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Jones Announces Food Stamp Program Action

WASHINGTON, D.C. — According to Congressman Walter B. Jones (D-N.C.) a potentially significant move toward food stamp reform occurred this week in the House Agriculture Committee.

In that move, the committee adopted an amendment sponsored by Jones which requires a token sharing by States — two percent — in the overall benefit costs of the food stamp program, with a comparable lessening in federal funding requirements.

"Up to this point," Jones emphasized, "we have had the unusual situation of a program administered jointly by the States and the federal government, yet with the federal government paying the entire benefit costs. Any management analyst will tell you that is not good business; funding should go hand in hand with administration."

"Certainly the States have been struggling manfully with a program which has many statutory loopholes, and we are trying to fix that as well. At the same time, however, no one can look you straight in the face and tell you that management decisions cannot be affected

by the one picking up the bill."

"The food stamp program has one of the worst track records of any public assistance program, with error rates exceeding 45 percent. Millions of dollars in tax funds are unaccounted for; fraud and abuse go largely uncontrolled."

"By providing a 98 percent — two percent sharing ratio, we may have begun to build in some additional incentive for management improvements in the day-to-day administration of this program. At the same time, the amount which we have selected — to percent — should not be unreasonable burden upon the States, and offsetting requirements will, of course occur federally."

The real savings, however," Jones concluded, "hopefully will come in the improved management of the program. Just \$1 in savings per person per month means an overall savings of \$228 million nationally. Those are the kinds of savings that the taxpayer has come to expect, and we must everything possible, both legislatively and administratively to bring this program under control."



CONTRACT AWARDED — At the Monday morning meeting of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners, the awarding of a contract for the digging of three deep wells in Perquimans County was the main order of business. Listening to the discussion are (left to right)

Melvin Howell of the Farmer's Home Administration; Lester Simpson, chairman of the Perquimans County Commissioners; and Bob Pellman, engineer for Ravis and Associates of Greenville, N.C. (Newbern photo)

Commissioners Award Contract For Water Wells

The main order of business acted on by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners at their Monday morning meeting was the awarding of a contract for digging three deep wells in the Belvidere section of the county for the county-wide water system.

Members of the Board voted to award the contract to Magette Well & Pump Company of Ahsokie, N.C. in the amount of \$41,760. Drilling of those three 300 gallon per minute deep wells should

start within six weeks. Only one other bid for the project was submitted to the County Commissioners, that being from Layne Atlantic Company of Norfolk, Va. in the total amount of \$82,500.

The contract for the water main and elevated tanks are planned for advertisement in September in the news media. The financing of the systems is being aided by the Farmer's Home Administration under the guidance of Melvin Howell, County Supervisor and the State of North Carolina.

Haste Reappointed To CRC

One local man was among the appointments named recently by Governor Jim Holshouser to various Boards and Commissions associated with the N.C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

The Governor reappointed five members and named three new members to the Coastal Resources Commission.

David Stick of Kitty Hawk, president of Kitty

Hawk Land Company, was reappointed to the Commission and named as the new Chairman. Other reappointments are:

T. Erie Haste Jr. of Hertford, owner of Hertford Hardware and Supply Company and City Marina.

Thomas D. Eure of Morehead City, owner and operator of T.D. Eure Construction Company.

Charles C. Wells of Wilmington, vice president of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company.

W. Douglas Powell of

Wilmington, chairman of the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners.

The new appointees to the Coastal Resources Commission are: Randolph Thomas of Jacksonville, an Onslow County Commissioner.

Jerry W. Hardesty of Moyock, chairman of the Agricultural Extension Service in Currituck County.

And Dr. Arthur W. Cooper of Raleigh, former Assistant Secretary of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources.



T. ERIE HASTE JR.

Weekly Expands Services

The Perquimans Weekly has started its fiscal year with a pledge to serve its advertisers and readers more completely than at any other time in its history.

