

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Ashley resigns BNC position; FBI investigates "irregularities"

Wayne Ashley, prominent civic leader, resigned Thursday from his position as vice president and city executive of the Hertford branch of the Bank of North Carolina. His resignation was "due to irregularities now under investigation" by the FBI, according to William A. Respress, acting executive.

Ashley, county chairman of the Democratic party and well known for his wide range of involvements, was reported on leave of absence last Friday, Aug. 14, when the FBI began its investigation of the federally insured bank. There will be no further information available until the investigation is completed, Respress said.

The resignation ended a 12 year affiliation with BNC for Ashley, who began in 1969 as an administrative assistant in Edenton, coming to Hertford to open the local branch as assistant vice president and manager in January 1973. He was promoted to vice president in January 1979.

Ashley, a past-president of the Hertford Jaycees, is a member of the Perquimans County Industrial Development Commission, has served as coach with the parks and recreation Midget football team, and is a member of the Parkville Ruritan club.

## Chairman breaks deadlock; board approves flood insurance

The board of commissioners approved the Flood Insurance Program for Perquimans county Monday night, but a deadlock vote left the final decision for Chairman Joe Nowell.

"I appreciate this, fellows," he said, joking to ease the tension. "It's a ticklish situation, but I believe under the circumstances and after the long time we've wrestled with it, we should go ahead and pass it."

The motion to approve the federally prepared resolution was made by Commissioner John Ward as soon as the chairman presented it on the agenda, and a second by Commissioner Welly White followed. At the last meeting the two men had urged the board to approve the program after Keith Painter, visiting state consultant, advised of the restrictions placed on county residents by the federal government should the board fail to approve the program.

Commissioners Lester Simpson and Marshall Caddy continued their stand opposing acceptance during the discussion. The tie vote was obvious before it was taken.

The decision made, the board made no more comment. If the board had not approved the Flood Insurance Program, neither building permits nor loans for purchase or new construction would have been available within the flood hazard areas of

the county as designated by a controversial map.

### Holiday Island Transition of Lots

Joining the commissioners after a work session in the courtroom, the county planning board presented plans of a former camping ground now scheduled for residential lots for mobile and permanent structures at Holiday Island. Jack Sherrill, vice president of Holiday Island, was present, but the plans were presented to the board by county attorney John Matthews, who asked for "a green light" to enable Sherrill to make adjustments to conform with the 12,000 square foot requirements and other minor adjustments before paving roads and other capital improvements prior to the next board meeting.

The subdivision has state approved water lines and sewers. The adjusted plats will be returned for board approval at the next meeting, Sherrill said.

By altering the lots from camp site to residential lots, Sherrill said Holiday Island actually was reducing the number of lots from a total 2,080 figure minus 210. The new lots will be zoned for single family units.

Planning board members meeting to study the plats were John Coston Floyd Matthews, Ed Nixon, Richard Bryant and Clint Winslow.

### Hertford Radio Request

Seeking use of the county tower for attaching an antenna for an FM radio station tabled for Hertford in 1983, Richard Fox appeared before the board. Fox, upon learning the tower could be carrying a full load on lease to Motorola, asked permission to a professional engineer from UNC-Chapel Hill for a feasibility study, stating Motorola engineers would have a self-interest. The board requested a study by an engineer of their choice, but agreed to receive a request from the engineer in Chapel Hill. Fox, who has been employed at UNC-TV and with the student radio station. With an application submitted at an early date, he is confident of approval by FCC and operation by March 1983. He chose Hertford, he said, because of the available frequency.

## Peanut price support bill looking better: Bateman

"Things are looking better than three weeks ago" for the peanut price-support bill, which goes before Congress Sept. 9, "but it's still an uphill battle," says David Bateman, Tyner peanut grower and president of the N.C. Peanut Growers Association.

Although the administration has denied trade-offs with Southern Democrats to gain the President's tax bill victory, Bateman said "some things happened with the tax bill...and for the last three weeks there has been a pressure let-up by the administration."

Bateman has made frequent trips to Washington for meetings with Senator Jesse Helms, Senate Chairman on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, and Congressman Charles Rose, Chairman of the House Sub-Committee on Tobacco and Peanuts, authors of the two bills protecting the price-support plan for peanut growers.



"It's been a tough fight all the way," he said, "not only because of the manufacturing interests opposed to a higher support price, but also because of the administration's wanting to phase out the peanut bill entirely, so anyone could grow peanuts without allotments."

Bateman calls the current bill a compromise in itself and said both legislators, as well as himself, were not open to any further compromise. "It just happened that both chairmen of the responsible committees are from North Carolina. This has focused all eyes on the state, where in the past Georgia has been the focal point of interest under Talmadge," he said. With the two North Carolinians "taking the lead in defending the present peanut legislation and the administrations's apparent let-up in pressure," Bateman sees hope for the program, but said the "opposition (of midwestern legislators) is still out there."

According to Bateman, the present bills will provide a program based on acreage allotments, poundage quotas, quality controls, and export market development. He said the present program has reduced government costs dramatically and made the United States the number one exporter of edible grade peanuts. 1980 was the first crop shortfall in a quarter of a century, he reported, due to the prolonged drought in all peanut production areas.

