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Convention To Be Held

School Board members and administrators from throughout North Carolina will gather Thursday, November 3 in Wilmington for the Eighth Annual North Carolina School Boards Association Convention.

According to Dr. Raleigh Dingman, Executive Director of the Association, over 300 are expected to attend the Convention, to be held at the Wilmington Hilton Hotel.

The Association will elect officers and directors for two year terms at a business session which will conclude the Convention on Saturday, November 5.

Major highlights of the Convention will be consideration of education legislation enacted by the 1977 General Assembly and legislation to be considered or supported in 1978.

Primary topics of concern will be implementation of legislation proposed by Governor Jim Hunt and enacted by the Legislature.

The Primary Reading

Program, Community Schools Act and Testing Programs will be discussed at a Roundtable discussion Friday morning.

Proposals to increase state funding in the areas of additional instructional personnel, school plant operations, programs for exceptional children and other areas will also be discussed.

Former National PTA President Carol Kimmel of Rock Island, Illinois will present the Convention's keynote address Friday morning.

Other speakers include Assistant State Superintendent Dudley Flood, Dr. Charles Gibboney and National School Boards Association First Vice President Margaret Buvinger of Enid, Oklahoma.

Convention participants will focus on a number of educational and legal issues in discussion groups Friday.

Legal issues such as the Open Meetings Law, Con-

flict of Interest and Hearing Procedures relating to non-renewal of teacher contracts will be discussed.

Participants will also consider ways of dealing with school personnel, the public and County Commissioners.

According to Dr. Dingman, "Attendance at Conventions and other meetings is extremely important to school board members and administrators."

"None of these public officials operates in a vacuum," he added, "By sharing ideas and gaining access to innovations, local board members can improve education in their local communities."

"In addition to improving education," Dingman noted, "ideas generated during conventions often result in substantial savings of the tax dollars."

"As a result," he pointed out, "attendance is well worth the small cost involved."

The Association's Executive Director emphasized that the annual Convention is one of many ways the Association attempts to serve its members.

"This is our largest meeting of the year," he noted. "But the Convention, District and other state meetings, as well as our efforts to represent local boards at the state level are directed at two major goals."

"Primary is the need to maintain control of public education in the hands of those citizens closest to the schools, those at the local level," he said. "A related goal is to assure that those citizens are as well equipped as possible to see that our schools and school systems are operated economically and for the benefit of our young people," Dingman stated.

Public Meeting On School Bond:

Supportive Atmosphere Prevails

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

"I don't see how any one of you could vote no on the school bond issue." That statement made by Lynn Hurdle, senior at Perquimans High School, summed up the feeling of those present at a public meeting held Tuesday night to discuss the upcoming school bond referendum. While opposition was voiced, the majority of those in the crowd of approximately 200, expressed support of the issue which faces Perquimans County voters next Tuesday.

The public meeting, scheduled to give all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinion and ask questions concerning the school bond referendum, was sponsored by the Concerned Citizens for Better Education. Heading that group, and serving as moderator at the meeting, was Miss Thelma Elliott, a former teacher, principal and school board member.

Others recognized at the Tuesday night meeting included School Superintendent Pat Harrell, all five members of the Perquimans County Board of Education; Dr. Lacy Presnell, Director of the State Department of Public Instruction's Division of School Planning; Sam Ashford, architect working with the Board of Education on the proposed plan and representative of Newberry, Ashford & Associates; and Nick Garner, structural engineer working with the board architect. The out-of-town visitors were called upon at several times throughout the evening to answer specific questions concerning the proposed plan for the high school.

The opening question, posed by Jessie Harrell, requested a breakdown of how much of the \$1.85 million in bonds would be used for new construction and how much would be used for renovation. Superintendent Harrell responded saying such a breakdown was difficult due to inflation, the intentional lack of building

specifications prior to the election, and the fact that the project is being considered on a total basis. Harrell added that more than \$1.85 would actually be involved when the close to \$1 million on hand is added to the bond monies provided voters agree. Of that \$1 million on hand, approximately half will be coming from a fund set aside by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners with the remaining being Perquimans County's share of the bonds approved for schools statewide in 1973.

Another response was given to the same question by Gilliam Underwood, a citizen attending the public meeting. Underwood expressed an opinion that the decision of new construction vs. renovation should be left up to the Board of Education, a body elected by the people. He said, "I simply say I think we need to pass the \$1.85 million bond referendum and let this decision be left to the Board." Following that

comment, the group applauded, a sign of approval that was to be heard repeatedly throughout the meeting.

Several other questions of concern were addressed including the feasibility of erecting new construction over the creek section between the two buildings currently used. Garner, the structural engineer, responded outlining the specific measures which will be taken assuring those present that construction is indeed possible, construction that will not damage the environment.

