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**MEETING THE CANDIDATE** — The U.S. Senate, John Ingram, at a reception held Friday in Elizabeth City. Also shown is Perquimans County Commissioner Joe Nowell.



**CHATTING WITH LOCAL CHAIRMAN** — John Ingram is shown chatting with Archie T. Lane Sr., Chairman of the Perquimans County Democratic Party, during the reception. Other local residents attending the reception to meet the candidate were Mrs. Iane, Julian Broughton, Wayne Ashley, Ray Ward, Tommy Riddick, and Welly White. (Staff photos by Kathy M. Newbern)

## Senatorial candidate discusses issues

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

cluded campaigning and a brief press conference.

Ingram, who will face incumbent Republican Senator Jesse Helms in the fall, told those present, "I am the peoples' candidate in this race. I am the peoples' candidate that has saved the people of this state money."

In press conference remarks, Ingram quickly turned his attentions to the race itself saying, "People are concerned over the spending of millions of dollars to buy this office." He repeatedly called Sen. Helms "my four million dollar

Republican opponent" referring to the amount of campaign money Helms is allegedly spending.

Ingram then referred to actions he's taken since serving as the State's Commissioner of Insurance. He said, "I've been able to hold down the price of insurance in this state." He then explained that price-fixing anti-trust laws do not apply to insurance companies and offered support of such a measure. Ingram also accused his opponent of not attacking this and similar inflation related problems saying, "He's done nothing." Ingram said, "My four million dollar Republican oppo-

nent will not introduce that kind of legislation. He's tied and connected to the insurance company's special interest."

In the area of a balanced budget, Ingram said, "I believe in a balanced budget. As Insurance Commissioner, I have always lived within a balanced budget." He then explained that during his five years in office, he's reverted \$5 million back to the state from his office.

Ingram called for zero base budgeting as good policy and said he didn't foresee where such action would cause "mass firing and mass unemployment." Instead, he sug-

gested limited hiring of new personnel.

When questioned on the possibility of debating Sen. Helms, Ingram said, "We'll debate anyone, anytime, anywhere." He also said that Sen. Helms failed to show up at one joint meeting the two candidates had planned for July 4 in Aberdeen, N.C. He commented, "He was afraid to show up."

In the area of tobacco, Ingram commented, "The Republican leadership has fought our tobacco loan program ever since it was in-

stituted under Franklin D. Roosevelt. Then, all of a sudden, in an election year, the four million dollar candidate comes around trying to wishy wash around. What's also very important is his effort to relieve the embargo against Rhodesia which would hurt tobacco farmers in North Carolina."

In closing remarks, the Democratic candidate confirmed the rumor that President Jimmy Carter would be visiting the Tar Heel State in support of Ingram's campaign. He said, "He (Carter) will come maybe more than once."

Held at the Holiday Inn in Elizabeth City and hosted by members of the Pasquotank County Democratic Party, the reception in-



**REBUILDING UNDERWAY** — Farmers Feed & Seed Company will soon be returning to its Grubb Street location with the completion of a rebuilding phase. The local business was destroyed in the Jan. 10 fire originating at Winslow Oil Company and has since been operating temporarily in Winfall. (Staff photo by Paige Eure)

## Local business rebuilds

Some construction activity is underway as the result of rebuilding of Farmers Feed & Seed Company at its former Grubb Street location. The local business was destroyed in the Jan. 10 fire originating at Winslow Oil Company.

Since the fire, the business has been operating out of J&N Supply Company in Winfall.

Owners Lloyd Lane and J. Moody Matthews Jr. explained that while the building will be completed this week, no date for the start of business at the former site has been determined. With the building completed, work on such things as wiring, heating, office space and a show room remain to be done. The partners explained that

rebuilding at the same site was by choice due to its location.

While the business was partially covered by insurance, it was not sufficient to cover the rebuilding costs, an action which is being undertaken by the owners.



**APPOINTED** — Governor James B. Hunt Jr. has announced the appointment of Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, Chancellor for Elizabeth City State University, to the North Carolina Education Council. The council was recently organized to "advise the Governor on all matters pertaining to education from the kindergarten level of the public schools through the graduate level of the University of North Carolina system," an administrative spokesman said.



MS. FRANCINE SAWYER

## Survey shows student immunizations high

The results of a recent survey show that a large number of first and second graders in the state meet the minimum standards of the North Carolina Immunization Law. The survey was conducted by the Department of Human Resources' Division of Health Services in cooperation with the Department of Public Instruction.

Of the students surveyed 96.7 per-

cent met the minimum standards set by the state concerning immunization. Thirty school units participated in the survey. Elementary schools with kindergarten and first grade classes were randomly selected to be surveyed. In total there were 212 classes selected with a total enrollment of 5,418. It was found that 96.7 percent of these children had health records on file at the school and

records were complete, that is the children met the minimum standards set by the state.

Seventy-eight percent of the children had four or more DTP shots and 71.9 percent had four or more polio doses. Only 0.5 percent of the records surveyed had no immunization history data on file.

## Update given on school related information

Some brief updates on activities related to Perquimans County Schools have been released by Superintendent Pat Harrell.

Teachers will report for the 1978-79 term on Wednesday, Aug. 16. Friday, Aug. 25 has been determined as student orientation day with the first full day of school being Monday, Aug. 28.

Superintendent Harrell reminds parents of students who will be

entering either kindergarten or first grade in the coming year, that registration prior to the opening of school is encouraged. Parents may register students at Perquimans Central and Hertford Grammar schools daily during regular hours.

Students interested in participating in the band program to be offered in the coming year are also being encouraged to contact Perquimans Union or Perquimans High school so an estimate of enrolled

students may be determined. The program is tentatively set up so that participating students will pay between \$12-15 monthly for rental of instruments.

Perquimans County school administrators will be participating in an area press conference on Thursday at which time the local results of annual testing will be released. A report of the Perquimans County test scores will appear in next week's edition.

## Appointed to Governor's group

Governor James B. Hunt Jr. recently announced the appointment of Ms. Francine Sawyer of New Bern, N.C., to his Crime Prevention and Public Information Committee. The group is part of the Governor's Crime Commission.

Ms. Sawyer is the crime and court reporter for The Sun-Journal in New Bern. She was formerly employed with The Daily Advance of Elizabeth City and served as news editor of The Perquimans Weekly.

As a member of the Crime Prevention and Public Information Committee, Ms. Sawyer will assist the Division of Crime Control staff with suggestions for implementing a comprehensive statewide crime prevention program. The committee plans to meet Aug. 21 in the Old House Chambers of the Capitol in Raleigh.

J. Phil Carlton is Secretary of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.