision of the individual land owner in a commercial or residential zone whether he would rather develop the land, sell it or farm it. But in an area zoned for agricultural use, there can be no residential or commercial development. Again, this is designed to prevent the use of the most valuable farm land for other purposes. It recognizes that agriculture is of basic importance to the county and must be protected.

At the present time, citizen planners are involved in the first step of the planning process, coming up with a good sound plan for Perquimans County and the Town of Hertford. By listening to what the people have to say and looking at such things as soil maps, flood plain maps, population estimates for the future and other technical information, these citizen planners will come up with a guide for future growth and development. It will not be a final document because

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## School Receives Grant

It was announced recently that Perquimans Central Grammar School, located in Winfall, is one of 40 schools in the state selected to receive a \$15,000 grant to improve the school's reading program in grades one through three.

The grant could only be received for use in one local school and the decision was made locally.

"Central Grammar Principal Tommy Maston and teachers selected to participate in the program are extremely excited," said Pat Harrell, assistant superintendent.

Classrooms involved in the program will be self-controlled with heterogeneously grouped students. Reading will be afforded top priority in these classrooms and it is hoped that other classrooms and teachers can observe new approaches.

Harrell said, "We are really excited to be one of the school systems funded in our district. We feel that Central Grammar School will serve as an excellent demonstration center under the leadership of Mr. Maston and his faculty."

According to State School Superintendent Craig Phillips, the grant is part of \$750,000 appropriated by the 1975 General Assembly to implement a primary reading program during fiscal 1975-76. Another \$2,000,000, according to Phillips, has been appropriated for use during the second year of the biennium, and will make possible the funding of over 200 additional classrooms next year.

The \$15,000 grant will be divided among three classrooms in the school with each classroom receiving approximately \$5,000. According to the approved plan, the money will be used for a teacher aide in each classroom for ten months, for staff development for the teacher and aide, for supplies and materials, and for research and evaluation.

The 40 schools were selected from nearly one hundred applications submitted. "Each unit chosen," said Phillips, "indicated a strong commitment to the improvement of reading instruction, and showed the leadership to successfully implement the program."

Phillips added, "We are hopeful that his \$2,750,000 appropriated specifically to be used to teach reading in the primary grades will go a long way toward getting our primary children off to a good start during these crucial years in learning to read."



WRITER'S WORKSHOP — Members of the Northeastern Arts Council participating in the recent writer's workshop at Chowan College are pictured above: Nancie Allen, Margaret and Frank Adams, Katherine Whitley, Alton Hopewell and Karlis Frievalds. (Photo courtesy of Pat Flynn)

## Workshop Successful

In the first of many planned weekend workshops, members of the Northeastern Arts Council (NAC) and interested writers from the area, met August 1-3 at Chowan College in Murfreesboro, N.C.

Writers present represented the six counties of the NAC: Hertford, Gates, Bertie, Martin, Chowan and Perquimans. There was one traveler from Suffolk, Va.

The writers attending the workshop described the meeting as a successful first organizational meeting. Quarterly meetings are to be spaced between each workshop.

The writers attending read their works which were

then left to group discussion. Poetry, short stories and a chapter of a novel were read. Writing related topics and discussion ran from technique to social commentary.

Planned projects include a booklet representing each writer's talent. The pages representing the author's work would be produced by the author and collated at a future time.

The group hopes to secure funds from the North Carolina Arts Council for a future publication. The book would represent regional writers writing about regional topics of interest to be presented to interested listeners such as school classes, library readings and labor camps.

## Lunch Policy

Perquimans County Board of Education today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals, free milk for children unable to pay the full price of meals and milk served under the National School Lunch, and Special Milk Program.

Local school officials have adopted the following family size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

Family Size	INCOME	
	Free	Reduced
1	0- 3230	3231 - 4520
2	0- 4240	4241 - 5930
3	0- 5250	5251 - 7350
4	0- 6260	6261 - 8770
5	0- 7190	7191 - 10060
6	0- 8110	8111 - 11360
7	0- 8950	8951 - 12530
8	0- 9790	9791 - 13700
9	0-10550	10550 - 14770
10	0-11310	11311 - 15840
11	0-12060	12061 - 16890
12	0-12810	12811 - 17940
Each additional family member	—	750

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk. In addition, families not meeting these criteria but with other unusual expenses due to unusually high medical expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 per cent of income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses are urged to apply.

Application forms are being sent to all homes in a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a family has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for such meals and milk for them, it should contact the school.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, or national origin.

Under the provisions of the policy the Principals will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may make a request either orally or in writing to Janice P. Winslow, Attendance Counselor, Hertford, N.C. 27644, phone 426-7440 for a hearing to appeal the decision. The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

## COA President Resigns Aug. 31

Dr. S. Bruce Petteway, president of College of The Albemarle since 1968, has resigned his position, effective August 31. He will become president of North Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount on September 1.

The announcement was made last Wednesday morning by Selby Scott, chairman of the COA Board of Trustees, following a called meeting of the board Tuesday night. Scott said the resignation was approved with reluctance by the governing body of the institution.

In tendering his resignation, Petteway told the board, "It is with mixed emotions that I leave Elizabeth City and College of The Albemarle." He said the past seven years had been among the most pleasant in his life. "It has been both exciting and challenging to work with the college family and the Albemarle community toward the common goal of moving College of The Albemarle forward," the president said.

