

**Editorially speaking:**

# Newbold-White House needs support

A front page story in today's edition alerts citizens of Perquimans County that time is running out for the Newbold-White House.

Project fund-raising chairman R.L. Stevenson is facing the seemingly impossible task of pleading for over \$14,000 in six days since the project is scheduled to end Nov. 1.

Once again, the citizens of Perquimans County are being put to the test to see if they will "come through" and "rally 'round the cause one more time." Stevenson has pointed out that support from the good folks of Perquimans has been given readily to the project in the past. But that support seems to be slipping the longer the project draws out.

We can understand this sentiment, but we cannot agree with it. It is easy enough to jump on any bandwagon initially, but staying with it through the problems is where the true test of dedication comes in.

When work first began on the historic Newbold-White House, many local citizens were excited about the future possibilities the project had to offer, the tourism dollars and economic boost to the community heading this list. And, in addition, many of the historic-minded also saw the project as a real opportunity to put Perquimans County on the map.

But that initial enthusiasm has apparently died down as work on the project began to slow down due to the

bureaucratic "hang-ups" facing a project of this nature.

While the plight of the Newbold-White House and its future rests with the people of Perquimans County, there is another very important side to this fund-raising story.

If the local residents fail to come up with the \$25,000 needed from local sources, Perquimans County will once again lose out on some of that "free state money." And the complaint of losing out on grants and sitting back while other counties surpass us in funding is a saga often heard. Therefore, it would seem that when such an opportunity knocks, residents would be eager to open the door.

The task of raising over \$14,000 in six days may seem impossible, but the past has revealed that this type of task brings out the best in the local people which take pride in working together.

If the challenge is met, the Newbold-White House should, according to officials, be completed about one year from now. That's more light at the end of the tunnel than has been visible up to this point and should serve as impetus for support.

Of the funds raised so far, over half have come from former residents and others living outside of Perquimans County. We hope this is not a reflection that local citizens are apathetic to such a worthwhile project. Because if it is, we have the wrong idea about the folks of Perquimans. We've always felt they experienced an abundance of community pride.

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**CHICKEN FEAST**— Frank Perdue, owner of the fourth largest poultry operation in the nation, chats with one of his Perquimans County growers, Maurice Saunders at the annual Perdue dinner in Murfreesboro Friday night. The dinner is held in appreciation of all the North Carolina and Virginia growers. Entertainment by "The Chords" followed the buffet-styled meal. (Staff photo by Tony Jordan)

Letters From Our Readers:  
**Editor's Mailbag**

## Morgan deserves congratulations

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
 Senator Robert Morgan deserves to be congratulated for recognizing John Ingram's charges as what they are, merely heated campaign rhetoric. Senator Morgan proves that politics does not have to degenerate into name calling.

In six years in the Senate, Jesse Helms has proven himself to be an effective spokesman for individual liberty. He has resisted the large bureaucracies which threaten our freedoms, whether they be in government, business or organized labor unions. Jesse Helms has displayed remarkable integrity by returning unused office funds to the treasury and by fighting for principal without regard for the political consequences.

Robert Morgan does not agree with Jesse Helms on every issue. However, unlike John Ingram, Senator Morgan refuses to brand an honorable man dishonest for short term political gain.

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