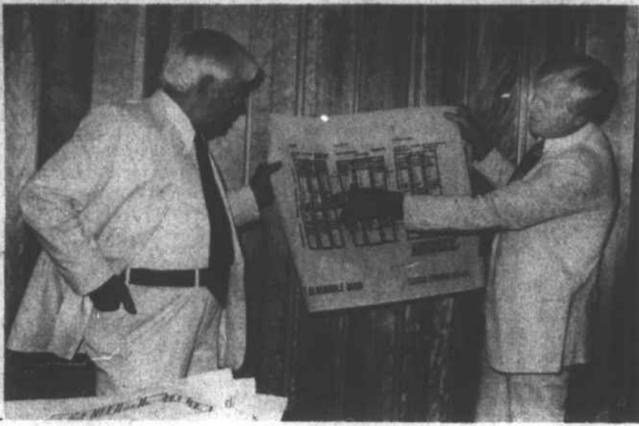


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**PROGRAM PRESENTATION** — R.S. Monds, Chairman of ARPDC, assists Richard Baker, AFP Director, in a presentation at the regional organization's recent meeting. Baker discussed the proposed Albemarle Basin Project being initiated by the six-county Alliance for Progress which offers a host of possibilities in such areas as industry, education and tourism. (Staff photo by Kathy M. Newbern)

## Board approves band program, bid letting

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

Approval to employ a band director and the letting of bids for construction-renovation at Perquimans High School were just two of many items discussed in a four-hour meeting of the Perquimans County Board of Education July 18.

David Ziemba, formerly employed with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, was present at the meeting to discuss his ideas for initiating a band program for students in grades 7-10 locally. He had met with Superintendent Pat Harrell and principals Gary Stubbins and William Byrum earlier in the day to outline some ideas.

Ziemba explained briefly that a band program would involve rental of instruments at an estimated cost to students of \$12-\$15 per month. The larger instruments needed would be purchased and owned by the school system. While the program is tentatively scheduled to include students in grades 7-10, he hopes sixth graders may also be included and added that interested juniors and seniors would not be turned away.

A campaign to inform students of a band program starting next year will soon be getting underway in the community, Ziemba said. He explained that he will need some idea of the interest that exists in order to schedule students.

Students or parents interested should contact Perquimans High School or Perquimans Union School.

Also present at the Board meeting was Sam Ashford, architect for the Perquimans High School project. He set Aug. 29 as a date to receive bids. In later discussion, the Board approved letting bids at 3 p.m. on that date. That motion also included a request to be placed on the agenda for the Sept. 7 meeting of the State Board of Education to have the project approved.

In the area of policies, the Board received information on four matters taking action on one.

First, the State Board policy on awarding high school diplomas and certificates was discussed. It was explained that students meeting local Board and State requirements of units and who pass the competency test will receive a diploma while students meeting the requirements but failing the test will receive a certificate. Superintendent Harrell explained that a local Board policy will have to be developed to deal with this.

Harrell also explained that a teacher's handbook is being developed to be distributed at the start of the school year. He asked that the Board approve the handbook when completed.

Harrell then explained that recent legislation calls for the use of public school buses by the elderly. He said that once a uniform State policy on reimbursement of costs, etc. has been developed, the local Board will need a written policy.

The last policy matter discussed concerned a grievance procedure for Board employees. The local policy was developed from a sample by the State Department of Public Instruction revised to meet local needs. Briefly, four steps are

outlined and a definition of grievance is included. The first step for an employee having a complaint will be informal discussion. The next step would be reporting to the immediate supervisor. If step two fails, the employee may then go to the school superintendent. And the final step is a hearing before the full Board of Education. In that policy, which would also be included in the teacher's handbook, is a grievance report form and all information concerning time limits and proper procedure. The Board passed adoption of the policy unanimously.

In budget-fiscal operations, the Board briefly reviewed the 1977-78 year end budget status.

Harrell then presented a review of state fiscal allotments for 1978-79. He explained that legislation calling for a reduction in class size at the junior high level will result in the addition of one teaching position at Perquimans Union School. Also, \$9,052 will be received locally for remediation for high school students due to a legislative appropriation. The local allocation for exceptional children will be \$13,566 in federal monies coming through the state and an additional \$20,841 will be available in that program area earmarked instructional and supportive services. This figure compares to the approximately \$6,000 received last year.

The State Board of Education has also approved a state salary schedule for kindergarten and reading aides, maintenance supervisors and the food services supervisor Harrell said. All of these salary schedules have not yet become available and discussion will continue.

