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**GUEST SPEAKER** — Pat Harrell, Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools, served as guest speaker for the Albemarle Conservation Poster Contest and luncheon. In his remarks, Harrell stressed the need to protect the environment and praised the efforts of the young people participating in the annual contest.



**SPECIAL PRESENTATION** — Gina Stevenson, fifth grade student at Hertford Grammar School, was awarded a \$25 savings bond at the Thursday luncheon for recognition of her achievement in last year's contest when she placed in state competition. Miss Stevenson also placed in this year's district contest. Pictured above making the presentation is Carroll Baker.

## Commissioners Discuss Update On Water System

The Perquimans County water system was one topic of discussion when the Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday morning in Hertford.

Dr. James Elrod, dentist with the Public Health Department, discussed with the commissioners the possibility of providing fluoridation in the county's water system. Dr. Elrod explained that this method has been extremely effective in dental health and cited several examples. He explained that when this action was taken in the city of Charlotte, a 60 per cent reduction in tooth decay was the result. He also presented details of how this could be done and answered questions from the commissioners. The cost, according to Dr. Elrod, would average out to about 15 cents per person per year. He added that some matching funds are available for this purpose. Although no action was taken on the matter, the commissioners informed Dr. Elrod that this had been considered and is a strong possibility.

In other discussion concerning the water system, Melvin Howell with Farmers' Home Admin-

istration was present with an update for the commissioners. It was discussed that a superintendent for the system would soon need to be hired. Chairman Lester Simpson explained that three applications had been received for this position and the three applicants would be interviewed individually at the next meeting.

Also, a request was heard from a representative of the Inter-County Water System to hook up with the county-wide water system upon its completion. It was decided action would be taken on this request after the system had been finished.

Under other business, Wayne Ashley with the local branch of Bank of North Carolina, NA, explained a new community assistance program being initiated by the banking institution. He said briefly the program would provide assistance to local communities in grant applications. A meeting was planned for Thursday to further discuss this matter.

Charles White, president of the Perquimans County REACT, also appeared before the commissioners requesting permission to install a CB radio base station in the office of the Per-

quimans County Dispatch System. The request also included having the dispatcher on duty from 12 p.m. until 6 a.m. to monitor the emergency CB channel. It was pointed out that the dispatcher would be on duty anyway and few calls are received during the early morning hours. White explained that REACT members would provide all necessary equipment and would monitor at all other hours. No action was taken on this request, but the matter will go to the Perquimans County Communications Commission for further study and consideration.

Blanche Campen, Director of Social Services, was present at the Monday meeting to discuss the CHORE program with the commissioners. She explained that the new program offers help in the caring for elderly and disabled persons. Budgeting of the program was discussed with no action taken.

County planning was another topic of discussion. Jed Little with the County Planning Division of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources explained a request for approval of a three-lot plat

with a 40-foot right of way to be made a private road. The commissioners passed a motion to accept the preliminary plat. In other related matters, the commissioners also approved submitting a grant application for planning assistance.

In other action, the commissioners approved a motion to pay \$50 for participation of five young people in a 4-H sponsored camp.

The commissioners also endorsed a proposed bill in State Legislature that would prohibit hunting from the shoulder of a road unless the hunter had a written permit from the landowner with land adjacent to the road. This exception would only apply to unpaved, secondary roads.

Discussion was heard concerning acquisition of a computer for use in processing tax and water system billings. No action was taken.

The commissioners also approved placing the assistant in the Register of Deeds office on the county payroll. The assistant had been hired under Title VI funds and due to cutbacks in that program, the transfer proposed and approved. This action is retroactive.

**POSTER CONTEST WINNERS** — Winners in the Albemarle Conservation Poster Contest are pictured above with their posters, trophies and ribbons. Left to right, the winners are: Barbara Thomas, first place, fourth grade; Alice White, second place, fourth grade; Gina Stevenson, first place, fifth grade; Eric Boyce, second place, fifth grade; Sherry Hughes, first place, sixth grade; and Sarah Goodwin, second place, sixth grade. (Newbern photos)



## Winners Named In Poster Contest

Students in the Albemarle area were recognized Thursday for their efforts in bringing attention to the need for conservation of natural resources.

This recognition came at the Annual Albemarle Conservation Poster Contest. This year's contest was hosted by Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation in Hertford and included a luncheon catered by White's Barbeque, remarks on conservation, and the announcement of contest winners. Albemarle EMC co-sponsors the contest in cooperation with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District.

Prior to the district contest held Thursday, students in grades four, five and six in five counties were invited to participate in local contests. Winners were then selected on the county level and these were entered in the district competition. District winners will now go on to state competition.

