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Registration Deadlines

Filing dates for candidates in the November 8 municipal election will close at noon on Oct. 7.

People may register Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Election Office located in the Agricultural building on 104 Dobb St., Hertford, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. People who have moved in the city limits or to another precinct should check to see if they are registered correctly.

Recently, approximately 225 names were purged from the election books for

not voting for a period of four years.

State bond issues and constitutional amendments will also be on the ballot for all voters in Perquimans County.

In addition to the town posts, another issue to come before the voters in Perquimans County is a referendum on the question of issuing bonds for construction and renovation of school buildings.

The books will close for registration for the November election on Oct. 7, at 5 p.m.



GOVERNOR'S COORDINATOR — Robert Wood Jr., Governor Jim Hunt's coordinator for the conference on Balanced Growth and Economic Development, is shown outlining county conferences at the Thursday night Region R meeting. (Staff photo)

Growth & Development Conferences Planned

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

PEA RIDGE — Representatives from Region R gathered at Soundview Restaurant here last Thursday night to hear plans for the Governor's upcoming conference on Balanced Growth and Economic Development.

Speaking before the group was Robert Wood Jr., Governor Jim Hunt's coordinator for the conference. Wood spoke to the representatives who make up the recently activated county committees to study economic development in each of Region R's 10 counties.

Wood pointed out that the first step in the conference is the organizing of the county committees, one for each of the 100 counties in North Carolina. These county committees will then hold a local conference

on balanced growth and economic development. These local conferences will give each county an opportunity to elect delegates to the governor's conference to be held in early January. These delegates will take the county's report to the state level. It is suggested that the county conferences be held between Oct. 4 and Nov. 4. This will then give the coordinator time to gather the information and have it compiled for input at the state level. Each county report will then go into a regional report. These regional reports will represent the state's three regions: coastal, piedmont and mountain.

From the state level, the reports will then go to the National Conference planned for early 1978 at the White House.

In his Thursday night remarks, Wood emphasized

the importance of each county conference being organized now. He said, "The most important point I can get across at this time is that we're limited in time." Wood explained that all the scheduling has been set up in order to work with the national conference date. Concerning the local conferences, Wood said, "We want the county conference to be an open conference to be attended by anyone in the county who wants to come." He encouraged the conference appointees to "get the word out" and encourage the public to participate and speak up. Wood also went over a suggested agenda for the county conferences, but pointed out that the agenda is flexible and urged the local representatives to add or delete where necessary in order to have the local meeting meet local needs.

Wood added that Governor Hunt has promised to commit himself to be in attendance at 20 to 25 of these 100 county conferences. Wood said that dates needed to be set quickly in order to obtain speakers.

The county conferences will be held by the county planning committee (those in attendance) who will in turn elect a local chairman for the local conference. Members serving on those committees represent the agricultural extension service, league of municipalities, county commissioners and industrial development committees.

The planning committee for Perquimans County is made up of Bill Cox, Mayor and Town Manager for Hertford; Lester Simpson, Chairman of the County Commissioners; and Richard Bryant, agricultural agent.

Education Policies Are Adopted

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in regular session Sept. 19 to discuss and take action on the following matters.

In the area of policies, formal action was taken to approve policies on the following: use of school buildings, facilities and equipment; salary payment in 12-month option for all school personnel; sick leave and disability including maternity leave; personnel evaluation; prohibition of the use of alcoholic beverages in school (public) buildings; and discussion was heard on development of a staff reduction policy to have on hand when needed with action to be taken at the next board meeting.

In personnel matters, the

board approved the employment of Paul Ward to the full-time position of ESEA Title I Evaluator.

Reports in the programs area were presented on the county schools' music program and the new scheduling at Perquimans Union School. Figures on the 1977-78 Perquimans School enrollment were also presented.

The Board also discussed the upcoming North Carolina School Boards Association (NCSBA) convention and the Alliance for Progress (AFP) computer project and Rockefeller Grant.

Before adjourning, the Board discussed, at length, organizational plans for the upcoming school bond referendum.

Haven Group Organizes; Center To Be Constructed

EDENTON — The Haven Group, Inc., has been established here as a multi-disciplined organization to develop, as well as provide services to, health care and retirement facilities.