With the new year subscription rates will be \$7.50 annually. This is the first subscription rate increase in recent memory. The Perquimans Weekly has held its \$5 per year rate even as many other weekly

newspapers adjusted their cost to higher levels.

During the past year the Perquimans Weekly added Mrs. Freda Nelson to its staff to serve in circulation and subscriber services. This is the first time the local newspaper has had a circulation manager.

Also during the past year the Perquimans Weekly expanded its facilities on Courthouse Square, more than doubling its working

Board Of Education Approves Policies

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

Several policy matters were among the items on the agenda for the Monday night meeting of the Perquimans County Board of Education.

The Board established a sick leave policy for all professional and non-professional personnel. Those employees employed less than 12 months are entitled to .83 sick leave days per month. And employees of 12 months are entitled to ten days per month for sick leave.

The Board also approved a policy associated with students who drop out of Perquimans County High School and then enroll in the learning laboratory at the College of the Albemarle.

A policy was also established in line with a state policy on travel and subsistence.

Concerning attendance of students at Perquimans High School, the Board adopted a policy which states that a student cannot be absent more than 20 days, other than excused absences by doctors, and still receive credit for course work.

In other policy action, the Perquimans County Board of Education adopted the reinstatement of mid-term and final examinations at Perquimans County High School effective for the 1976-77 school year.

The local Board also adopted a Title IX Sex Equality in Education policy.

In personnel action, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Brenda Hollowell as art teacher at Perquimans High School and approved the employment of John Lavezzo as art teacher at Perquimans High.

The Board approved the employment of Henry Felton as assistant principal at Perquimans County High School and also approved the employment of Shelton Davis as the social studies teacher at the high school.

The Board discussed several school program areas including the staff development activities teachers have recently been involved in. These included the emery play reading project; participation by teachers in the Early Childhood Institute; and the Summer Occupational Conferences that several occupational teachers are participating in.

In other discussion, the Board discussed the fact that in the upcoming year, Perquimans County schools will be sharing a school psychologist with Gates, Pasquotank and Chowan counties.

It was announced that the total pre-registration for enrollment in the kindergarten program for the 1976-77 year has reached 102. Parents of students wishing to attend kindergarten in the fall are reminded that pre-registration is still open and school officials need this pre-registration information in order to be prepared for the total enrollment.

The Board of Education accepted a milk bid from Maola Milk Company to provide one-half pints of plain and chocolate milk for the 1976-77 school year at a cost of .0950 per carton.

Lunch costs for the upcoming school year were also discussed and the Board approved the following: lunches for students in kindergarten through eighth grade will remain the same at 50 cents per plate; a charge of 55 cents per lunch plate will apply to students in grades nine through 12; and adult lunch plates will cost 70 cents each. Student and adult milk costs will remain the same.

The Board of Education also approved participation in a non-food assistance program to purchase a freezer for Perquimans High School. The local Board of Education will share the cost with the State; the local

Board paying 25 percent of the cost.

Under school insurance, the Board approved coverage with Pilot Life for the 1976-77 school year at a student cost of \$3.50 and \$26 for 24-hour coverage.

In other business, the Board designated Rosa Talley as Title IX Coordinator and approved the development of procedures during teacher work days to implement written lesson plans. The procedures will be further developed with teacher participation and will be implemented during the 1976-77 year. The Board of Education approved the establishment of a committee with teacher representation to develop a new teacher evaluation instrument to focus on teacher performance. This committee will work during the upcoming school year with an evaluation instrument being developed.

