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## Briefs

## Perquimans implements Parents as Teachers program

### Aerobics class offered

The Perquimans County Recreation Department is sponsoring an Aerobic Exercise Class to begin on Monday, April 8. Classes will be on Monday and Thursday nights at the Perquimans County Library at 8 p.m. and will last for six weeks. The instructor is Allyson Coleman. The cost is \$20 per person. For more information and to sign up, come by or call 426-5695.

### Democrats to meet

The Democratic County Convention will be held on Saturday, April 6, at 1 p.m. Julian Broughton, Chairman announced recently. The convention will be held at the county courthouse.

Heading the convention's agenda will be the election of officers and 6 delegates to the district convention. "The County Convention is important in the series of Democratic conventions leading from the precinct up to the District Convention where grassroots Democrats represent their respective counties," Chairman Broughton noted. "We hope to elect strong representatives for Perquimans County at the district convention and to debate issues that will challenge all citizens as we near the beginning of the twenty-first century."

### Board changes meetings

The Perquimans County Board of Education regularly scheduled board meetings for April 1 and 15 have been cancelled and rescheduled for April 22, at 8 p.m. in the Board of Education Office.

### Legion Post 126 meets

The William Paul Stallings Legion Post 126 will meet at 7 p.m. on April 11 at the Legion Building. Commander Marq Gray urges all Legionnaires to attend.

### Babe Ruth organizes

Young men interested in playing Babe Ruth baseball this summer should turn their forms in by April 21. Forms are available from Roger Morgan, Phil Woodell or the Recreation Department.

Adults willing to work with the Babe Ruth program as coaches, umpires or other capacities are asked to meet at Perquimans Middle School on Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m.

### Band supper Saturday

The Perquimans County Band Boosters will hold a pig pickin' dinner on Saturday, April 6 from 4-7 p.m. at Perquimans County High School. Eat-in or take-out meals will be available. A \$100 bill will be given away during the evening. You do not have to be present to win.

The band will perform on Memorial Field at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Perquimans County School System has received one of eight grants awarded by the State Department of Public Instruction in December, 1991 to implement the Parents as Teachers program. The program is based on the premise that a child's parents are his first and most important teachers as a child begins the life long journey of learning at birth. Based on this philosophy, Parents as Teachers offers parents information, educational guidance and support from the last trimester of pregnancy through the child's third birthday.

A certified parent educator trained in child development, visits each participant home, creating an individualized program for each child and family. The parents receive developmental information to respond effectively to their children's needs as the child progresses through each stage of development. Another effective component of the

program is group meetings designed to help parents share experiences, gain new insights as to their child's development and behavior, and discuss topics of mutual interest and concern.

Reserach indicates that the rapid rate of learning and brain development normally slows down gradually after the first few years of life, just as physical growth decelerates. All babies begin learning at birth, and Parents as Teachers can help give babies the best possible start in life.

Parents as Teachers is a free and voluntary early learning program for parents with children birth to age three. This nationally known program, which originated in Missouri, has spread throughout the United States, reaching thousands of families. If you are interested in more information about the program, please contact Jeanie Umphlett, 426-5741 or Cynthia White, 426-5758.



Photo by Jeanie Umphlett

Parents in the Parents as Teachers meeting held last week at the board of education building were led through a "Specific Solutions to Common Childhood Problems" program presented by Jeanie Umphlett, project coordinator, and Cynthia White, parent educator.

