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Meeting Planned For Those Interested In REACT Concept

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Efforts are underway to discover interest in starting a REACT club in the Perquimans County Area. The letters REACT stand for Radio Emergency Associated radio operators who voluntarily provide assistance and two-way radio communications in local emergencies.

Locally, Charles White is working on the concept of possibly starting a REACT club. As part of that effort, he has planned a meeting of any interested citizens for Jan. 31 at the Albemarle EMC Building on U.S. 17 beginning at 7:30 p.m. During the meeting, White will show a 12-minute film about REACT titled, "Every Second Counts." There is no charge to attend the meeting and White urges those interested in the REACT concept or finding out more about the REACT program to attend. He emphasized the fact that the purpose of the meeting is not necessarily to start a REACT team, but only to find out if any interest exists in starting such a program locally. He added that the meeting is open to anyone interested, and encouraged interested women to especially consider attending. He pointed out that the REACT program involves monitoring the emergency C.B. radio channel 9 and that non-working women can be very useful assets to the program by monitoring the channel while at home.

REACT has six basic objectives. The first is to use citizens band radios as additional communication in cases of emergencies. Secondly, it aims to establish 24-hour volunteer monitoring of emergency calls and reporting them to appropriate emergency authorities. Thirdly, REACT promotes highway safety. Fourthly, it coordinates efforts with and provides communications help to other groups. The fifth objective of REACT is to develop and administer public information projects concerning the proper use and benefits of citizens band radio service. Sixthly, it charters local REACT teams to carry out the objectives of the REACT concept.

About 40,000 citizens band radio operators in the United States participate in REACT. And about five and one-quarter million emergency calls are made on C.B. radios each year with about four and one-quarter million of those dealing with automotive emergencies. Since 1962 REACT has handled about 55 million emergency calls nationwide.

White, who has always been a C.B. enthusiast, is a member of the Pasquotank-Camden REACT team. Although a citizen of Per-

quimans County, he joined the neighboring team since his place of business is located in Camden. He did add, however, that clubs usually restrict membership to only those residents living in the service area. The Pasquotank-Camden club has 50 members who monitor the emergency C.B. channel on one or two-hour shifts around the clock.

White said that if interest indicates starting a local REACT club, he would hope to work in a cooperative effort with all local officials including rescue squad, town and county law enforcement, and the county dispatch system. He also urged representatives of these agencies to attend the

Jan. 31 meeting to learn about REACT and ways it can benefit them in carrying out their work.

White does see a need for a REACT program in Perquimans County and said, "Radio communication in this county as a whole would be to our advantage." He added that a central headquarters would have to be established in order to provide REACT services throughout the county due to its geographical layout, the county consisting of more rural area compared to urban.

Assisting White in his efforts to set up the meeting of those interested in such a program is Marion Harrell, also of Perquimans County.



NEW EQUIPMENT — Looking over the Perquimans-Chowan Sanitary Landfill's new John Deere Compactor are (l. to r.) Lester Copeland and J.D. Peele, Landfill Board members from Chowan County;

Dallas Jethro, Chowan County Coordinator; Lester Simpson, Landfill Board member from Perquimans County; and Matt Spivey, Landfill Supervisor. (Newbern photo)

Compactor Is Delivered

Tuesday morning marked the arrival of the newest addition of equipment to the Perquimans-Chowan Sanitary Landfill.

Members of the Landfill Board and Landfill employees watched as R.W. Moore Equipment Company of Greenville delivered the John Deere Compactor weighing in at 32,230 pounds.

The needed piece of machinery was purchased

jointly by Perquimans and Chowan counties at a cost of \$61,200 after bids had been taken.

According to Landfill Board member Lester Simpson, the new equipment will "pay for itself in the saving of land space over a period of years by compacting the trash in the ground." Simpson added that Hertford County has had the same type piece of machinery for two years

and they have experienced "good results."

April of this year will mark the four year anniversary of the Perquimans-Chowan Sanitary Landfill. The Landfill Board is made up of two commissioners from both counties involved in the joint effort. Board members from Perquimans County include Lester Simpson and Tuck Webb. Chowan Commissioners on the Landfill Board are Lester Copeland and J.D. Peele.

