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## Seminar held

By DEBRA N. SHEARD

On Saturday, April 25, 1987, the first seminar of Leadership Development For Rural Minority Women was held at the Albemarle Commission Building in Hertford.

The purpose of this seminar was to learn about the challenges and strategies involved in family and community leadership. The seminars' theme was "Positive Thinking For Leadership."

The program began at 9:50 a.m. with Juanita T. Bailey, Home Economics Extension Agent, presiding. The Rev. Harold H. Murrill of Hertford offered the invocation, and an extended welcome followed with Stanley J. Winslow, Director of Perquimans County Extension Service, welcoming everyone, Welly White, Chairman of the County Commissioners, extended a welcome on behalf of the county, and Mayor Cox, welcomed everyone on behalf of the town. The Mayor also reminded everyone of the Indian Summer Festival and emphasized Jim "Catfish" Hunter Day which is to be held on Saturday, May 9th. Pat Harrell, Superintendent of the Perquimans County Schools, followed with a welcome on behalf of the schools and commented with a positive note on the theme "Positive Thinking."

The assembly proceeded with an overview of the Rural Minority Women's Leadership Development program which was given by Mrs. Bailey.

The seminar, which ended approximately 3 p.m., was divided into three sessions. The first entitled "Communications: Build Up One Another", was led by Attorney Ronald G. Penny of Penny, Barnes and Rodgers of Elizabeth City, NC.

He stressed many strong points on positive leadership. Penny stated that minorities have problems which collectively face them and which individually face them. He stated that very few changes can be made without gaining the ability to work together. Atty. Penny highlighted his 45 minute spot by involving everyone present. Volunteers participated in three separate group demonstrations. The demonstrations provided the seminar's participants with new skills to assess their personal assets, ways to overcome stereotyping, and exercises which improved their listening skills.

Throughout his session Penny stressed the ability to function through speech, body language and writing.

At the end of his session, Attorney Penny, and the other speakers were presented with a token of appreciation by the planning committee. The planning committee consists of Vera Murrill, Estelle Felton, Carolyn Modlin, Emma Burke, Celestine Modlin, Arlene White, Mountray Godfrey,



Pictured above Gloria Mitchell makes her presentation during the seminar.

Lillian Jordan, Gloria Thomas, Joyce Felton, Juanita T. Bailey, Agnes R. Evans, Deborah J. Howard, Demetria Felton, Linda Felton, and Phyllis Moore.

The second session, which was led by Mrs. Gloria Mitchell, Consultant, Winfall, NC, carried the theme of "Building Self Esteem Through Christian Values." Mrs. Mitchell accentuated the importance of spiritual values in building self esteem and gave pointers to remove negativisms.

A luncheon was then held with a blessing given by the Rev. J.H. London. The lunch was provided by the Perquimans County School Food Service Association, Carolyn Darnell, President.

After lunch the guest speaker, Dr. Brenda Allen, Leadership Development Specialist, N.C.S.U., Raleigh, N.C., portrayed Coretta Scott King, widow of slain civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., using excerpts from "To The Mountain Top".

Stressing eight ways to "Build Up One Another", Dr. Allen reiterated how to function more effectively in communication through speech, body language and writing.

The program proved to be a great success despite inclement weather.

The seminar was made possible by the following businesses: Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, R.J. Reynolds Nabisco Company, N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, Perquimans County School Food Service, The



Above Juanita Bailey welcomes everyone and gives an overview of the program.

Perquimans Weekly, Dozers Florist, The Orchard, Peoples Bank & Trust Company of Hertford, NCNB National Bank, Hertford, Hardees of Hertford, Hardees of Elizabeth City, Little Mint of Hertford, and the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

Funding for this seminar was provided by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and R.J. Reynolds Nabisco Company in cooperation with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

The extension service provides educational services to N.C. citizens in the areas of agricultural, home economics, community development, and 4-H and youth. There are extension offices located in each of the 100 counties. For further information on the leadership development program, contact Dr. Brenda Allen, Leadership Development Specialist, Agricultural Extension Service, NCSU, Raleigh, NC 27695, (919) 737-2770.