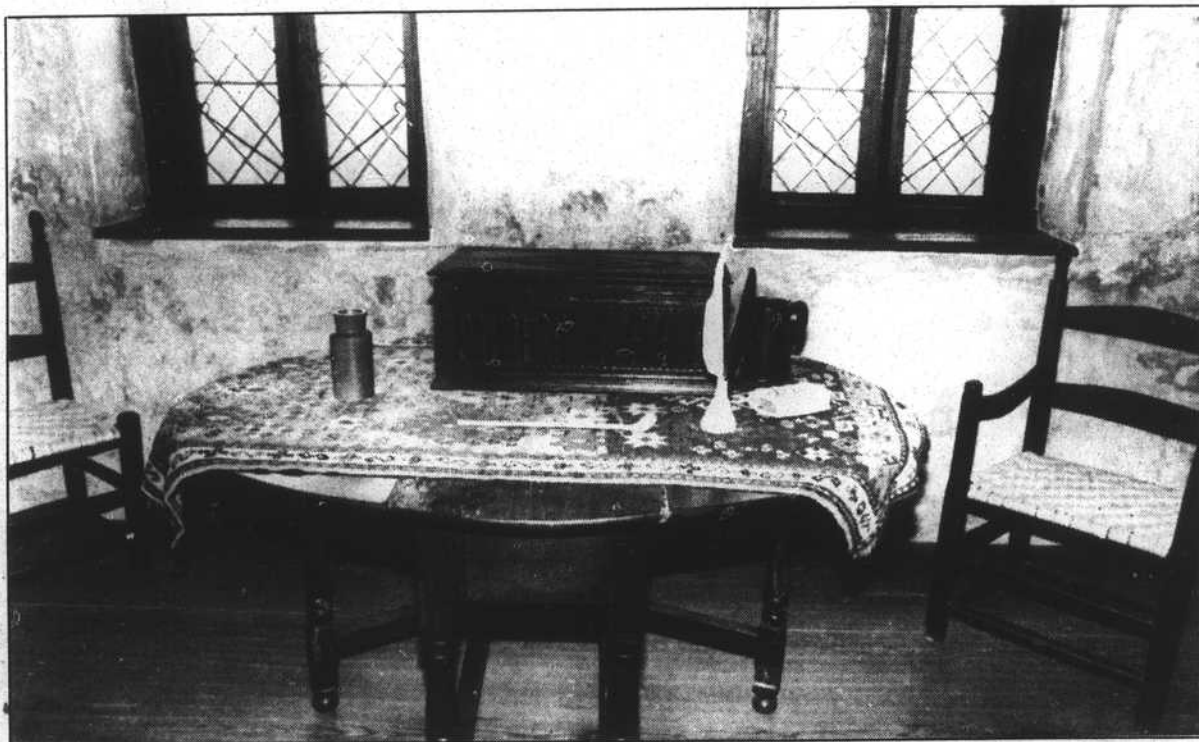


Photo courtesy of Perquimans Restoration Association

The drop-leaf table and Kazak oriental rug back chairs were given by Mrs. Martin Lord in shown were gifts to the Newbold-White Historic Site from the Colonial Dames. The site is in Hertford.

## Durant Pilgrimage to begin at Land's End

The Durant Pilgrimage scheduled for May 4 is being sponsored by the Perquimans County Restoration Association and the North Carolina Society Colonial Dames XVII Century. The Pilgrimage begins with registration at Land's End, which is on land purchased by George Durant in 1661 from the King of the Yeo-

pim Indians. Land's End is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Pilgrimage covers about 22 miles, with views of other National Register Homes, and ends at North Carolina's oldest house, Newbold-White, another National Register site. This house will be shown with 17th century antiques, many

purchased by the Society of Colonial Dames, and others given as memorials to loved ones.

To make reservations for the Durant Pilgrimage, call 426-7567, or write P.O. Box 103, Hertford, N.C., 27944. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch.

## Project to lower electric rates takes step forward

Plans for a construction project aimed at lowering the costs of electricity in 32 Eastern North Carolina cities and towns took a major step forward recently.

The project calls for three combustion turbine units to be constructed by N.C. Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA). The units would provide approximately 240 megawatts of power during periods of peak demand.

James T. Bobo, general manager of the power agency, said plans for development of the breaking generation project were given the green light by unanimous vote of the NCEMPA Board of Commissioners.

"This is just one of a series of steps that will be required before this project can be completed," Bobo said. "But we are gratified that our commissioners, in their unanimous vote Wednesday, recognized the potential offered by this project to lower the costs of electricity for the 32 public power communities they represent."

The cities and towns that receive their power supply from NCEMPA serve almost 200,000 residential and commercial customers from Wake County to the coast. Their power supply comes from NCEMPA's part-ownership interests in five major power plants on the CP system, supplemented by power purchases from CP and other sources.

Bobo said an extensive study showed peaking generation project to be the most promising of

several approaches that were evaluated to meet NCEMPA's anticipated need for peaking power. Lower costs would be achieved, he said, because the units would replace some of the more expensive purchased power.

Present plans call for three units to be built; each on a separate site in Eastern North Carolina. Several potential sites are being evaluated.

Each unit would have a capacity of approximately 80 megawatts and would be fueled primarily by natural gas. Two units would begin operating in June 1995 and the third in early 1998.

As currently planned, the project would be financed by the issuance of an approximately \$142 million in tax-exempt revenue bonds. Each NCEMPA member's governing body would have to decide individually whether that city will participate in the new project.

Municipalities served by NCEMPA include Apex, Ayden, Belhaven, Benson, Clayton, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Farmville, Fremont, Greenville, Hamilton, Hertford, Hobgood, Hookerton, Kinston, La Grange, Laurinburg, Louisburg, Lumberton, New Bern, Pikeville, Red Springs, Robersonville, Rocky Mount, Scotland Neck, Selma, Smithfield, Southport, Tarboro, Wake Forest, Washington and Wilson.

