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Red Stocking Appeal Still Short Of Goal

With only four days remaining, the Little Red Stocking appeal of The Children's Home Society of North Carolina is still \$31,485 short of its 1976 goal of \$125,000. The annual Christmas season appeal has traditionally been the source of a major portion of direct contributions to the statewide adoption agency, which was founded in 1903.

Children's Home Society is North Carolina's oldest and only voluntarily-supported adoption agency providing adoption services throughout the state. It is a significant resource for homing and permanent placement for children who are separated from their biological parents. Annually placing more than 200 children in permanent, adoptive homes, the Society provides adoption services for infants who come into the agency's temporary care and for children referred from other agencies across the state. The Society also offers counseling on all alternatives and related services for women with a problem pregnancy.

The majority of the children placed by the agency are newborn infants who have been voluntarily released by their biological mothers to the Society's temporary care, pending their decision on keeping their babies or choosing adoption. Some are older infants or toddlers whose

mothers initially chose to keep them and later decided that an adoptive home would be in the child's best interest. Approximately one third of the children placed in CHS adoptive homes are those referred from local Departments of Social Services for whom the referring agency does not have a suitable adoptive family.

Although most of the babies in the agency's temporary care are the normal, healthy newborn, each baby has his own individual needs. Amy had already undergone surgery by the time she came into the Society's care at the young age of two weeks old. She had been born with a defective esophagus, which required a surgical procedure to insert a gastrostomy tube. Amy's condition stabilized after the operation but she was a frail baby when she was brought to Children's Home Society.

The surgeons planned to remove the tube after two months if, at that time, the repaired portion of the trachea was of satisfactory diameter. In the meanwhile, Amy had to be held in a sitting position when she was being fed and placed in an infant seat for one-half hour after feeding. The tube, clamped and taped to her abdomen, required cleaning with a medication and redressing daily. None of this seemed to bother the

baby who continued to grow more alert each week. With bright blue eyes and a dimpled chin, Amy soon won a special niche in the hearts of CHS's nursing staff and family care parents.

Although the prognosis for her complete recovery was excellent, Amy's physical problems could require extensive medical attention for years. She needed an adoptive family who could meet those special needs.

Amy's gastrostomy tube was removed on schedule, and she joined her new parents when she was just a few months old. By the time she reached the ripe age of one year, she had a large, healthy appetite for a wide range of table foods. Amy had begun walking, saying a few words, and in all areas was developing normally. She is obviously the "pride and joy" of her mother and father, who admit to spoiling her "just a tiny bit."

Amy is one of the hundreds of children each year who benefit from gifts to the Society's Little Red Stocking. Persons wishing to contribute toward helping a child have the security of a permanent home and family may send their tax-deductible gifts to: The Children's Home Society of North Carolina, P.O. Box 6587, Greensboro, N.C. 27405. The Little Red Stocking appeal continues through Dec. 31.



T. ERIE HASTE JR.

Haste Described As 'Natural Choice'

T. Erie Haste Jr. was a natural choice to fill a position on the brand new N.C. Coastal Resources Commission back in 1974. His activities in his community have always reflected his concern for the future of Northeastern North Carolina.

He is serving as a Town Councilman for the Town of Hertford. He was president of the Albemarle Area Development Association during the creation of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission, the Lead Regional Organization for the area. He is on the Board of Directors for the Bank of North Carolina in Hobbsville, Gates County. Haste is owner and operator of Hertford Hardware & Supply Company, Inc. in Perquimans County and City Marina, Inc. in Camden County. His familiarity with all these areas proves to be a great asset to the operations of the Coastal Resource Commission.

When reviewing the activities of the Commission for the past two years in a recent interview, Haste admitted that the Commission started out with a monumental task: "All of the original Commission members were appointed from the 20 coastal counties. We were all laymen that knew little about the Coastal Area Management Act and the responsibilities we would have as Commissioners." Their first job was to help local governments produce land use plans for long term growth. "This was a painfully slow process...a learning process for all involved," attests Erie.

Yet Haste feels that the quality of the land use plans approved this year reflects the extensive work and research that was expended in their development. He points out that Chowan and Perquimans counties, for instance, have had some "helter-skelter development" in the past. "Two developments in this area, Holiday Island and Snug Harbor have had serious problems," asserts Haste. "These mistakes can be avoided in the future by using the information that has been gathered in the land use plans. These plans not only contain technical data, but reflect the desires of the people regarding the future land uses in their areas."

In Chowan County and Edenton measures to implement the plans and guide new growth have already been adopted. Both areas have subdivision regulations, and Edenton is now enforcing a zoning ordinance.

