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## Census Is Underway

The Special Federal Census of Perquimans County got underway this week when about 12 Census Takers fanned out over the county to begin the head count. Census Takers, who are County residents hired temporarily for the Census, were trained earlier this week by Census Supervisor Mildred P. Holliday in regular Census Bureau procedures and techniques. Each took an oath when appointed that they would not reveal any information gained from local residents under heavy legal penalties for violations.

All Census Takers carry an official red, white and blue identification card which they are required to present when calling at each household. They will also present a letter explaining the purpose of the Census. Crew Leaders will carry a blue identification card somewhat similar to the Census Takers.

A temporary Census office has been opened in Elizabeth City, and the telephone number is 338-0136.

Supervisor Holliday, a regular Census Bureau employee, said that, based on past experience and barring bad weather or other circumstances, the canvass should be substantially finished within about two or three weeks, leaving some clean-up (recalling on persons not contacted during the first go-around) as well as detailed checks for completeness of enumeration to be accomplished. Only permanent residents of the County will be included; excluded will be: visitors, students attending college away from home, and persons stationed away from home in the military.

Being taken under authority of and as required by the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended in 1970 and 1975, questions on this Census will be relatively brief. Specifically asked of each household member will be: Name, sex, relationship to household head, race, date of birth, marital status, and National origin. For household members 18 years or older, a few additional questions will be asked on: U.S. citizenship, whether or not the member voted or was registered to vote in the Nov. 1976 election, and if the member either voted or was registered to vote in this County. No questions will be asked on how a person voted, his or her political persuasion, or like matters. Information gained from the Census cannot be used for purposes of taxation, investigation or regulation of an individual, nor can any identifying information about individuals be released only statistical totals will be published.

Questions will take only a few minutes at each household, and all County citizens are urged to cooperate as it is to the County's advantage to have an accurate and complete population count, since many Federal and State aid programs to counties and towns are based in part on population. On completion of the Census preliminary population figures will be released to Lester H. Simpson, Chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners; and for their respective towns to Mayor William D. Cox of Hertford, and Mayor David R. Trueblood of Winslow.

Ordinarily the County would not have a complete head count until the next National Census in 1980. Between National Censuses a Special Federal Census is usually only taken at the request and expense of a local government jurisdiction, and costs to the county would run well over several thousands of dollars. This Census is being taken at no cost to the County.



DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL — North Carolina's Deputy Attorney General, Howard Kramer, discusses the future of the Law Enforcement Assistance Association at the Friday night meeting of the Albemarle Law and Order Association.



WITH THE PRESIDENT — John Beers (left) and Bill Cox (right) are shown with Albemarle Law and Order President R.L. Spivey of Rt. 3, Hertford. Seven people from Perquimans County attended the Friday night meeting. (Newbern photos)

## Kramer Discusses Future Of LEAA

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

The Albemarle Law and Order Association held its annual fall dinner meeting at the Seafare Restaurant in Nags Head Friday Night. Howard Kramer, Deputy Attorney General for North Carolina, served as the guest speaker. Attending from Perquimans County were Mayor Bill Cox and his wife; Hertford Councilman John Beers and his wife; Hertford Police Chief Ben Gibbs, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith Sr.

Kramer, introduced by Dare County Sheriff Frank Cahoon, discussed the future of LEAA, Law Enforcement Assistance Association, and law enforcement in general. Kramer told the group that the future of LEAA, which was initiated in 1960, is in doubt. He said, "LEAA is in legislative trouble in Washington and we may not have LEAA with us for very many years in the future. He told the group to consider what would happen if LEAA was phased out or not funded. Kramer told the group that if this happened, there was the possibility of turning grant funding from the Governor's Law and Order Commission over to 17 regional commissions. He

said this move would be advantageous in that it would put decision making to the local level, however, he warned that no matter how the funds were divided, there would still be more dollar applications than could be filled. He concluded that even if funding was turned over to regions, this would not alleviate many of the problems.

