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**JULIAN H. BROUGHTON**  
Candidate for Sheriff



**AUBREY ONLEY**  
Candidate for Sheriff



**JOHN H. LONDON**  
Candidate for County Commissioner



**W.W. "WELLY" WHITE JR.**  
Candidate for County Commissioner



**MARSHALL E. CADDY**  
Candidate for County Commissioner



**FENTON EURE JR.**  
Candidate for County Commissioner



**GEORGE HALL**  
Candidate for County Commissioner



**LOVIC E. MCELROY**  
Candidate for County Commissioner



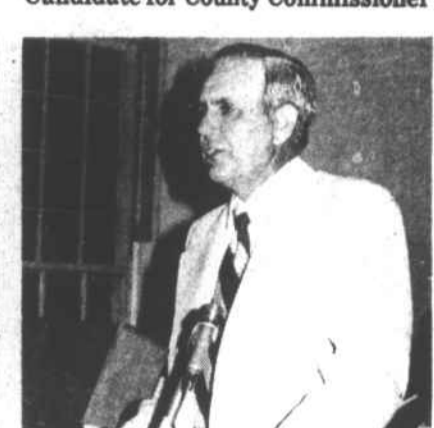
**LLOYD R. "FLUTCH" DAIL**  
Candidate for Board of Education



**WALTER L. LEIGH**  
Candidate for Board of Education



**THOMAS L. "TOMMY" DALE**  
Candidate for Board of Education



**CLIFFORD WINSLOW**  
Candidate for Board of Education

## Large group turns out to meet candidates

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

Over 150 people turned out in Perquimans County last Wednesday night to meet the candidates. The 120-seat courthouse was filled to capacity with the overflow seated

in the aisles and standing in the entrance. The event was sponsored by the Hertford Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Club to allow local citizens an opportunity to meet, talk with, hear from, and question candidates in local, district, and state races.

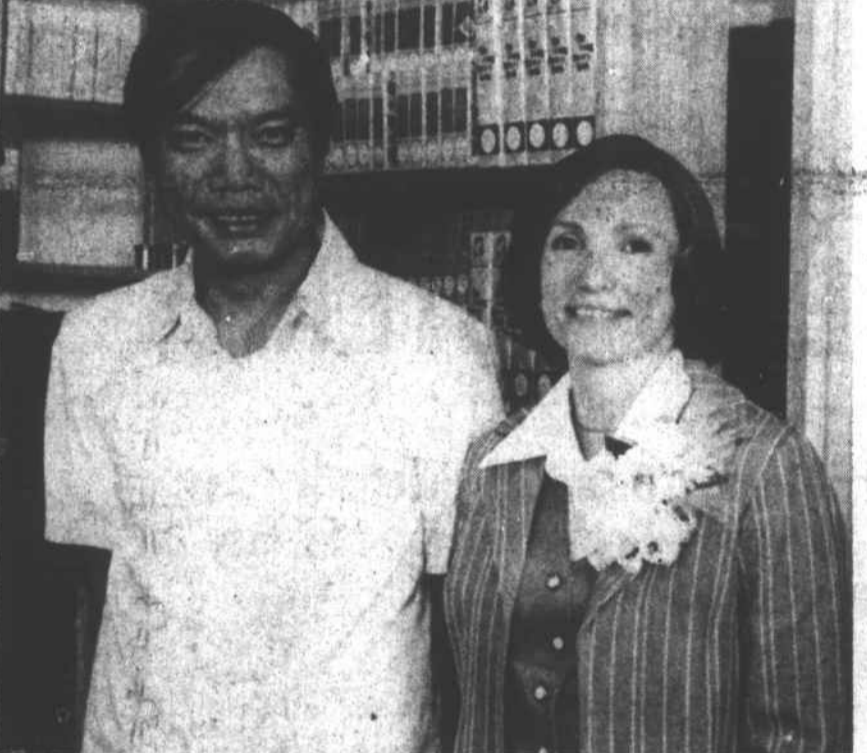
While only two of the nine candidates for the U.S. Senate race attended, nearly all district and local candidates were present. Using a five-minute time limit per candidate, Miss Thelma Elliott, a BPW member and past Board of

Education member, served as moderator first recognizing the candidates for U.S. Senate. Speaking first was a representative for U.S. Senator Jesse Helms who will meet the Democratic nominee in November. The representative said, "Jesse Helms is a man of principle and a man of

truth and he's gone up there and he's told it like it is and he's leveled with the people of this state. He's a man of truth and honor and decency. He said that Senator Helms has a dream to free the country from "government bureaucracy and red tape."

The eight Democratic candidates seeking the nomination for U.S. Senate were recognized next with two present and one having a representative on his behalf. Mrs. Joe Felmet gave a presentation on behalf of her husband, Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate. She said, "Joe Felmet ad-

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**HONORED AT RECEPTION** — A large group of local citizens were present Sunday at a reception given in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Ernesto R. Lazaro. The new doctor and his

family greeted over 230 guests during the two-hour reception at Hertford Grammar School. (Staff photo by Ray Ward)

## Albemarle EMC will be affected by VEPCO agreement

**RICHMOND, VA.** — North Carolina's rural electric cooperatives have signed an agreement with Virginia Electric and Power Company providing for the purchase of a portion of six of the firm's nuclear power generating units over the next seven years.

The power plants in question include one two-unit facility which is already in operation and a four unit plant which is expected to produce its first commercial energy in June.

The agreement, which was signed here Friday, culminates almost two years of negotiations between the power company and North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, the power supply arm of the state EMC organization.

It was signed at the same time that Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, Inc., representing 16 co-ops in Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware, executed a similar contract with VEPCO to acquire a portion of the same generating facilities.