In Perquimans County objectives are set forth in the land use plan to adopt a set of zoning ordinances, strengthen the existing subdivision regulations, adopt a set of building codes, and mobile home ordinances. Similar measures are now being implemented in most coastal communities as a result of land use planning activities under the Coastal Area Management Program.

Meanwhile, the members of the Coastal Resources Commission have been examining a list of environmentally fragile areas which may be in line for special management and designation as Areas of Environmental Concern. The Commission will consult with local government officials and citizens in each of the twenty counties before they make final decisions next summer.

Haste is concerned that many local officials and coastal citizens may not be aware of the philosophy of the members of the Coastal Resources Commission. "We feel that we do not represent state government, but, rather local people; we feel it is our responsibility to be a liaison between the state and coastal citizens so that the Commission forms the link that can help us, on the coast, solve some of our planning problems," Haste offers.

For the more distant future, Haste is aware that the Commission's work on coordinating the complex permit letting procedure run by state and federal agencies will be of "prime importance." Haste hopes that something close to a one-stop permit-shopping arrangement can be set up. Then any individual wishing to develop in an area that requires more than one permit could go to one office in their county, fill out a minimum of paperwork and receive a response on the total project within a designated time.

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Funding Approved For Office Bldg. In Perquimans

An office building to house offices of The Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission (ARPDC) will be constructed in Perquimans County as a result of a project proposal submitted by the county which has been approved. The project, submitted for federal funding under the Local Public Works and Capital Development Act of 1976, has been approved for 100 percent funding at a cost of \$550,000. According to Riley S. Monds, Perquimans County Commissioner and chairman of the ARPDC Executive Board, the soon to be constructed office building will house some Perquimans County offices in addition to ARPDC offices. Due to funding specifications, construction must begin within 90 days after the project's approval. Monds said the building will be located on county property

located on some five or more acres on Church Street extended near U.S. 17. Other spokesmen said the project approval will provide needed construction jobs and should boost the economy.

The Economic Development Administration decided which projects would receive funding and will administer the federal funds to the regions in the state. Priority for funding was given to areas of high unemployment. A total of four projects were funded in Region R making the region receive more funds than any other region in the state. A total of \$28 million was allocated statewide and Region R received \$3.7 million of that amount. In addition to the \$550,000 office building to be located in Perquimans County, the three other projects funded in the region included a \$2

million airport for Hyde County; \$546,000 for courthouse renovation in Washington County; and \$530,000 for a sewage system for the Town of Columbia and Tyrrell County.

The office building to be located in Perquimans County will house ARPDC offices on a rent-free basis. The executive board of the commission agreed to support the project during a called meeting on Dec. 7. At present, ARPDC offices are located in Edenton and approximately \$9,900 is paid annually in rent.

Lester Simpson, chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners and a member of the ARPDC Executive Board, said the facility would be beneficial to the ten counties in the region. He added, "Without the help of all ten counties, we wouldn't have gotten this building."

ASC Committeemen Selected And Convention Held

The Perquimans County ASC Committee counted the community committee election ballots on Monday, Dec. 13 and determined that the following persons were elected to serve as ASC Committeemen for the year beginning Jan. 1: Belvidere — L. Clinton Winslow, chairman; Savage Jolliff, vice-chairman; George (Jack) Nowell Jr., regular member; Walter Murray Parker, first alternate; and Curtis R. Perry, second alternate; Bethel — Lawrence Corprew, chairman; S. Edgar Long, vice-chairman; Donald Madre, regular member; W. Dewey Perry Jr., first alternate; and Otis Newby, second alternate; Hertford — Oras W. Winslow, chairman; L. Wayne Howell, vice-chairman; M. Weldon Byrum, regular member; Ray Hunter, first alternate; and Clarence Felton, second alternate; New Hope — Belvin Eure, chairman; William Wray Chappell, vice-chairman; A.L. Godfrey Jr., regular member; Robert H. Eure, first alternate; and Henry Mallory, second alternate; Nicanor — J. Quincy Riddick, chairman; E.L. Hurdle Jr., vice-chairman; Seldon Rountree, regular member; Lloyd Stallings, first alternate; and Raymond White, second alternate;

Parksville — L. Paul Smith Sr., chairman; Floyd Long, vice-chairman; Ralph L. Layden, regular member; W.E. (Ned) Matthews, first alternate; and Floyd (Jack) Modlin, second alternate.

These Committee Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and regular members automatically became delegates to the County Convention held Dec. 20 at the county office. The purpose of the convention was to elect members to fill vacancies on the County ASC Committee. The results of the election were as follows: Marvin Caddy, New Hope Community, was elected to a three-year term of office on the County Committee; Donald Madre, Bethel Community, was elected to serve as first alternate on the County Committee for 1977; and George (Jack) Nowell Jr., Belvidere Community, was elected to serve as second alternate on the County Committee for 1977.

