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Stalls to head tri-county center study

Taking a one year leave of absence from his present position as Director of Vocational Education for Chowan, Gates, and Perquimans Counties' Schools, Kenneth L. Stalls will serve as Director of a Tri-County Career Education Feasibility Study. A grant to conduct the study is being made possible through joint funding of the State Department of Public Instruction and the Coastal Resources Commission. Stalls will assume the duties of this position of Sept. 1, and will be located in the Perquimans Co. Board of Education office.

As director of the Feasibility Study, Stalls will concentrate on determining if the educational needs of students in Gates, Perquimans and Chowan Counties can better be

met by combined efforts. The feasibility study will explore offering specialty vocational courses, as well as advanced academic courses in the Arts and Sciences. The possibilities of an Alternative School and offering increased adult education programs will also be examined. The purpose of the feasibility study will be to determine what advantages a Tri-County Career Center can offer to students and citizens in this region.

The conception of a Tri-County Career Center was begun in December of 1977, at which time the Boards of Education from Gates, Perquimans and Chowan Counties met jointly. Visits to in and out of state Career Centers and mounting enthusiasm precipitated these

Boards' application for a Feasibility Study grant.

In announcing Stalls' leave of absence to be Director of the Study, Chowan County Schools Superintendent, John Dunn stated that he is "pleased to have him in this new position." Dunn added that "Stalls possesses knowledge of all the counties, (having served as vocational education director of the three since 1974), which gives him a feel for the type of courses and offerings needed to make a Career Center a success."

Stalls, who received his BS degree in Industrial Arts and MA degree in Administration & Supervision, and worked toward advanced certification in School Administration at East Carolina University, has also

pursued graduate work in Vocational Education at N.C. State University and has an Educational Specialist 6th year Administration Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has taught Industrial Arts and Drafting, served as an assistant principal and principal. Stalls resides in Edenton with his wife, Lucille, and daughter, Karen.

Applications for the vacated position of Director of Vocational Education for Gates, Perquimans and Chowan Counties are now being accepted until Sept. 5. This position will be for an interim period of one year. Anyone interested should apply to Supt. John Dunn, P.O. Box 206, Edenton Chowan Schools, Edenton, N.C. 27932.



KENNETH L. STALLS

Gladys Hall named community ed. coordinator

By KATHY M. NEWBERN

Mrs. Gladys Hall of Rt. 1, Hertford, has been named Coordinator for Perquimans County's Community Education program.

In her new position, Mrs. Hall will work closely with the county's four schools, public service agencies, Superintendent Pat Harrell, and Brewster Brown, Director of the Alliance for Progress six-county Community Education Project.

Community education has received much attention of late with Governor Jim Hunt placing emphasis on it as an approach to improving relations and uniting community and schools.

Basically, it employs the philosophy that schools belong to the citizens of a local community and they should, as such, be utilized for the benefit of all the community's citizens. This utilization can include the use of school facilities by local

groups, such as night courses for continuing adult education, or recreational activities for senior citizens. The list of possibilities for uniting school and community are endless.

And it will be Mrs. Hall's job to look into, initiate and carry out some of those possibilities. In addition to coordinating such activities and working closely with public agencies, as coordinator, Mrs. Hall will work with and direct the school advisory council for community education receiving input from local citizens. Her job also includes serving as Supervisor for Adult Continuing Education, courses offered through College of the Albemarle.

Mrs. Hall has an impressive background of work in and related to school and community. She has been involved in some form of public education for the past 12 years as an aide in kindergarten and physical education, as well as her work as a

general aide. She has worked directly with Perquimans Central and Perquimans High schools. Also, she has one year of experience with the Department of Social Services working with their New Careers program, a community oriented offering. Last year, she also served on the ESEA School Advisory Council.

She is a graduate of Perquimans High School and attended Elizabeth City State University. She and her husband, Roy Hall Sr., have one son, Roy Jr. They are members of St. Paul AME Zion Church where she is president of the senior choir.

Concerning her goals in her new position, Mrs. Hall said, "I would like to get the parents, students, and teachers more involved and get the schools used by the community more by letting them know the facilities are available." She added that once people understand schools belong to them, she

feels this attitude will bring the community closer together.

Mrs. Hall will join the community education coordinators from the other five counties in Alliance for Progress in reporting progress to Brewster Brown, head of the six-county project. Concerning her selection, he said, "I think we're lucky to have a local person that can take over these responsibilities. I think a number of good things will result from Gladys accepting this position. I think she has the potential to unite and work with all groups in the county."

Local School Superintendent Pat Harrell added, "The community school concept is not new in Perquimans County. School facilities have been used in the past by community agencies and groups. With the employment of Gladys Hall, we will be able to better coordinate community activities and to expand on existing programs."



