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Public Meeting Set On School Bond

With less than two weeks remaining before balloting on Nov. 8, voters in Perquimans County will soon have the opportunity to express their opinions and have their questions answered on the proposed school bond referendum.

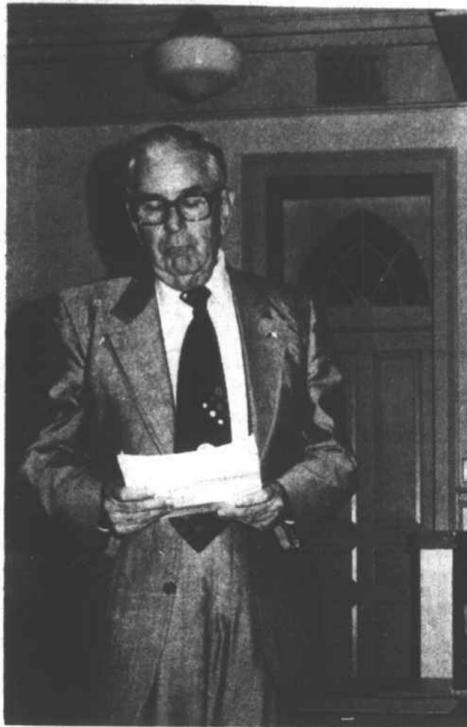
That opportunity is coming in the form of a public informational meeting planned for Tuesday night, Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of Perquimans County High School. All interested citizens are invited to attend. Members of the Perquimans County Board of Education, Perquimans School Superintendent Pat Harrell, and others with information on the proposed

plan and its cost, will be present to answer questions and present any additional information requested.

The public meeting is being sponsored by a citizens' group in favor of the bond measure. That group is being headed by Miss Thelma Elliott, chairperson; and co-chairpeople Mr. and Mrs. Milton Coston and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Swindell. The group's leadership said they felt this type of meeting would offer an opportunity to present the facts before the people while giving everyone present an opportunity to express opinion and ask questions.

The referendum facing

voters Nov. 8 proposes school bonds in the amount of \$1.85 million for construction and renovation at Perquimans County High School. If approved, that money would be added to the nearly \$1 million on hand to undertake the necessary work already outlined. Approximately one-half of the monies on hand have been appropriated by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners for school improvement. The remaining half is the county's share of funds approved in the 1973 statewide School Bond referendum.



INFORMATION ON STATE'S ECONOMY & GROWTH — Mark G. Lynch, State Secretary of Revenue, is shown presenting some information on the state's economy and growth at the Perquimans County Conference on Balanced Growth and Economic Development held Oct. 20 in the Perquimans County Courthouse.



COORDINATING LOCAL MEETING — Coordinating the Perquimans County Conference were (l. to r.) Richard Bryant, Bill Cox and Lester Simpson who were present at the Thursday night meeting to hear comments from the Raleigh visitors and invite local input on the subject. The ideas and opinions expressed at the County Conference will be compiled as a county

report, submitted for a regional report, and incorporated with that from other counties for a geographical location report to be taken to the Governor's Conference on the same subject to be held in Charlotte. The county will have one representative at that conference. (Staff photos by Kathy Newbern)

Christmas Mail Schedule

In an effort to assist the public with Christmas mail and to insure its delivery prior to the holiday, the Hertford Post Office has released some important dates to remember for sending upcoming holiday mail and packages as follows:

MILITARY MAIL				
Destination	Letters	PAL	SAM	Surface
Africa	Dec. 7	Nov. 18	Nov. 11	Nov. 11
Alaska	Dec. 14	Dec. 10	Dec. 3	Dec. 1
Hawaii	Dec. 14			Dec. 1
Australia	Nov. 30	Nov. 18	Nov. 11	Nov. 11
Caribbean				
W. Indies	Dec. 12	Nov. 30	Nov. 23	Nov. 13
Central-South America	Nov. 30	Nov. 18	Nov. 11	Nov. 11
Europe	Dec. 9	Nov. 28	Nov. 21	Nov. 11
Far East	Dec. 9	Nov. 28	Nov. 21	Nov. 11
Greenland	Dec. 7	Dec. 1	Nov. 25	Nov. 25
Iceland	Dec. 12	Nov. 30	Nov. 23	Nov. 23
Mid East	Dec. 3	Nov. 8	Nov. 1	Nov. 1
South East Asia				
Asia	Nov. 30	Nov. 18	Nov. 11	Nov. 11