The delegates also selected Lester J. Baker to serve as Chairman and Marvin Caddy to serve as Vice-Chairman of the three-member County Committee for 1977. Wade E. Morgan will serve as regular member on the County Committee for 1977.

Libraries To Serve As Referral Centers For Albemarle Aging Unit

The Pettigrew Regional Library in cooperation with The Albemarle Aging Unit is now serving as an Information and Referral Center for Senior Citizens. If questions concerning available services should arise, persons should call one of the following numbers as applicable to the county of residence: Washington County Library

— 793-2113, Chowan County (Shepard-Pruden) — 482-4112, or Perquimans County Library — 426-5319.

J.R. Swain, Information and Referral Coordinator for the Area Agency on Aging, will be available at the various libraries periodically for counseling and direct contact for those persons 60 or older who might be in-

terested. Swain's schedule will be made available at a later date.

George Library in Hyde County, under the jurisdiction of the BHM Regional Library System is also serving senior citizens in that area; the number to call should service related questions for older people arise is 926-8841.

Boards To Meet In Jan.

RALEIGH — Members of both the North Carolina Board of Transportation and Secondary Roads Council will hold meetings the first week in January.

The Board will meet in the Board Room of the Highway Building, New Bern and Wilmington Streets, in Raleigh at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 4.

The 14-member Secondary Roads Council has set its meeting for 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 7. It, too, will meet in the Board Room of the Highway Building.

Farm Workshop Planned For January 6 At 7 P.M.

Determining one's present needs and planning for the future are vital parts of success. Is it economical for me to invest in On-Farm Storage? How much storage can I justify? What do I look for in storage facilities? How do I layout my storage facilities for convenient movement of grain and future growth? These are the type questions that face farmers as they think about On-Farm Storage and Conditioning of Grain. A workshop will be held Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Perquimans County Office Building.

Hertford to help furnish some of the answers to these questions.

John Glover, Biological and Agricultural Engineering Specialist along with three area farmers will lead a discussion on the economics of conditioning and storage of grain. Their ideas on system design and layout for future expansion will be a major part of the workshop.

John Glover has had extensive experience throughout North Carolina in design and layout of grain facilities both with farmers

and commercial companies. The three farmers appearing on the panel represent three different types of farming operations and each utilizes different grain drying and handling equipment. This will be a good opportunity to hear the pros and cons of three of the most intensively used drying systems discussed.

Steve C. Riddick, Area Farm Management-Marketing Specialist, urges all interested persons to contact him at 426-5356 if they have any questions concerning the planned workshop.

Inauguration Activities Are Open To All Tar Heels

Governor-elect Jim Hunt this week extended a personal invitation to the citizens of Perquimans County to attend the North Carolina Inauguration in Raleigh on Saturday, Jan. 8.

"January 8 is inauguration day for your governor, your lieutenant governor and your Council of State," the governor-elect said, "and it will also be a people's day."

The governor-elect said that the inaugural events were being held this time on Saturday so that school children and working people can attend.

The activities will begin around 11:30 a.m. when Governor James Holshouser and Mrs. Holshouser receive final military honors at the Executive Mansion on Blount Street.

At about 11:45 a.m., the inaugural party will walk from the Executive Mansion to the site of the swearing-in

ceremony at the Bicentennial Plaza. The new plaza is located between the Capitol and the State Legislative Building. During the noon ceremony oaths of office will be administered to Governor-elect Hunt, Lieutenant Governor-elect James C. Green and members of the Council of State.

A two-hour parade will follow at 1 p.m., and people may watch the colorful event on Wilmington and Salisbury Streets between Jones and Martin Streets. The parade will begin north of the Legislative Building on Wilmington Street, head south on Wilmington Street, then turn on Martin Street to Salisbury Street, where it will run north again.

The final event of the day is a public reception at the Executive Mansion where the public will be greeted by the new governor, lieutenant governor and members of the Council of State.

"I want all of the people in Perquimans County to understand that no special invitation or tickets are needed for any of these events," Governor-elect Hunt said. "Saturday, January 8, is a day for the people of this state," he added, "and I want the people to be a part of the inauguration. Please come to Raleigh and be a part of your inauguration."

SHORT FORMS MAILED

GREENSBORO — Federal 1040A (short form) income tax packages for 1976 are on their way to North Carolina taxpayers as of Dec. 27 according to the Internal Revenue Service.

Robert A. LeBaube, District Director for the IRS in North Carolina, said, "We anticipate that approximately 740,000 North Carolinians will be receiving the 1040A package on or before Jan. 7.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS