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'Leading Conservatives' Draw Large Crowd

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ELIZABETH CITY — A capacity crowd far above the expected 300 gathered at the Knobbs Creek Recreation Center here Friday to hear what had been billed as "Two of America's Leading Conservation Spokesmen," that is Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina and Senator Harry F. Byrd Jr. of Virginia.



SEN. JESSE HELMS

Thomas F. Ellis, Chairman of the Helms for Senate Committee, presided and introduced Senator Helms for remarks and the introduction of Senator Byrd. In his remarks, Sen. Helms said, "I know how the folks back home must feel about the goings-on in Washington — more federal deficits, more wild federal spending, more inflation, more controls, more red tape." The crowd applauded when Sen. Helms followed that remark by saying, "Well, you've got two per cent of the United States Senate here tonight — and this two per cent, neither one of us, is supporting that kind of nonsense." Helms continued saying that he agreed with his friend, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who said "It is the spirit of the people that makes them free." Helms commented, "We've got to stop assuming that the American people understand Americanism

just because they were born in America. Following his remarks, Helms introduced the speaker for the evening Sen. Byrd calling him a "remarkable American" and describing him as "impeccably honest, completely fearless, and a gallant symbol of a strong, free America." In his opening remarks, Sen. Byrd described Sen. Helms as a man of "courage, ability and sound common sense." He continued, "And the commodity in shortest supply in Washington, D.C. is sound common sense." Sen. Byrd told the crowd the biggest problem he saw facing the nation at present was the need for the federal government to put its "financial house" in order. The Virginia Senator also discussed the employment picture saying, "The only

way we're going to supply adequate jobs for the American people is through the private sector. There's no way government is going to get it done." He added, "The greatest threat to our nation as I see it is inflation." He continued saying that 50 per cent of the total national debt has been created in the last eight years. The speaker received applause as he announced, "I think the people are fed up with the concentration of more and more power in Washington, D.C." "What we need in Washington are policies and programs that will stand the test of time," he said.

Following the remarks, a message from Jim "Catfish" Hunter, Hertford native and pitcher for the New York Yankees, was read. In it, Hunter expressed sorrow in not being able to attend the dinner and offered words of praise and continued support for Sen. Jesse Helms. Helms then heard questions from those attending. The Friday night dinner was sponsored by the North Carolina Congressional Club, a bi-partisan organization that supports conservatism. Hosting the event were Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Hertford, Bertie, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare and Gates counties.



DISCUSS BLOOD PROGRAM — Shown discussing possible efforts to increase blood donations in Perquimans County are (l. to r.) A.L. West, County Blood

Co-Chairman; Dr. Julian Schorr, M.D. with the Tidewater Red Cross Blood Program; and Mrs. Joan Langevin, Field Representative.

Blood Boost Needed

Several town, county and civic representatives met Monday night to discuss the blood program in Perquimans County. Talking with the representatives were Mrs. Joan W. Langevin, Blood Program Field Representative with the Tidewater Regional Blood Center, and Dr. Julian Schorr, M.D. with the Tidewater Blood Program. Recent bloodmobile visits in the county have fallen about 50 per cent short of the county's goal and the group met to discuss possible ways to bring the program back up to par.

Examples of donations and goals were given. In 1971, the county goal was set at 310 pints while 158 were actually donated. The 1973 goal was 351 pints and 153 were collected. In 1976, the goal of 353 pints was again not met, but 238 pints were collected. The average goal for Perquimans County ranges between 300 and 350 pints per year. The 1977 figures show 175 pints have been collected.

Dr. Schorr explained that the need for blood is increasing especially with the addition of a Medical Center at East Carolina University in

Greenville, N.C. He said, "As our goals expand and as our needs go up, quite appropriately, it's my job to go to the people who are not carrying their weight."

He also explained that if a goal of 100 pints, for example, is reached, there may still be a shortage of specific types of blood. The Red Cross Blood Program representatives urged the group attending the Monday night meeting to stress face-to-face contact with local citizens in an effort to build the blood program up. Dr. Schorr emphasized the fact that if every 2.5 people out of 10 that could donate blood would turn out for the four yearly visits, then the county would meet its goal.

In a question and answer session, it was explained that the bloodmobile personnel can process about 32 pints of blood per hour and could "easily handle" between 150 and 200 units at each visit.

County Blood Program Chairmen Mrs. Geneva Sawyer and A.L. West are in charge of the local blood program with assistance from the Perquimans Coun-

ty Jaycees who have been sponsoring the bloodmobile visits.



HELP IN CANCER CAUSE — Members of Perquimans County High School Health Careers Club recently volunteered their time to help the cause of cancer. The club members sold "Send a Mouse to College" buttons. Pictured above, Health Careers Club President

Beth Winslow presents a check for the proceeds to Mrs. Ann White, President of the Perquimans County Chapter of the American Cancer Society. Looking on are club members (l. to r.) Benita Hollowell, Nancy Banks, Claudia Winslow, and Nancy White.