District Court Meets Here

Judge Grafton Beamon presided at the Wednesday session of Perquimans County District Court and disposed of the following cases:

Ronnie Lewis Hunter, charged with assault and committing threats, (the two charges were consolidated for judgment) received a 90-day sentence suspended for three years, a fine of \$100 and cost, was told to remain on good behavior, not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws of North Carolina during period of suspended term, and, also, not to have firearms on his person when off of his own property;

John Robert Lewis Jr., charged with driving under the influence, was given a 60-day sentence suspended for two years, a fine of \$125 and cost, and was ordered to surrender his operator's license to the Clerk of Superior Court. The defendant was told not to operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina until duly relicensed to do so. An appeal was noted and the case was placed on the Superior Court Docket for trial;

William R. Armstrong was found guilty of assault and battery on a female and was given a 60-day sentence suspended for two years, was taxed with cost of court, and was told not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws in North Carolina during term of suspension, and to remain on good behavior;

James Taylor, charged with assault on a female, received a 60-day sentence suspended for two years, a fine of \$15 and cost, and was told to remain on good behavior and not to physically abuse Nancy Brickhouse;

Lester Kell Jr. was found guilty of not wearing a helmet and was taxed with cost;

Dewey Bell, charged with driving under the influence, was given a 60-day sentence suspended for two years, a fine of \$130 and cost. The defendant was told not to operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina for 12 months. A certified copy of the judgment to be sent to

the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles;

Robert Lee Thatch, charged with larceny in general, was sentenced six months in the custody of North Carolina Department of Corrections with active period of 20 days and balance suspended for two years active probation, a fine of \$100 and cost. The defendant was ordered to make restitution of \$19.49 and cost to Winslow Oil Co. Fine, cost, and restitution must be paid under supervision of Probation Officer.

Ronell M. Reynolds, Jr. was found not guilty of being a public drunk;

Corrine Williams was found guilty of being a public drunk and was taxed with cost;

Lonnie Elton Bell, charged with allowing a person to operate a motor vehicle owned by Bell while he was driving under the influence. The defendant was given a 60-day sentence suspended for two years, a

fine of \$100 and cost, and was told not to operate a motor vehicle in North Carolina for 12 months;

Edward Daniels, charged with aggravating an affray, and being a public drunk received 15-day sentence suspended for two years, a fine of \$15 and cost, and was ordered not to violate any laws, remain on good behavior and stay off premises of Wilderness Lounge during suspended period;

George Riley Whedbee was found guilty of assault and received a 60-day sentence suspended for three years, a fine of \$50 and cost, and told to remain on good behavior during suspended period, not to violate any Federal, State, or local laws, and not to harass, molest, or physically abuse the person of Jean Cherron Whedbee;

Glenn Alvin Elmore, charged with speeding, received a fine of \$50 and cost.

Albemarle Area Is Recognized

The five-county Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District, which serves Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Camden and Currituck counties, was recognized Monday night as North Carolina's outstanding district in environmental education work.

The honor was presented



The only requirement to join REACT is that all members must be licensed citizens band radio operators. In local REACT clubs, members pay dues which help finance REACT projects. The only other source of financial support is from the General Motors Corporation which maintains the national headquarters for REACT located in Chicago, Ill.

White also emphasized the fact that REACT is not a crime watch program. If a

Young People Eligible For Electric Youth Tour

Each year Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation sends two young people from within its seven county service area on the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. This year two 4-H club members will be selected for the "all expense paid" 1977 Youth Tour from June 13 to June 17, according to an announcement made recently by Vernon E. Taylor, Roanoke EMC General Manager.

All high school 4-H'ers who are at least 16 years old, unmarried and hold a local 4-H club or county council office are eligible to enter the 1977 Rural Electric Youth Tour Contest. Winners will join winners of similar contests sponsored by other electric co-ops across North Carolina on the tour. All expenses of the five-day trip, beginning June 13, will be paid by Roanoke EMC, Taylor said.

Contest rules, application forms and reference materials may be obtained from the county 4-H leader. The reference material is designed to increase the applicant's knowledge of Roanoke EMC and the Rural Electrification Program. A qualifying quiz for

county finalists will be based upon this material.

Deadline for completed applications to be in the county extension service office is 12 noon, March 4. That afternoon two finalists from each county will be selected by county 4-H leaders. Then on March 11, those finalists will visit Roanoke EMC in Rich Square. There they will be judged on the basis of their achievements as 4-H'ers and also on scores made on the qualifying quiz which will be taken that day. Two youth tour winners will be selected along with a first and second alternate.

As participants in the 1977 Rural Electric Youth Tour, local contest winners will travel by bus to Washington, D.C. on June 13 where they will spend five days visiting places of historical interest

and seeing the nation's government in action. One day during the week they will meet with approximately 1,000 other young people from 30 states for a program coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The program will feature congressional leaders and high government officials. A visit to the White House and a fun-filled "shindig" will highlight the day's events.