Petteway's tenure in office has seen many far-reaching accomplishments since he occupied the president's chair on August 1, 1968. At that time, COA had a full-time equivalent enrollment of 776 students in college transfer curriculum and 3,932 students involved

in Adult Education and Project COA programs. By the Fall of 1974, there were 1,411 FTE students and 7,022 others.

As the college has grown in service and responsibility to the people of the seven-county region which it serves, so has its budget. In 1968, the budget was \$642,557. The 1974 figures totaled \$2,023,931. During the past year, 53 full-time and 75 part-time faculty members earned \$1,364,340, which is more than double the \$547,504 earned by the 34 full-time and 13 part-time instructors in 1968.

Of the people he has worked with, he said, "It has been my pleasure to work with the finest staff of administrators and faculty that could be assembled anywhere. Our trustees have given unselfishly of their time and talents to provide quality education to all at low cost." He urged the area to continue working to undergird and support College of The Albemarle.

Perhaps one of the most notable achievements during Petteway's administration was the formulation of a Master Plan for the orderly physical development of the college. In 1968-69, with \$90,000 in "seed" money from a \$400,000 Rockefeller Foundation grant, the first such ever to a community college, he was successful in



DR. S. BRUCE PETTEWAY

capturing state and federal funds for the construction of an occupational education building. Construction began on a 42-acre site which had been acquired the following year, and the COA Technical Center was formally dedicated in April of 1973.

Even while the first bricks were being laid for the "Phase I" construction, the energetic administrator was busy organizing and implementing a capital fund drive for Phase II construction on the new campus. Although expected federal matching funds were cut off, COA has approximately \$300,000 available to it as a result of the effort.

During his first year in office, Petteway was successful in having COA fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The initial accreditation was reaffirmed in 1972, and again during the past year, accepting the second-year follow-up report "without qualification". The years between 1968 and 1975, have seen COA increasingly earning a reputation in North Carolina and the Southeastern United States as a leader of unsurpassed quality among institutions of its size and composition.

As the institution grew through the addition of new programs and services in every division, reaching out to more and more people each year, its cost of operation also increased. Petteway, with the assistance and support of area legislators, was successful in obtaining state aid for operating and maintaining the physical facilities of the institution, thereby offering some relief to Pasquotank County which is committed to this obligation. College of The Albemarle is the only community college in the 57-institution system receiving such funds.

In taking stock of his years as president of College of The Albemarle,

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## County Named Bicentennial Community

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration has designated Perquimans County as a national Bicentennial Community, it was announced recently by Dr. Lawrence J. Wheeler, Communities consultant for the North Carolina Bicentennial.

To qualify for this distinction, the Board of County Commissioners appointed a committee, representative of cross-section interests in the community, to design a program utilizing the three theme focuses of the national Bicentennial program: Heritage, Festivals and Horizons.

Under the chairmanship of Joseph W. Nowell Jr., the Perquimans County Bicentennial Committee proposes to recall the county's history and the part it had in the development of the country. The committee with the help of the various clubs and organizations plans to have programs, events and other festivals that will make the public aware of the great assets of Perquimans County's history. The committee shall strive to preserve as much of this as possible in order to make 1976 as memorable as 1776.



BICENTENNIAL DONATION — At the August meeting of the Perquimans County Jaycees, Sylvia Barnes, chairwoman of the July 4th Bicentennial Kick-Off for the club, presented a check for \$85 to Joe Nowell, chairman of the Perquimans Bicentennial Committee. The donation represented the proceeds from the July 4th games and events sponsored by the Jaycees and will be used by the Bicentennial Committee for Bicentennial activities. (Newbern photo)



THURSDAY AUG. 14th

Perquimans County Jaycees REA Building 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 16

The Belvidere-Chappell Hill Fire Department will sponsor a tractor pull beginning at noon to be held at the fire station. The fee to enter is \$2 per pull. Those attending will be asked for \$1 donation. The proceeds will be used for the upkeep of equipment and fire station operations. The concession stand will be open. The public is invited.

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Chicken & Fish Dinner Sale. Sponsored by the men of the First Baptist Church. 11 a.m. until late afternoon. \$1.75 per plate. Phone 426-5093 or 426-5448 for tickets or see Rev. J.H. London at 211 Hyde Park, Hertford.

SUNDAY, AUG. 17

The Snug Harbor Civic League will meet on Sunday, August 17, at 1 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Election of officers for the new club year will take place at this meeting.

MONDAY, AUG. 18

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Building in Hertford. All Board of Directors are urged to please be present.

TUESDAY, AUG. 19

Hertford Rotary Club meets at 6:30 p.m. +++ Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106 will meet at 8 p.m. at the courthouse in Hertford.

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Belvidere Chappell Hill Ladies Auxiliary.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20

A meeting to discuss the tentative objectives, policies, and standards for Perquimans County land use planning will be held in the county courthouse, Hertford. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

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Durant Necks Ruritan Club THURSDAY, AUG. 21 Hertford BPW Club Hertford Lions Club Hertford Fire Department.

(NOTE: Anyone wishing to place items in the civic calendar should call Jean Harrison at the Chamber office by Monday noon prior to Thursday's edition.)