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## Schools Announce New Programs And Added Personnel

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According to local school officials the beginning of school in Perquimans County has been successful. Enrollment at the opening of the school year was just slightly less than last year's total, mainly due to the trend of decline in birth rate.

Several new programs have been implemented in the schools throughout the county and officials are looking forward to an even better school year.

The occupational program at Perquimans High has been expanded to include an occupational counselor. Working closely with this position is another new program, a language arts lab designed for individual attention for small numbers of students with special needs in reading and language skills. The occupational counselor and the Language arts lab instructor will work closely with students in helping them make career decisions.

The high school will also begin the new program of student tutors who will receive credit for their work in this area.

An expansion of the program for exceptional children has been started to include a speech and hearing specialist to work in all four of the county's schools. She will give diagnostic testing to determine if problems exist and then work with the student to identify the problem area. This will be done in intensive therapy sessions. Concerning this program, assistant superintendent Pat Harrell said, "This is one of our priority areas and a program that we feel a great many students may benefit from."

The reading program at Central Grammar School, which was recently funded,

is under way. Teachers participating include Ms. Atha Tunnell in the first grade, Ms. Linda Davis in the second grade and Ms. Rosa Talley in the third grade. Three aides have been employed to work with these teachers in the reading program. They are Ms. Dollie Walton, Ms. Lucy Frierson and Ms. Anita Stallings. These six women will be attending a staff training institute Sept. 14-19 consisting of sessions on reading as an integral part of the total day, sessions on child development and sessions on communication and leadership skills. Conducting the training sessions will be state agency personnel and outside consultants. Pat Harrell will serve as one of the staff member conducting the session on communication and leadership skills.

As part of the elementary physical education program, the schools have employed three phys. ed. instructional aids to work with Sharon Tunnell, p.e. instructor and the classroom teachers in implementing a planned physical education program consisting of both individual and team activities as well as activities for leisure time.

In order to implement some of these new programs, six new school personnel have been employed.

Ms. Grace Sawyer will be the speech and hearing therapist working with all the county schools. She attended East Carolina University and was certified in the area of speech and hearing. An Edenton native, Ms. Sawyer did her speech and hearing clinical training in Elizabeth City and Chowan Hospital, while attending ECU.

Ms. Thoris Barnes has been employed to work with the EMR Program at Perquimans High School.

She graduate from North Carolina Central University in Durham with high honors. She has a background in English and language arts and will be taking special course work this year in the area of exceptional children. She is a native of Battleboro, located in Edgecombe County.

Ms. Dorothy Wilson has been employed as a second grade teacher at Central Grammar School. She is a graduate of Elizabeth City State University and is certified in the area of early childhood education. Ms. Wilson is a native of Colerian.

Ms. Jeannie Umphlett has been employed to work in the EMR program at Hertford Grammar School. She is currently working toward her Master's Degree from East Carolina University in the area of mental retardation. She is a native of Bethel, N.C. and a resident of Hertford.

Ms. Jackie Boyd will be working with the special reading program under the ESEA Title I program at Central Grammar School. She is certified in the area of early childhood education. A resident of Camden, Ms. Boyd did her student teaching last year at Central Grammar.

Walker Morris of Greensboro has been employed as language arts lab teacher at Perquimans High. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he majored in English. He is currently enrolled in the Master of Arts in Teaching program at Duke University.

### COA Courses Offered Here

Eleven courses in adult education will be offered to Perquimans County residents beginning next week. Fred T. Riddick, county supervisor for College of the Albemarle's Continuing Education Division, announced today the following schedule for the Fall Quarter:

Three courses will be held at Perquimans High School Vocational Building from 7 to 10 p.m. The Rev. William E. Martin will teach a class in religion on Tuesdays, Sept. 16 through Dec. 16.

Emily Harrell will teach two courses in sewing. Sewing I will be held on Tuesdays, Sept. 16 through Dec. 16 and Sewing II on Thursdays, Sept. 18 through Dec. 18.

Mrs. Harrell will also be instructor for the course, Crafts For Employment Sept. 15 through Dec. 17. Classes will meet each Monday and Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Market Street.

Sewing I and II will be offered at the Nw Hope Community Building Sept. 15 through Dec. 17. Eva Hurdle will instruct these classes which will meet Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m.

Four other courses are scheduled at the high school vocational building from 7 to 10 p.m. Typing I will be offered Sept. 16 through Dec. 18. The class, instructed by Gayle Freeman, will meet each Tuesday and Thursday.

Doris Toler will teach a class in upholstery on Thursdays, Sept. 18 through Dec. 18.

Masonry will be instructed by Walter Askew Sept. 16 through Dec. 18. Classes will meet Tuesday and Thursday.