## Animal control ordinance passed

The Perquimans County Commissioners have passed a countywide animal control ordinance.

At a meeting held Tuesday, April 21st commissioners listened as several citizens asked questions about the proposed animal control ordinance, before voting unanimously to pass the ordinance.

The majority of the citizens present at the meeting Tuesday were from the Snug Harbor area and stated that they welcome the new ordinance because they have such a problem in that area with stray dogs.

The ordinance which covers several main points, and basically defines the duties of the animal control department, and gives the Perquimans County animal control officer, some authority under which to operate.

The ordinance outlines procedures for keeping stray animals in the animal shelter, animal abuse, seizure of animals, and outlines procedures for treatment of animals to prevent rabies and other diseases. The ordinance also outlines complaint procedures, and penalties for violations of the ordinance.

Randy Keaton, County Manager stated that the new ordinance is a combination of several ordinances from different counties from around the state which a committee discussed and developed considering the county's needs, and situation.

The ordinance is available for review at the office of the county manager, and Ray Winslow, County animal control officer will also be happy to answer any.

The commissioners also voted to purchase a tranquilizer gun for use on animals which Ray Winslow, Animal Control Officer, feels are dangerous.

The commissioners also voted to proclaim Saturday, May 9th, Jim

"Catfish" Hunter day in Perquimans County. This action comes as a result of the festivities which are being planned in honor of Hunter on that day. The festivities which are being planned include a parade, a pig pickin, and the old timers baseball game.

Charles Woodard and Steve Sutton were appointed to the Hertford Zoning and Planning board Tuesday by the commissioners, and the commissioners voted to write a letter in support of Mr. Hull's election to the wildlife committee. Hull is a farmer from Camden who has been very active in wildlife issues.

The board also learned that sometime in the next few weeks the school board will have a proposed budget ready for their review. Keaton told commissioners that Pat Harrell, School Superintendent and the school board were currently holding meetings to prepare the budget. Both boards will be meeting in the next several weeks to review the budget for the upcoming school year.

Paul Gregory also came before the board to let them know about a bill being introduced in the legislature which will provide \$10 million dollars for Social Service programs in the state. Gregory asked that the board support the bill, and write our area representatives asking for their support of the bill also.

The board also discussed a bill before the legislature concerning the proposed land transfer tax for the county. Keaton told board members that the bill is meeting with some opposition in Raleigh, and that at this time it's future is uncertain. The proposed bill would provide the county with additional revenue.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

## Hearing held on police department in Winfall

On Tuesday, April 21st the Hertford Town Council held a public hearing to discuss the fate of the Winfall Police Department.

Approximately 35 people gathered at the courthouse last Tuesday evening to let the council know their feelings on the issue of whether Winfall should receive police protection from the Hertford Police Department or continue to maintain their own department.

The majority of the Winfall citizens present seemed to favor their own department; however Mr. Floyd Matthews of Winfall stated that a joint department could bring the two towns together, and give Winfall better protection than they can receive from their own officer. Matthews also stated that he felt the citizens would get better protection 24 hours a day rather than 40 hours a week.

The proposal which is being consid-

ered by Winfall and Hertford would provide 24 hour protection for both cities. If adopted it would provide Hertford's department with another officer, and a new car. Calls for the department would be answered on a priority basis, and hopefully would afford all the citizens in the two towns the best protection possible.

After listening to the people's comments both councils stated that no decision would be made that evening. The councils are planning to get back together at a later date to make a decision.

Mayor Lloyd Ray Morgan stated at Tuesday meeting that he just wants to do what the citizens of Winfall want. "I just want to give the citizens what they want" said Morgan.

The councils decision will be announced at a later date after a decision is made.

## Governor's council holds local hearing on drug abuse

By GINA K. JEPSON  
Editor

Local citizens got an opportunity to voice their concerns over substance abuse last Tuesday when First Lady Dottie Martin came to Elizabeth City for a hearing on the matter.

Mrs. Martin along with others including Wallace Nelson of Hertford held a public hearing and sat on a panel which listened to about 20 people testify about problems and possible solutions for substance abuse.

Most people who spoke to the panel voiced their feel answers to this problem should involve better education programs on substance abuse in our schools, more money to fund these programs, and continued education and reinforcement from the home.

