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Library Update

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295 New Children's Paperbacks

The library has just received 295 new, high interest paperbacks for students in grades three through eight. These were purchased as a set of books of proven popularity with intermediate grade and junior high students. Although too numerous to mention here, the books include mysteries, science fiction, sports, riddles, games, and fantasy. Coverage ranges from George Washington to Charlie Brown, Tarzan to Malcolm X, ghosts to movie monsters, and the American Revolution to Happy Days. Regardless of how well or how enthusiastically your child reads, there is something here for him.

Story Hour

For younger children, we will have our usual pre-school story hour from 10-11 a.m.

New Books for Adults

Tallant for Trouble by Andrew York tells how a Caribbean police chief battles an assassination plot.

Case Closed by June Thomson is the story of a Scotland Yard detective who is in danger when he finds clues to two related unsolved crimes.

Take Time to Take Sides by Shariys Gold is a young adult book about a student put in a dilemma by a teachers' strike.

Blood Flies Upwards by E.X. Ferrars tells of murder, blackmail, and revenge in an English country house.

American Poets in 1976 by William Heyen is a collection of 140 poems by 29 major poets and includes biographies and photographs of the writers.

The Widow's Children by Paula Fox reveals a wealthy family's true feelings at a family reunion.

Changing by Liv Ullman is an autobiography of the famous actress and former wife of Ingmar Bergman.

Total Fitness in 30 Minutes a Week describes an unusual approach to physical fitness which ignores many orthodox rules.

New Books for Children

I Will Tell You of Peach Stone is about a wise old Chinese storyteller and his dog.

The Days of the Week studies the gods the days are named for.

Soup with Quackers: Funny Cartoon Riddles. When does a car look like a frog? When it's being toad. Enough said. For primary grades.



GARY KENNEDY

Named Secretary

Gary Kennedy was named Executive Secretary of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce at the Monday night meeting of the Board of Directors.

A native of Gouverneur, N.Y., Kennedy has been in Perquimans County five years. He came to the area then to assist in the building of Angler's Cove Restaurant by owner Henry Carney. He has been working at that establishment since then.

Kennedy was employed by the chamber office on

Dec. 30 in a temporary position working for the chamber and in the license division.

As Executive Secretary, it will be Kennedy's job to promote the chamber of commerce to merchants and members; to promote Perquimans County to industries; and to encourage the betterment and growth of the county and its communities. He will be assisted at the chamber office by Mary Sue Roach on a part-time basis.



JOINT EFFORT — Pictured above Raleigh Carver, (left) vice-chairman of AACT talks with R.L. Stevenson, chairman of AADA prior to the Thursday

night meeting to discuss needed highway improvements. Both groups agreed to reactivate a joint highway committee for this purpose. (Newbern photo)

Regional Groups Want Highway Improvements

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

Two regional organizations agreed to unite efforts Thursday night to improve highways in northeastern North Carolina.

The agreement was the result of a meeting of the Albemarle Area Development Association (AADA) and the Albemarle Association of Counties and Towns (AACT) which met at Angler's Cove Restaurant in Perquimans County.

Raleigh Carver, vice-chairman of AACT, said, "We are working for a concentrated effort in this area to try to get more highway and road improvements in this area in the next few years."

Also on hand for the Thursday night meeting were Sen. Melvin Daniels, Sen. J.J. "Monk" Harrington, and Rep. Stanford White. In his comments, Sen. Daniels pointed out that in his opinion northeastern North Carolina is "getting the short end of the stick" in several areas. He also

discussed a Seven-Year Plan in the state concerning road improvements. He pointed out that the Albemarle area "is not treated kindly" in this plan but then reassured those present that he has good reason to believe if the plan is not totally abandoned, then it will be drastically revised.

Both Sen. Daniels and Sen. Harrington discussed an upcoming state bond referendum in the amount of \$300,000 for highway improvements. Sen. Harrington said, "I think the bond issue is the only way we're going to get any real money. I feel like we can get this passed and if so, I feel like this can give us a lot of help."

