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Many Items Discussed By Board Of Education

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At the recent meeting of the Perquimans County Board of Education, several items of business were presented and discussed.

The board discussed sick leave policy for those employees not covered by the State Personnel Regulations. It was decided that a policy would be developed locally for these employees and be presented to the board, after review by those involved, for discussion and action.

The Board of Education approved the budget resolution for 1976-77. This approval is a new requirement under the Fiscal Control Act. The resolution shows state and local expenditures for the fiscal year. The board members also reviewed some of the other regulations of the Fiscal Control Act and discussed what is being done to regulate requirements of the local school districts this year under the act.

Also, the new bookkeeping system was reviewed and discussed by the board. Members hope to have the new system in operation by August 1. They are now waiting on the arrival of the necessary machinery.

In personnel matters, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Sandra Culpepper from her position as kindergarten teacher at Hertford Grammar School. The board approved the employment of Susan Broughton Winslow as an elementary teacher at Perquimans Central also discussed the position of assistant principal at Perquimans County High School. This position has been left open with the resignation of Shelton Davis who took the action for personal reasons. Perquimans High principal William Byrum met with the board on this matter for discussion. The availability of funds to continue this position was discussed and no action was taken by the board.

The Board of Education was informed of the final state teacher allocation for the coming year. The local allocation will be 68 regular teachers for the county and six teachers for the exceptional children program. This represents a loss of four state allocated positions.

In other business, the board was informed of its matching retirement contribution for those employees who chose to purchase retirement credit for those years prior to becoming members of a retirement system. At a previous Board of Education meeting, the board had agreed to this matching retirement system, with the employee paying his or her share and the remainder being matched by the board. At the recent board meeting, the matching contribution the board would make was determined and announced.

The Perquimans County Board of Educa-

tion also discussed program operations for the upcoming school year including the new Middle Grades Occupational Program at Perquimans Union School. The board was informed that a classroom at that school is being renovated for the program and furniture has been ordered. Student scheduling at Union School is being arranged so all eighth grade students will have an opportunity to participate in the program. Also discussed was the new gifted-talented program for students in grades four through six.

The county kindergarten program will not receive an additional teacher allocation for the 1976-77 school year. There are four kindergarten teachers in the county, two at Hertford Grammar School and two at Perquimans Central Grammar School. School Superintendent Pat Harrell said, "Every effort will be made to serve all five-year olds who choose to participate in the kindergarten program." He added that all parents interested in enrolling their children in the program should do so immediately at either Hertford Grammar or Perquimans Central Grammar. He added that students must be enrolled prior to the opening of school in order for all participating to be served adequately.

The board was also notified that the Reading Improvement Project funded at Perquimans Central Grammar School last year has been funded for another year. And the board was informed that Perquimans County will perhaps be sharing a school psychologist this coming year with Gates, Pasquotank, and Chowan counties. Hopefully, this service will be available through the Albemarle Mental Health Center.

Concerning food service operations, the board approved the transfer of surplus funds from Hertford Grammar School to the accounts of other county schools. This action was necessary because no school can have greater than two months operating funds in its account. The board also discussed the proposed changes in the senior high school type A lunch requirements. No decision will be made until additional information can be received from the state office in Raleigh. A proposed Breakfast Program in the schools was also discussed by the board. The problems associated with the initiation of a breakfast program were discussed as well as the possible benefits which could be received from such a program. The board decided to study the proposal further before taking action.

Capital improvement projects were also on the meeting agenda. Summer maintenance activity includes roof repair work at the Perquimans High King Street building and Perquimans Union School.



CANDIDATE VISITS PERQUIMANS — Pictured above at right is Ed O'Herron, candidate for the democratic nomination for Governor, as he visited last Wednesday at the Perquimans County Courthouse. The gubernatorial candidate is shown talking with Phil Godwin of Gates County, chairman for the Gates County O'Herron campaign. O'Herron was in the county about one hour, meeting the people.

O'Herron Makes Stop In Perquimans County

Ed O'Herron, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina, made a brief stop in Perquimans County last Wednesday. The candidate explained that the Perquimans stop was made "to meet the people" as he traveled throughout the Albemarle area last week.

The campaign trail took O'Herron through the northeastern counties of Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Chowan, and Martin, Bertie, and Perquimans.

The Charlotte businessman served in World War II, developed the Eckerd Drug Store chain and is a director of various North Carolina companies. He served three terms in the N.C. General Assembly during the 1950's and was on the

Advisory Budget Commission from 1965 to 1969. He has 14 years experience in government and 30 years in the retail business to his credit.

When O'Herron announced his candidacy in February, he pledged a "fair and aggressive campaign, based on issues, not personalities." He said, "My personal philosophy is relatively simple. I put people over politics. Character is more important than charisma. I demand decisions rather than delays."