Oil painting will be offered Sept. 18 through Dec. 18. Margaret Brewin will in-



DISCUSS RECREATION DAY — Carolyn Rogers, Perquimans County Jaycettes chairman for the Family Recreation Day talks over some of the plans with Zeb Copeland, the Jaycettes local poster child. All proceeds from the day's games and tournaments will be donated to the local chairman of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. (Newbern Photo)

### Proceeds To CF:

## Jaycettes Plan Recreation Day

The Perquimans County Jaycettes will sponsor a Family Recreation Day on Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Harris Shopping Center in Hertford lasting from 2-5 p.m. Games and tournaments will be held in order to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

There will be tennis, ping pong, horseshoes, and individual game booths for those wishing to participate. There will be a charge of \$1 to play the best three out of five games in tennis, the winner receiving a blue ribbon. The winner may challenge anyone else to play by paying another dollar. The person with the most blue ribbons at the close of the festivities will receive a prize. There will be a charge of 25 cents per game in ping pong and horseshoes. Four booths with games of interest to the younger children will be operated with a charge of 25 cents per game with the possibility of participants winning some delightful prizes according to the person's skill. Another booth will be set up for the purpose of accepting donations for Cystic Fibrosis. The Jaycettes will be selling raffle tickets this week and Sunday for prizes donated by several local businesses. Raffle tickets will sell for \$1 each and the drawing for prizes will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the shopping center on Sunday. Ticket holders must be present to win.

Special guest of honor for the Family Recreation Day will be Zeb Copeland, the Jaycettes local poster child. Zeb is the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Copeland of Rt. 1, Hertford. He attends the third grade at Hertford Grammar School where his favorite subject is reading. Zeb enjoys fishing, swimming and playing baseball. Zeb's mother said he is really excited about participating in the Sunday activities, and she added, "I just hope everybody will come out and participate. I hope this will help to make the county more aware of this and other problems." As poster child, Zeb's picture appears on several posters placed throughout the county and town.

The Jaycettes are working hard to make this a successful day. The public is encouraged to come out and bring the entire family for a day of fun. All proceeds after expenses will be donated by the local Jaycette chapter to Miss Mary Helene Newby, county chairman for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The Jaycettes have set a goal of \$100 but are optimistic to go beyond this goal if the people of the county will support the day's events.

## Finishes Course

D. Talmadge Rose Jr. of Hertford, Civil Preparedness Coordinator for the Town of Hertford Civil Preparedness Agency has just graduated from a special Plans and Operations course

conducted by the Division of Civil Preparedness. The course was designed to provide guidance to local Civil Preparedness coordinators for the development of natural disaster plans, war plans, and special plans. The coordinators were urged to write or rewrite their local plans to react to any emergency along these guidelines.

David L. Britt, State Coordinator of the Division of Civil Preparedness, stated that more local coordinators attended this course than any training activity the Division has ever offered. Britt pointed out that it is not "if" your county will have an emergency, but "when" your county is going to have an emergency, be it ice or snow storm, tornado, hurricane, flood, fire, bus wreck, or whatever.

While these plans cannot prevent an accident or emergency from happening, up-to-date plans can save lives, limit the damage, and expedite the recovery. Britt stated further that his staff members would work with local coordinators in every county in the State to insure that adequate plans are written and tested.

For additional information, contact Mr. Riddick at 426-7140 after 5 p.m.

## Ms. Monds Named Head Of Reading Task Force

DURHAM — Ms. Frances Monds of Hertford has been named to head a Perquimans County task force on reading. The local effort is part of a statewide project sponsored by Citizens United for the Improvement of Reading.

John R. B. Hawes, Jr., executive director of the Learning Institute of North Carolina (LINC), which is coordinating the project, said its major goal is to bring together all available resources in a concentrated effort to improve reading in the state.

The county task force will become informed about reading improvement and get special projects underway. Citizens United and LINC will provide assistance in all stages of the effort, Hawes said.

Task forces are being formed in each of the state's 100 counties and members of a statewide steering committee for the project will be announced soon.

The first major event of the project will be the Governor's Conference on Reading at the Winston-Salem Convention Center Sept. 22-24. County task force members, teachers, administrators, parents, legislators, school board members, local government officials, and other interested citizens and professionals will attend.

The three-day conference will include exhibits of materials and equipment, demonstrations of successful programs, and discussions led by reading experts. Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr., will preside at the meeting.

"The Governor's Conference will keynote the project by giving county task forces a variety of ideas about how to approach

the goals they've set for reading improvement in their local communities," Hawes said.

Citizens United will promote programs to improve reading at all age levels, Hawes said, from preschool children through adults, and in a variety of settings: public schools, libraries, day care centers, industrial plants, community centers, recreational facilities, and others.

Citizens United for the Improvement of Reading is

supported in part by grants from the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, and N.C. Association of Educators.