Also speaking before the group was Levin Culpepper, past chairman of the once active AADA Highway Committee. Culpepper recalled how this committee drew up a list of priorities in 1971 and none of those projects have been completed today. At the time, two projects were

named as top priority: the four-laning of U.S. 17 from the Virginia line to the four-lane north of Elizabeth City; and U.S. 17 by-pass Edenton. Culpepper said, "I think there's a need for unification in this area. I think this group or one like it is the one to do it."

Comments were also heard from two former State Highway Commissioners, Joe Nowell of Perquimans County and Gillam Wood of Chowan County.

Following comments and questions from the floor, the AADA and AACT members voted to reactivate a joint highway committee. Committee members will be appointed by the presidents of the two organizations with each county represented by one member. The two groups also went on record endorsing the upcoming bond referendum for highway improvements with the stipulation that this endorsement depended on the amount of highway money northeastern North Carolina would receive.

Law Revised For Burning Permits

The North Carolina Burning Permit Law has been changed and a burning permit is now required throughout the year according to Perquimans County Forest Ranger Lewis Stallings. The old law required a permit only from October through May. The law was revised by the 1975 North Carolina General Assembly and is enforced by the N.C. Division of Forest Resources.

Historically, the major cause of wildfires in North Carolina has been debris burning. The burning permit law was originally enacted to help reduce the number of wildfires caused by debris burning by spelling out the responsibilities of each citizen or company to control their outdoor burning.

"The intent of the law is to insure that people who want to do outdoor burning take the precautions that a reasonable and prudent person would take using fire. As long as people take these precautions and comply with the laws established to protect society, they have the right to burn," said Stallings.

"There is an exception to this law," he said, "A land-

owner does not have to have a burning permit for burning within 100 feet of his occupied dwelling if the burning is done within an enclosed container from which no burning material can escape, or within a protected area under the constant supervision of a competent watchman who has adequate fire protection tools readily available."

An example of an enclosed container is a trash barrel with wire screen attached and in place. This will prevent burning materials from flying out of the barrel and possibly starting a wildfire.

Another change in the burning permit law concerns the cancellation of permits. Originally, permits could be cancelled only because of extremely hazardous forest fire conditions. "Permits can still be cancelled because of hazardous fire conditions," Stallings said, "but now they can also be cancelled because of air pollution episodes. This means that when weather conditions will not enable smoke from controlled fires, such as burning fields or brush piles, to be carried away, burning permits can be cancelled."

The Division of Environmental Management

of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources will determine when air pollution episodes exist.

"When burning permits are cancelled," Stallings continued, "all outdoor burning, regardless of the distance to the nearest woods, will be prohibited."

As in the past, burning permits will be issued for a four day period. A permit is not required for outdoor burning between the hours of midnight and 4 p.m. Stallings pointed out that compliance with this law does not relieve the permittee from having to abide by Air Quality regulations and any local burning ordinances. Anyone with questions concerning the new burning permit law should contact Perquimans County Forest Ranger Lewis Stallings at his office in Winfall Tower (426-5551) or in Elizabeth City (335-4373).

The following is a list of burning permit agents for Perquimans County who are authorized to issue the new burning permits: Dick's Drive-In, Wink's Service Station, Chapanoke, William Corpren, New Hope Post Office, and A.D. Chapell's Service Station.



CONTRACT SIGNED — Above, l. to r., Robert Hollowell, Frank Wooten, and Carlton Goodwin look on as Archie Lane signs the contract on Bear Swamp

Watershed. Hollowell, Lane and Goodwin are commissioners for the watershed and Wooten is attorney for the group.

Watershed Project Underway

Chowan County Drainage District No. 3 has awarded the contract on Bear Swamp Watershed to Dowat Inc. of Winston-Salem. Dowat was the low bidder on this project when bids opened on Jan. 20 with a bid of \$459,711. Other bids submitted were John H. Malbon Contracting Co., Inc. — \$492,520.75; Mac Construction Company \$464,633.35; Central Builders, Inc. \$625,292.74; and Higginson Buchanan Inc. \$755,814.25.

This construction will consist of clearing a right-of-way, excavating about 17 miles of channels, installing pipe inlets and private road crossings, and stabilizing the project with permanent type vegetation. Construction will probably begin about May 15 and be completed within a year.

