

NACo Convention

Nation Learns Of AFP Concept

By KATHY M. NEWBERN
The nation knows about Alliance for Progress, Inc.

Although that type of recognition has been constantly growing since the organization was founded in 1973, proof of it came in Detroit, Mich. when the six-county educational consortium was recipient of a national achievement award at the 42nd Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties (NACo).

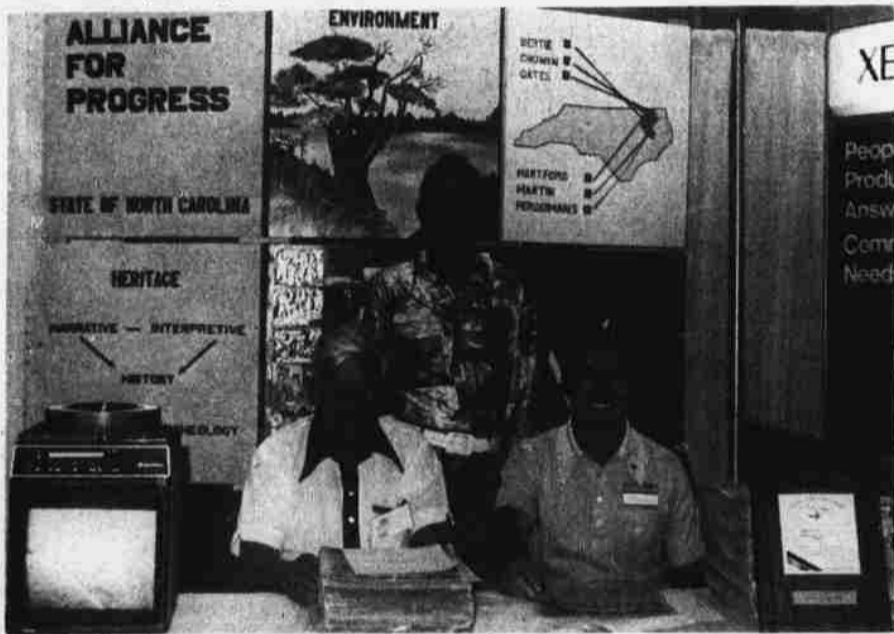
Participants at the convention representing the counties of Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Martin and Perquimans did not stop there however. They continued to spread the AFP word by way of a booth display featuring a slide program and 12-page newspaper handout explaining the rather unique AFP concept as well as current and future programs sponsored by the alliance. The booth, constructed by the School of Design at N.C. State University, featured artistic representation of AFP involvement areas done by Mrs. Howard Hunter of Ahoskie, Hertford County art teacher, and Ms. Jennifer Franks, Third Century Artist in the region.

In making the award presentation, NACo officials pointed out some AFP program areas that were noteworthy. Programs such as the Access to Mainstream Project which deals with pre-school age handicapped children and Leadership Development Program were for educational administrators just two of those considered outstanding. The AFP organization also continues its Elected Boards Institute sessions which are basic to its philosophy of accomplishment through the cooperation of the elected boards in each of the six counties. Another AFP program now underway with limitless potential is the officially titled, "Cultural Change and Stability in the Albemarle Region: A Historical and Archaeological Study" and has already realized first year funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities in the amount of \$37,188. And development continues daily on another AFP-sponsored project, an outdoor environmental education center to be located along the Chowan River on 3,810 acres of land donated for that purpose by Union Camp Corporation. Alliance for Progress has not, however, stopped with these projects, but rather continues to consider program areas that would benefit the citizens of the six counties involved. Work has been continuing for some time on the possibility of a centralized computer system to serve the six counties and county representatives have been looking into the concept of community education as a possible future direction.

Projects, programs and ideas such as these is why the nation is becoming aware of northeastern North Carolina and its involvement in a unique concept that continues to work known as Alliance for Progress.



ELECTED OFFICIAL COOPERATION — Officials in Perquimans County are shown above at the 42nd Annual Conference of the National Association of Counties (NACo) held recently in Detroit, Mich. From left to right, Board of Education Chairman Clifford Winslow, County Commissioners Joe Nowell and Lester Simpson and School Superintendent Pat Harrell, serve as an example of a basic philosophy of Alliance for Progress, the cooperation of elected officials for the improvement of education, and thereby life, in the counties involved.



COMMISSIONERS REPRESENTATION — Shown manning the AFP booth at the NACo convention are members of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners R.S. Monds, Lester Simpson and Joe Nowell. Monds is also serving as current chairman of the nationally recognized Alliance for Progress, Inc.



WITH THE AFP DIRECTOR — County school representatives Pat Harrell and Clifford Winslow are shown with AFP's Executive Director Richard Baker. Shown in the foreground is the plaque for achievement presented to the six counties involved in AFP during the NACo conference. (Staff photos by Kathy Newbern)

Library Update

By WAYNE HENRITZE

Bookmobile Schedule
The bookmobile will be operating this Friday, Aug. 5 in the Belvidere and Whiteston areas of Perquimans County. The schedule is listed below:

DESTINATION	ARRIVES	DEPARTS
Great Hope Church	10 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Hunters Fork Pentecostal Church	10:45 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
O.A. Chappell's Store	11:20 a.m.	11:50 a.m.
C.J. Stallings' Store	12:05 p.m.	12:35 p.m.
Up River Friends Church	12:50 p.m.	1:20 p.m.
Layden's Store	1:35 p.m.	2:05 p.m.
Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church	2:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
Mt. Sinai Baptist Church	2:55 p.m.	3:25 p.m.