Another pending question was discussed — the proposed plan which involves new construction and renovation as opposed to building a new school at a new site. Dr. Presnell addressed this issue pointing out that he served on a committee which examined the alternatives Perquimans County has as to the future of Perquimans High School. In his comments, he said, "As a committee we looked

at many alternatives, one of which was the possibility of a new school at a new site. But we couldn't see deserting what's good here to move at a cost of about 60 or 65 per cent more for a new school at a new site." He cited an estimation of \$5 to \$6 million if new construction at a new location had been the choice. That compares to the \$1.85 million being requested on Nov. 8.

William Bundy Jr. then asked for some specific examples of reasons the current facility is inadequate. Several people replied including William Byrum, Perquimans High School principal; Lynn Hurdle, student; Dr. Presnell and others. Some examples cited included the existence of two distinct and separate buildings resulting in a split campus situation, the fact that the current main building does not meet building standards or provide for handicapped persons, inadequate science

facilities, inadequate classroom space, crowded conditions in the lunchroom and during those times students are not in class, such as at recess, since no area is provided for them.

Questions were also proposed concerning paying for the bonds and the amount of time involved in that repayment. Along this line, Bundy spoke out again, this time addressing the tax issue. He said, "Good education arises from the motivation within a student and the motivation by the teacher. The school bond is going to be based on county property taxes and the brunt is going to hit the large acreage farmers. The man with large acreage is going to pay for this. Are the farmers of this county and are the businessmen willing to pay for something that won't be used full-time?" He then emphatically urged those present to vote against the school bond proposal.

Library Update

By WAYNE HENRITZE

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

NEW STOP ON DURANT'S NECK ROUTE. The bookmobile will be operating in the Durant's Neck and Woodville sections of Perquimans County this Friday, November 4 and every third Friday thereafter. The stop at Galatia Baptist Church is being moved to Overton's Store due to a larger number of residents in the area.

Destination	Arrives	Departs
Woodlawn Church	10:00	10:25
Whitehat Landing	10:35	11:00
Berea Church	11:10	11:35
New Hope Methodist	11:40	12:05
Overton's Store	12:10	12:35
Leigh's Temple Church	12:45	1:10
J.H. White Store	1:30	1:55
Woodville Baptist	2:00	2:25
Towe and Quincy Store	2:35	3:00
Parkville Holiness Church	3:05	3:30

STORY HOUR

Our usual Friday morning story hour for preschoolers will continue as usual from 10-11 a.m. If someone in your neighborhood with children ages 3-5 still doesn't know about this story hour, please let them know about it.

NEW BOOKS

THE SILMARILLION by J.R.R. Tolkien is another in the best selling series about middle earth, hobbits, and the like. Although published last and written before his other works, it was his favorite.

LUCIFER'S HAMMER by Larry Niven is a tale of world-wide disaster in which the earth is ravaged in a brush with a comet.

THE EXPERIENCE OF INNER HEALING by Ruth Carter Stapleton is an account of faith healing by Jimmy Carter's sister who is well known in the field.

THE MAN FROM NEXT DOOR by Honor Tracy is a novel of two diaries kept by two people with radically different points of view, one a proper English girl framed for a crime and the other the man who framed her.

THE DRAGONS OF EDEN by Carl Sagan, the Tonight Show's resident astronomer, is an account of the development of human intelligence and the possibilities of similar development elsewhere in the universe.



CAPITAL CREDIT CHECK PRESENTED—Capital credit checks will be mailed to members of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation this week, according to general manager Ed Brown Jr. Brown (right) presents a check for \$61.51 to Carroll Williams of Rt. 2, Hertford

for capital credits earned in 1962-63. A non-profit, member-owned business, Albemarle EMC assigns all margins left over at the end of each year's operations to the members. Some \$42,000 is being mailed to members this week. (Staff photo by Yvonne Baker)

Operation Santa Claus

Operation Santa Claus is a yearly tradition for Albemarle area citizens to bring a joyous Christmas to our mentally retarded citizens who reside in the Caswell Center. This is the sixth year for this drive to send gifts to

the seventy-seven residents of our area who are in The Caswell Center hospital and training center. These residents are from Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties. Each institution in North Carolina is dependent upon the area citizens to supply gifts for residents from that area.

County Stands To Receive \$129,816

* WATER BOND ALLOCATIONS REGION "R"

COUNTY	WATER	SEWER
CAMDEN	\$ 84,767	\$ 40,238
CHOWAN	167,325	79,427
CURRITUCK	108,442	51,476
DARE	108,737	51,614
HYDE	86,600	41,108
PASQUOTANK	416,976	197,930
PERQUIMANS	129,816	61,622
TYRRELL	59,163	28,085
WASHINGTON	218,219	103,586
TOTAL — Region "R"	\$1,380,054	\$655,086

* County Allocations according to population, if the referendum is approved.

