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New faces, new places:

AFP program directors take posts

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a continuation in a series of weekly feature articles featuring new businesses and professional people in and around Perquimans County.)

Text & Photos
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Two new faces that Perquimans County residents will be seeing frequently are those of Brewster Brown and William C. Oetker. Both are directors of new programs sponsored by the six-county Alliance for Progress, Inc.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION
Brown is serving as Director of the AFP Community Education Project and started his position March 1.

Community education, which is receiving much emphasis from the state level and support from Gov. Jim Hunt, attempts to involve community people and agencies in local education, utilizing school buildings and personnel along with community resources to the fullest possible potential.

Brown explained that each county in AFP, including Perquimans, will develop its own goals and objectives for the program, but added that each county program will have five basic components: a volunteer program in the schools and general community, at least one citizens' advisory group to provide information on the needs of the local community, better utilization of school buildings and facilities, cooperation with existing community agencies such as libraries, and expansion of local opportunities in education and recreation which follows the philosophy of blending school and community.

Using these five components and other local ideas, then each county advisory council will develop its plan for the local community education program. Some counties have already held such organizational meetings and have placed emphasis on such things as the need for a strong adult literacy program or using volunteers.

Community education, which has gained popularity across the country, has included such program areas as adult literacy, advanced enrichment, cultural arts, and centraliza-

tion of a community's volunteer resources, to name a few. Brown added that a positive side effect of community education has, in some cases, been "a stronger parent-school relationship."

One of the benefits, Brown said, of incorporating community education through AFP is the fact that information may be shared across county lines. Since six counties are involved, different areas may be studied and outlined simultaneously resulting in avoiding six mistakes of the same type.

Brown, a Syracuse, N.Y. native, served two years as Associate Director of Community Education with the Durham County and City Schools. He holds a master's degree in education administration and is currently working on a PhD from N.C. State in the area of Adult and Community Education. He resides in Winton, N.C. and works out of the AFP office. He and his wife have two children.

State funding for the community education program guarantees its operation through next summer. However, the idea is to eventually have it included in local programs receiving county funding. Brown said, "Everything indicates it will be an ongoing program with additional funding in the future. Hopefully, as county programs develop, it won't be looking at added resources, but rather trying to mobilize existing resources." The stress is to eventually have the programs funded totally on the local level since they will be considered local programs yielding local benefits.

However during this, the start-up period for the project, funding has included state grants and Brown is hopeful that other outside sources, including federal monies, can be tapped.

COMPUTER PROJECT
William C. Oetker is Director of Data Processing for the AFP Computer Center.

The computer project, a long-time dream for AFP, is a type of sharing for the six counties, a benefit that few counties could manage solely.

Currently, the project and its director are operating out of the AFP offices in Powellsville, but the center site at Mars Hill School in Trap, N.C. should be ready by Sept. 1 ac-

ording to Oetker. The site, he explained, is just about centrally located in the six-county area and "I see it as a real model demonstration site as to what can be done with a computer," he added.

While the AFP system is being installed, the director is already up to "business as usual." Payrolls for some counties for June and July are being done with the computer in the Peoples Bank Rocky Mount office. Oetker is pleased with this.

The program employs an estimated 15 persons, all full-time and serves the six AFP counties. It also serves the six boards of education, the municipalities, hospitals, Martin Community College and the Roanoke-Chowan Technical Institute.

Other areas in which the computer may be used include student accounting and absentee reports for schools, student scheduling, report cards, and terminals for individualized instruction and training for students. Oetker said, "I don't think it's (individualized instruction) as far away as we think it is."

Each AFP county is contributing \$5,000 toward the salary of the project's director and a \$25,000 grant has been received from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. Another grant is pending from Weyerhaeuser. Oetker added that application has been made to Farmer's Home Administration for a loan to help offset the first year start-up costs for the program.

Then each county or agency using the computer services, considered a subscriber to the project, pays based on the service received.

Program officials have met with directors for Regions R and Q discussing the potential and plans for the project. Bob Whitley, Director for the Region R ARPDC group, which involves Perquimans, sees the region as having "unlimited potential for this service."

Oetker is a native of Billings, Mo. where he was born and raised on a farm, background which caused him to comment, "I can really relate to the people here."

And, he comes to the area after serving as manager of a data processing center in Youngstown, Ohio that served 140,000 —

"ironically about the same as this six-county area."

This is Oetker's 26th year in data processing work. He graduated from Whittenburg University in Springfield, Ohio and Youngstown State University. He and his wife have three daughters. They reside at Rt. 2, Edenton.

Concerning his new position, which he started March 13, Oetker said, "It's such a challenge and such a fantastic opportunity and in this rural setting yet. I think that's even a bigger plus." Oetker also expressed how the AFP concept itself, not just the computer project, has impressed him. He commented, "Today, that's the way of things. They're looking toward regionalizing. That's the only way to accomplish things being done today."

On UNC dean's list

CHAPEL HILL — The following students from Perquimans County have been named to the 1978 spring semester dean's list at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Winston Earl Lane III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winston E. Lane Jr., Rt. 1, Box 139, Hertford; Eva Ruth Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jarvis Ward, 211 North Church St., Hertford; and Cynthia Mae Hendren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hendren, of Rt. 1, Box 323, Tyner.

To make the dean's list, a student must earn a 3.2 grade average on the 4.0 scale (A equals 4, B equals 3, etc.) while taking 15 or more letter grade hours of credit, or a 3.5 average while taking at least 12 but less than 15 letter grade hours.

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Chowan names honor students

Chowan Academy has released the following names as honor students for the school's last six-weeks grading period:

A HONOR ROLL

7th Grade: Scottie Winslow;
8th Grade: Calvin Askev, Suanne Bass, Linda Winslow;
9th Grade: Mary Frances Winslow;
11th Grade: Angela Taylor;
12th Grade: Richard Bass, Amanda Bunch, Fran Hollowell.

A-B HONOR ROLL

7th Grade: Tim Morgan;
8th Grade: Janet Hollowell, Eric Rose, Phil Smith, Natalie Taylor, Joey Tynch, Flora Hall Wood;
9th Grade: Sharon Hobbs, Oneida Boyce, Westop Towe, Benbury Wood;
10th Grade: Edith Cowper, Sambo Dixon;
11th Grade: Virginia Evans, Melanie Morris;
12th Grade: Joey Towe, Pam Berryman, Cathy Cale, Elizabeth Davenport, Dawn Dozier Hare, and Jamie Hoffer.

Albemarle Academy honor roll released

Donald J. Parrottee, Headmaster of Albemarle Academy, has wnnounced the school's honor students for the sixth six-weeks grading period as follows:

HEADMASTER'S LIST

4th Grade: Mark Griffin;
5th Grade: Susan Walker;
6th Grade: Donna Frazier, Eric Grossman;
7th Grade: Jeff Jennings, Mark Maxwell;
9th Grade: David Benton, Jimmy Spivey, Pete Smithson, Tim Wood;
10th Grade: Marilyn Bright, Gail Boothe, Karen Forbes, Kim Forbes, Kathy Glover
11th Grade: Lu Ann Jordan, Bonnie Sanderlin;
12th Grade: Charist Baker, Betty Bell, Joe Sanderlin, Eva Smithson, Laurie White, Carol Spencer, and Wrenn Trotman.

HONOR ROLL

4th Grade: Sarah Harrison, Marlo Howell, Natalie Roberts, Sandy Sawyer;

5th Grade: Cheryl Banks, Renee Barclift, Kim Eadie, Jamie Godfrey, Blair James, Amy Jordan, Anne O'Harrow;
6th Grade: Michele Cherry, Amy Hastings, Melody Jones, Sonny Larabee, Ann Morgan, Gretchen Spivey, Keith Stevenson, Carl Turner;
7th Grade: Denise Banks, Sraah Benton, Dawn Elliott, Greg Harrell, Mark Johnston, Sean Robey;
8th Grade: Don Lee Keaton, Donna Winslow, Marga Massey, Robert Harrison;
9th Grade: Sarah Smithson, Ken Black, Ty Poston, Marsha Roberts, Barbara Hulett;
10th Grade: Sharon Haskett, Kitty Cartwright, Suzanne Spivey;
11th Grade: Betsy Bagley, Teresa Duncan, Marion Harrell, Brian Jennings;
12th Grade: Cindy Bright, Gaye Morgan, Helene Sawyer, Jesse Wood, Mark Turner, Clay Manos, Elizabeth Mayer, Vickie Godfrey, and Peggy Burgess.

ECU honors list

GREENVILLE — A total of 2,997 East Carolina University students earned places on the university's official honors list for the spring semester. The total compares with 2,757 for the fall semester.

The honors list includes students from 95 of the state's 100 counties, from 21 states, and the District of Columbia.

Most elite of the honor students are those making all A's. Next are those who made the Dean's List with a solid B-plus average with

no grade below C. The Honor Roll includes those students making a B average with no grade below a C.

Three students from Perquimans County made the Dean's List. They are Betty Jo Harrell of Rt. 1, Box 887, Hertford; Rebecca D. Hurdle of Rt. 2, Box 260, Hertford; and Dwight M. Perkins P.O. Box 496, Hertford.

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