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Briefs

NAACP to meet

The Perquimans County Branch of NAACP will hold its monthly meeting Monday, March 23 at the Senior Citizens building on Grubb Street. The Executive Committee will meet at 7 p.m. and the Branch membership will meet at 8 p.m.

MS group to meet

Neurologist Robert Hansen of the Southeastern Neurology Group will be the guest speaker at the Albemarle Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meeting on Monday, March 23 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Elizabeth City. For more information, call Faye Proctor at 264-2773.

AARP plans meeting

Perquimans Chapter of AARP will meet Monday, March 30 at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Hertford. A board meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

Judy Peel, director of nursing at Chowan Hospital, will speak on the right to die.

Community watch forms

A Community Watch program is now forming in Belvidere. A meeting will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Belvidere Community Building. Contact LeRoy Parrish at 297-2782 for more information.

Seminar slated

On Monday, March 30, at 10 a.m. Chowan Hospital will sponsor a panel discussion on Advance Directives (Living Wills and/or Health Care Power of Attorney) for Hospital chaplains and area ministers.

There is limited space, so please call Betty Swindell at 482-6268 to make reservations if you are interested in attending this meeting.

Supper, auction set

The Durants Neck Ruritans will hold a chicken pot pie supper and auction on Saturday, March 21 from 4-7 p.m. at the Durants Neck Ruritan Building. Tickets are \$3.50 at the door or from any ruritan member.

Hospital open house

Edenton -- Chowan Hospital will hold an open house for the new openly Outpatient Cardiac Rehab Program on Sunday, March 29 from 1-3 p.m. The public will be able to tour the facility and ask questions of the professionals responsible for the program. There will be blood pressure and cholesterol screenings available. Fee for cholesterol screening is \$1. Educational handouts from the American Heart Association will be available.

Depression seminar

Is postpartum depression affecting your life? If so, a seminar on Friday, March 27 dealing with that problem could be for you. Dr. Albert Caracciolo, psychiatrist and medical director of the Chowan Hospital Psychiatric Center, will address such issues as depression, moodiness and crying, lack of interest in normal activities and feeling overwhelmed by baby care. The seminar will be from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the Chowan Hospital classroom. A box lunch will be provided. Seating is limited, so register by Wednesday, March 25 by calling 482-6322.

Schools, library form team

Literacy promoted

The Perquimans County Schools and the Perquimans County Library have teamed up to fight illiteracy in Perquimans County.

Schools superintendent Randall L. Henion requested that Perquimans County be chosen as a pilot site for literacy materials from The Kentucky Network. The schools will promote the program, while the library will house the materials.

The Network program provides video-taped lessons in basic skills areas, along with accompanying workbooks. County residents will be able to check materials out of the library to use at their convenience. Participants can learn to read, prepare to earn a GED or sharpen skills in desired areas.

Librarian Shelley Fearn and Dr. Henion said they hope that in addition to individual use, church and civic groups will use the materials to establish learning centers throughout the county.

According to information

published in the Raleigh News and Observer taken from U.S. Census Bureau and N.C. Department of Community Colleges data, over 50 percent of the population of Perquimans County ages 16 and over and not in school lack a high school degree. The statistics are a little better for most of the state, but across North Carolina two out of five adults have not completed high school, ranking 48th in the nation.



Photo courtesy Perquimans County Schools

Library assistant Ann Carol White (left), librarian Shelley Fearn and superintendent Randall L. Henion review materials to be used with the Kentucky Project, a literacy program to be piloted here.

This lack of education hurts North Carolinians economically. Of the 776,000 new jobs expected to be created in North Carolina by the year 2000, two-thirds will require some training and education beyond high school. Yet more than 26,000 youths in the

state drop out of school each year, probably a significant factor in North Carolina's ranking of 49th in the nation in factory wages.

Census Bureau statistics also indicate that a person dropping out of high school will cut his expected lifetime wages by \$562,308.70. Dr. Henion agreed to monitor the use of project materials and document results. He said he is excited about the project and the impact a program of this magnitude can have on the future of Perquimans County.

School waste water plans get preliminary OK

Plans for a new waste treatment plant at Central School in Winfall have been submitted, and preliminary indications are positive, Pat McDowell of the engineering firm McDowell and Associates of Elizabeth City told school board members Monday night in regular session.

"Initial comments today were that there doesn't appear to be any problem," McDowell said.

The plan calls for acquisition of approximately 10.7 acres of land owned by Willis Jessup behind the school property. McDowell said negotiations with Jessup are underway for the purchase of the property.

The proposed drawings are for an underground pump system. McDowell said several options were considered, but that system is the best option considering land acquisition and availability and soil quality at the site.

McDowell said the state expects Perquimans County Schools to begin construction by July 1, and the project is scheduled for completion by year-end.

Superintendent Randall L. Henion said the Department of Environment Management indicated to him that the project has been rated superior based on plans submitted. He added that bids need to be let in May in order to meet the state's time-line.

McDowell added that he anticipates bids of \$75,000-90,000,

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about the same cost as the wastewater treatment system presently being installed at Perquimans Middle School.