Federal Funding Applications Due

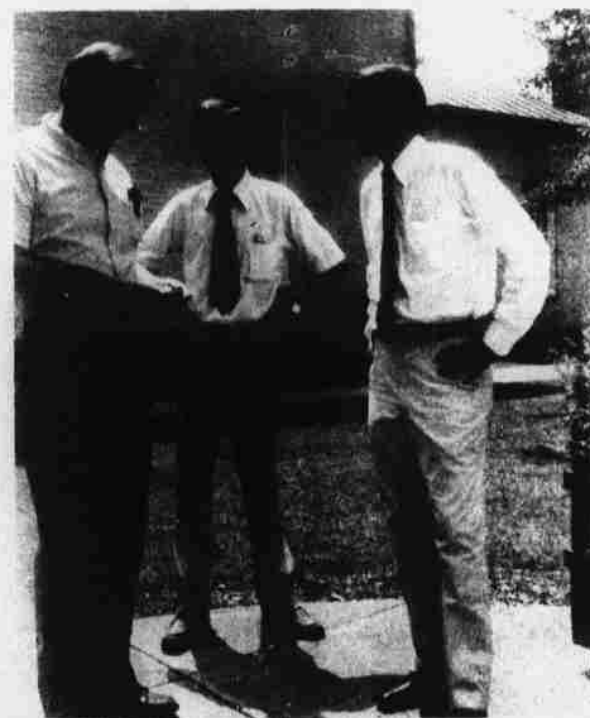
RALEIGH — Applications for federal funds totaling \$107,492 for multi-purpose senior citizens centers will be taken by the State Office for Aging and area agencies on aging through Aug. 13.

These funds are available through Title V of the Older Americans Act. They are intended for acquisition, alteration, and renovation of buildings to be used as multi-purpose senior citizen centers geared to the delivery of health, social, educational and recreational service to the elderly.

According to Robert Q. Beard, director of the Office for Aging, his agency will rank applications from

North Carolina in priority order for the consideration of the U.S. Administration on Aging. Funds will be obligated by Sept. 30.

Groups, agencies and organizations interested in making applications for the funds should contact the Office for Aging, N.C. Department of Human Resources, Raleigh, N.C. (Phone 829-3983) or their area agency on aging. The area agency for Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington, Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties is: Aging Program Administrator, Albemarle Regional Planning Commission, Box 587 Edenton, N.C. 27932.



CANDIDATE VISITS COUNTY — Joe Johnson (left), Democratic candidate for North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance, was in Perquimans County briefly on Thursday to "meet the people." He talked with employees at the county courthouse and people on the street. Particularly interested in talking with Johnson were local insurance agents. Johnson is pictured above in front of the courthouse talking with Hertford residents John Beers and Lee Tunnell. (Newbern photo)

Calendars Still On Sale

County residents are reminded that the Perquimans County Marching Unit is continuing its annual sale of Community Birthday Calendars through Monday, Aug. 16. To place a listing on the calendar, the cost is 25 cents; calendars can be purchased for \$1 each.

Anyone wishing to purchase a calendar who has not been contacted can call Mrs. Marion Swindell at 426-5614 or Mrs. LaClare Rogerson at 426-7354.

Civic Calendar

- THURSDAY: August 5
American Legion will meet. +++
- Hertford Lions Club meets.
- MONDAY: August 9
Inter-County Fire Department meets. +++
- The Town Beatification Committee will not meet this month. +++
- Perquimans County Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 8 p.m. at the Rescue Squad Building.
- TUESDAY: August 10
Hertford Rotary Club will meet. +++
- Perquimans County Horse & Pony Club will meet.
- WEDNESDAY: August 11
The Bay Branch Homemakers Club meets.
- The regular monthly meeting of Garland Onley Post 8148 Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held at the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend.
- THURSDAY: August 12
Perquimans County Jaycees will meet.



SEEDSMAN OF THE YEAR — Garland Eure, pictured at left, was chosen Seedsman of the Year by the North Carolina Seedsman's Association at the recent convention held in Raleigh, N.C. J.B. Kirtell (right) of Greenville, incoming president of the association, made

the presentation. Kirtell commended Eure for the active part he has had in the North Carolina Seedsman's Association and also in the North Carolina Crop Improvement. Eure is a resident of Rt. 3, Hertford.