Population Estimate Sets County At 8,400

As of 1975, the estimated population for Perquimans County has been placed at 8,400. This represents a .6 per cent increase above the figure given in the 1970 census which set the county's population at 8,351. This information along with the following was recently released in a report titled, Population Estimates for North Carolina Counties and Municipalities, published by the Demographic Research Branch of the Office of State Planning in the North Carolina Department of Administration.

According to the 1970 census, the population of Hertford was reported as 2,323. The estimated 1975 population for the municipality is placed at 2,160 representing a 6.8 per cent increase. The population of Winfall based on the 1970 census was 581 persons. That compares to

the 1975 population estimate of 700 persons representing an increase of 20.5 per cent.

The same report states the annual growth rate for Perquimans County from 1960 to 1970 was .90 per cent and for 1970 to 1975 was .21 per cent. The annual growth rate natural increase for the county was reported at .61 per cent for 1960-1970 and at .17 per cent for 1970-1975. The annual growth rate for net migration for Perquimans County was listed at -1.51 per cent for 1960-1970 and at .04 per cent for 1970-1975.

The Population Estimate report also compared 1970 and 1975 listing for the 25 largest municipalities in the state. Several changes were noted. According to the 1970 census, the following were the 25 largest municipalities in North Carolina, here listed from largest to

smallest: Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Durham, High Point, Asheville, Fayetteville, Gastonia, Wilmington, Burlington, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Greenville, Goldsboro, Chapel Hill, Kinston, Salisbury, Hickory, Statesville, Concord, Lexington, Lumberton, Shelby and Jacksonville. This listing can be compared to the listing according to the 1975 estimates, again from largest to smallest: Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Durham, High Point, Asheville, Fayetteville, Wilmington, Gastonia, Burlington, Rocky Mount, Greenville, Chapel Hill, Wilson, Goldsboro, Kinston, Salisbury, Hickory, Statesville, Jacksonville, Lumberton, Concord, Lexington, and Asheboro.

Tax Statistics Are Released

A recent publication, Statistics of Taxation, published in Raleigh, presents tax collections figures in county and municipality break-downs for 1975-76. The Biennial Report was made by the Tax Research Division of the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

The report shows Perquimans County's inheritance tax for 1974-75 as \$55,854 compared to \$42,543 collected in 1975-76.

License tax collections in the county were \$9,484 for 1974-75 and \$8,304 for 1975-76.

The net taxable income for Perquimans County, based on the 1973 income year was listed as \$12,066,585.

For the two periods reported, the county collected \$397,186 in 1974-75 and \$425,645 in 1975-76 for sales and use taxes representing an increase of 7.17 per cent.

For 1974-75, gross retail sales in the county was listed at \$22,563 compared to \$22,789 for 1975-76.

The county's net collection of the one per cent local government sales and use tax was \$112,462 for 1974-75 and \$120,736 for 1975-76. Distributive shares of the above were \$111,497 for 1974-75 and \$119,707 for 1975-76.

Local revenue from ABC stores showed the municipality of Hertford with \$352,837 in gross sales for 1974-75; \$63,279 from state taxes; \$4,097 for five cents per bottle collection; \$2,130 reserved for \$38,346.

Perquimans County collected \$21,875 from intangibles tax in 1974-75 and \$26,961 in 1975-76. The intangibles tax amounts

returned to the county under the distribution formula for 1974-75 was \$20,980 and for 1975-76 was \$23,328.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, Perquimans County collected \$26,961 from intangible property tax.

For 1975-76, the county collection of county-wide property tax was \$717,477; license tax was \$851; excise stamp tax on conveyances was \$4,677; county share of local government sales tax was \$88,468; county share of state intangible property tax was \$18,819; county share of state beer and wine excise taxes was \$16,802 for a total in this category of \$847,094.

The following figures for the two local municipalities were presented for the 1975-76 period: property tax — Hertford, \$58,738; Winfall, \$11,447; license tax — Hertford, \$3,758; Winfall, no listing given; municipal share of local government sales tax — Hertford, \$22,056; Winfall, \$7,257; municipal share of state tangibles taxes — Hertford, \$1,738; Winfall, \$423; municipal share of state beer and wine excise taxes — Hertford, \$6,203; Winfall, \$1,987; municipal share of state utility taxes — Hertford, \$16,596; Winfall, \$1,982; municipal share of state gasoline taxes — Hertford, \$23,784; Winfall, \$7,704; profits from ABC stores — Hertford, \$18,593; Winfall, none. Totals in this category are listed as Hertford — \$151,466 and Winfall — \$30,800.