Last year Governor Martin formed the council by executive order to study Alcohol and Drug Abuse Among Children and Youth. The purpose of the council is to survey public

opinion across the state, and thru the use of panel discussions such as the one held last Tuesday determine the problems and solution for substance abuse in different areas.

By holding these meeting across the state the council hopes to develop a plan which will include implementing various resources including local and state agencies in addition to community agencies.

Wallace Nelson of Hertford who serves on the council, and who is the pharmacy director at Chowan Hospital served as moderator for the hearing.

Mrs. Martin stated that there are many people in North Carolina "sitting on the edge of their chairs" ready to come together and identify the state's drug problem. She added that those people feel that this problem should lead the list and take precedence over anything else.

Joe Lothian, Perquimans County Sheriff testified at the hearing and stated that he feels there is a tremendous problem in this area. "We have a tremendous cocaine problem here", said Lothian. He praised the area's law enforcement agencies who are working together to fight this problem, but added that Northeastern North Carolina is not getting the help it needs from Raleigh in this matter.

Several members of S.A.D.D., Students Against Drunk Driving testified at the hearing. They stated that students often feel left out while watching their parents who drink or may do drugs. Laurie Halsey, a local member of the organization says she feels that parents and other role models should explore their behavior and attitudes about substance abuse before discussing it with their children.

"We need to work hard and parents and child need to work together,"

Ms. Halsey said to the first lady.

Students who spoke at the hearing stated that they did not feel peer pressure was the major reason for substance abuse.

The testimonies of others suggested lack of discipline, curiosity, boredom, family deterioration, working mothers, and a spiritual deficiency within people's lives were all causes for an increase of substance abuse.

In a closing statement to those people present Mrs. Martin stated that the council is hearing the same comments from across the state.

The hearing which was held in Elizabeth City last week was the third in a statewide series of hearings held throughout the state. At the conclusion of these hearings the council will identify the causes and make recommendations concerning solutions to the problems.



Pictured above are Dr. Melvin Styons, Wallace Nelson, Mrs. Dottie Martin, and Dr. Shirley Turnage who were all present for the hearing on substance abuse.

## Commodities distribution outlined for Perquimans County

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION  
May 20, 1987  
8:30-12:00  
(RAIN DATE 05-21-87)

Perquimans County will receive cheese, butter, corn meal, instant milk, flour and rice for distribution to the needy of Perquimans County in May. We hope to have good weather for the day of distribution; however, we have made a rain date of May 21, 1987 if needed.

The Hertford Lion's Club will begin the distribution at 8:30 a.m. It will be conducted at the Ice Plant, Grubb Street in Hertford and will be available to all income eligible households in Perquimans County. Households having four or more members should bring a helper with them to assist in

carrying the food to the car.

All households who will not be able to pick up their commodities may use a representative for this purpose. The commodities card or application must be signed in the correct places for this to be acceptable. No household will be allowed to pick up food for more than themselves and one other household as representative.

There will be two lines at the distribution site. The second line will be for the handicapped and/or disabled; however, a doctor's statement must be provided for this purpose.

Cars may not be driven into the distribution area. Please remember to park in only authorized parking areas; as the Hertford Police Department will be patrolling the area.

Applications may be obtained from the following agencies beginning May 11, 1987; Department of Social Services, Health Department; Economic Improvement Council, Catholic Social Services, Senior Citizen Center and the Open Door Ministries at the Ice Plant.

The Commodities Distribution Program is available to all eligible persons without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, handicap, or political beliefs. Information about regulations against discrimination and how to file a complaint may be secured from the N.C. Division of Social Services, 325 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC, or from your county Department of Social Services.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	PER YEAR	GROSS INCOME OF HOUSEHOLD	
		PER MONTH	PER WEEK
1	\$ 6,968	\$ 581	\$134
2	9,412	785	181
3	11,856	988	228
4	14,300	1,192	275
5	16,744	1,396	322
6	19,188	1,599	369
7	21,632	1,803	416
8	24,076	2,007	463
Add for each additional household member:		\$ 2,444	\$ 47