The highlight of the Thursday luncheon was the awarding of trophies to the overall district winners. Students from Perquimans County dominated this year's competition taking five of the six awards. In the fourth grade division, first place winner was Barbara Thomas of J.C. Sawyer School in Pasquotank County; second place went to Alice White, a student at Hertford Grammar School. Fifth grade winners included Gina Stevenson, placing first, from Hertford Grammar School; and second place went to Eric Boyce of Perquimans Union School. Sherry Hughes, a student at Hertford Grammar School, took first place honors in the sixth grade division while Sarah Goodwin, also of Hertford Grammar, placed second.

Guest speaker at the presentation was Pat Harrell, Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools. Harrell themed his remarks, "The Good Things in Life Used to Be Free." In discussing the need to protect the environment, Harrell said, "We look back with nostalgia at the way things used to be. Today we are constantly aware of noise pollution, refuse, and chemicals in the air and water." Harrell challenged each of the contest participants and the attending parents and teachers to consider what they, as individuals, could do to further the cause of conservation. Harrell said such things as open and illegal dumps, roadside litter, pesticide misuse, open drainage ditches, abandoned cars, and other forms of land abuse are present, to some degree, in all communities. He urged those present to consider who's responsible for this abuse and to take actions to correct matters. Harrell also cited some examples of the costs involved in tackling pollution and land abuse problems. He said from 1972 through 1977, some \$18 billion would be used to help local communities achieve clean water. He then pointed out that all benefits of wise land use and conservation cannot be measured "in price tags." Harrell also spoke of what he termed a "renewed commitment" to this cause and said evidence of this commitment was apparent by the interest expressed by the young people in the poster contest. In closing, Harrell quoted a poem which read: "Nature has made neither sun nor air nor waves private property. They are public gifts to all of us."

Following Harrell's

remarks, judges for the contest were introduced including: M.E. "Red" Knight, Gates County Supervisor; F.A. McGoogan, retired Soil Conservation Technician from Perquimans County; and Swindell L. Lowery, retired Extension Chairman from Pasquotank County.

The judges explained the judging guidelines and the point awarding system. Students were awarded 50 points for the presentation of the conservation idea; 25 points for originality; 15 points for artistic ability; and 10 points for neatness.

Also, a special presentation of a \$25 savings bond was made to Gina Stevenson, a winner in last year's competition who placed in state judging.

The following is a list of county winners in the 1977 poster contest: Camden County — fourth Grade: George Johnson, first place; William Wescott, second place; Fifth Grade: Missy Ralph, first place; Donald Tillett, second place; Sixth Grade: Susan Jo Staples, first place; and Jeff Wells, second place. All Camden County winners are students at Camden Middle School.

Chowan County — fourth Grade: Rodney Saunders of White Oak Consolidated, first place; Traci White of Ernest A. Swain Elementary, second place; Fifth Grade: Karen Brown of Swain Elementary, first place; Andrea Burns of Chowan Academy, second

place; Sixth Grade: Robert Cofield of Swain Elementary, first place; and Scottie Wislow of Chowan Academy, second place.

Currituck County — fourth Grade: Tim Ivey, first place; Kim Holmes, second place; Fifth Grade: Steven Wise, first place; Melody Price, second place; Sixth Grade: Kay Rhodes, first place; Janelle Sears, second place. All Currituck County winners are students at W.T. Griggs Elementary School.

Pasquotank County — fourth Grade: Barbara Thomas of J.C. Sawyer School, first place; Michelle Watts of Weeksville Elementary School, second place; Fifth Grade: Lina Lister of Weeksville Elementary, first place; Barry Stokley of Pasquotank Elementary, second place; Sixth Grade: Rose Cole of Weeksville Elementary, first place; and Kim Beaver of Pasquotank Elementary, second place.

Perquimans County — fourth Grade: Alice White of Hertford Grammar School, first place; Deanne Ashley of Hertford Grammar, second place; Fifth Grade: Eric Boyce of Perquimans Union School, first place; Gina Stevenson of Hertford Grammar School, second place; Sixth Grade: Sarah Goodwin of Hertford Grammar School, first place; and Sherry Hughes of Hertford Grammar, second place.

## Study Metric

Would a basketball coach want a player who is seven metres tall or a football coach a player who weighs 100 kilograms? Pupils in the migrant mathematics program should be able to

quickly tell you that one who is seven m tall will be more than seven yards (or 21 feet) tall because a metre is a little more than a yard and before school closing that

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## Board Of Education Meets

By KATHY M. NEWBERN  
All members were present when the Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session Monday afternoon following morning visits in the county's schools.

Policy matters were the first item on the agenda. Board members were updated on the teacher evaluation form approved at their last meeting. Superintendent Pat Harrell told members each principal in the county's school system had held meetings in the individual schools to discuss the form with teachers. Harrell praised principals and said, "They've done a real fine job in presenting this to their faculties." In other policy matters, board members discussed the need to develop a local policy on promotion and retention. This matter will be discussed further at a later date.