Concerning the future of law enforcement in general, Kramer pointed to the need for crime prevention by encouraging fixed sentences, speedier trials, and expanding prison systems. The Deputy Attorney General said that "for every 25 crimes committed in the United States, there is now one person in prison." He urged those in attendance to back legislation important to the future of law enforcement. In summing up, Kramer said, "Now is the wrong time for us to give up."

Among some of the special guests attending the Friday night meeting were Sen. J.J. "Monk" Harrington, Congressman Walter B. Jones, Rep. Stanford White, and Rep. Bob Jernigan. R.L. Spivey, of Hertford, association president, presided over the meeting.

## Veterans Day Observance

Plans for the observance of Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11, here in Perquimans County were announced today by Commander Tom Applegate of the William Paul Stallings Post No. 126 of the American Legion.

This year's observance will mark the 50th anniversary which ended World War I. Commander Applegate explained, as he urged community-wide participation in the events of this patriotic holiday.

This year's celebration is sponsored by the American Legion.

Comrade G.E. Curlee is chairman of a special committee in charge of all arrangements for the Veterans Day observance.

The observance will begin

at 11 a.m. in front of the Court House. Speakers will include Hertford's Mayor Bill Cox, Reverend Norman Harris, First District Commander E.C. Toppin, and Reverend Joe Scalf, post chaplain. A wreath laying ceremony will be held during the service.

Chairman Curlee urges that every effort be made to turn this year's observance here in Perquimans County into a dynamic demonstration of patriotism. He asks that all citizens and business firms display the Flag of the United States as a reaffirmation of our pride in America and as our community's contribution to a coast-to-coast expression of national unity.

Veterans Day has been

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Perquimans County voters agreed with the rest of North Carolina in supporting Jimmy Carter for President and James B. (Jim) Hunt for North Carolina Governor.

County wide totals showed Carter receiving 1,612 votes compared to 887 total votes cast for Gerald Ford. The American Party candidate Thomas J. Anderson received three votes; Labor candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. received zero votes while Libertarian candidate for President, Roger MacBride, received two votes in Perquimans County.

In state races, James Hunt was declared the winner in the gubernatorial race. Perquimans voters favored Hunt with 2,133 votes while Republican David T. Flaherty received 344 local votes and

## Library Update

The Perquimans County Library is operating on a new schedule. Beginning this week the Library will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (no closing for lunch). On Thursday the Library will be closed all day but open from 7 to 9 Thursday evening. It will also be open from 7 to 9 Tuesday evening. The Saturday schedule will be 9:30 to 12:30 and from 12:30 to 4:30 as usual.

This increase of eight hours a week is the result of being a part of the Pettigrew Regional Library System.

As soon as the Library is fully staffed, which should be soon, additional open hours will be added to the schedule to meet the state standard of 46 or more hours a week. This will make it more convenient for patrons to use the library and for the librarians to do their work.

Three Memorials have been given to the Library this week.

## Fire Dept. Pledges

Beginning the first week of Nov. the President of Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Beecher Chappell and his wife will be calling on the people north of the Fire Department in Belvidere Township for pledges to the Fire Department.

The assistant Chief, Harold Copeland, and his wife will call those in the Goodwin's Mills section.

designated by Congress as a National Holiday to honor the men and women who served in the uniform of the United States. It is dedicated to the ultimate goal which they all sought through their sacrifice of service — world peace with honor — Applegate explained.

By its participation in this patriotic holiday, Post 126 will be joining with some 16,000 American Legion Posts throughout the United States and in several overseas territories and nations of the free world in this significant observance.

Veterans Day is also a special membership target date for the American Legion, Commander Applegate said.

## Perquimans Voters Favor Carter; Hunt Declared N.C. Governor

American Party candidate H.F. (Chub) Seawell Jr. received seven votes. Perquimans voters favored Democrats in all state races. For Lieutenant Governor, James C. (Jimmy) Green received 2,041 votes while William S. (Bill) Hiatt received 290 votes and Arlis F. Pettyjohn received nine votes. Democrat incumbent Thad Eure received 2,037 Perquimans votes in his bid for reelection while Asa T. Spaulding Jr., the Republican candidate, received 312 total votes and American Party candidate T.M. Long received 19. In the State Treasurer's race, Harlan Boyles was favored with 2,017 votes compared to J. Howard Coble who received 286 Perquimans votes.