NEW COORDINATOR — Mrs. Gladys Hall is pictured discussing her new position as Coordinator for Perquimans County Community Education, with Brewster Brown, Director of Community Education

for the six counties involved in Alliance for Progress. Mrs. Hall explained that in her new position, she will work toward the goal of further uniting schools and community. (Staff photo by Kathy M. Newbern)

Hunter to lead mental health campaign

Marvin Hunter of Hertford has been named Mental Health Bell-ringer Chairperson for the City of Hertford for the October 1978 campaign, according to an announcement by Ludie H. White, President of the Mental Health Association in North Carolina.

"The Mental Health Association is the largest citizens' voluntary ad-

vocacy organization in the United States fighting mental illness and promoting mental health," said Mrs. White.

Since the organization is non-profit and non-governmental its entire support must come from contributions such as those to be collected in October.

The original and continuing purposes of the Association are to:

Improve attitudes toward mental illness and the mentally ill through public education;

Improve services for the mentally ill; and

Work for the prevention of mental and emotional illness and the promo-

tion of mental health.

Through the social action and public education programs the Association helps to assure that appropriate funds are available to support public mental health services in North Carolina, and that laws are passed to protect the rights of the mentally ill person to humane and dignified treatment.

Board reviews request for assistance

Request for assistance from local law enforcement was the first and main topic of discussion when the Perquimans County Board of

Education met in regular session Monday night with one member absent.

Previously, the board had made a

formal request for law enforcement assistance in preventing nonpaying fans and supporters to view athletic events at the high school. The request was necessary to the the new fence at the high school which allows a view of the events from outside the enclosed area. At the Monday night meeting, John Matthews, board attorney, met with the board to discuss the request. Superintendent Pat Harrell told the board that he has received information from the Perquimans Sheriff's Department that the District Solicitor is developing a legal document relating to the matter which will be presented for board approval. No action was taken by the board on the matter.

Matthews also reviewed with the board state law relating to school personnel and local policies.

In personnel matters, the board approved the employment of the following: Pam Lothian as third grade teacher at Hertford Grammar School; Crystal James as ESEA Title I reading teacher at Hertford Grammar; Jackie Smith as eighth grade reading and language arts teacher at Perquimans Union School; Brenda Moore as CETA reading aide at Perquimans Central Grammar School; Betty W. Beers as cashier with school food services at Perquimans High School; Patricia Knight as clerical aide at Union School; Judy White as lunchroom worker at the high school; and Marie Stallings and Joyce Harrison

as lunchroom workers at Hertford Grammar.

The board then moved into program areas reviewing the kindergarten program, exceptional children operations, and response to the new band program.

In the kindergarten program, the board approved the transfer of 11 kindergarten students from the Central Grammar School attendance zone to the Hertford Grammar School zone in order to avoid having a kindergarten-first grade combination in each school.

And, concerning the band program, Harrell explained that response has been good with 105 students in grades 6-12 having already signed up for band.

In the area of administrative operations, the board heard a status report on the renovation-construction project at the high school. They approved a recommendation that application be made to the State Board of Education for use of the 1973 state bond monies. The board also reviewed their plans for receiving and awarding bids for the project. Since bids on the project will be received until 3 p.m. on Sept. 28, the board agreed to change its meeting to that date instead of Sept. 18 in order to receive those bids.

Before adjourning, the board approved release requests for two students, and accepted a request from one transferring student.



J. RICHARD FUTRELL JR.

Hertford native joins Planters Bank

J. Richard Futrell Jr. has joined Planters National Bank and Trust Company as Executive Vice President.

Just prior to coming to Planters' General Office in Rocky Mount, Futrell has been associated with North Carolina National Bank as senior vice president, serving as Raleigh area and city executive. He began his career with NCNB in 1960 and assumed increasingly responsible management positions while being located in Tarboro, Durham and New Bern.

Futrell, a native of Hertford, was educated in North Carolina public schools and received his A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1953. He was graduated in 1963 from the School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University.

He served on the executive com-

mittee of the North Carolina Bankers Association, the board of trustees of the United Way of Wake County, as vice president of the Triangle World Trade Association, on the executive committee of the Occaneechee Council, Boy Scouts of America and is a member of Group 50 and the Raleigh Rotary Club.

Futrell is married to the former Billie Bateman of Tarboro and they have one child.

In commenting on Futrell's election by the Board of Directors, Chairman and President James B. Powers said, "Planters is fortunate to secure the services of a bank executive such as Dick Futrell. Over the years he has been active in each community where he has lived and contributed to a wide range of civic, professional and social organizations. We are looking forward to having him on our senior management team in the years ahead."



WORKSHOP HELD — Shown above is one sample of a display at a recent workshop for school food services personnel held at Northeastern High School in Elizabeth City. The workshop included representatives from Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties. Mrs. LaClare Rogerson, Food Services Supervisor for Perquimans County, was among those

in attendance, along with a representative of each of the county's four schools. Highlights of the workshop included samples of new foods, film strips on proper food preparation, and comments on "How to Eat An Elephant" by Gene Causby, Assistant State Superintendent for the Department of Public Instruction. (Photo courtesy of The Daily Advance)