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REPRESENTING ESC — Mrs. Alice Bond was spokesperson for the Employment Security Commission (ESC) and presented information at the ARPDC meeting concerning having that agency handle the commission's Manpower Program.



REPRESENTING EIC — Fentress Morris presented arguments on behalf of the Economic Improvement Council (EIC) before the ARPDC Board meeting. The Manpower Program had previously been awarded to that agency but a protest from ESC made a review necessary.



PRESENTS PILOT PROGRAM — Jimmy Allred of Raleigh, Coordinator of Planning and Program Management, presented a pilot program which was adopted by ARPDC whereby both ESC and EIC would handle different aspects of the Manpower Program. (Staff photos by Kathy M. Newbern)

Figures On Damage Announced

RALEIGH — The final estimates of the 1976-77 winter damage to North Carolina highways show that it will cost more than \$31 million to repair last winter's damage.

The season's severity, measured in terms of inches of snowfall in the mountain regions, and long durations of below freezing temperatures all across the State, produced the final winter damage estimates of \$31,596,489.

County by county breakdown of winter damage estimate shows Forsyth County receiving most of the damage with a winter damage estimate of \$1.5 million, while Dare and Hyde Counties only tallied its winter damage at \$1,500 each. Other high winter damage counties were: Surry County — \$942,000; Mecklenburg County — \$922,932; and Henderson County with a \$679,959 winter damage estimate. The estimate of winter damage done to Perquimans County roads was set at \$44,056. The total of funds allocated to Perquimans County for winter damage repairs to secondary roads was \$26,016.

NCDOT officials attribute the large variance from county to county to varying subsoil and water table conditions and the relative condition of the roads prior to the winter season.

The North Carolina Board of Transportation has already allocated nearly \$20 million to repair the damage caused by the most severe North Carolina winter ever recorded by the National Weather Service. These funds were derived from a number of sources, including \$6.1 million from the "Reserve for Emergencies" and previously allocated primary and secondary maintenance contingency funds, as well as some projects on the State's Urban and Primary highway systems.

These funds have already been allocated to the various highway divisions proportionally on the basis of winter damage estimates.

Efforts to obtain federal emergency relief funds and a supplemental budget request to the State of North Carolina General Assembly for 30.1 million to repair the extraordinary winter damages were not successful. The State Legislature, however, did provide "that in the event of an unreserved Highway Fund credit balance accruing within the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, the entire amount shall be allocated to Secondary Roads maintenance."

Funds from this source applied to winter damage repair monies amounted to \$2.8 million.

In Manpower Area:

ARPDC Adopts Pilot Program

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

The full Board of Directors of the Albemarle Regional and Planning Commission (ARPDC) was given three options for awarding the Manpower Program to an agency when they met last Wednesday night to make that decision.

The Manpower Program had been awarded, by the Board at their July meeting,

to the Economic Improvement Council (EIC). The called meeting was necessary due to a protest filed by the Employment Security Commission (ESC) based on bids submitted by those two agencies. ESC filed the protest on the basis that its 88 point rating should warrant the program being awarded to them compared to the 82 point rating that EIC received. ESC

estimated program costs at \$78,779 compared to EIC's estimate of \$106,266.

The third option came about when Jimmy Allred, Coordinator of Planning and Program Management for Balance of State with the Division of Community Employment in Raleigh, presented a proposal whereby ESC would be the prime contractor utilizing activities that they are

usually associated with. This proposal, which was adopted by ARPDC, called for EIC to be the subcontractor handling the work experience segment of the Manpower Program. This segment includes in school, out of school and adult work experience. ESC, as prime contractor, would handle the class size training and on the job training aspects of the Manpower

Program. Allred said this program could be implemented by Oct. 1.

After hearing spokespersons from both EIC and ESC, ARPDC then heard Allred's proposal. The Board went on record adopting the pilot program as explained by Allred. That action rescinded the action of the July meeting which had awarded the program to EIC.

ARPDC Executive Director Bob Whitley, who endorsed the accepted pilot program, said it would "offer the opportunity to have more money come into this region."