Bateman said that a key misunderstanding by many Congressmen is related to acreage allotments and cash rental agreements. Opposing the allotment program is the philosophy of the right of any farmer to grow peanuts.

### Bar of Gold

This corn is the fruit of a new no till experiment, which is being pioneered here in Perquimans county. For a further glimpse of new farming practices in the area, see page 2.



A Bit of English

Tammy Sims adds English braids to this Western show quarterhorse, Pat Cee, in this behind the scenes moment at the recent Hertford Saddle Club show.

## Costly milk comes inexpensively for Perquimans School Board

With milk prices on the retail shelf taking one of the biggest bites out of the family budget, the Perquimans county school board Monday night had no qualms about awarding the school year contract to Sealtest for half pints of Vitamin D, homogenized, chocolate and low fat milk at 12 1/4 cents.

The package deal is a firm one—a fixed price with no changes during the year, and it includes delivery. Orange juice, also a part of the package commitment, will be 10 1/4 cents (a half-gallon, \$1.20) and fruit drinks, 18 cents.

Sealtest was the low bidder, but the other companies followed close behind with Maola offering half-pints of milk at 12.8 cents and Coble 14 1/4 cents.

The bread contract was awarded IT&T (Wonder Bread), low bidder with a price of 50 cents for a one and a half pound loaf

of white bread and 39 cents for USDA support bread (USDA provides the flour).

### School Lunch and Breakfast Costs

The school board also approved plate costs for the cafeterias. Lunch prices will be K-6, 80 cents; grades 7-12, 90 cents; and adults, \$1.25.

Variations also were approved. K-4 children may have a Type A plate. Grades 5-12 have the option for a prepared plate or to choose their own food. Grades 7-12 may have larger portions, but there will be a difference in price.

Breakfast for K-6 will be 40 cents. Children in grades 7-12 will pay 45 cents, adults 65 cents. Reduced breakfast prices for all students will be 30 cents, lunch 40 cents. There is no flexibility in the reduced prices, they're established

by the federal government, Supt. Pat Harrell said.

Teachers, returning to work Wednesday, Aug. 19, will be busy until school opening on Aug. 31 attending local and regional workshops, developing curriculum activities and preparing for accreditation, Harrell reported.

In other business, the board approved the nomination of Preston Stevenson for the N.C. School Boards Association board of directors, and they agreed to attend the regional school boards association meeting in Williamston on Sept. 10.

Received three bids for the King Street building roof replacement project and accepted the low bid from East Coast Roofing and Metals, Greenville, for \$21,935.

## Hertford resident heads ECU regional development institute

Timothy Brinn, Hertford resident, has been named director of the Regional Development Institute at East Carolina University.

A senior staff member of the institute since 1970, Brinn will direct assistance and service in planning and development projects to public and private interests in 32 counties of eastern North Carolina. The institute was established in 1964 to improve the economy and quality of life in this area.

Brinn is a Hertford native whose career has involved economic development at all levels of government ranging from international to municipal.

A Duke alumnus, he has done additional study at ECU, George Washington and McGill Universities and in several NATO and other military programs. He recently earned an associate's degree in agricultural science and mechanization at Nash Technical Institute through attending evening classes.

From 1941 to 1964 Brinn served in the U.S. Navy, retiring with the rank of captain. During his military service, he was resident faculty member in the

economic capabilities and resources management departments at the Armed Forces Industrial College at Fort McNair, Washington and head of the Avionics Systems Branch for the Bureau of Aeronautics, Research and Development division.

Upon retirement from the Navy, he became executive director of Nash-Edgcombe Economic Development, Inc., an anti-poverty program which encompassed adult basic education projects, preschool Headstart programs and employment assistance services.

In 1970 Brinn joined the RDI staff as economic development specialist, and was promoted to assistant director for projects in 1976.

His professional and civic activities have included presidency of the N.C. Managerial and Technical Assistance Association, executive directorship of the N.C. World Trade Association Coastal Plains Chapter, presidency of the N.C. Community Action Association, and a term as Albemarle Area Development Association liaison to the Governor's Comprehensive Health Planning Committee.



Tim Brinn

He recently was elected to the American Quadracentennial Committee at Manteo and has given active support to historic project throughout eastern North Carolina.

He lives at his family homeplace, 210 N. Front, with his wife, and commutes weekly to Greenville.

## Kornegay is meeting with education leaders

Morris Kornegay, director of migrant education here, is in Seattle, Wash., this week, meeting with educational leaders and legislators to form future national policy for migrant education.

With the variation in graduation requirements from state to state, Kornegay said, few children of migrant workers living a transitory life from camp to camp receive high school

diplomas, although holding adequate credits.

The three day event is sponsored by the Education Commission of the United States and the National Association of Migrant Education Directors.

Kornegay is one of three representatives from North Carolina, invited to attend the conference.

### This week

Two new features have been added to the pages of THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY. For a conversation about hunting, fishing or anything in the great outdoors, join Joe Lothian on page 9, this week.

Also...there's something new for the farmer....Farming the flatlands with Bill Jester, the county's agricultural agent who is in touch with farming...it's successes and its problems across the county...join him on page 8, this week.