One of the platforms of the O'Herron campaign is more employment for North Carolinians. He said, "The primary thrust of my administration will be to help put people to work and keep them at work — not in menial, low-paying jobs, but in the higher paying jobs —

the skilled jobs. This is the only way to elevate our income level and to improve the quality of life for North Carolinians.

O'Herron added, "Farm incomes are generally lower than those in other occupations. Farm prices have been increasing, but not nearly so rapidly as the cost of production. We must continue to increase productivity, but farmers must receive a fair profit on their investments."

The gubernatorial candidate also stresses the attraction of skilled industry into the state, adequate roads, and a more functional educational system "utilizing fully the resources of the public schools, the community colleges, and the university system."

County & Town Receive Grants

Grants to Perquimans County and the Town of Hertford were among the nearly \$800,000 in planning grants to 192 local governments recently announced by George W. Little, Secretary of the N.C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

But Little also said that local government future planning efforts outside of the coastal area could be "hurt severely," if present federal and state funding trends aren't reversed.

The state was able to fund only 58 percent of the grant requests from local governments outside of the coastal area this year compared to 82 percent last year. Requests from governments in the coastal area are met by federal and state grants supporting the coastal area management program.

"While the level of planning grant requests remain high, funding levels are getting lower," Little said. "The legislative branches of government and local governments don't seem to be marching to the beat of the same drummer on this issue."

Federal funding for HUD 701 planning grants was cut 25 percent this year and state funding assistance remained the same.

"Local governments in North Carolina are making a sincere effort to implement land use and other planning techniques," Little said. "The lack of funding enthusiasm for those efforts could have long range adverse impacts on the natural and economic resources of this state."

The funds for planning grants come from three sources. Seventy-three local governments will be given \$367,000 from the HUD 701 program; 51 will receive \$245,000 from state appropriations; and 65 coastal governments will receive \$182,000 from the National Oceanographic and Aeronautics Administration (NOAA). The NOAA grants are for eight months.

In addition, the local governments pay from 33 to 40 percent of the planning project's cost.

Both the Town of Hertford and Perquimans County were among those coastal governments to receive grants from NOAA. The Hertford grant is in the amount of \$2,240; Perquimans County will receive \$3,260.

Commissioners Hold Meeting

The Board of Perquimans County Commissioners adopted a resolution at their meeting on Tuesday for presenting a plaque to the family of the late Edgar

White acknowledging the debt of gratitude to him by Perquimans County and its citizens for his outstanding contribution to the welfare of the county and its citizens for more than 30 years. A copy of the resolution will be sent to the family.

In other matters of business the Board —
—Appointed William D. Cox, Bradley Jennings, and Stephen Perry to serve as Directors for three year terms on the Board of Perquimans County Industrial Development Commission.

—Voted to lease and accept sealed bids for lease of farm in Parkville Township (generally known as Lone Lane property) from 1977 until December 31, 1979. Bids must be filed in writing with Julian C. Powell, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, on or before 10 A.M., Monday, August 2. Terms for rent will be in cash payable in 3 equal installments on January 1 of each year. The Board reserves the right to accept to reject any and all bids.

—Agreed to accept sealed bids on fuel oil to be used by County Agencies for fiscal year 1976-1977 beginning in August 1976 and ending June 30, 1977. Bids are to be submitted on or before 10 A.M., Monday, August 2, to the County Clerk, Julian C. Powell. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Special Edition

Today's edition of The Perquimans Weekly is a very special one. Not only does it contain the local news and happenings, but a special Bicentennial Section is also included.

We urge our readers to take time to look over each and every one of the Bicentennial messages placed by area advertisers. The last pages of the newspaper are filled with the history of Perquimans County and the nation. There are stories concerning Perquimans County's beautiful old homes, special Bicentennial recipes, and items of historical interest.

So take time to read this Special Bicentennial Edition. We think you'll be glad you did.