Henry L. Bridges was favored by local voters for State Auditor with 2,024 votes while Michael A. Godfrey trailed with 279 votes. Incumbent Attorney General Rufus Edmisten was also the Perquimans favorite. He received 2,006 votes to Edward L. Powell's 298 votes. Commissioner of Agriculture James A. (Jim) Graham received 2,036

votes while Kenneth H. Roberson received 283 votes and Edwin B. Drury received two votes. Democratic candidate for Commissioner of Insurance John Ingram received 2,020 local votes compared to Republican Kenneth H. Roberson who received 283 votes.

In the Commissioner of Labor race, local voters favored Democrat John Brooks with 1,990 votes while incumbent T. Avery Nye Jr. received 311 votes and American party candidate Robert W. Bennett received ten votes. And Craig Phillips received 2,020 Perquimans votes in his bid for reelection as Superintendent of Public Instruction while the opposing Republican, Evelyn S. Tyler, received 304 votes and American candidate Arthur G. Nuhrah received three local votes.

In the local races, Lester H. Simpson, unopposed incumbent, was reelected to his first district seat on the Board of County Commissioners receiving 2,198 votes. In the contested district II race, both Democratic candidates

won: J.W. (Joe) Nowell Jr. received 1,873 votes while Waldo Winslow was the top vote getter receiving 2,148 votes. Republican Wayne Winslow received 577 votes. In the local Register of Deeds race, Jeanne C. White soundly defeated Thomas M. Applegate receiving 2,222 votes to Applegate's 267 local votes. There were six write in votes in the Register of Deeds race. Jean Winslow received two votes; Elmer Lassiter received two votes; Frank Brown received one vote and Mickey Mouse received one vote.

Unopposed in the State Senate election were Melvin R. Daniels Jr. receiving 2,140 votes and J.J. (Monk) Harrington who received 2,070 local votes. Also unopposed were the House of Representatives incumbents. Vernon G. James received 2,170 votes and W. Stanford White received 2,090 votes. Congressman

Walter B. Jones received 2,064 Perquimans votes while Republican Joseph M. Ward received 397 votes and American candidate Michael M. Parker was given 52 votes.

In the election of State Officers of the General Court of Justice, only one Democrat had opposition, J. Frank Huskins defeated Samuel A. Howard, Republican, by receiving 2,464 votes. Other totals in that election included the following: Joseph Branch, 2,059; R.A. (Fred) Hedrick, 1,964; Gerald Arnold, 2,038; Earl W. Vaughn, 1,962; Lynn Bradford Tillery Jr., 2,036; Darius B. Herring Jr., 1,957; Giles R. Clark, 2,034; Ronald W. Howell, 2,042; and Robert E. Gaines, 2,064.

The only other local voting was the non-partisan election of Perquimans County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor. Elmer Lassiter was unopposed and received 2,289 votes.



TALKING IT OVER — National Potato Board president Vernon James (left) is shown talking with Sheriff Frank Cahoon of Dare County who welcomed the national group to Northeastern North Carolina.



GUEST SPEAKER — Guest speaker for the Saturday night banquet was Edward D. Hews, (pictured above) Administrative Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Also shown are Rep. James and Mrs. Hews. (Newbern photos)

## Potato Board Members Visit Dare

Following a Friday night meeting in Elizabeth City, members of the National Potato Board traveled to Nags Head last Saturday for a tour of the area and a banquet at the Seafare Restaurant.

Vernon James, president of the board, and local Representative to the General Assembly, served as host for the trip.

The Saturday events included a tour of the First Colony Farms, a visit to the site of the Lost Colony in Manteo, and a trip through the Wright Brothers Museum in Kitty Hawk.