The N.C. EMC contract calls for the EMC's to acquire about 1.3 percent of the capacity of the six nuclear units, or roughly 67 megawatts of power, with an investment of about \$51 million.

The investment, which will be made in monthly increments until each of the planned units goes on line, is expected to save the EMC's more than \$4.2 million over the next 10 years.

Terms of the agreement are contingent upon the co-op's making acceptable financing arrangements, which must be approved by the Rural Electrification Administration. REA officials have already given a tentative green light to the purchase plan.

Funds for the project will include loans from REA and the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, a nationwide lending institution which provides loan funds from the private money market to supplement REA loans for co-op projects.

The agreement makes the initial

commitment by the 28 Tar Heel EMC's to acquire their own generating facilities. Among those co-ops is the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation with its office located in Hertford.

The 28 EMC's now own no generation and must purchase all of their power requirements from the private power companies and the Southeastern Power Administration at bulk rates for re-sale to their consumer-members.

"This is a real landmark for the state's electric cooperatives," said Alton P. Wall, executive vice president of N.C. EMC. "It signals the beginning of a new era in power supply for all of them — an era which we hope will eventually lead to complete energy independence for the EMC's in years ahead."

By moving to independence in power supply, he added, the co-ops can establish "some control over our own destiny while also avoiding the costly negotiations and legal battles that are required every time our suppliers want to raise their wholesale rates."

N.C. EMC spends hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly in engineering and legal fees to protest these rate hikes before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Wall said.

Under the VEPCO agreement, bulk rates for EMC power requirements above those being acquired in the purchase will be set through the use of a formula based on the power company's retail rates.

The purchase contract includes a provision required by VEPCO that the EMC energy output must flow only to the six North Carolina co-ops which are within the VEPCO service area and which are now buying virtually all their energy from VEPCO. Albemarle EMC is one of these six. The other five are Cape Hatteras at Buxton, Edgecombe-Martin County at Tarboro, Halifax at Enfield, Roanoke at Rich Square, and Tideland at Pantego.

Even so, since the purchase is being handled by the state EMC

organization, all of the participating EMC's would share in the ownership of the generating units, including the financial obligations and savings that come with them, Wall said. All 28 of the state's EMC's are members of N.C. EMC, but each of them must approve the final purchase arrangements in order to participate in the project.

Once each local EMC has acted on the proposal and the financing is arranged, the co-ops will immediately acquire a portion of the Surry Nuclear Station, which features two 788-megawatt units situated on the James River in Virginia's Surry County. The BMC's will buy roughly 20 megawatts of that capacity, or enough energy output to take care of about 20 percent of the total power requirement for the six EMC's in the VEPCO service area.

Other units to be affected by the purchase are all part of the North Anna Nuclear Station, which is under construction in Louisa County, Va. It includes two 898-megawatt units and two 907-megawatt units.

One of the smaller North Anna units is now involved in start-up testing and is expected to go on line June 1. The second is slated to begin commercial operations in the spring

of 1979. The two larger units are to become operational in 1983 and 1984.

When the co-ops buy into the last of these units, Wall noted, they'll own about 67 megawatts of capacity, which will cover almost 40 percent of the total energy requirements for the six EMC's receiving the power.

The only other VEPCO generating facilities now planned or under construction are the six units of a pumped storage plant in Bath County, Va., which is scheduled for commercial operation in 1982. It was omitted from the purchase plan.

However, VEPCO and EMC officials have left the door open for negotiations on additional purchase arrangements or shared ownership plans involving other facilities that might be planned for the years beyond 1984.

Meanwhile, N.C. EMC officials are also working on two other fronts to establish an independent source of power supply. They are negotiating with Duke Power Co. on a proposal to buy a share of a unit of the Catawba Nuclear Station in York County, S.C., and they are conducting a feasibility study of a peat-fired generating plant that the co-ops might build in Eastern North Carolina.

## Program eligibility changes are noted

Some North Carolinians may be eligible for additional food stamps as the result of a recent court decision regarding emergency issuance of food stamps.

According to N. Paul Gregory Jr., Perquimans County director of Social Services, instructions have been received from USDA through the Division of Social Services in Raleigh, which direct that each individual in the county who thinks they are eligible be given the op-

portunity to apply. Further, USDA has prescribed that press releases be prepared which speak to interested individuals.

Since exact language as provided by USDA must be shown, the USDA directive is quoted below:

"You may be eligible for additional food stamps as the result of a recent court decision in *Alken v. Obledo* regarding emergency is-

(See Changes noted, page 9)

## Welcome extended by reception

Over 230 Perquimans County citizens came to town Sunday to meet, greet, and welcome the county's new doctor.

The reception was held from 3-5 p.m. at Hertford Grammar School to honor the doctor and his family and to allow local citizens the opportunity to meet the newest additions to the county.

## Democrats to convene

A.T. Lane Sr., Chairman of the Perquimans County Democratic Party has announced the Democratic County Convention for 1 p.m. April 29. The meeting will be held in the Perquimans County Courthouse.

Lane emphasized the importance of having each county precinct represented by its delegates at the convention and said several issues are to be decided. Among the action to be taken is the selection of

Sponsored by the Perquimans County Economic Development Association and the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Medical Committee, the event was described as a huge success.

Dr. Lazaro and his family expressed their appreciation at the overwhelming welcome they have received.

delegates and alternate delegates to the biennial Congressional District Convention and to the biennial State Convention.

The local party members must also select two members to attend the Congressional District Executive Committee, the Judicial District Executive Committee, the State Senatorial District Executive Committee, and the House of Representatives District Executive Committee.