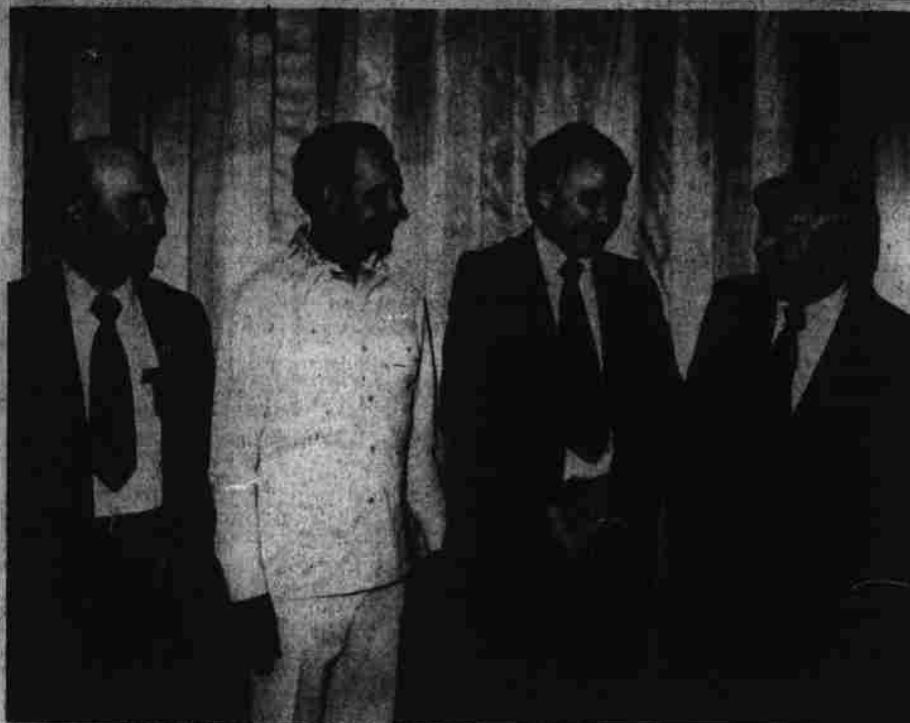


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DISCUSS PROJECTS — Discussing some of the Alliance for Progress projects at the group's Wednesday night meeting were (l. to r.) C.C. Walters, Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools; Clifford Winslow, Chairman of

the Perquimans County Board of Education; Dr. Walton Jones, Associate Vice-President in charge of research and public service with the University of North Carolina system; and Richard Baker, AFP Director. (Newbern photo)

Alliance For Progress Reviews Yearly Projects

By KATHY M. NEWBERN
Discussion of several Alliance for Progress projects and activities was on the agenda when the group met May 19 at the Tomahawk Restaurant in Ahoskie, N.C. Members from the six counties involved in AFP, Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Martin, and Perquimans were present.

W.T. Modlin, Vice-Chairman of AFP and Chairman of the Hertford County Commissioners, reported on preliminary planning of an Outdoor Environmental Education Center. He said Union Camp had given 3810 acres of land in Gates County to be used for this project. A dedication ceremony has been planned for June 14 with Governor

Jim Holshouser to be present.

One of the major areas of discussion during the meeting was the Alliance-sponsored Access to Mainstream project which works in the home with children ages birth to four, who have special needs. Gaynor Joyner, director of the project, announced to the group that a budget of \$105,000 had been approved for the upcoming year. The Access program has recently been involved in training sessions for staffs involved in other similar programs such as home-based Head Start. These training sessions have been held with four groups. Ms. Joyner explained that a decision is now facing the Access to Mainstream project. "As of July 1, 1977, the service that

Access to Mainstream is providing to children will have to be picked up on the local level," she said. Due to changes initiated by the Board of Education for the Handicapped, the Alliance for Progress must decide if the project will work next year in an attempt to become validated as a model project on the national level or will continue to work with children in the six-county area.

Ms. Joyner added that the service to children will eventually have to be picked up on the local level and it is just a matter of deciding whether this will be done sooner or later. If the project decides to take the route of working toward validation as a model project, very little to no work will be done with services to children. Ms. Joyner did add that having a model project in Northeastern North Carolina would bring "prestige" to the area. If it does become a model project, many groups and various program personnel will be coming into the area to observe the project.

