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## Walking Campaign Underway



DAVE MCKNIGHT

walking campaign on weekdays while leaving weekends free for other campaign commitments around the state. He plans to arrive in Murphy at the western end of the state by October.

"I'm going to spend the next six months walking a lot of country roads and asking folks to tell me what's on their minds," he said. "And they'll be able to question me directly — at their places of business — so they won't have any doubts as to what this campaign is all about."

Though the route is east to west, McKnight actually will begin from Manteo by heading east to the Outer Banks and north to Currituck County before turning west to Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton.

"There will be some loops in this trail and plenty of back roads along the way, but it'll all eventually lead to Murphy," he said.

The Democratic senatorial candidate had made "revitalizing the smaller businesses in the economy today" a key issue in his campaign.

He has also strongly endorsed President Carter's efforts to achieve a balanced economic recovery, reduce inflation and unemployment, forge a national energy policy, streamline the bureaucracy and balance the federal budget.

McKnight has campaigned on a theme of "doing more with less" in an age of increasingly scarce supplies of energy and natural resources.

The campaign walk includes a visit to Hertford and W. Infall on the way from Elizabeth City and Edenton.



LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEADERS — Leaders in education take time out during the North Carolina Breakfast for a picture while attending the NSBA Convention in Houston. Pictured above are Clifford Winslow, chair-

man of the Perquimans County Board of Education; Rev. George W. Smith, outgoing NSBA president; and Harold Maxwell, president of the North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA).



WITH A CAST OF THOUSANDS — Well over 16,000 people involved in some area of education were in attendance when the 37th Annual Convention of the National School Boards Association met

March 26-29 in Houston, Texas. Pictured above is the Albert Thomas Convention Center and a sample of the crowd which could be spotted daily, attending a variety of convention events.



NEW NSBA OFFICERS — Some of those who will be leading NSBA activities in the coming year are pictured above. Left to right, new officers are Dr. Robert V. Haderlein, secretary-

treasurer; Hiroshi Yamashita, second vice president; Margaret S. Buvinger, first vice president; and Will D. Davis, newly-elected NSBA president.



LOCAL BOARD MEMBERS — Members of the Perquimans County Board of Education and local School Superintendent Pat Harrell discuss some of the convention activities. Pictured left to right are Clifford Winslow,

Emmett Long, Ralph Harrell, Preston Stevenson, and Harrell. Also attending from Perquimans County were Commissioners R.S. Monds and Waldo Winslow. (Staff photos by Kathy Newbern)

## Convention Focuses On All Aspects Of Education

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

HOUSTON, TEXAS — Perquimans County representatives of the County Commissioners and Board of Education joined the 93-member group from northeastern North Carolina (attending) the 37th Annual Convention of the National School Boards Association (NSBA) held here March 26-29.

Those from Perquimans County attending with the six-county Alliance for Progress (AFP) participants included: R.S. Monds, AFP chairman and County Commissioner; Waldo Winslow, County Commissioner; Pat Harrell, Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools; Clifford Winslow, Board of Education Chairman; and Board of Education members Ralph Harrell, Emmett Long and Preston Stevenson. All of the above were accompanied on the trip by their wives.

The four-day convention included sessions of general educational interest held daily and 95 individual clinic sessions covering such topics as federal legislation, small school district budgeting, curriculum, citizen committees, and career education to mention a few. Also, delegates representing state school boards associations met daily at delegate assemblies to discuss proposed policies and regulations for 1977. Exhibitors representing the entire spectrum of educational products and services were also present at the convention with booths displaying their wares opened daily to participants. Exhibitors eager with demonstrations and information represented 183 companies, firms, organizations and agencies.

Held at the Albert Thomas Convention Center and Sam Houston Coliseum, the convention included four keynote addresses, one held each day at each general session. Speakers and their topics included: Senator Richard G. Lugar (R-Ind.)

on "Educational Governance: My Changing Perspectives;" author Alex Haley on "Roots — One Man's Search for His Own Identity;" Wilbur Cohen, Dean of the University of Michigan's School of Education, on the topic, "America's Social Policy: Experience and Prospects;" and David Halberstam, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, on "The Rise of Two Empires: Presidential and Journalistic."

The final closing session on March 29 proved to be a highlight of the four-day national event. After days of discussion and consideration, the delegate assembly made up of 131 delegates from each of NSBA's 50 state school boards associations plus those in the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands, approved the 1977 Policies and Resolutions of NSBA which totaled more than 130 pages. Serving as an alternate delegate from the North Carolina School Boards Association was Clifford Winslow of Belvidere, chairman of the United States President and the American media which, he said, are in constant opposition. Halberstam stated, "The President has an enormous capacity to manage the news, but you cannot manage events." The journalist also tagged both electronic and print media as the "watchdog" of the Presidency but urged press people and the public to beware of increasing manipulation. He told citizens to also be aware of the increasing technology in society and closed by saying, "Television and machines will be even more powerful in the future. We must learn to deal with them and master them so that they don't swallow us up."

Of special interest to the North Carolina delegation attending the convention was a North Carolina Breakfast held March 27 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Convention Headquarters. A large crowd attended to hear remarks from Harold Maxwell of Fayetteville, president of the North Carolina School Boards Association, and comments from Rev. George W. Smith, outgoing NSBA president.

Several social functions were also provided for participants including concerts and performances by Bob Hope, Andy Williams and Patti Page. Special spouse's programs were also arranged, the highlight of which was a luncheon addressed by columnist Ann Landers.

organization's recognition of a need to "push for more local planning and decision making in education." He also added that NSBA is urging a "reduction of unnecessary state and federal bureaucracy and providing direct funds to local school districts."