The Soil Conservation Service worked up the design on the project and is cost sharing on about 3/4 of the construction cost. The land-

owners in the drainage area will be assessed for the remaining cost.

Chowan Drainage District No. 3 was formed in 1911 and the original channel were excavated shortly after that time.

The channels were cleaned out again in the early 40's. Since then many of the channels have silted in, trees have grown up and the capacity for drainage has been greatly reduced.



INVOLVED IN CANCER CAUSE — Don Abernathy of Williamston, N.C. (second from right) was named Area IV Vice Chairman for the American Cancer Society's annual crusade by former State Senator George Wood, (left) State Crusade Chairman, at the recent Mid-Winter Conference. Abernathy accepted the position because of his "deep concern for the urgent need of to control cancer and the necessity to help win the battle through widespread public education." "Our theme is 'We Want to Wipe Out Cancer in Your Lifetime,'" declared Abernathy, "and I dedicate my abilities to help win the war against cancer. Great advances

have been made in recent years with new drugs and more advanced methods of surgery and radiation." "Every dollar that is given to the American Cancer Society helps support vital programs of public education, research, and patient services," noted Wood at the meeting attended by approximately 300 North Carolina volunteers. Wood and guest speaker, Gale Gordon, (right) popular TV personality of the "Lucy Show" are shown above with Abernathy and John Biggers (second from left) of Perquimans County. Biggers is a director of the North Carolina Division Board.

were recently compiled by the Department of Public Instruction's non-public schools coordinator.

Non-public enrollment made only slight increases over the past few years, rising from 53,300 students in 1973-74 to 53,600 in 1974-75

and 54,200 in 1975-76. Total non-public school enrollment continues to represent about four percent of the total student population in North Carolina which is roughly 1.2 million students.

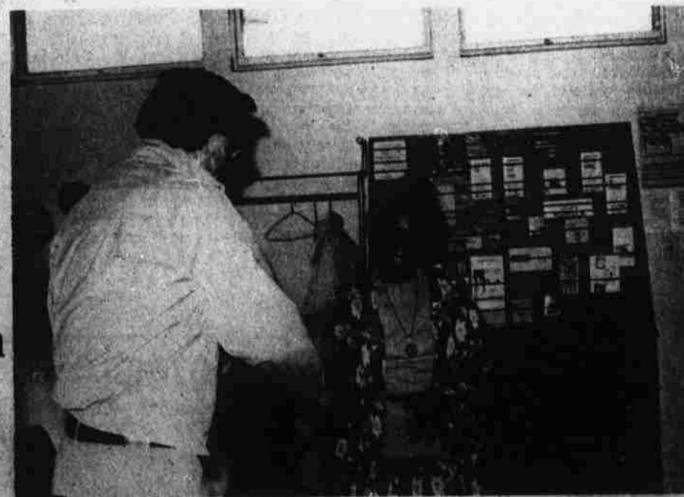
A non-public school is defined by the State Board of Education as "a school not established, maintained and operated by a county or city board of education appointed or elected in accordance with State law."

There are generally two types of non-public schools, according to Calvin Criner, non-public school consultant for the State Board of Education, sectarian and non-sectarian schools. Sectarian schools are those controlled directly or indirectly by a church or an individual acting on behalf of a church or sectarian body. All other non-public schools fall into the nonsectarian category.

A non-public school must be approved by the State Board of Education in order for the students attending that school to satisfy the State mandatory attendance law, Criner emphasized. If, for example, a student is attending a school not approved by the State Board of Education, the parents of that student are in violation of the Compulsory Attendance Act.

Correction

In last week's edition of *The Perquimans Weekly*, an error appeared in the outline under the photograph of Gina Stevenson receiving a savings bond in connection with the conservation poster contest. The outline read that the presentation was made by Carroll Baker. It should have read Carroll Williams. Our apologies.



FOR SERVICES RENDERED — Mrs. Eldora Eason is pictured above receiving a certificate of appreciation for her 51 years of service to the community as a mid-wife. Making the presentation on

behalf of the Town of Hertford is John Beers, Vice-Mayor. In a feature story on page four, Mrs. Eason recalls some of the highlights of her career. (Newbern photo)