In order to make the decision, the Alliance for Progress voted to form a committee to further look into the possible routes which could be taken in regard to the project. This committee will meet and report back to the group during the June 14 dedication ceremony.

In other business, the nominating committee submitted the names of W.T. Modlin of Hertford County and R.S. Monds of Perquimans County as chairman and vice-chairman respectively of Alliance for Progress for the upcoming year. These nominations were accepted by acclamation.

Also, a wrap-up report was given by Dr. J.H. Horton of Edenton concerning the Elected Boards Institute in which County Commissioners and Board of Education members in the six-county area have participated. Dr. Horton pointed out the value of the three Institute meetings held this year and recommended more Institute sessions be held next year. It was also suggested that the Fall Institute meeting center around teacher evaluation. Dr. Horton also asked those present to stress the importance of attendance at the Institute sessions.

Jeann Rogers, finance committee chairman, also made a brief report to the group.

In the absence of AFP Chairman Paul Barber of Martin County, J.M. Jenkins, Superintendent of Hertford County Public Schools, served as acting chairman for the meeting.

Former Veneer Mill Burns

Firemen with all departments in Perquimans County were on the scene Friday night when the old Veneer Mill on Grubb St. in Hertford burned to the ground. The blaze lit the skies and was seen miles away.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., the alarm was turned in by Hertford Police Officer J.R. Logan. By the time members of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department arrived, the building was nearly engulfed in flames. Winfall, Belvidere-Chappell Hill, Bethel, and Inter-county Fire Departments were all notified. Firemen from each of those departments were eventually on the scene.

According to Hertford Fire Department Chief C.T. Skinner Jr., the fire originated in the rear of the metal warehouse and there were actually three buildings, all connected, involved. Skinner said, "Our concern was to keep it from spreading to other buildings." He added that the origin of the fire was "undetermined" at this time. Also, the estimate of damages to the building is still unknown. It was owned by Frank and Jack Habit of Elizabeth City and Edenton respectively. The building was most recently used to house the Hertford Frames three years ago, a company which manufactured bed frames. The building had not been used since.

The same building also caught fire on Friday, May 14th but firemen caught it in time. Chief Skinner said, "We are reasonably sure it was set on fire on the 14th."



WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARED — Pictured above is the remains of the old Veneer Mill on Grubb St. in Hertford following a blaze Friday night which kept firemen on watch throughout the

night and most of early Saturday morning. The origin of the fire has still not been determined. (Staff photo by Ray Ward)



GUEST SPEAKER — Shown above is Hayward Stirling, Director of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, speaking before the Albemarle Law and Order Association. In his remarks, Stirling stressed earlier detection and prevention of crime in North Carolina.



REPORTS TO ALOA — Bill Cox, Mayor of Hertford, gives the report of the nominating committee to the Albemarle Law and Order Association during the Friday night meeting. The current ALOA officers were reelected for another term.

Albemarle EMC To Get Loan

Congressman Walter B. Jones recently announced the approval by the Rural Electrification Administration of a loan of \$429,000 to the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation in Hertford. The loan is to be repaid at five percent interest. The corporation will obtain supplemental financing from the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

The Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation serves Chowan, Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties and will use the funds to finance service for 430 additional consumers, 21 miles of distribution line, and various system improvements.

Bond Sales Are Up

Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in Perquimans County during the first quarter of 1976 were \$29,011. This represents 27 percent of the county's goal of \$107,600 according to R.L. Stevenson, county volunteer chairman.

Not since the War Loans of 1945 have North Carolinians purchased more Savings Bonds in any quarter of any year. First quarter 1976 Series E and H sales were \$26,225,496 which is 5.6 percent above a year ago and represents 24.4 percent of the state's 1976 dollar goal of \$107,600,000.

Nationally, total cash sales of E and H Bonds for the first three months of 1976 amounted to \$1,979 million, 4.7 percent above a year earlier. Sales exceeded redemptions at cost price by \$606 million, as March 1976 marked the 30th consecutive month sales have exceeded redemptions at cost price. The cash value of Series E and H Bonds outstanding on March 31 amounted to \$68.6 billion, up by \$1,103 million in the first quarter. Holdings of Series E and H Bonds and Freedom Shares reached \$68,394 million.