Announcement of the formation of the group by local interests and the opening of an office at 102 E. Queen St. was made today by John A. Mitchener Jr., chairman of the board and treasurer.

Also, Mitchener revealed that the corporation proposes to construct a center for senior citizens on Paradise Rd., adjacent to Cape Colony Haven, Inc.

During further organization of the corporation, L.F. Amburn Jr., was named President; John F. Habit, vice-president; and James E. Lewis, executive vice-president and secretary. They are the sole owners of stock in the corporation.

Amburn and Habit are also president and vice president, respectively, of Cape Colony Haven, Inc., in Edenton, and Outer Banks Haven, Inc., in Nags Head.

Mitchener and Lewis take on additional responsibilities at the management group, with Lewis serving as chief administrative officer as well as remaining as administrator of the local nursing home.

Donald E. Young, assistant administrator at Cape Colony Haven since it opened in February, moved to The Haven Group as administrative assistant and purchasing agent. Mrs. Emily G. Amburn, a registered nurse, is director of training and systems with the new organization. Previously she was assistant director of nursing at Cape Colony Haven.

Mrs. Salli Blum is chief bookkeeper and Lynette Byrum is a bookkeeper in that department. Mrs. Barbie Britton, on leave, is secretary-receptionist.

With Lewis and Young on board, Mitchener noted, the team has the benefit of two licensed nursing home administrators. Both have extensive health care experience.

He said the organization is fortunate to have available Mrs. Amburn's talent for bedside nursing as well as organization and administration.

"The owners of Cape Colony Haven are gratified over the acceptance of our concept of health care delivery since the facility here opened earlier this year", Mitchener said. "This has promoted us to propose the new facility which will provide a service to our fellow citizens needing a lesser degree of care." (See HAVEN, page 10)



ARTIST'S DRAWING — Shown above is an artist's drawing of the proposed center for senior citizens to be constructed on Paradise Road in Edenton, adjacent to the existing Cape Colony Haven, Inc.

Substitute Teachers' Workshop Scheduled

A substitute teachers' workshop will be held for those persons interested in doing substitute teacher work in the Perquimans County School System. That workshop is planned for Oct. 6 at the Perquimans County Office Building from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

In an explanation of the purpose and requirements of the workshop, Superintendent Pat Harrell said that all persons interested in substituting must attend the workshop session. The only ones exempt from this requirement are those persons with previous teaching experience in the Per-

quimans County School System.

Harrell also pointed out that pre-registration to attend the workshop is required. For effectiveness, the workshop attendance will be limited to 40 people and registration will be handled on a first come, first served basis. Those interested may pre-register by phoning the Board of Education office at 426-5741. Harrell added that if the expressed interest is such that all cannot be handled in the Oct. 6 workshop, a second workshop will be scheduled at a later date.

Those persons attending the substitute teachers' workshop will be added on

the list of approved substitute teachers providing Board of Education approval is received. That approved list is then used by the principals in the county's school system. Harrell emphasized the point that attendance at the workshop is not an automatic guarantee that a person will be called to substitute during the year. Attendance only allows the person to be added to the approved list of substitute teachers.

In order to attend the substitute teachers' workshop, an individual must have a minimum of a high school education or its equivalent.

Is Named Key Banker

To coordinate the agricultural activities of the N.C. Bankers Association in this area, R.L. Stevenson has been named County Key Banker for Perquimans County.

NCBA President John A. Forlines Jr. has announced

that Stevenson will serve as County Key Banker during the next 12 months. (He is Executive Vice President of People Banks & Trust Co. in Hertford.)

Forlines, who is chairman and president of the Bank of Granite, Granite

Falls, called attention to the projects that are sponsored by the association such as the Short Course in Modern Farming at N.C. State University for young farmers who are provided scholarships given by their home community banks, and the co-sponsorship of the FFA Land Judging Meet in the interest of soil conservation.

As of January 1, 1977, Forlines noted that banks in North Carolina provided \$215,184,000 in non-real estate loans and \$109,683,000 in real estate loans for a total of \$324,867,000 in loans to farmers by banks, based on the American Bankers Association's annual farm credit study.