In personnel matters, Harrell outlined the 1978-79 teacher allocations from the state. He explained that based on the formula, the local system will lose four regular teachers, one kindergarten teacher and one teacher in the exceptional children program for a total of six. However one teacher at junior high was gained bringing the total to five lost. No implementation of the staff reduction policy was necessary, however, due to vacancies and retirements. The state teaching allocations break down as follows: regular, 65; kindergarten, 3; class size 7-8, 1; exceptional children, 5; and learning disabilities, 1.

Program allocations for primary reading will result in eight classes next year, the existing four at Central School and four new classes at Hertford Grammar School. Allotments in the occupational education program were also discussed with more information coming.

In action taken, the Board then approved employment of the following: Carolyn Lavezzo, music teacher for Perquimans Union and Perquimans High schools; Brenda Dail, consumer math teacher at the high school; David Ziemba, band at Union and the high school; Don Inscoc, social studies teacher and junior varsity coach at the high school; and Brenda Harrison, reading aide at Hertford Grammar School.

The Board then accepted resignations from the following: Frances Monds, Hertford Grammar reading

teacher (retirement); Beth Toxey, English teacher at PCHS; Susie Swindell, social studies teacher at PCHS; Eva Chesson, ESEA Title I Aide (retirement); and Edna Davis, EMR teacher, PUS (retirement).

In reviewing personnel for the coming year, Harrell pointed out that only one position, an EMR teacher at Union School, remains to be filled. He added that some reassignment of personnel was necessary.

Harrell then reviewed the summer programs: Migrant education, CETA youth receiving remedial work at PCHS; and a remedial program in language arts and additional learning in vocations using community based alternative funding.

Harrell then briefly discussed the testing program. He explained that the state competency test will be given in October and no minimum score has been released from the State Board to date. Results of the annual testing for students in grades 1, 2, 3, 6, and 9 have been received and the State has suggested Aug. 3 as a release date for that information. Local testing results for students in remaining grades has also been received. Harrell explained that review of the data will be necessary in order to insure that local schools are teaching the type of material students are being tested on.

In the area of Administrative Operations, the Board approved a motion to sell a pickup truck formerly used by maintenance to the Board of County Commissioners for \$1,800.

Harrell then reviewed the completed PCHS fence project and roofing at Central Grammar School. He explained that the PCHS field house project is currently at a stand still, but a construction supervisor will be contacted. Two companies have also been contacted for an on site inspection and to submit proposals for replacing the gymnasium floor at Perquimans Union School.

A request from county Ruritan clubs to use high school property for a tractor pull was approved providing the property was left in good condition.

The Board then approved a contract with Economy Typewriter Co. for maintenance and repair of instructional machines.

The Tri-County Career Center Project was briefly discussed. George Baker and Clifford Winslow, local Board representatives on the project steering committee, agreed to attend a July 21 meeting to discuss directorship of the project.

The Board then went over a brief review of 1978 General Assembly legislation pertaining to public schools.

The need for additional storage space was discussed and the Board agreed to request an appearance at the next County Commissioners' meeting to file a formal request on this matter.

Closing out the meeting was a preview of the 1978-79 food services program. Harrell explained that centralized purchasing would be employed with drops at each school and the breakfast program would continue next year for students in grades K-8.

## Confusion describes meeting

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

**SUNBURY** — A lengthy discussion on the Manpower Program resulted in some confusion among board members when the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission (ARPDC) met here Thursday night.

Bob Whitley, ARPDC's Executive Director, explained that the organization's primary concern was a lack of control over the program, a view that was aired at the recent meeting of the Manpower Advisory Council meeting.

He then offered two suggestions to help re-establish the wanted control: quarterly meeting of the ARPDC board and the program contractors, and monthly reports to the board from the contractors.

The Manpower Program is operated through the Employment Security Commission (ESC). The Economic Improvement Council (EIC) has sub-contracted the work experience segment of the program which involves in-school, out-of-school, and adult training.

Board member Bill Gardner of Edenton responded to the proposal by pointing out that the suggestion offered ARPDC control without direct involvement in the program's operation.

Discussion then turned to the program budget and approximate figures were quoted. Board member Raleigh Carver of Pasquotank responded, "It looks like half of your money's going for the administrative part." He then described it as a "bad situation" when \$1 goes for program administration for every \$1 of services to the people.

Board member Macon Johnson then suggested a vote be tabled until the next meeting at which time exact figures would be available to the board. His motion failed and the motion to accept Whitley's suggestion passed by a 5-3 vote. There were 23 board members present. Following the vote, Carver re-emphasized his opinion that members were not properly informed ahead of time and described the presentation as a "pig in the bag."

In other business, Pam Whitley presented a report from the A-95 Clearinghouse Committee announcing the appointment of Tommy Gray, Chairman Dare County Board of Commissioners, as committee chairman. Gray then requested ARPDC to go on record in "strong support" of an Elizabeth City Housing Project involving 35 HUD units. He said, "I think this is a classic case of the federal government setting standards we can't live with."

He referred to the problem of the project being located within the 100 year flood line. He added, "By God, you've got to go to Rocky Mount or Winston-Salem to get by that line." The group went on record granting the support Gray requested.

ARPDC Chairman R.S. Monds of Hertford then recognized Richard Baker, Director of the six-county Alliance for Progress, for the evening's program.

Baker introduced Bill Oetker, Director of the AFP Computer Center, for comments.

Oetker outlined the history behind the project and presented a brief sketch of the services available to subscribers to the computer system.

He explained that the system has gotten underway and payrolls have been completed for Chowan and Hertford counties with computer time being purchased until the project's hardware can be obtained.

Baker then presented a brief outline of the AFP Albemarle Basin Project which involves a host of activities related to the development of industrial and educational offerings to the area.

He explained that 3,800 acres of land in Gates County have been donated by Union Camp for the project and that the possibilities of development are limitless. The project is still in the planning stages.

## Fire victims need clothing

John Beers, Chairman for the Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross, has announced the need for clothing and some household items for a family recently losing their home and personal items in a fire.

The Arthur Harrison family of Hertford was burned out when their

trailer caught fire July 18.

The following items and sizes are needed:

For Arthur Harrison, shirts size 15½, pants size 34, 32, and shoes size 11.

For Shirley Harrison, pants and dresses size 18, shoes size 8½ or 9. For their 3-year old daughter,

Teresa, size 5 and 6 clothing and size 11½ shoes. And for their 7-year old daughter, Deborah Ann, clothing size 10 and 12, and shoes size 7½.

The family also needs pots, pans, sheets and other bed coverings.

Donated items may be taken to Beers at the J.C. Blanchard Farm Equipment Building in Hertford or will be picked up if called at 426-5536.

## Bond sales near goal

Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds in Perquimans County during the first half of 1978 were \$40,273. This represents 47 percent of the county's goal of \$85,750, according to R.L. Stevenson, County Volunteer Chairman.

Sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in North Carolina rose to \$62,522,280 for the first six months of 1978. This is 15 percent above the same period last year, and the highest six-month total since 1945. This represents 51 percent of the state's dollar goal of \$122,500,000. Second quarter sales of \$31,565,224 were recorded, 18 percent higher than the April-June period last year.

## Local roads allocation

A report from the North Carolina Department of Transportation in Raleigh dated July 14 outlines allocations of funds for secondary county road construction.

The total allocation of \$23,326,785 shows a breakdown by county and by district.

The report shows Perquimans County to have \$1.4 unpaved miles of road as of Jan. 1, 1978. The 1978-79 county allocation for secondary roads is shown at \$94,668.



**DONATION** — Mrs. Jeanette Elmore, President of the Perquimans County Rescue Squad Ladies' Auxiliary, presents several tables as a donation to the local rescue squad. Outgoing Captain Emmett Elmore accepts.



**NEW OFFICERS** — Highlight of the Monday night meeting of the Perquimans County Rescue Squad was election of officers for the coming year. They are shown above (l. to r.) front row: Willard Copeland, director from Belvidere; John Danchise, director from Bethel; Elliott Layden, director from Hertford;

second row: John Beers, treasurer; Seymour Chappell, captain; Ellen Rountree, secretary; and Eugene Rountree, first lieutenant. Not shown is H.B. Miller, director from Parkville. New squad sergeants were also elected and will be featured in next week's edition. (Staff photo by Kathy M. Newbern)



**RIBBON CUTTING** — Town and county officials were present Saturday to officially welcome Hertford's newest business with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Williford's Launderomat is now open at Harris Shop-

ping Center at the former site of Robertson's Launderette. Above, owner Marshall L. Williford and his wife look on while Douglas Layden, President of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, cuts the rib-

bon with help from Hertford Mayor Bill Cox. In a grand opening prize drawing, Joann White of Rt. 2, Hertford won a ham. (Staff photo by Paige Eure)