REHEARSAL — Rehearsals are under way for the June 11th and 12th performances of "Freedoms Way" and "The Rivals" a play within a play to be presented in the Perquimans County High School ballpark by the Perquimans Arts Council. Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. In the picture above, Sir Absolute (left) (Andrell Henry) looks on as Mrs. Malaprop (Frank Roberts) gets into a discussion with Lydia Languish (Susan Rogerson).

Play To Be Presented

Some unusual Bicentennial Year entertainment is scheduled for June 11 and 12 at the Perquimans County High School ballpark.

It is a play within a play, double the fun, and is being produced by the Perquimans Arts Council.

Price of admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

"Freedoms Way" and "The Rivals" is directed by Cliff Towse who also appears as Hedley Defazio, a British agent, in the plays centered around the pre-Revolutionary War era.

Other "characters" are Tony Jordan as Capt. Jack Absolute and Andrell Henry as his father, Sir Anthony Absolute.

Henry, one of many playing dual roles, also appears as Malcolm Muggins.

Jordan also appears as Richard Lyndon.

Susan Rogerson is Sally Nohr and Lydia Languish.

Frank M. Roberts appears as John Stead and Mrs. Malaprop.

Miller Ward is a triple-theater as Julia Wrenn, McGuff (a manservant), and Julia Mayhew.

Henry Wagon is also a triple-threat. She is both Stead, Thomas (a coachman), and Lucy.

Ben Wolverson is the villainous Taggart.

The time is 1776; the place, the Carolinas.

Time for the play, again, is June 11 and 12, beginning at 8 p.m. nightly in the Perquimans County High School ballpark.

Crime Prevention Is Stressed At Alb. Law And Order Meeting

By KATHY M. NEWBERN
Citizens involved in all facets of law enforcement were present Friday night for the spring dinner meeting of the Albemarle Law and Order Association held at the Seafare Restaurant in Nags Head, N.C.

Attending from Perquimans County were Mayor and Mrs. Bill Cox; Mr. and Mrs. L. Paul Smith Sr.; Magistrate and Mrs. Broughton Dail; R.S. Monds, county commissioner; Sheriff and Mrs. Julian Broughton; Hertford Police Chief Ben Gibbs; Hertford Police Officer Marshall Merritt; Town Councilwoman Mattie "Pete" Broughton; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Simpson, chairman of the county commis-

sioners; Town Councilman Eric Haste; and Clerk of Court Jarvis Ward.

Following a hospitality hour and dinner, a welcome was issued to the group from Charles Evans, Mayor of Nags Head.

Chief of the Elizabeth City Police Department, W.C. Owens recognized special guests which included Congressman Walter B. Jones, Representatives Vernon James and Stanford White; and Senators Melvin Daniels and J.J. "Moak" Harrington.

M.E. Bunch, Planning Director, presented the annual financial report.

Bill Cox of Hertford, chairman of the nominating committee, reported to the group. The association's current officers were

elected for another term. They are R.L. Spivey of Perquimans County, president; W.C. Owens of Pasquotank County, first vice-president; Troy Toppin of Chowan County, second vice-president; Frank M. Cahoon of Dare County, secretary; and J.J. Walston of Camden County, treasurer. Following the election, newly elected president Spivey said, "I want to thank you for this expression of confidence. I hope it's merited."

Frank M. Cahoon, Sheriff of Dare County introduced the guest speaker, Hayward Stirling, director of the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation.

In his remarks, Stirling said, "The SBI is primarily an assistance rendering

organization. We are not a state police." He stressed the prevention of crime before it occurs with the help of the citizens of North Carolina. He said, "In calendar year 1974, there was a 27 percent increase in serious crimes in North Carolina. According to statistics by the SBI, this was a 33 percent increase." Stirling cited several contributing factors to crime in the state and in the nation. These included abusive uses of drugs including alcohol and too much public apathy. He said, "We in law enforcement need to look at the role we've been playing as after the fact preventors and consider working toward becoming before the fact preventors."

REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTY — Some of the citizens of Perquimans County involved in law enforcement were present at the Friday night meeting of the association. They are pictured above with President R.L. Spivey (at left) and guest speaker Hayward Stirling (second from left). Newbern photos