The total property tax levied in Perquimans County for schools during 1975-76 was reported as \$345,694.

The total county-wide property tax levied in the county for purposes other than schools for the same period was listed as \$534,278.

Resolution Passes Honoring Archie Lane

Both the House and the Senate of the North Carolina General Assembly have passed a joint resolution honoring Archie T. Lane Sr. of Perquimans County. The resolution was introduced in the House by Representative Vernon James and in the Senate by Senator Melvin Daniels Jr.

The resolution honors Lane, a former member of the General Assembly, "for his lifelong dedication to the public service of the State of

North Carolina to the eternal benefit of the State and its people." The resolution continues saying it "salutes its distinguished native son, Archie Travers Lane Sr. with gratitude and appreciation for his service and accomplishments for the State of North Carolina and its people."

Lane, a native of Perquimans County, served in the General Assembly in the 1961, 1963 and 1965 sessions. He served as Sergeant at Arms in the 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973 and 1975 sessions.

He has also been active in farming and general business. Lane has been a member of the North Carolina Farm Bureau since it organized and served as its president from 1942 to 1947. He also worked 32 years with Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, as manager for four years, and as director for 28 years, and as Chairman of the Board for 16 years.

The honored Lane has also served as a member of the North Carolina Electric Cooperative, the Executive Board of the Tar Heel Electric Association, first Chairman of the Board of Super-



ARCHIE T. LANE SR.

visors for the Soil Conservation District, Chairman of the Bear Swamp Drainage Commission since 1940, served as a local County Commissioner from 1937 to 1942 and from 1949 to 1958 and as Chairman of the Board for eight years. He is also a charter and master key member of the Hertford Lions Club, served as president in 1944 and as District Deputy Governor in 1965.

Lane is married to the former Sallie Perry McNider. They reside at Rt. 1, Hertford and have one son, Archie T. Lane Jr.

July 4th

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce has authorized the Perquimans County Jaycees to handle all activities for the Fourth of July celebration in Perquimans County. Tentative plans are to again sponsor a parade and fireworks display. Any civic club or group wishing to participate in the July 4th celebration or having suggestions for related activities should contact Gary Kennedy, Executive Chamber Secretary, at 438-9837. The information will then be passed on to the Jaycees.

Bill Would Aid Rural Doctors

RALEIGH — A bill which would provide incentive for groups of two or more physicians to locate practices in rural North Carolina counties was introduced by 19th House District Representative Ron Taylor recently.

The bill, set up on a two-year trial basis, provides financial assistance to groups of two or more physicians who want to locate in counties which have towns no larger than 7,000 population.

Taylor said the bill was aimed at recruiting more primary care physician practices in rural North Carolina counties. Guidelines for the trial program will be set up by the Department of Human Resources Division of Rural Health Services according to the bill.

"There is a large concentration of physicians in the urban areas of our state," Taylor said after introducing the bill, "and there are few physicians in the rural counties. This situation causes rural residents to lack proper medical care."

The bill, if passed, will appropriate \$125,000 for each of the 1977-78 and 1978-79 fiscal years to set up practices of two or more primary care physicians.

"Physicians are just like most people. They want good working conditions, good school systems and entertainment. We don't want physicians who want to set up practice for two or three years and then leave. We want physicians who will take part in community activities and stay. We aren't (See DOCTORS, page 10)

Youth Efforts Praised

Mrs. Ann White, President of the Perquimans County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, recently praised efforts of local young people for their involvement in the fight against cancer. Specific examples of this involvement are recent fund-raising activities by the Health Careers Club and the Future Homemakers of America at Perquimans County High School.

She pointed out that the American Cancer Society recognizes the fact that young people care about themselves and their world. This type of involvement is an example of the positive things in which young people are participating. The society has four reasons why young people should learn more about cancer. Though understanding, protection will result; young people, too, are health consumers; the health field

often offers young people a meaningful career; and education allows for education personal health decisions.

Mrs. White added that for every dollar donated to the American Cancer Society, 57 per cent is used in research, 15 per cent is used for public education, three

per cent is used for seminars, periodicals, films, etc.; nine per cent is used to transport and assist patients; six per cent goes to clinics; six per cent assists volunteers in crusades; and only four per cent is used to coordinate programs and projects through administration.

Grant Approved

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Walter B. Jones has announced the approval by the Community Administration of a grant to the Economic Improvement Council, Inc., Edenton, in the amount of \$116,668.

This is an administration — general community programming grant to provide assistance to low income citizens of all ages through projects such as housing, transportation, job development, senior opportunities and services, emergency energy conservation, consumer education, community food and nutrition, core services, and youth development.

The EIC serves Camden, Chowan, Dare, Currituck, Hyde, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington counties.

This grant is effective as of June 1 and will run for four months.