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J. PHIL CARLTON  
Secretary, N.C. Department of  
Crime Control and Public Safety

## J. Phil Carlton to head meeting:

# Albemarle residents asked for ideas on crime control

Citizens of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties will have an opportunity to suggest changes in the state's criminal laws and improvements in the criminal justice system at a Governor's Conference on Crime Control to be held in Elizabeth City July 25. The public hearing to be held in courtroom B of the courthouse at 9 a.m., is one of 37 such hearings previously announced by Governor Jim Hunt to be held throughout the state.

Hunt has designated Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety J. Phil Carlton to preside over the hearings and both officials are hoping that many local residents will attend the hearing to voice their opinions.

The primary purpose of the hearings, according to Carlton, is to give

citizens an opportunity to lend their advice and suggestions on ways to reduce and control crime in North Carolina. "This is not one of those opportunities for those of us in Raleigh to come and make speeches," Carlton said. "We will come to listen to any suggestion anyone wants to make about ways and means to fight crime in North Carolina. We are particularly interested in suggestions on strengthening our criminal laws and improving our law enforcement, court and correctional systems."

The suggestions made by citizens will be evaluated for possible inclusion in upcoming crime control legislation. "We will evaluate any suggestions received as we attempt to prepare a package of legislative proposals to be submitted by Governor

Hunt to the 1979 General Assembly," Carlton said.

Carlton noted that while such public officials as judges, district attorneys, and law enforcement officers have been invited to the hearings, he is particularly interested in hearing from private citizens. Said Carlton, "This is one of those areas where the average citizen is very likely to have a good idea. It's the average citizen who lives in the communities where crimes are being committed every day, and they know what they want us to do about it. That's what we want to hear."

The Crime Control and Public Safety staff has attempted to allocate sufficient time at each hearing site for interested citizens to be heard. Carlton pointed out, however, that it would be helpful if those wishing to speak would write to him

at P.O. Box 27687 in Raleigh 27611 and indicate the topic area and approximate length of their presentation.

Carlton added, "I look forward to being in the area and to hearing what people have to say about controlling crime. It's an unusual opportunity, and I hope many will take advantage of it. We will consider every suggestion received and see it will fit into the legislative proposals to be sent to the General Assembly."

Governor Hunt is expected to attend several of the hearings which will continue throughout the summer and early fall ending in Raleigh on Oct. 19.

Local residents who are unable to attend the hearing may wish to attend other hearings scheduled in the surrounding area.

# Rep. Vernon James rated most conservative

Representative Vernon James, Democrat from Pasquotank County, has received the highest conservative rating of any Representative in the North Carolina General Assembly for the 1977 session according to a news release from the North Carolina Conservative Union.

The rating of the elected officials was done on a zero to 100 scale with zero being the most liberal and 100 the most conservative. Rep. James (D-Pasquotank) received the only 100 score. Comparatively, local

Senator Melvin R. Daniels received a 50 percent rating while Senator J.J. (Monk) Harrington (D-Bertie) received a 56 percent rating.

Joe Beard, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Conservative Union, said, "The North Carolina Conservative Union has prepared this rating of the recorded votes of legislators for the purpose of enlightening the public, whether liberal or conservative, as to the nature of their representation. We know of no other such rating. In

the absence of such a rating, voters are compelled to cast their votes for legislators on the basis of campaign propaganda, one or two controversial positions, newspaper coverage, and personal connections. The NCCU hopes that this rating will supplement these considerations with a general indication of the nature of an incumbent candidate."

Beard said that the legislators were rated according to 12 issues chosen that represented a true division between liberal and conser-

vative legislative positions.

Some of those issues included: (1) The reenactment of the death penalty, (2) the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, (3) the increase of minimum wage, (4) the constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget, (5) a requirement that welfare recipients accept reasonable employment, (6) the constitutional amendment to provide for two successive terms for the Governor, (7) the decrease in the inheritance tax exemption, (8) the appointment of judges, (9)

decriminalization of marijuana, and (10) a State regulation of discriminatory employment practices in addition to the Federal Civil Rights Act.

The rating report also points out that in the Senate, Republicans averaged 72 percent, while Democrats averaged 46 percent. House Republicans, at 62 percent were more conservative than House Democrats, who averaged 54 percent. Wake County had the most philosophically divided delegation in

the Senate while Cumberland had the most divided county in the House.

In outlining the purpose of NCCU, Beard said, "The North Carolina Conservative Union is a bipartisan which seeks to promote individual liberty, limited government, and free enterprise. It is the North Carolina affiliate of the American Conservative Union and has been publishing a rating of the North Carolina General Assembly since 1973."

# Local Migrant Education Program surpasses goal

The Perquimans County Schools' Migrant Education Program has surpassed one project objective according to an evaluation report prepared by Morris Kornegay, Local Project Director.

According to Kornegay, one of the project objectives stated that on an

average, there would be a gain of seven months growth in computational skills as measured by the Key Math Individual Diagnostic Test. Analysis of the test data showed, Kornegay said, that under the leadership of migrant teacher, Miss Gay Howell, the migrant students in

Perquimans County not only fulfilled the objective but surpassed the seven months average growth by two months. Those working with Miss Howell were Mrs. Joanne Brown during first semester and Miss Charlene Overton the second semester.

Kornegay cited the evaluation and assessment of pupils, emphasis on home visitation by the teacher, and the competency of the instructional staff as the major strength of the Perquimans County Migrant Project. These competencies will serve as the springboard for further developing the Migrant Program, Kornegay said.

A total of 141 pupils was enrolled in the program during the 1977-78 school term. Although pupils were

enrolled in grades K-12, only those students in grades 1-8 were provided classroom instruction.

All students entering the school system during the school year were screened by the Migrant teacher and the community service aide to determine eligibility through personal visits made to the home, Kornegay further explained. He said, "It is believed that these visits are essential for the success of this project. Such visits fostered positive at-

titudes toward this program and answered questions which perhaps many would hesitate to raise in a group setting."

Academic needs of each Migrant student were assessed by using a variety of sources. Conferences were held with teachers of those pupils who were enrolled in grades 1-8 in the local system during the past school term to discuss strengths and weaknesses individuals were experiencing.

# Two Perquimans youths to attend 4-H Congress

Two outstanding 4-H'ers from Perquimans County will join some 175 Tar Heel youth at the State 4-H Electric Congress at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, July 10-12.

The delegates are Debra Holley and Menford Griswold, of Hertford.

Mrs. M.B. Taylor, Perquimans

County Extension agent, said delegates were selected for achievement in their 4-H electric projects.

During the conference the delegates will listen to project reports, view electric demonstrations and exhibits and go to Carowinds.

The highlight of the congress is the announcement of a state winner and

territorial winners and runners-up in the 4-H electric project.

The 4-H Electric Congress is sponsored by Carolina Power and Light Co., Duke Power Co., Nantahala Power and Light Co., Virginia Electric and Power Company and the Westinghouse Educational Foundation, in cooperation with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

# Receives third grant

The Perquimans Recreation and Parks Department received notification Tuesday morning of a grant award in the amount of \$1,135 for local use.

The Summer Youth Recreation Program grant came from the State Economic Opportunity Office. Notification of grant approval

came in a letter from John W. Edward, Director of that State office.

The grant, which requires no local matching funds, will be used for purchase of equipment and supplies that can be used in this year's summer recreation program and in years to come according to Billy Wooten, Recreation Director.

The Perquimans Department was the only recreation department in the area to receive grant approval.

This marks the third grant received by the local department bringing the total supplemental grant monies awarded near \$4,000.

# Discussion planned on water resources projects

A meeting for local government officials and the public in 20 northeastern North Carolina counties to learn about Corps of Engineers water resources projects and to discuss water resources needs will be held July 17 at 2 p.m. in the State Marine Resources Center at Manteo.

Residents and local government officials of Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington, and Wilson counties are invited.

Colonel Adolph A. Hight and his staff from Wilmington will make presentations and answer questions on flood plain management and maintenance dredging projects, regulatory functions and other Corps activities. Projects to be covered will include Oregon Inlet, Joyce Creek, Scuppernon River, and Manteo (Shallowbag) Bay.

The North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development is host for the meeting. One other meeting of this type will be held in the Wilmington area within the next few weeks.

R.E. Mason, Civil Works Coordinator of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, will be moderator.

For details or further information, those interested may contact Ronald Earl Mason in Morehead City, by phoning 726-7044.

# Registration of K-1 students needed

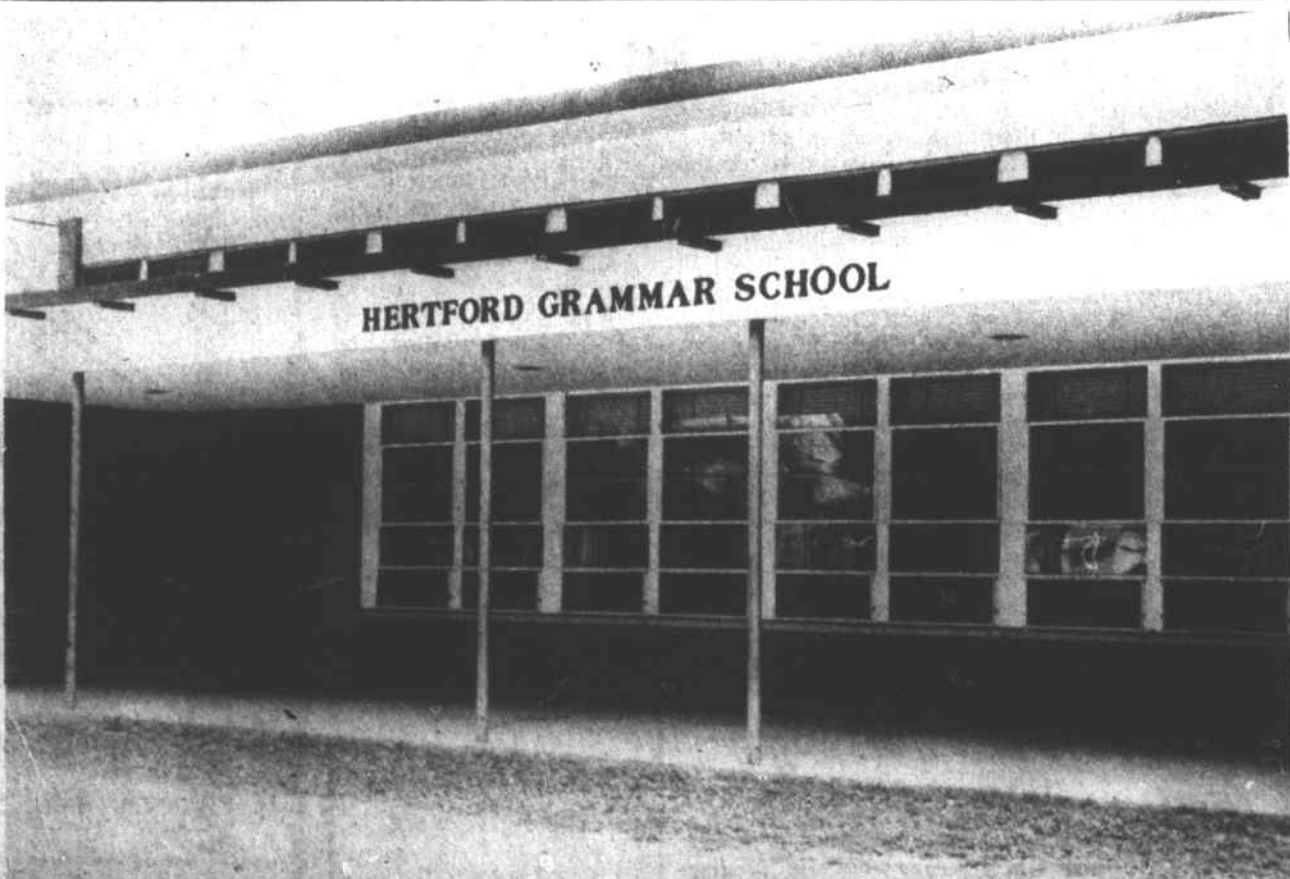
Perquimans County School Superintendent Pat Harrell has issued a reminder to parents of students who will be entering grades K-1 in the fall that registration is necessary.

Harrell said the registration reminder is especially aimed at families recently moving into the area or those parents who have not

yet registered kindergarten and first grade students.

Parents can register students at Hertford Grammar School or Perquimans Central Grammar School from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Harrell said early registration will prove helpful to the local school system.



**SPRUCED UP** -- While local students may not have the return to school on their mind, those students attending Hertford Grammar School

in August will be met by a new look. The lettering on the front of the school, shown above, has been added since school dismissed. The lettering

was donated by Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Monds of Hertford in support of education. (Staff photo by Kathy M. Newbern)