North Carolina Counties stand to receive more than \$100,000,000 for wastewater

treatment and facilities construction if voters approve the issuance of \$230,000,000 in bonds on November 8. The funds will be distributed on a county-wide basis according to population. Referendum would provide matching funds to eligible units of local government (city, county, water and sewer districts or sanitary district) for improving, expanding or constructing new facilities for wastewater treatment and water supply systems.

Funds would be distributed separately for pollution control and for water supply. Pollution control funds would be administered by the Division of Environmental Management of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. Water supply account would be administered by the Division of Health Services of the Department of Human Resources.

If the Clean Water Bond is approved in November, the State will provide one-half of the non-federal share up to a maximum of 25% or project costs for pollution control. For water supply, the State grants vary (basically, "what is available") limited to up to 25% of the project cost. County allocations according to population, if the referendum is approved, would be as shown above.

Advisory Council

The Albemarle Advisory Council on Aging held its first monthly meeting for FY 78 on October 20, 1977 at the Edenton Municipal Building, Edenton, N.C.

Following approval of the minutes, a report relating to progress under the Area Agency on Aging was presented by Naomi C. Hester, Program Administrator.

Civic Calendar

- Thursday, Nov. 3
 - Hertford Lions Club Meets +++
 - American Legion Meets +++
 - American Legion Aux. Meets at 8:00 Saturday, Nov. 5
 - American Legion will hold a Turkey Shoot all day at the high school football field. Rain Date will be November 12. +++
 - Bazaar Garage Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. also a bake table. +++
- Sunday, Nov. 6
 - Perquimans Co. Horse and Pony Club Show at 1:30 p.m. +++
 - Holiday Island Civic League Meets at Club House at 11:00 a.m. +++
- Monday, Nov. 7
 - Hertford Town Council Meets +++
 - Perquimans County Comm. will meet at 10:00 a.m. +++
 - Winfall Town Council will meet +++
 - Winfall Fire Dept. Will meet +++
 - Perquimans Co. Board of Education will meet Tuesday, Nov. 8
 - Perquimans Co. Horse and Pony Club meets +++
 - Hertford Rotary Club meets +++
 - Perquimans Masonic Lodge Meets +++
 - Up Coming Events
 - Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Nov. 14. Tickets are available at Chamber office. +++
 - Perquimans Co. Jaycees will hold a turkey shoot on Nov. 19 at high school football field. +++
 - Nov. 19 — Perquimans County marching unit will sponsor a bake and yard sale. +++

Please note that the population at Caswell Center is predominantly adult; (approximately 1,050 adults, 200 children). We would like to request gift items be more appropriate to Resident's ages. Toys make fine gifts and will often be used for teaching purposes. However, please make sure they are sturdy and well made in construction. The following are suggestions for gifts:

MAIE RESIDENTS

Bedroom shoes — washable, wallets, hankchiefs, belts, rain coats, or ponchos — colorful, sweaters, ties, hats, tobaggans, jewelry (watches, tie pins), after shave, shave lather, cologne, deodorant, hair tonic and gloves.

FEMALE RESIDENTS

Bedroom shoes — washable, panty hose, gloves, sweaters, socks, rain coats or ponchos — colorful, purses, wallets, embroidery thread and stamped embroidery pieces, jewelry (pins, necklaces, earrings, bracelets), cosmetics (bath powder, cologne, hand lotion and makeup, hair spray, deodorant).

FOR ALL

Cigarettes, smoking tobacco, pipes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, shaving cream, after shave, cologne, hand lotion, talcum powder, deodorant, hair tonic, ultra sheen products, finger nail polish, lipstick, perfume, shampoo, comb and brush sets, panty hose, watches, radios, pocket books, wallets, instant coffee, pop corn popper and pop corn, electric coffee pots, lock boxes, record players and records, T.V.'s, pictures for walls, tape player and tapes, bedspreads — bunk and flashlight batteries — all sizes.

RECREATION AND TRAINING

Puzzles (100 pieces or less with large pieces), games — ages 1-7, toys, books — simple, playing cards, dolls, stuffed animals, record players and records, rhythm toys, large balls, crib mobiles, large sturdy cars, and wagons, road building sets, tinker toys, lincoln logs, simple indoor game sets, blocks, educational toys for all ages, crayons and coloring books, musical toys (harps, guitars, drums, horns), tricycles — large and sturdy, bicycles (two and three wheels), pull toys, jack in the box, sturdy rubber squeak toys, talking and wind-up toys, tops, view masters and reels, yo-yos and jump ropes.

For Christmas gifts we ask that these be NEW as this will be the only package some of the residents will receive. With your help this can be a happy Christmas morning for these people that are dependent on us. Please try to have gifts at Caswell Center by December 1, 1977. A Happy Holiday Season to One and All!!

Don't Forget To Vote Nov. 8