The pilot program which was adopted would be consistent with what pending welfare reform will call for,

according to Allred. He said, "The program would be developed whereas it utilizes the best of both agencies." Allred continued, "The planning aspect of the program would be the responsibility of the lead regional organization, in this case ARPDC."

In a general comment, ARPDC Chairman R.S. Monds emphatically stated, "What this ARPDC hasn't been doing is taking the responsibility of running these programs. We've left it up to our staff to do. We've got to take responsibility for running these programs or they won't be worth a damn. From here on out, we're going to operate the Manpower Program. This is our responsibility."

Investigation Continues

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

Three members of the Maryland State Police and the Assistant State Attorney for Howard County, Md. were in Hertford last Wednesday gathering background information on Joseph R. Rogerson.

Rogerson, 39-year old resident of Rt. 1, Hertford was the murder victim in an armed robbery incident Aug. 13 at Laurel Racetrack in Jessup, Md.

W.P. Luecken, corporal with the Maryland State Police, recounted what investigators believe occurred during the incident. He said the horse races were over by 12:15 or 12:30 a.m. Saturday and Rogerson and two companions, Ernest Stallings and Percy Winslow, were in a parked camper in the racetrack parking lot when a man wearing a mask "came in, shot Rogerson, asked everyone for their wallets, and left." Luecken added that Stallings and Winslow then went into shock. Some time later they notified the track guard who in turn notified the police.

Concerning details of the incident Luecken said that investigators feel the weapon used was a .20 gauge shotgun. He added, "We'll have to say the door (to the camper) was unlocked because none of the witnesses said they heard the door open."

Luecken said the trip was made to Hertford to "check anything we could find out about the victim." He added, "We don't have any strong leads up there (Maryland) other than local people who've been arrested before for armed robbery or homicide." There were no suspects in custody when the investigation team was in Hertford.

The investigating officer said that the armed robbery motive "seems acceptable." He did add that several questions remained unanswered and said, "There are dozens of possibilities — one being that maybe the gun went off accidentally. Most thieves that I've met are as nervous as anybody else."

Accompanying Luecken to Hertford were Maryland State Trooper Roger Cassell, Assistant State Attorney Gary S. Peklo, and polygraph operator Dennis Hynen. Luecken said Hynen was a "last minute idea to run the polygraph on the two witnesses who were there at the time." He said this was being done only for elimination purposes and stressed that the two witnesses were not suspects.

At press time Tuesday morning, there were no new developments in the case.

Receive Grant

The Perquimans County schools have received a grant of \$206,787 under a part A of Title I, Elementary and Secondary Education Act, according to State School Superintendent Craig Phillips. This grant will support special educational programs during the school year 1977-78.

According to Robert Marley, Director of Division of Compensatory Education for the state education agency, "Title I provides funds to local educational agencies for use in helping to break the cycle of poverty through equalization of for educational opportunity. These funds must be used to expand and improve educational programs contributing to the special needs of educationally deprived children."

All most the school administrative units have used Title I funds to support special reading programs. A few have special programs in mathematics.

For fiscal 1978 North Carolina has been granted a total of \$59,094,099 in Title I Part A funds. This is up, statewide, from the total of \$51,885,667 received during the 1976-77 school year.

Monies Available

RALEIGH — Approximately \$1 million is being made available by the N.C. Department of Human Resources to counties for the development and expansion of community based programs for status offenders.

According to Dennis Grady, director of the Community Based Alternatives Section in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Children, each participating county is guaranteed a minimum of \$2,500. "The sum will be more," stated Grady, "since it will also be based on each county's total population of children between the ages of 10 and 17 years."

"Money will be used to expand and develop such services as alternative educational opportunities, youth services bureaus, volunteer programs, specialized foster care, group homes, etc. for status offenders and potential status offenders," remarked Grady. A status offender is a juvenile who has committed a non-criminal offense such as truancy or is a runaway.

Grady indicated that each county would be sent a letter of intent stating the amount of funding that the county would be eligible to receive.



RETIREES AFTER 43 YEARS — Hertford Post Office employees look on as Postmaster Henry Stokes Jr. presents a retirement certificate to James E. Newby who has retired after 43 years of service. Employees (l. to r.) are Dan Berry, Calvin Johnson, Nathan Matthews, W.A. White, Newby, Ray Haskett, and Postmaster Stokes. (Staff photo by Kathy Newbern)

Board Explains Procedure

The Perquimans County Planning Board has submitted the following background information and explanation of subdivision regulations.

The Planning Board meets on the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m. in the County Office Building located on U.S. 17. The Planning Board Chairman is

John Coston; members include Richard Bryant, Floyd Mathews Sr., Gene Phillips, Ed Nixon, Silas Whedbee, Clinton Winslow and Dewey Perry Jr. Ex-officio members are Bill Phillips with the Area County Resource Development Commission and Jud Little, County Planner.

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Planning Board was established in the late 1960's to assure that all future subdivisions in Perquimans County are well planned and follow the guidelines and regulations set up by the county.

The Board reviews all subdivision plats that are to be developed in the county. In doing so, the Board works

closely with the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden-Chowan District Health Department and the Department of Transportation to assure all guidelines and regulations are met.

Bryant, Planning Board Secretary, pointed out that the Board does not approve or disapprove a plan, but makes their recommendations to the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners. The County Commissioners have the final approval or disapproval, he added.

A person planning a subdivision must submit six copies of plats to the Planning Board Chairman or Secretary 15 days prior to their meeting. Bryant stated that the plans can be presented orally or in writing to the Board at their monthly meeting.

A subdivision is the division of any land into two or more lots. After the second lot has been recorded, a third lot cannot be recorded until a subdivision plat has been filed and approved by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners.

Voters Are Informed Of Nonexistent Parties

Forty-eight Perquimans County citizens who were registered to vote as Independent or No Party have been notified that these two classifications no longer exist in North Carolina.

William L. Tilley, Chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Elections, said that these voters automatically are presumed to be "unaffiliated."

The only way this will effect the present status, Tilley explained, is that Independents, in the past, have always had to declare a party if they wished to vote in a primary election and this declaration had to be made before the books closed for the next election. This will remain the case.

Tilley said those registered as No Party have, in the past, been allowed to declare a

party on election day. In the case of those registered now as unaffiliated, they will have to declare a party before the books close for the next election if they wish to vote in a party primary.

"In a general election, municipal election or special election, these voters will be allowed to vote as an 'unaffiliated registered voter,'" Tilley said.

The only political parties in North Carolina now are the Democratic and Republican. All others have expired because they did not meet State statutes. These include the Labor Party, American Party and Libertarian Party — each failing to poll at least 10 per cent of the entire vote cast in the state for governor or for presidential electors at the general election conducted in November, 1976.

Dividend

ROCKY MOUNT — The Board of Directors of Peoples Bank and Trust Company has declared a dividend of 24 cents per share on the bank's common stock for the third quarter.

The dividend is payable Sept. 30 to shareholders of record on Sept. 21. The Ex-Dividend date is Sept. 15.

Peoples Bank currently serves 23 North Carolina cities with 40 offices.

James Newby Retires

After 43 years of service to the United States Postal Service, James E. Newby retired Aug. 23 from the Hertford Post Office.

Newby started his postal duties as a postal clerk, then was acting postmaster briefly. For the last 26 years of his career, he has been a rural mail carrier on Hertford's Route 2.

Newby cited the increase in business as the biggest change he has witnessed in his 43 years of association with the post office. He described business in 1934,

when he began, as "very slight."

During his career, Newby has worked with three different local postmasters. Since being a rural carrier, he has seen his 42-mile route grow to include about 65 miles. Another change has been the addition of more paved roads on rural postal routes.

Newby said the most satisfying part of his job has been his contact with the people. He said, "I like dealing with the public. I like the people and dealing on a one-to-one basis. That has been

most satisfying to me. I never did get bored because of the people."

Concerning his retirement, Newby said, "Anything you've done for 43 years, you're naturally going to miss." Hertford Postmaster Henry Stokes Jr. described Newby as "a very dedicated postal employee" and said, "We'll miss him in more ways than one."

While Newby announced no definite plans now that he has retired, he did admit that he is looking forward to doing some traveling.