While the Central School system will not require the fenced areas as the one at the middle school, there will be some upkeep to the facility. He said lines will have to be blown out and the tank pumped periodically.

Facilities needs

Dr. Henion apprised the board of initial reports from the state's long-range facilities plan for the school system now in progress.

The state has graded the facilities on the main campus of the high school as good, but indicate that use of the King Street building should be phased out as soon as possible. Dr. Henion said that school personnel are now looking for ways to move all classes except the mechanics shop to the main campus by next school year.

The report also called for ventilating the gym. During the meeting, the board appropriated

The superintendent said the state will send a final report at its completion.

School security

Dr. Henion told the board that administrators are surveying school security in an effort to prevent serious problems that have plagued other systems, most notably in the Tidewater area.

"Rather than be reactive, I hope Perquimans County can be proactive," Dr. Henion said.

The administrators are working with the local sheriff's department and police department, as well as requesting assistance from the state, to set policy for the protection of county students. Dr. Henion said that school security is an ongoing agenda item when the principals meet each month.

In response to behavior problems on school buses, Dr. Henion said that he had requested staff members to garner information on videotaping from a system in Tennessee. Initial findings indicated that the cost of installing portable video cameras on buses on a rotating basis was well worth the investment, as behavior improved immediately and bus driving improved as well.

"I plan to investigate this further," Dr. Henion said. He will report his findings to the board for their review.

Food Lion plans store in Hertford

By SHELBY HOWELL
The Daily Advance

Perquimans County residents can anticipate a visit from Santa, as Food Lion Corp. announced plans last week to open a new store in Hertford by December.

"The 29,000 square foot building is the type we regard as 'basically big' and is targeted for opening in December," said company spokesman Mike Mozingo.

A site under consideration for the building is located on U.S. Highway 17, south of Ward Shopping Center and across the highway from Jackson Wholesale.

Mozingo said Food Lion officials signed a contract Feb. 14 with Granite Development Partners of Mount Airy to build the plant.

An announcement released by Clark General Contractor of Winston-Salem Feb. 5 indicated the Food Lion store would be part of a strip shopping center to be located on U.S. 17. At the time of the announcement, the project starting date was listed as the first quarter of 1992 and the completion date was scheduled for the summer.

Bill Hicks, a representative of Granite Development Partners, said last week that any comments he could make on the project would be premature.

"Negotiations are still going on and I would not be ready to make a statement until next Wednesday," he said.

No record of a land transfer for the building site, has been submitted to the office of the Perquimans County Register of Deeds for recording.

"The announcement by Food Lion is good news for the town and county. We welcome the new business and have been looking forward to their coming for a long time. Food Lion is the type of desirable business we are seeking in the community," said Hertford Town Manager W.D. "Bill" Cox.

Cox said he realized negotiations are pending on the overall project, but he welcomes the shopping center concept and the businesses he hopes it will attract.

Mozingo said it is his impression that construction will begin this year. He said that should delays occur, the contract with Granite Development Partners would not be in jeopardy until the spring of 1993.

Author presents theater review

The Museum of the Albemarle is pleased to announce that Richard Gillespie, author of the recently published book, "The James Adams Floating Theatre", will be at the museum on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. He will present a 45 minute illustrated lecture and will be available to autograph his book. The book can be purchased at the Museum Gift Shop for \$28.95.

The James Adams Floating Theatre is the focus of an exhibit currently on display at the museum. Traveling up and down the east coast, the theatre brought entertainment to many of the small towns where it stopped. Ports in the Albemarle included Elizabeth City, Hertford, Edenton, Columbia, and Bath. Don't miss this opportunity to hear more about this fascinating aspect of the history of the Albemarle.

The program is free but reservations are required. Call the museum at 335-1453 for more information or to make reservations.

DEADLINES FOR THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NEWS RELEASES MON. 3 P.M.

RETAIL ADVERTISING MON. 3 P.M.

CLASSIFIED & LEGALS MON. 3 P.M.

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119 W. Grubb St.
426-5728

Checking tax returns can mean speedier refunds

Have you taken the time to carefully prepare and mail your tax return only to have it returned to you by the Internal Revenue Service for failure to sign the return or for another careless error?

The IRS encourages taxpayers to take a few minutes to double check their tax returns before mailing. "A little time spent double checking the return can pay off in a speedier refund," Starkey said.

Some suggestions from the IRS for filing an accurate return include:

• Fill in your name and social security number on each schedule.

• Include social security numbers for all dependents one year or older.

• Double check all math.

• Use the correct tax table and the correct figure from the table.

• Prepare and attach Schedule EIC if you qualify for earned income credit.

• Attach and Forms W-2.

• Sign and date the return. Dial 1-800-829-1040, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to get assistance with tax questions.

Calling the Automated Refund System

Days: Monday - Friday

Hours: Push-button phones - 7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Rotary phones - local business hours

Before you call, you'll need:

- 1) Social Security number
- 2) Filing Status
- 3) Exact amount of expected refund

When to call: 2 weeks after you filed your return

Best day to call: Wednesday

Best time to call: In the morning