INTERNATIONAL MAIL				
Destination	Air/Parcels	Letters/cards	Surface	
Africa	Nov. 28	Dec. 7	Nov. 11	
Australia	Nov. 28	Dec. 2	Nov. 11	
Caribbean				
W. Indies	Dec. 12	Dec. 14	Nov. 13	
Central-South America	Nov. 30	Dec. 2	Nov. 11	
Europe	Dec. 9	Dec. 12	Nov. 11	
Far East	Dec. 9	Dec. 12	Nov. 11	
Mid East	Nov. 28	Dec. 5	Nov. 1	
South East Asia	Nov. 30	Dec. 2	Nov. 11	

DOMESTIC POINTS				
Destination	Priority	Letters	Surface	
Alaska	Dec. 16	Dec. 14	Dec. 1	
Hawaii	Dec. 16	Dec. 14	Dec. 1	

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J.C.'s Support Bond

By a unanimous vote, the Perquimans County Jaycees went on record Oct. 13 supporting the \$1.85 million school bond referendum. That proposal will face voters in Perquimans County Nov. 8. The Jaycees are the first local civic

group to report its endorsement of the referendum. The vote came during a regularly scheduled membership meeting of that group.

Commenting on behalf of the group, Jaycee Presi-

dent Ray Ward stated, "We the Jaycees feel the youth is a vital asset to the community. And we feel our support of improved educational facilities in Perquimans County is a vote for a brighter future."



OUTSTANDING YOUNG FIREMAN — Winfall Fire Department held its annual banquet Friday night Oct. 21, at Angler's Cove Restaurant. The award for the

Outstanding Young Fireman went to Al Whitehurst of Winfall. He is shown above receiving his award from Wayne Winslow, Fire Chief.



FIREMAN OF THE YEAR — At the annual banquet held Friday, Oct. 21 at Angler's Cove Restaurant, and given by the Winfall Fire Department, Joseph

Barber was awarded the award for Fireman of the Year. Wayne Winslow is shown with Barber, presenting him his award.

County Growth And Development Conference Is Held Here

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

Approximately 20 interested citizens gathered in the Perquimans County Courthouse last Thursday night to participate in the County Conference on Balanced Growth and Economic Development.

The local meeting was similar to those being held in each of the state's counties as requested by Governor Jim Hunt. Following the county conferences, a statewide conference is planned for early January to be held in Charlotte. That will be followed by a White House Conference late in January.

The information gathered at the Perquimans County meeting, like that in other counties, will be used to compile a regional and geographic area report. The Perquimans County information will be used in a Region R report and in the information on the eastern part of the state.

According to reports from Raleigh, the Perquimans County meeting was not as involved as some others have been. That was credited to the fact that local officials and citizens have, over a three-year period, investigated the

sort of thing being discussed for use in compiling the county and town land use plan in accordance with the Coastal Area Management Act.

Present for the County Conference were Mark G. Lynch of Raleigh, Secretary of Revenue and Merry Chambers, an Economist on the Policy Development Staff with the Department of Administration in Raleigh.

The three local appointees to initiate the conference and report its findings were Bill Cox, town mayor and manager; Lester Simpson, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners; and Richard Bryant, County Farm Agent.

In opening remarks, Lynch pointed out some of the offerings of North Carolina and cited some examples of economic standing. Lynch explained, for example, that North Carolina is ranked second in the nation (behind California) as a good location for business. He added that it is estimated the state will be the tenth leader in population by 1980. And, on the negative side, Lynch pointed out that about one-fifth of the adult population

in the Tar Heel state is considered functionally illiterate.

Speaking on behalf of the Hunt administration, Lynch stated, "Our goal is simply this: give every person the fullest opportunity to become everything they can be and to develop all their talents. This is the key to progress."

Lynch also took advantage of the gathering to urge local voters to support the seven statewide issues on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Concerning the County Conference itself, Lynch commented, "In the past, perhaps Raleigh has done too much talking and not enough listening. Let Raleigh know what it can do to help you."

Lynch's comments were followed by remarks from Ms. Chambers who highlighted some of the statistics available on population, employment, and income for the state, region and county.

She explained that for the period from 1970 to 1975, both Region R and Perquimans County grew about 13 per cent higher in population than the rest of

the state on a relative growth index. On income figures, the per capita income for Perquimans County in 1974 was in excess of \$4300 per year. In the area of unemployment for 1970-75, the statewide rate was 5.0 per cent compared to 6.2 per cent nationally and 5.2 per cent in Perquimans County.