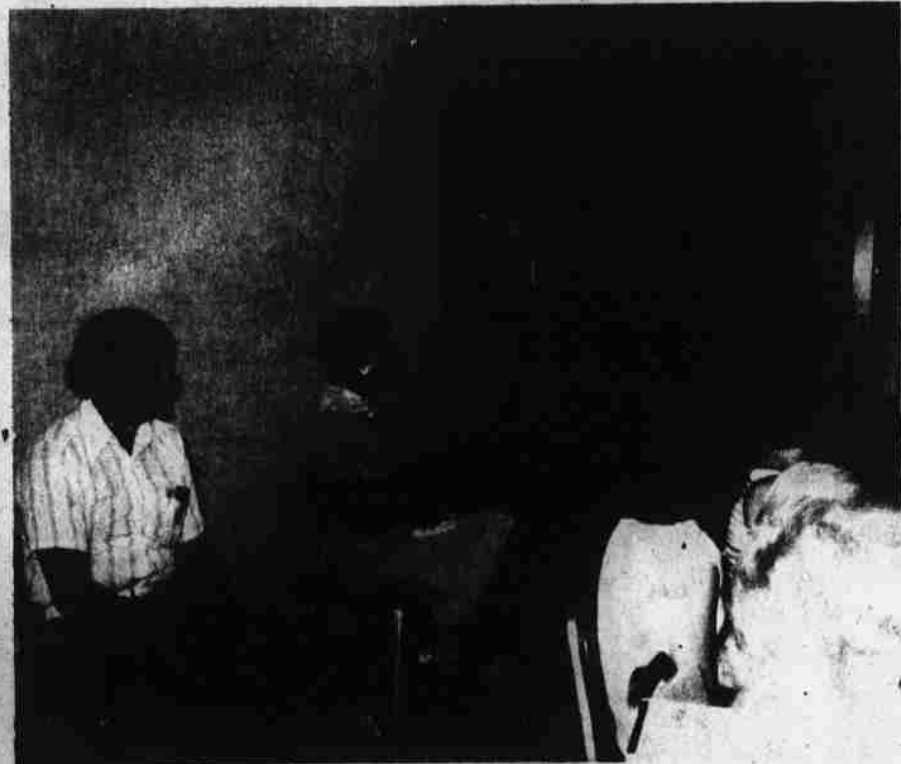
To Exhibit Work

Troy Harrison will be the artist scheduled for a showing beginning Thursday, July 15 at the Perquimans County Library on Academy Street in Hertford. The exhibit is sponsored by the Perquimans Arts Council.

Harrison is an art major at College of The Albemarle and will continue his art

education at East Carolina University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Harrison Jr. of Hertford.

A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the library on July 15 and the work will remain on display through July 22. Some of the works are for sale. The public is invited to attend.



LISTENING ATTENTIVELY — Candidates in the upcoming Perquimans County elections were present last Wednesday night to talk with members of the Per-

quimans County Jaycettes. Shown above, candidates and club members listen to comments by another candidate. (Newbern photo)

Civic Calendar

THURSDAY, JULY 15

Hertford Lions Club will meet.

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Hertford BPW Club will meet.

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The members of the Hertford Fire Department will hold a meeting.

SUNDAY, JULY 18

The Snug Harbor Civic League will meet at 1 p.m. at the park for a covered dish luncheon. All members are urged to attend and bring a covered dish.

MONDAY, JULY 19

The Perquimans County Senior Citizens Club will meet at 2 p.m. at the American Legion home. All members and guests are invited.

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

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Perquimans County Commissioners meet at 7:30 p.m. in the courthouse in Hertford.

TUESDAY, JULY 20

Hertford Rotary Club will meet.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

Durants Neck Rurritan Club will meet.

THURSDAY, JULY 22

The Perquimans County Jaycees will meet.

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Bethel Rurritan Club meets.

Local Candidates Speak Before Perquimans Co. Jaycettes

Candidates running for office in Perquimans County and a representative of one state office candidate were in attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the Perquimans County Jaycettes held last Wednesday at the Albemarle EMC building.

Each candidate was given several minutes to explain his or her views to the group and why they were seeking a particular office. All candidates were invited to attend.

Those present included George Baker and Clifford Towe, candidates for the Parkville seat on the Perquimans County Board of Education. Three of the five

candidates in the race for the two seats on the Board of County Commissioners from District II were present, Joe Nowell, Waldo Winslow, and Wayne Winslow. Of the four candidates running for Register of Deeds, Jean Harrison was present to speak to the club members. And of the four

candidates running for County Commissioner from District I, Jean Winslow was the only one in attendance.

Also present was Sylvia Mathews who spoke to members concerning Ben Currin's candidacy for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Currin is a resi-

dent of Rocky Mount, N.C.

As a club the Jaycettes cannot endorse any one political candidate or issue. However, individual members expressed appreciation for being informed on issues and personalities in the local and state races.

150 Pint Goal Set For Visit

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Perquimans County July 21 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Hertford. This visit once again will be sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees with assistance

from the Perquimans County Chapter of The American Red Cross and the Perquimans County Jaycettes. The goal for this visit is 150 pints.

There is a blood shortage in our area and this amount

of blood is needed to meet the quota for the summer. Anyone having questions should contact Jaycee Chairman, A. L. West, 106 Charles St. or Geneva Sawyer, county blood chairman by calling 426-7648, or any Jaycee.

Bloodmobile To Visit Here July 21