Harrell reminded board members that by law, an approved budget must be completed by May 1 and then presented to the local County Commissioners. The possibility of scheduling a special meeting for the purpose of drawing up the

budget was discussed, but it was decided this matter would be handled at one of the regular meetings in April. Budget will be discussed at the April 19 meeting. This meeting was scheduled for April 18, but due to a conflict was changed to the following night.

In action taken, the Board of Education approved the employment of Betty Jo Harrell and Edward Wilson as ESEA Title I Aides at Perquimans Union School. In other personnel matters, a leave of absence for the remainder of the school year was granted to Zenovah White. Also, the employment of Jean Brown as Interim Aide ESEA Title I was approved. Ms. Brown will be filling in for Ms. White in this capacity.

Status reports were presented to board members on the following matters: renovation of the cafeteria at Perquimans High School; renovation of the high school science lab; and the acquisition of the Urquhart Property adjacent to the high school.

Chairman Clifford Winslow reported on a meeting held in Raleigh

recently with the Local Government Commission. Winslow, Harrell, and County Commissioners Chairman Lester Simpson scheduled the meeting in connection with a possible bond referendum for construction and renovation at Perquimans High School. Winslow described the session as "very productive" and reported that due to the county's lack of indebtedness, the bonding capacity is good. He told board members that a joint meeting is planned for March 21 with the County Commissioners to further discuss the high school plans and possible action.

Harrell discussed upcoming legislation with board members including a proposed statewide testing program, statewide student competency tests and community education. Harrell said in addition to these three proposals, two other pieces of recently introduced legislation should be brought to attention. He then explained that one proposal is a duty free lunch

period of 30 minutes for all school personnel. The other piece of legislation that has been introduced would call for boards of education to negotiate with employees, a move Harrell termed as collective bargaining. Harrell urged board members to stay informed on these and other actions that would affect local schools.

Several announcements were made prior to adjourning the Monday afternoon meeting. Several board members planned to attend the School Board Legislative Day in Raleigh on March 8-9. It was also announced that the Alliance for Progress Elected Boards Institute would be held in Winton on March 17 at 7 p.m. The date of the auction of school furniture, which had been approved at the last meeting, was announced for April 1 at 10 a.m. at the County Bus Garage. Harrell also presented information on the upcoming National School Board Association Convention to be held in Houston, Texas March 25-30.

## Civic Calendar

- MONDAY, MARCH 14**  
Inter-County Fire Department meets.  
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The Perquimans County Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 8 p.m.  
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The Board of Directors of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce will meet.  
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The Town Beautification Committee meets at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Hertford.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 15**  
The Ladies Auxiliary of the Belvidere-Chappell Hill Fire Department meets.  
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The Hertford Rotary Club will meet at 6:30 p.m.  
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A meeting of Perquimans Masonic Lodge is planned.  
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The Snow Hill Whitehat Homemakers Club meets at 7:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16**  
The Durants Neck Ruritan Club meets.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 17**  
Hertford BPW Club meets.  
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Hertford Lions Club will meet.  
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Hertford Volunteer Fire Department meets.  
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A meeting of Helen Gaither Home Extension Club will be held at 8 p.m.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 19**  
The Perquimans County Jaycettes will sponsor a fashion show themed, "Fashions A Flutter," at the Hertford Grammar School beginning at 8 p.m.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 20**  
The Snug Harbor Civic League will meet at the clubhouse at 1 p.m.



**DESTROYED BY FIRE** — This mobile home belonging to the David A. Daniels family on Grubb Street in Hertford was destroyed early Wednesday morning by fire. Local Red Cross officials are making a plea to the community to assist the homeless family. (Newbern photo)

## Appeal Is Made For Fire Victims

The Perquimans County Chapter of the American Red Cross is appealing to the public for help and assistance for Mr. and Mrs. David A. Daniels of Grubb Street, Hertford. Mr. and Mrs. Daniels tragically lost their mobile home and everything in it on March 2 as the result of a fire. The family needs clothing, furniture, and household goods.

Clothing sizes are: Mr. Daniels — pants: 46 waist, 32 inseam; shirt and jacket: extra large; shoes: size 9 1/2; Mrs. Daniels — dress or slacks: size 13-14; blouse: size 36; bra: 36B; panties: size 6; jacket: size medium; Son — pants: waist 30, inseam 32; shirt and jacket: size medium; and shoes: size 10 1/4.

Any items may be brought to Blanchard's Lawn and Garden on Grubb St., Hertford or will be picked up by calling John Beers, Red Cross Chairman, at 424-5536 or 426-7492.