Richard Bryant then presented a local report on the economy with some general facts. He pointed out that the economy in Perquimans is based largely on agriculture. Citing figures from the 1974 U.S. Farm Census, Bryant explained that some 400 farms existed in the county at that time representing a drop from the 1969 figures. He added that the average farm size was estimated at 196 acres. Concerning industry and the work force, Bryant explained that the county's work force is spread out over the Albemarle area in surrounding counties such as Chowan, Pasquotank, Gates and Washington counties and in southeastern Virginia such as the cities of Norfolk, Suffolk and Franklin. Bryant further cited Don Juan Manufacturing Corporation

as the lone industry in the county.

Following these comments from state and local officials, the county citizens attending the conference were given the opportunity to express concerns related to balanced growth and economic development.

The following ideas were expressed: the need for more farm related industry, the need for better waste treatment and need for major highways coming into and going out of the area, the lack of tourism and water-based recreational facilities, the problem of animal wastes in area waters, and the need for more personnel in county offices such as the extension service and other areas. It was also pointed out that some people, not always considered part of the local work force, are eager and willing to work if jobs were available. This group includes senior citizens and adult females. Along these same lines, the need for industry hiring non-skilled workers was also brought to light. And on the other end of the spectrum, the opinion was expressed that the county needs more job opportunity for young people.

COA Steps Closer To A Dream

College of the Albemarle moved a step closer "From Dream to Reality in the 1970's" today when U.S. Rep. Walter B. Jones announced that the community college's application for a construction grant of \$1,664,356 for a new building has been approved by the Economic Development Administration.

Matched with \$744,644 from state, county and institutional development funds, the federal funding will allow the college to proceed with final plans to begin construction of a 75,000 square foot facility adjacent to the existing building on its new campus. The total cost of the structure is expected to be approximately \$2,439,000.

Dr. J. Parker Chesson Jr., President, was exuberant over the news of the EDA approval. "I am very grateful for the strong interest shown in this project by Congressman Jones. Receiving this grant

represents the culmination of approximately two years of hard work by many people who are very interested in COA and its role in the development of the Albemarle region. This new facility will greatly enhance our ability to provide educational opportunities for adults in our service area." Chesson added "that it represents the largest and most crucial stage in consolidating all of COA's on-campus programs on one campus. Hopefully, we will be able to move completely out of the old hospital building and nurses' residence on Riverside Ave." He went on to emphasize the increased efficiency and convenience, on the part of faculty and students, that will result from having almost all of the college's programs on one campus.

As currently planned, a new three-story building will provide critically

needed space for a library, general classrooms, a learning resources center, and administrative offices. It will also house the college's extensive collection of audio-visual materials and equipment, a reading laboratory, student bookstore, student center, graphic arts area and laboratories necessary for use by the college's allied health programs. Included in the new construction will be a 5,800 square foot addition to the existing building on the new campus. It will create space for a building trades shop.

A number of new programs will be added, including light construction, electrical installation and maintenance, accounting technology, and medical laboratory assistant technology.

Chesson said that credit for getting the \$2,439,000 project approved should be shared by many. "It has been truly a regional ef-

fort," he said. The cooperation and active support of the area's county governments, businesses and individuals have been the vital factor in assuring the College of the Albemarle will be an instrument of greater service to the entire Albemarle region by providing expanded educational programs and cultural opportunities."

The president said he was particularly grateful to the boards of commissioners of the seven counties which comprise the college's service area. He said each county confirmed its confidence in the institution as a vital asset to the region by pledging funds for the building program. Funding support was based on a per capita formula for Pasquotank, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, and Perquimans Counties.

Funding for the new building will be derived from the following sources:

EDA basic grant, \$1,219,500; EDA Supplemental grant, \$444,856; state construction funds, \$182,340; state equipment funds, \$126,000; Pasquotank County, \$191,279; Camden County, 2,800; Chowan County, 5,300; Currituck County, \$4,250; Dare County, \$3,900; Gates County, \$4,100; Perquimans County, 4,150; and COA Building and development fund, \$250,525.

The building and development fund was accumulated as the result of a campaign which was conducted in the early 1970's. With its theme, "From Dream to Reality in the 1970's," the college received contributions from 70 businesses, 13 organizations, two foundations and 320 individuals.

The money was to be used toward the realization of Phasell of the institution's master development plan.