Also, the North Carolina Bankers Association through its agriculture committee scheduled a Special Agricultural Conference on Drought, realizing the critical importance of adequate credit for state farmers.

As of January 1, 1977, 83 of the state's 99 banks held farm loans, Forlines said.



SENATOR J.J. "MONK" HARRINGTON

Harrington Is Reappointed

Lieutenant Governor Jimmy Green has reappointed Senator J.J. "Monk" Harrington of Lewiston to the N.C. Traffic Safety Authority. Harrington represents the First Senatorial District comprised of Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington Counties.

The purpose of the authority is to undertake a thorough analysis of the State's traffic problems. It shall also make an inventory and appraisal of what

is correctly being done by each official agency, survey available resources and facilities and determine what additional programs need to be instituted or existing programs improved.

In announcing the reappointment, Green praised Senator Harrington, a veteran legislator and industrialist, for his past work with the Traffic Safety Authority and expressed his assurance that Harrington would continue to make a valuable contribution as a member of the group.

Grimsley To Speak At Dinner Honoring Squad

Joseph W. Grimsley, Secretary of the N.C. Department of Administration, will serve as guest speaker for a dinner honoring members of the Perquimans County Rescue Squad.

The dinner is being held Thursday night, Sept. 29 at the Hertford Grammar School cafeteria beginning at 7:30 p.m. in honor of the squad's tenth anniversary. Sponsoring the honorary dinner is the Perquimans County Jaycees.

Grimsley is a native of Wilson County and holds a Bachelors degree in International Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Masters degree in International Relations from George Washington University.

His involvement in state politics has been varied. He served as 1976 campaign director for the Jim Hunt for Governor Committee; served as Special Assistant to Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt in 1974-75; served as Assistant Secretary for Program Coordination with the Department who now heads in 1973-74; was campaign director for Hunt's bid for Lt. Governor in 1972; served as Assistant N.C. Field Director for the Coastal Plains Regional Commission in 1968-70; and has five years of experience in different positions with the Peace Corps.

"The Department of Administration has always been the nuts-and-bolts agency doing many things that affect other agencies," Grimsley said recently. "It was something taken off the governor's back and put into the framework of this department. This is something that everyone gradually grows," he ad-

ded. "Governor Carter so in Georgia. The only difference is that sometimes the department is in the governor's office in other states."

Few people outside of state government fully know the Department of Administration's scope, but it covers many important areas. Simply described as the department which implements many of the governor's programs, with the Secretary often called the Governor's right arm, Administration draws up the state budget, is custodian and guardian of state property, furnishes services, buys everything

from paper clips to computers, administers the State Personnel Act, is the state's principal planning agency, supervises the construction of state facilities and acts as liaison from state to federal government and from state to local government, among other responsibilities.

"I guess in some ways, coming out of a close political relationship with Governor Hunt through two campaigns, I know a lot more about what he wants to do and how to use the tools of this department to do those things," Grimsley said.



JOSEPH W. GRIMSLEY
State Secretary of Administration

School Calendar

Oct. 10	Teacher Employment Day
Oct. 11	End of 1st six weeks
Oct. 25	End of 2nd school month
Nov. 22	End of 3rd school month & 2nd six weeks
Nov. 23	Teacher Employment Day
Nov. 24, 25	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. 20	Christmas Holidays begin at close of school
Dec. 21-30	Christmas & New Year's Holidays
Jan. 2	School begins after Christmas Vacation
Jan. 4	End of 4th school month
Jan. 18	End of 3rd six weeks — 1st semester
Jan. 19-20	Teacher Employment Days
Feb. 3	End of 5th School Month
Mar. 3	End of 6th school month & 4th six weeks
Mar. 6	Teacher Employment Day
Mar. 24, 27, 28	Easter Holidays
Apr. 6	End of 7th school month
Apr. 20	End of 8th six weeks
Apr. 24	Teacher Employment Day
May 5	End of 9th school month
June 2	End of 6th school month and 6th six weeks
June 5	Teacher Employment Day
June 6	Teacher Employment Day 1/2 day
June 7-13	Annual Vacation Days