Suzanne Triplett is project coordinator, and Carrie Tyson is coordinator of county task forces. Both are LINC staff members.

LINC, established in 1964, is an independent, nonprofit corporation established to try new approaches to North Carolina's most pressing educational problems.

## Minutes From The Board Of Education

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, September 2, at 8 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. All members were present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

After some discussion the Board voted to look into the possibility of a reorganization plan for the schools in the county. Alternative plans will be drawn up and studied in order to determine the plan which has the most to offer for our schools.

The resignation of Bonnie Ghee was accepted by the Board. In other business the Board adopted a salary scale for teacher aides. The ESEA Title I Tutorial Aides will work 6 1/2 hours per day. The high school graduates will receive \$320.00 per month, the ones who have completed one year of college training will receive \$330.00 per month and those with two or more years of college training will receive \$340.00 per month. The Primary Ready Program Aides and Kindergarten Aides will work 7 hours per day with high school graduates to receive \$345.00 per month. Those who have completed one year of college training will receive \$355.00 per month and those with two or more years of college will receive \$365.00 per month.

The Board adopted policies dealing with discipline, attendance, field trips and use of facilities or equipment. The employment of Jeannie Umphlett, Thoris Barnes and Walker Morris was approved by the Board. The following were approved for employment as ESEA Aides: Miriam J. Haskett, Sharon Gordon, Sallie Jennings, Elizabeth Thach, Shirley Lightfoot, Eva Chesson, Pennie Mallory, Myrtle Williams, Delia Harvey, Barbara Lyons, Madeleine Nixon, Reba Owens, Fannie Leigh, Mary Ivey, Zenovah White and Edna R. Howell. Dewey Newby was approved for part time work.

The Board approved a budget amendment which increases current expenditures in the amount of \$16,634.00. This money comes from a State Allotment of \$15,315.00 for a Special Reading Program and \$1,319.00 in funds for children with Special Needs.

The Board voted to investigate the controlling on unauthorized vehicle traffic on the grounds at Hertford Grammar School. The Board will work with town and county authorities in an effort to solve this problem.

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

## Grants Offered To Arts Councils

Non-profit arts organizations in North Carolina have until Oct. 1 to apply for grants from the North Carolina Arts Council, a section of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources.

In making the deadline announcement Halsey North, council director, said that no exceptions will be made for late applications and that all applications must be in the council office by Oct. 1 to be considered by the board.

Last year the board awarded more than \$350,000 in grants-in-aid for programs and projects in the arts. The money consisted of funds appropriated by the General Assembly on a matching basis with funds from the National Endowment for the Arts.

North said the term "arts" includes but is not limited to architecture and the visual environment, crafts, dance, drama, literature, music, photography, film, public and multi-media, and visual arts.

No grants are made unless there is also substantial local funding and general support for a project.

Because of the time involved in processing applications and notifying grant recipients, North said the council recommends that proposed projects for which funds are requested not begin before Jan. 1, 1976. Applications may be obtained by writing to: North Carolina Arts Council, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.



NAMED CHAIRMAN FOR NCADA — Bobby Hollowell, owner of Hollowell Chevrolet Company, Inc. in Hertford, will serve as 1975-76 Perquimans County Area Chairman for the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association (NCADA). Announcement of his appointment was made today by NCADA President T. Carey Iderton of High Point, N.C. During his term, Hollowell will act as liaison between new car and truck dealers in this area and the state and national dealer associations.

### Civic Calendar

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

Regular meeting of the Perquimans County Jaycees.

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The Perquimans County Citizens Band Club will meet at 8 p.m. and every other Thursday thereafter. The meeting will be held at the Municipal Building in Hertford.

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The Hertford BPW Club will meet at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Billie Miller.

#### FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

Bethel Homemakers Club meets.

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

The Perquimans Lodge No. 106 will have a steak cookout at Jim Bass' cottage at 7 p.m. for Masons and their families.

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The Elizabeth City Shrine Club will have a dance at the Shrine club for Shriners and their guests. Admission is \$5 per couple. Music will be provided by "The Countrymen."

#### MONDAY, SEPT. 15

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

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The Perquimans County Senior Citizens Club will meet at 10 a.m. at the Episcopal Parrish House.

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Perquimans County Marching Unit Parents Club meets.

#### TUESDAY, SEPT. 16

Hertford Rotary Club meets.

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Perquimans County Masonic Lodge No. 106 will meet at 8 p.m. in the courthouse in Hertford.

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Belvidere-Chappell Hill Ladies Auxiliary meets.

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

Durants Neck Ruritan Club meets.

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

Hertford Fire Department meets.

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Hertford Lions Club meets.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

The Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department will have a bazaar on Friday, Sept. 26 from 5-9 p.m. at the Belvidere Community Building continuing on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.