At the Saturday night banquet, Edward D. Hews served as guest speaker delivering the keynote address. Hews is with the Administrative Services Division

of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Hews briefly spoke on some of the areas of concern to producers. In his comments, he said "We have been told we must organize our own advisory committees in agriculture. This is the new trend. It bothers growers, producers, and ranchers around the country." He also cited the trend toward filing environmental studies which

would affect those present. In closing, Hews said, "I am pleased with the leadership and activities you have been involved in with the National Potato Board."

At the Friday night meeting held at the Holiday Inn in Elizabeth City, members heard comments by James Graham, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture.

## Board Of Education Meets Here

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

All members were present for the regular meeting of the Perquimans County Board of Education held Monday night. Following the reading and approval of minutes, the board went over the following matters.

The board reviewed the new member policy and possible reorganization. Newly elected Board of Education member Preston Stevenson will take office Dec. 1 and will take the oath of office at the first December board meeting. Concerning reorganization, the board discussed the election or reelection of the board chairman which is optional for either December or April. The board discussed staying with the local precedent of reorganization in April.

Under personnel matters, the board of education approved employment of the following in Perquimans County Schools: Dorothy Gibbs as a seventh grade teacher at Perquimans Union School; Kathy Tant to work as a Homebound teacher in the pre-school program (under Title IV-B); and Lionel Jones as a maintenance helper under Comprehensive Training Employment Act (CETA) funds.

In programming discussion, members of the board reviewed the local program for exceptional children. Superintendent Pat Harrell praised the efforts of program coordinator Jeannie Umphlett and pointed out the areas of identification, screening and placement of exceptional children as being followed according to law.

Discussion was also held on the school dental health program. The dental health program is now emphasizing preventive and educational programs as opposed to corrective treatment.

Pat Harrell discussed with Board of Education members the recent meeting held by a committee developed in the Alliance for Progress six-county area to study community education. Harrell is serving on this committee. Harrell said that the committee has recommended each county schedule a local meeting soon after Nov. 30 involving all agencies that offer services of interest to community education. Harrell has talked with the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners concerning this matter and a meeting will be held at a later date.

The last item discussed under programs was plans for American Education Week. Harrell mentioned that the national observance could include a local tour of the county's schools and an informal get-together session with community leaders in Perquimans County.

The Board of Education discussed several items under the heading of administrative Operations. A status report was given on school food service. Harrell also announced that all school personnel will have the opportunity to take the swine flu vaccination being administered by the local health department.

General discussion and additional comments were heard on the findings of the climate-leadership survey results recently shared with the board by Dr. Julio R. George, Director of the Leadership Development Program sponsored through Alliance for Progress and Rockefeller Foundation.

In action taken, the board unanimously approved the request by Harrell to give Perquimans High principal William Byrum authority to act on behalf of the superintendent in his absence.

It was announced that work has begun on roofing at the Perquimans High vocational building and at Perquimans Union School. Furniture needs were also discussed concerning the acquisition of additional lunchroom tables at Perquimans High and the need for more used lockers at Perquimans Union School. No action was taken.

In other action, the board unanimously and wholeheartedly approved a resolution in recognition of service rendered by retiring Board of Education member Thelma Elliott. Monday night was the last meeting for Ms. Elliott who has served on the board for eight years, was a principal at Hertford Grammar School for 20 years, and has also been involved in the teaching aspect of education.

The board also approved a motion to meet twice monthly, on the first and third Mondays of each month. This action will become effective Jan. 1. The time for board meetings will be 7 p.m. November through March and 8 p.m. April through October.

Announcements made included a visit by Elliot Wigginton on Nov. 8 at John A. Holmes High School in Edenton beginning at 4 p.m. The board was also reminded of the Alliance for Progress Elected Boards Institute to be held Nov. 30 in Windsor. The topic of the meeting will be community education and Dr. Norton Beech of UNC-Chapel Hill will present a program on improving teaching. Board members were also asked to keep the dates of March 25-30 in mind for the National School Boards Convention to be held in Houston, Texas.