County Extension Agents in charge of 4-H activities in Halifax, Bertie, Gates, Hertford, Northampton and Perquimans Counties will coordinate the application and selection process.

Interested 4-H'ers in Perquimans County are urged to contact Mrs. M.B. Taylor, County Extension Agent, for more information and application forms.

Poster Contest Begins

The Perquimans County "Conservation Poster" Contest sponsored annually by the Perquimans Soil and Water Conservation Committee got underway this week. Mrs. Grace Coston, a retired school teacher, is assisting the district supervisors again this year.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students will participate in this contest. Conservation Booklets "Pioneers of Conservation in America" has been distributed to each student, also guides for the teachers to be used during February as a unit of study. This booklet explains how the environment was improved through community cooperation. The quality of

our environment is a concern to all of us and should be taken seriously. Teaching our young people to become "Caretakers" of our environment and the motivation of each individual to protect and conserve our natural resources for a better tomorrow is a real challenge. This message was given by Mrs. Coston as she visited each classroom this week. She also explained the rules, poster materials and basis upon which all posters would be judged. She urged each student to do his best in representing his class and school. County winners for each grade will receive cash prizes according to Mrs. Coston.

Seminar Tonight

A seminar on Estate and Wills will be held tonight, Jan. 27, at the Perquimans County Courthouse in Hertford beginning at 7:30 p.m. The seminar is being sponsored by the Perquimans County Council on the Status of Women.

David W.G. MacIntyre Jr., Trust Officer from Peoples Bank and Trust Company, will be the guest speaker. MacIntyre specializes in the area of financial planning. He received his B.S. degree in Commerce and Business Administration from the Lemar School of Law at Emory University. He is a native of Franklinton, N.C. and before joining Peoples Bank, was a Trust Officer with the Trust Company of Georgia in Savannah, Ga.

Major changes in estate tax laws, which came into effect Jan. 1, 1977, will be one topic of discussion. The Council on the Status of Women is urging attendance of interested citizens at the 7:30 meeting and suggests that both wives and husbands attend if possible.

Civic Calendar

- MONDAY, JAN. 31
The Inter-County Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will meet.
- TUESDAY, FEB. 1
Whiteston Homemakers meet. +++
Parkville Ruritan Club will meet. +++
A meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. +++
- The Perquimans Masonic Lodge 106 will meet. WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2
The Perquimans County Jayettes will meet at the Albemarle EMC Building.
- THURSDAY, FEB. 3
The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 8 p.m. +++
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A meeting of the Hertford Lions Club will be held.

Blood Donors Needed!

Perquimans County blood donors are needed. This is the important message being put before the citizens of Perquimans County now, just prior to another Bloodmobile visit.

The Bloodmobile will be in Hertford on Monday, Jan. 31 at the First United Methodist Church from 12-5 p.m. collecting the life-saving fluid.

Recent Bloodmobile visits have not been successful and an all-out effort is being exerted for this visit. In the last two visits made by the Tidewater Regional Red Cross Blood Program's Bloodmobile, a total of 73 pints was collected. Of that 73 pints, 24 were collected on the first visit and 49 were collected on the second visit. The goal for the Jan. 31 visit is set at 75 pints, a goal set much lower than usual for this area.

Joan Langevin, Donor Recruitment Consultant, said that for this visit, blood types O+, O-, and B+ are particularly needed. However blood of all types are needed in order to meet the quota.

Ms. Langevin also pointed out that Don Juan Manufacturing Corporation has been very responsive in the blood donor program. She added that she personally urges employers in the area to allow employees the time from work to give blood, an act that only takes a few minutes.

In stressing the importance of building

the blood donor program back up to its full potential in Perquimans County, Ms. Langevin released some statistics on blood visits in Perquimans County in the past. The following chart represents the actual amount of pints donated per fiscal year as compared to the goal for that same fiscal year:

FISCAL YEAR	GOAL	ACTUAL PINTS
1970-71	310	158
1971-72	290	222
1972-73	294	153
1973-74	351	214
1974-75	314	127
1975-76	334	238

The Blood Donor Recruitment Consultant also pointed out that Perquimans County is one of 58 chapters in the Tidewater Regional Red Cross Blood Program. She projected that if all 58 chapters fell short 100 pints during each fiscal year, which is the case with Perquimans County, then the regional program would fall short of 5,800 needed pints of blood.

The Perquimans County Jaycees will once again be sponsoring the Bloodmobile visit. Jaycee Bloodmobile Chairman A.L. West urges each and every potential donor in the county to visit the Bloodmobile on Jan. 31 and donate a pint of blood. Assisting the Jaycees will be the Methodist Women of the church.

Bloodmobile Will Visit Monday