New Homebound Service
During the past year, the Perquimans County Library has been trying to make itself more accessible to the public, first through longer operating hours and second, through bookmobile service to all parts of the county. Despite all this, a large number of people in the county still cannot take advantage of the library or the bookmobile because they lack transportation, are handicapped, or are too sick to travel. To reach this group of people, the library is offering a homebound library service in which members of the library staff will visit in the homes of these people with books, large print books if necessary, and magazines or other informative material on a regular basis.

It is not necessary for a person to be permanently disabled or especially old to take advantage of this service. Some special circumstances, such as a broken leg, may prevent a library patron from visiting the library or a bookmobile stop. For those who really cannot visit the library in town or visit a bookmobile stop, the library will call on them is a phone call or post card is received.

Members of the library staff are encouraging all teachers, ministers and social workers to invite people they know to take advantage of this service. Anyone desiring more information can call the Perquimans County Library at 426-5319.

New Books
Up From Nigger by Dick Gregory covers the span of the author's life and the events surrounding it from the mid-60's to the present.

Four Stories by Ingmar Bergman contains stories as strange and unsettling as his movies.

Long Time No See by Ed McBain is an 87th Precinct mystery involving the murder of a blind man.

Ride the Blue Riband by Rosalind Laker is a romantic suspense novel involving the inheritance of a fine old house and a family's secrets.

Trial Valley by Vera and Bill Cleaver is a sequel to the book and movie, *Where the Lillies Bloom*. It deals with the problems of the Luther family and a daughter's growing pains in a changing world.



ANNA MODLIN

KIM MATTHEWS

Attend Workshop

The Student Council at Perquimans County High School recently had the opportunity to send two of its new officers to the 19th Annual North Carolina Student Leadership Workshop held at Mars Hill, N.C. Representing the local student government group were Anna Modlin, incoming council president, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Modlin; and Kim Matthews, incoming council secretary, daughter of Mrs. Libby Matthews. Both are rising seniors at Perquimans High School.

Barrow Named Commercial Mgr.

Norfolk Carolina Telephone Company Board of Directors at its July 13 meeting appointed Stephen T. Barrow Commercial Manager, replacing W.C. Meekins Jr., who was recently appointed Vice President and is assuming other duties. Barrow will also serve on the Operations Committee, the committee which sets most operational policies of the company. Barrow, 30, a Business Administration graduate of East Carolina University and a native of Winston-Salem, N.C., joined the company in 1976 as a management trainee, being appointed Assistant Commercial Manager last November. He is married to the former Cecilia Forehand, and they have two sons, Jeremy and Michael.

New & Returning Staff Announced

Headmaster Donald J. Parrottee of Albemarle Academy has announced the rehiring of staff members and the addition of new staff members.

Those teachers and staff members returning include faculty members: Beth Haigler, kindergarten; Lenna Mansfield, grade 2; Mary Godwin, grade 3; Joan Chapman, grade 5; Janet Spenser, grade 6; William Bohannon, grade 7; Robert Harris, secondary mathematics and physics; Toni Burns, secondary French; and John Hill, secondary history. Kathy Hayes will remain at the Academy in her position as kindergarten assistant; Judith Watson as reading coordinator; Mary Ann Bohannon as bookkeeper-secretary; Pamela Smithson as lunchroom assistant; James Newbern as custodian; and Diana Garrett as custodian.

The Academy has added four teachers to the faculty for the Fall: Mrs. Patricia Chewing will assume duties in the first grade; Mrs. Debra Haught will assume the fourth grade position; Miss Kathryn Midyette will teach secondary English and Miss Flora Wilder will be employed as a secondary science instructor.

Mrs. Chewing, the wife of local businessman Cortland Chewing, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. The 25-year old native of Burgaw, N.C. previously taught first grade at Pender Academy

in Rocky Point, N.C.

Mrs. Haught, the wife of local shipwright, Glenn Haught, is a graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. The 25-year old native of Salem, Ohio previously taught in the public school systems of Ravenna and Mantua in Ohio.

Miss Midyette, a 23-year old native of Oriental, N.C., is a graduate of Meredith College and until May was employed as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Master of Arts in Teaching program at East Carolina University.

Miss Wilder, a 24-year old native of Middlesex, N.C., is a recent graduate of Atlantic Christian College.

At the same time, the Headmaster announced that vacancies still remain in each grade level from the kindergarten through the 12th grades but for the first grade; however, second and 12th grades have only "limited openings." It is anticipated that maximum enrollment will be reached in grades one, two and twelve by the opening of classes on Aug. 24. Those families interested in making application to the school offices for information and application forms. Academy may contact the

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Returns From Paris

Glenn Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Phillips of Bethel recently returned home from Paris, France. He has been studying French language and civilization for a year at the

University of Paris; formerly known as the Sorbonne. Glenn received a Diploma with honors, and hopes to pursue a career as a translator.

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The program is designed to relieve part of the energy cost burdens of the poor as a result of the recent severe winter and escalating energy prices.

The State Economic Opportunity Office will approve or disapprove all applications after a thorough review of forms and documents. The operation of the program is limited with a termination date of Aug. 31, 1977.

Further information on the program is available by calling the EIC, Administrative Office in Edenton at 482-4458 or the EIC Economic Resource Centers.

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