Following the adoption of the policies and resolutions, new NSBA officers were installed including: Will D. Davis of Austin, Tex. as president; Margaret S. Buvinger of Enid, Okla. as first vice-president; Hiroshi Yamashita of Honolulu, Hawaii as second vice-president; and Dr. Robert V. Haderlein of Girard, Kan. as secretary-treasurer.

Special remarks were presented by David Halberstam, a graduate of Harvard University. His list of accomplishments includes foreign correspondent of The New York Times, 1964 winner of the Pulitzer Prize, co-editor of Harper's magazine, and author of several books. Halberstam explained his observations on the ever-increasing power of the United States President and the American media which, he said, are in constant opposition. Halberstam stated, "The President has an enormous capacity to manage the news, but you cannot manage events." The journalist also tagged both electronic and print media as the "watchdog" of the Presidency but urged press people and the public to beware of increasing manipulation. He told citizens to also be aware of the increasing technology in society and closed by saying, "Television and machines will be even more powerful in the future. We must learn to deal with them and master them so that they don't swallow us up."

The NSBA was organized in 1940 as the National Council of State School Boards Associations. The name was

shortened to National School Boards Association in 1948 and is now headquartered in Georgetown area of Washington, D.C. with a professional and administrative staff of 75 persons supervised by the executive director, Dr. Harold V. Webb.

Active members in NSBA represent 80,000 of the nation's 95,000 school board members who, in turn, represent more than 97 percent of all public school children in the United States. The organization has three basic objectives: to advance the quality of education in the nation's

public schools, to provide up-to-date information on educational issues and training in school administration, and to strengthen citizen control of schools.

A variety of programs and services are provided by NSBA to its members including training workshops and seminars, school board policy development, a Federal Relations Network, a research department, a minority affairs program, and nine NSBA-sponsored publications for school members, school administrators, and education people.

## PCHS Proposed Plan Reviewed By Boards

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners met Monday morning in regular session. A highlight of the meeting was discussion with Board of Education members concerning the proposed renovation and construction at Perquimans High School. After lengthy discussion, the commissioners informed Board of Education members that they could request a bond referendum for the proposal in order to let the citizens decide. No action was taken and Board of Education members agreed that a decision on their part will soon be reached as to further action. Commissioners said they would not speak out unfavorably if a bond referendum does result.

In other business, three citizens appeared before the board concerning the countywide water system. They expressed concern that no pipe was being included on a county road adjacent to the turnpike road. The commissioners informed them that it was not at present included in the system plans but would be considered.

Earl Britton representing Blue Cross, Blue Shield presented a proposal for a hospitalization plan for county employees. No action was taken.

The board adopted a resolution endorsing the proceedings to validate the Chowan County Drainage District No. 3 following a request for the action from Achie T. Lane Sr.

Jeff Willett and Eric Haste Jr. were present with information concerning 13 proposed categories of areas of environmental concern in connection with

the Coastal Resources Commission. Related permit-letting was also discussed. The board went on record supporting these provisions. It was also announced that a film featuring these topics will be presented for community viewing at 8 p.m. on April 25.

The board discussed creating a position to handle permit-letting for both the county and town but no action was taken. It was pointed out that this position could also possibly be shared with a neighboring county.

Blanche Campen, Director of the Department of Social Services, presented a proposed budget for the next fiscal year which was tentatively adopted by the board.

The board also approved a budget amendment in the amount of \$2,035 for soil survey. The funds were transferred to that area from invested surplus.

Russ Chappell was named by the board to the position of supervisor for the county water system and discussion was heard concerning the acquisition of a truck to be used in the position. No further action was taken.

Joe W. Nowell Jr. was appointed by the board to represent both the county and town on the newly-activated joint highway committee of the Albemarle Area Development Association (AADA) and the Albemarle Association of Counties and Towns (AACT).

Before adjourning, the commissioners heard discussion on the need to hire a director of recreation in the county. While no action was taken, the matter will be further considered in the future.

## Reorganization Is Possible

Following a joint session with the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners, the Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session Monday morning. All members were in attendance.

Board members were advised that some board funds have been placed in short-time investment programs.

In personnel matters, the board approved a job description for the position of elementary school principal.

In the area of programs, it was announced that William Byrum, principal of Perquimans High School, and Pat Harrell, School Superintendent, will be visiting Gadsden, Ala. to observe an education program there whereby basic skills, attitudes, concepts, etc. in terms of students have been identified. The program also includes an up-to-date management system that keeps an accurate account of student progress toward mastering these identified skills and areas.

The possibility of school reorganization was also discussed at the Monday morning meeting. Meetings are still being scheduled with faculty members to discuss this possibility and board members agreed to hold two such meetings in the community. The dates of April 25 and 26 were agreed on for the meetings in the community, the place and time to be announced later. Superintendent Harrell emphasized that the reorganization question is being considered in an attempt to strengthen and improve the instructional program in the county's schools. The proposal would place students in grades kindergarten through second at Perquimans Central School; grades three through five at Hertford Grammar School; and grades six through eight at Perquimans Union School. The proposal would also leave Perquimans High as it is, housing grades nine through twelve.

In the area of administrative operations, board members heard status reports on the following matters: renovation of the high school lunchroom; acquisition of property adjacent to the high school; and installation of gates at Perquimans Union School. Bids on school insurance were also discussed and it was determined that termite and roach treatment in school buildings is needed.

A review of proposed legislation affecting education was discussed and closed out the meeting.

## Easter Holidays Announced

Perquimans County School Superintendent Pat Harrell reminds parents and students that schools will be closed April 7, 8, and 11 for Easter Holidays. A regular class schedule will be resumed when school opens on April 12.