## Local EMC officials noted at statewide meeting

Two officials of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Hertford, have been cited for their years of service to North Carolina's rural electrification program. They are Dorris B. White of Hertford, manager of Albemarle EMC, and L.A. Harris of Elizabeth City, a director of the co-op.

In addition, White has been elected to the Board of Directors of Tarheel Electric Membership Association, the central purchasing and materials supply

operation of the statewide organization of EMCs.

White, who was honored for 45 years of service to the co-op, has been manager there since 1983. Harris, who is president of the Albemarle EMC board, was cited for 15 years of service as an EMC director.

The elections and awards presentation were part of the 1991 Annual Meeting of the statewide organization in Raleigh.

## Volunteers needed by COA

Volunteers are needed in Perquimans County to assist in adult education classes being offered by College of the Albemarle.

The classes assist students in developing their reading and mathematics skills as well as in preparing for the GED examination to earn their high school equivalency. Classes meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and

Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. at the Perquimans County High School Vocational Building.

Volunteers will work with students on an individual basis. Interested persons may contact Lynn Hurdle-Winslow, coordinator of COA's Literacy Skills Assessment, at 335-0821, ext 278.

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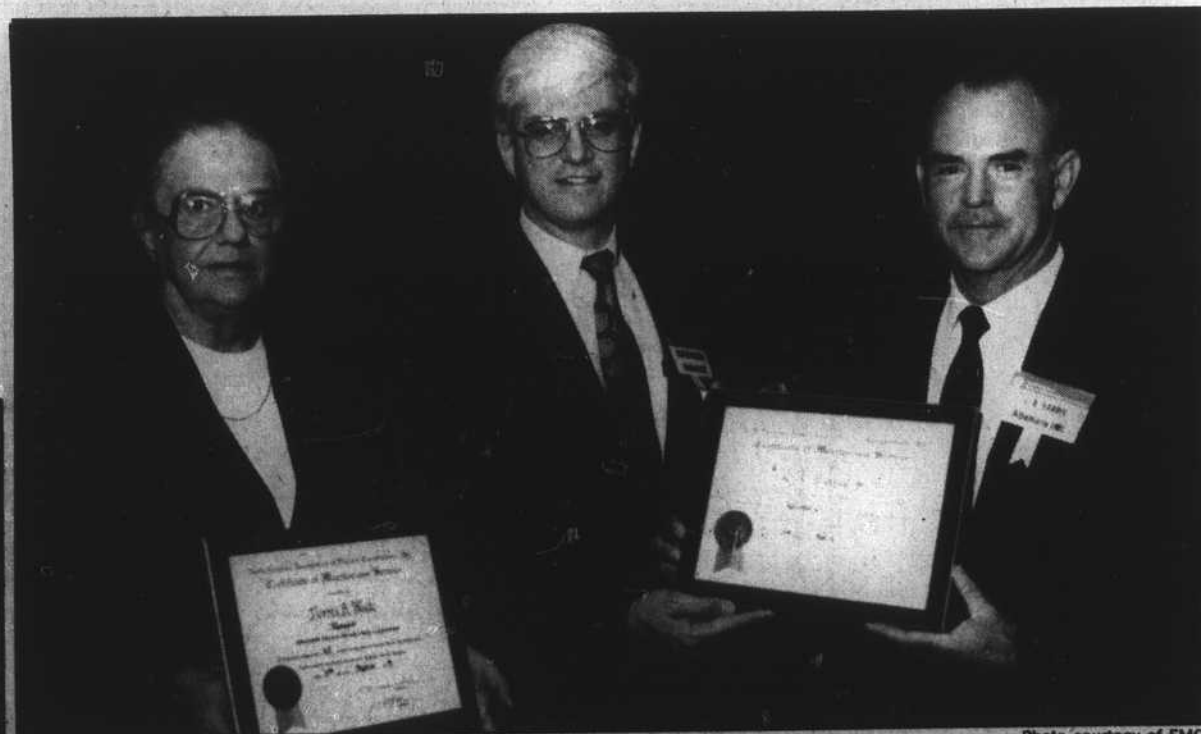


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Dorris B. White, left, manager of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Hertford, and L.A. Harris of Elizabeth City, right, a director of the co-op, have been cited for their years of service to North Carolina's rural electrification program. The awards were pre-

sented by H. Wayne Wilkins, center, manager of Davidson EMC, Lexington, and president of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC).