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## Jordan announces candidacy!

Lt. Governor Bob Jordan is pictured above with supporters from the Albemarle area last Tuesday at the Albemarle Commission Building in Hertford.

Commission Building. Jordan came to Hertford after filing for the governor's race in Raleigh Tuesday morning.

## Jordan opens campaign in Albemarle area Tuesday

Speaking to a crowd of approximately 150 local supporters, Lt. Governor Bob Jordan announced his candidacy to northeastern North Carolina for the office of Governor, last Tuesday, at the Albemarle Commission Building in Hertford.

Jordan's local rally was organized by Hertford's Mayor Bill Cox and other local Democrats. Cox welcomed Jordan and introduced several other distinguished political figures from the area, including State Senator Marc Basnight, Rep. Vernon James and Rep. Pete Thompson, who all pledged their support to Jordan's campaign.

Emphasizing his feelings that North Carolina needs a Governor who won't be content to be a passenger or a back seat driver, Jordan stated to his supporters Tuesday that if he's elected Governor of North Carolina, he intends to be a working Governor for the people.

"I am running for Governor of

North Carolina because I believe that the people of this state want, expect, and deserve a Governor, who will work as long and as hard to fight for their future as they do."

Jordan said his approach to the office of Governor would be based on the lessons he's learned over the past three years as Lt. Governor of North Carolina, four terms in the North Carolina State Senate and many years in business.

Democratic Governors in North Carolina have built a North Carolina that is recognized as an innovator and a leader among the states.

"Our challenge is to continue that tradition of vision and action and work that will not only maintain the State's position, but build on even greater tomorrow," stated Jordan.

Jordan also reviewed and tried to gain support for several of his key policies with the group gathered, policies which differ from those of Governor Martin. Policies including the

basic education plan for North Carolina, and his plan for abolishment of the State Department of Commerce, which Jordan says Governor Martin has labeled "dumb and dangerous".

Under Jordan's plan, the Department of Commerce will be replaced by the North Carolina Economic Development Corporation. The Economic Development Corporation will be organized like a business, run like a business, and subject to the same bottom line accountability as a business.

Jordan feels that under this new system North Carolina's small towns and rural areas would grow and prosper.

In addition to economic growth and prosperity, the new organization would work to develop four-lane highways in areas where they are needed, offer strong support to agricultural export programs, and help develop new markets for farm products.

Jordan concluded by saying that he feels what North Carolina needs for

the next four years is not a Governor who simply wants to occupy an office, but a Governor who wants to do the job.

Jordan thanked those present for their support Tuesday, and added he is interested in building a better future for all the citizens of North Carolina.

Following his speech Tuesday, in an interview Jordan said education was his top concern for North Carolina. Speaking about the availability of more funding for school construction needs, Jordan stated that the \$3.2 billion dollars included in the school funding package adopted by the state this past summer, has provided a frame work for the funding process. Jordan stated that the process of identifying current school facility needs will help the state determine how much more funding is necessary.

Jordan also re-emphasized the need for four lane highways in this area of the state.

## Panel discusses aids

Aids is a disease which brings fear to the minds of many, and with its increasing spread throughout the United States education of the public has become a primary concern.

Last Thursday over 50 local residents and concerned parents gathered at Hertford Grammar School for a program sponsored by the school's PTA on Aids.

The program, which included a panel discussion, provided information on the disease to those in attendance, and gave them a chance to ask many of their unanswered questions about the disease, its causes, and means of prevention.

Thursday's meeting also brought to light many misconceptions which are shared in common by much of the American public, and hopefully gave those in attendance an added understanding of the numerous misconceptions associated with aids.

The panel, which included Ms. Claire Mills, In-Service Staff Development Coordinator, Chowan Hospital, Dr. Candace Corson, Chowan County, Mrs. Jill Jordan, Health Educator for Chowan County Schools, and Mr. John Mitchner, a member of the Chowan County Board of Education and a registered pharmacist in Edenton, provided a brief history of the disease, offered practical tips to avoid contracting aids and briefly reviewed the newly developed state school curriculum for aids which will be taught in local schools this year.

Dr. Corson provided a brief history of aids and brought to light some eye opening statistics.

Aids has only been officially recognized in the United States since 1981 said Corson, but a 15 year old boy from St. Louis, who died in 1967, may have died from Aids related diseases.

At this time, 42,600 cases of Aids have been reported and documented, and Corson said estimates say as many as 1.5 million people may be infected with the Aids virus.

Aids stands for "acquired immune deficiency syndrome". Aids attacks the body's immune system, and makes it impossible for those with

the disease to fight off infections, even very common infections such as colds and flu become life threatening for aids patients.

Aids is caused by a virus. The virus is called human immunodeficiency virus better known to many as (HIV).

Many people carry the HIV virus for a time never knowing they are carriers, and never experiencing any symptoms of Aids. It is these people who often infect others with the virus unknowingly.

The HIV destroys white blood cells that otherwise protects our bodies from contracting infections. As these important cells are destroyed the body is weakened and its ability to resist infections is increased. The disease Aids does not itself kill people, but infections caused by the disease kill.

Doctors and other experts say the disease can develop in people as quickly as 12 weeks, but often does not develop for several years. The disease's incubation period is unknown. It is also possible that carriers may never develop the disease, but no one knows for certain. Much about Aids and its infections remains a mystery.

"Educating the public is the only thing that can be done to address the AIDS problem," said Corson. According to Corson the public must be made aware of the facts surrounding aids.

The spread of Aids is showing the greatest growth through drug users, who share dirty needles, she said. Blood transfusions also spread the disease, but only in a very few cases. Most of those cases occurred prior to the Red Cross developing a screening process for their blood in 1983, and now there is little chance of contracting the disease in this way. Aids can also be passed from a mother to an infant, and this is becoming a more common occurrence in the United States.

Aids is reaching an epidemic proportion in the United States, but with proper education of the public, it can be controlled.



Rep. Vernon James receives the Harvey award above from the Perquimans County Restoration Association. Pictured left to right are: Mr. Irving Wainwright, Mrs. Lucille Winslow, Rep. James, and Senator Marc Basnight.

## James honored for service for area farmers

Representative Vernon James was honored last Friday evening as the recipient of the Hardy award during the yearly meeting of the Perquimans County Restoration Association.

The Hardy award is given yearly by the association to someone for their outstanding public service to the community. James who has served as a representative from this area for over 20 years is well known for his acts of community service, and is well respected in the Albemarle area.

During the awards presentation state senator Marc Basnight said of James: "We all serve in different ways, but no one has given more to his community than Vernon has."

"Everyone is better off because of the acts of Vernon James," said Basnight.

James stated on Friday evening that everything that he has done for the area has been done out of love for it's residents. He thanked everyone for the award, and added that he felt truly honored.

In honor of James and his accom-

plishments R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company of Winston Salem, North Carolina presented the restoration association with a check for \$5,000.00. The check was presented by Dr. Parker Chesson, and will be used for future development of the Newbold-White House.

Members of the association also learned Friday evening that long time supporter Irving Wainwright has established a \$100,000 trust account for the benefit of the Newbold-White House. Wainwright was present Friday, and stated his support of the association.

Also during Friday's meeting Ms. Jeanne White was honored for her work with the Perquimans County 400th Anniversary committee, and the committee presented a check to the association for \$2,258.97 for the development of an educational exhibit on native Americans.

Following Friday's meeting members of the association and guest held a viewing of the movie "Roanoke Voyages" which was partially filmed in Perquimans County.

## Jaycee week celebrated

EDITOR'S NOTE: This week the Jaycees are celebrating national Jaycee week. In honor of that event we would like to highlight our local chapter of the jaycees, and some of their activities and projects.

Throughout the decades, the United States Jaycees have been at work all across the country, conducting literally millions of community service projects. The years have passed, but the basic precepts of this organization remain. A young person can still enhance his self-worth and their personal skills by helping people, that they can be a strong force for positive change in their community and in the nation.

The Jaycees are a vital young person's organization that has been developing leaders for America since 1920. The Perquimans County chapter of the Jaycees was chartered in February, 1974, and has been a very strong civic organization since their beginning. This year the local club has run approximately 27 projects with 18 of them being community service oriented projects. These projects have included such events as the annual 4th of July celebration and fireworks, jamboree, Christmas parade, Senior Citizens Christmas party, the bloodmobile, and have provided Christmas presents yearly for underprivileged children.

The state organization has rewarded the Perquimans County Jaycees this year for their hard work. They had in chapter extensions for the months of May, June, July, September, and October. The club has doubled its membership from 27 to 54 members. President Parker Newbern was named outstanding local president in the state for the 1st quarter, the chapter received 1st place awards in the "Parade of Excellence" and the "Bridge Builders Competition". Bernie Jones was among the top ten first year Jaycees in the state and Joe Elliott was among the top ten Jaycees of more

than one year for the 1st half of the year. The chapter received 1st place "Bridge Builders Competition", and a third place in "Parade of Excellence" awards for the second quarter. Joe Elliott was selected as Jaycee of the second quarter - best Jaycee in the state. Parker Newbern and Joe Elliott were inducted into the President's club, a club limited to 25 members by the state president.

This week the Perquimans County Jaycees will hold their annual DSA - Rogerson Memorial Banquet. The event is held each year during Jaycee week, and will honor outstanding individuals in the following areas: law enforcement, education, fire-fighting, rescue work, outstanding youth, outstanding senior citizen, outstanding member of local government, DSA, and the most valuable softball player. The banquet is open to all members of the community, and will be held at Joe's Place, Thursday, January 21st at 7:30 p.m. at a cost of \$7.50 per plate. The guest speaker for this year's event will be Jim Godfrey Past President of the North Carolina Jaycees, and past United States Jaycee vice president.

The officers of the Perquimans County Jaycees this year are; President: Parker Newbern; Individual Development Vice President - Diane Copeland; Community Development Vice President - Kenneth White; Management Development Vice President - Susan Harris; Treasurer - Sara Winslow; Secretary - Nancy Perry; State Director - Carlton Boyce; and Directors - Joe Elliott, Phil Harris, Bernie Jones, and Billy Layden. State officers from the club are Joe Elliott, District Director, and Richard Copeland, Regional Director.

Upcoming projects of the Jaycees include their annual Valentine's Day Jamboree, a bass tournament in April, spring truck pull, and their year will come to a close in April with their awards and installation banquet.

## King's birthday observed

Perquimans County Blacks turned out in number Monday for the third annual observance of the birthday of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Area churches, the local NAACP and visitors from Chowan, Currituck, and Pasquotank formed a motorcade of more than thirty cars around Hertford at 2:00 p.m. This was followed by a worship service at First Baptist Church. Several area participants appeared on the program entitled "Living the Dream". Mrs. V. M. Whitehurst presided with music furnished by the Perquimans Fellowship Choir. Mrs. Celestine Modlin welcomed visitors to First Baptist while Mayor Bill Cox extended greetings from the Town of Hertford. Mrs. Marion Frierson gave a history of the King-Day celebration. She stated that the omission

of Negro contributions has led to much of the prejudice in America today. She said Dr. King actually freed more whites than blacks. She challenged all not to allow the dream to die.

The highlight of the day was the message from the keynote speaker, Rev. Jerald Perry of Cherry Point, N. C. Speaking from the subject "The King is Dead" he compared the life of Dr. King with the life of Jesus. He mentioned worsening economics, misplaced values, blacks against blacks, broken promises, and the need for blacks to return to a closeness they once had. Rev. Perry said that nations that forget God will be destroyed. The program ended with Rev. John London thanking all who were in attendance.

## Peoples Bank to sponsor local meeting

Local farmers will have an opportunity on Wednesday evening, January 28th, to learn the importance of keeping good farm records at a seminar sponsored by Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Hertford.

The bank is sponsoring the seminar to show their appreciation to area farmers, and to emphasize to them the important role good records play in farming today.

The bank has called upon the educational expertise of the Perquimans County Extension Office and the program will be jointly conducted by Stan Winslow, County Extension Director, and Mr. Jack Ward, Area Farm Management Agent. Winslow and Ward will be reviewing the new farm records program released by the North Carolina State University Extension Service. The program deals with cash flow, farm management, budgeting, and more. Ward will also review a new computer program on farm records called the Farm Business Management System which was developed by St. Joe Systems of St. Joe Illinois.

According to Ben Berry, City Executive of Peoples Bank in Hertford, Wednesday's program will provide a good opportunity for farmers to learn how to improve efficiency, and profitability.

Berry stated that farm records have improved tremendously in the area, but he feels this seminar will introduce farmers to financial forecasting, and show them many ways for diversification in farming. The seminar will also show them how to do good long range planning.

The seminar is open to all area farmers, and related agribusinesses. The meeting will be a dinner meeting, and both husband and wives are invited.

Stan Winslow feels that this seminar will offer a good opportunity for farmers, and he added he is very appreciative to the bank for their sponsorship of this event. He added that this will be the first of several management meetings this winter.

To make reservations for Wednesday's meeting please call the extension office by Monday, January 21st.

## WEATHER

**Friday and Saturday will feature cloudy and colder weather with temperatures remaining in the low 20s to high 40s.**