

## To The Editor: Ransom Denied Coaching Post

Dear Editor:  
I had hoped to stay out of this as much as possible but since this entire situation is newsworthy enough to achieve front page coverage I suppose it is worth my time to clarify several points that were stated in the article.

First, I did not accept my position at Holmes High School "because I needed a job". I have not made that statement and anyone who claims to have gotten that impression is simply grabbing at straws.

Further I should probably state that my major in college was Physical Education. I have coached before (softball) but I have not coached tennis. The tennis team last year was undefeated in conference play. We may have another undefeated season but that is not necessarily improvement. If you look at the won - lost column and the team loses just one match - then that is "going down hill". I resent the inference that my involvement with the team automatically makes it a poorer team.

What is most irritating about this matter is the way it has been presented by the media of our county. Most newspapers that I read make an effort to present both sides, and give the reader credit for being intelligent enough to draw his own conclusions and form his own opinion. If a person is interviewed who makes what may be one-sided statements or accusations, they are professional enough to check out the other side. If Terri Ransom said Nan Copeland "accepted it because she needed the job", then the reporter and editor should have asked Nan Copeland if that were true; before printing the statement.

Again in the last paragraph of the article one can see the same type of insult to the readers' mentality. Rather than let the reader formulate his own reaction to Dr. Hornthal's words, we are told that he is downplaying the

inexperience of the coach. If I were involved with the media, at the top of my priorities list would be to strive to be completely objective on news and to save subjectivity for the editorials where it should be.

I wonder how I would feel if I were a student hoping to be on the tennis team. Perhaps I would wonder if all those involved really have my and the teams best interest at heart. Perhaps I would wonder - why?

As coach of the tennis team I can only say what I have already said - you have my 100 per cent. I need and the school needs your 100 per cent. The team was the best last year and can be again this year - each individual play has room for improvement and higher achievement on the court. Go for it!

I could say more on the subject but considering past observation on such matters I feel that it would be to my benefit and the teams best interest to let those parties, actually involved, settle this.

In reality how can we make valid statements if we don't know the whole story - and there are only three people that do know the whole story.

I am not one of them.  
Nan Copeland

## Day Care

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James B. Hunt, Jr., feel that day care is one of the top priorities of this administration. "Day care services are an economic necessity for many families with small children," Dr. Morrow said. "It often is necessary for both parents to work in order to make ends meet, especially in North Carolina, which has more working mothers than any state in the nation."

North Carolina was the first state to provide state day care funding for eligible low-income families. State and federal funding is allocated to all 100 counties on the basis of population.



Donald Wagner

## Holy Land Tour Set For November

A November tour to the land of Jesus and the Jews is being organized by Donald Wagner, pastor of the Rocky Hock Baptist Church.

The tour begins in Cairo, Egypt, near the land of Goshen, where the Jews lived for about 400 years. After a side excursion to the Valley of the Kings and King Tut's Tomb, the tour will follow some of the Hebrew wanderings in the Sinai Peninsula to Mount Sinai, where Moses received the Ten Commandments, and then travel overland to Bethlehem, the place of Jesus' birth, and Jerusalem, where so many of His activities were performed.

There will be many places of interest, such as: the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus walked on the water; Mount Hermon, the origin of the Jordan River; the Dead Sea; Nazareth, Jesus' home town; Masada, where the Jews held out against the Romans after the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.; and a sightseeing excursion to Amsterdam, Holland.

This tour, beginning November 2, and ending November 15, is open for anyone who has ever wanted to go to the Bible Land and is intended to be a spiritually enriching "retreat." For further information, contact Don Wagner, Route 1, Edenton, telephone 221-4948.

## Edenton - Chowan Recreation Report

### Ten Year Olds Are Tournament Champions

The ten year old All-Star team sponsored by the Recreation Dept. were crowned tournament champs this past weekend in All-Star competition in Manteo. The Edenton-Chowan team went through the tournament without a loss as they won the final game by a 24-5 score over the host team from Manteo. The two coaches, Sid White and Keith Johnson along with all fifteen team members are to be congratulated for their accomplishment.

### Little League All-Stars

The Little League All-Star team continues to advance in State Tournament competition as they were victorious in two out of three games thus far. Last Friday night the team opened the tournament with a 5-0 win over Person County. Erie Downing was the winning pitcher and Julius Jernigan led the team in hitting with a three-run homer and a single. On Saturday night, Edenton faced a tough group of boys from Winterville and fell by a 22-17 score. In that game Erie Downing blasted three home runs including a grand slam. Julius Jernigan also had a home run and two singles. Edenton then played the Ayden All-Stars in the double elimination event on Sunday night. Edenton put themselves back in their winning form with a 5-0 victory. Erie Downing pitched a no-hitter and added another home run to lead the team from the plate. Robert Rankins added a triple to the cause. The team will continue playing throughout this week.

All baseball and softball participants are urged to return their uniform as soon as possible to avoid a penalty charge. This applies to all Little League, Babe Ruth and Girl's Softball players. T-Ball and Midget League players may keep their shirt.

Registration for the upcoming football and soccer seasons will begin Monday, August 16 for anyone interested in participating in either or both of these sports. There is no charge to participate in either sport, but there is a fee for insurance. Registration forms may be picked up at the Recreation Department office during office hours. Also any adult interested in helping coach a team in either sport may call the Dept. at 482-8595.

### Aerobic Dance Class

The Recreation Department is sponsoring an Aerobic Dance class on Monday and Wednesdays beginning at 6 P.M. A drop-in class is also offered on Saturday morning at 10:00. The instructors for this class are Julie Spivey and Terry Rothberger. A registration fee is charged for the class. Contact the Recreation Department at 482-8595 or Julie Spivey at 482-8055 for more information.

### Football And Soccer

## Outstanding Young Farm Woman

RALEIGH - Applications for the "Outstanding Young Farm Woman" award for 1982 are now being accepted by the N.C. Department of Agriculture, Commissioner Jim Graham announced.

The award, presented annually during the Young Farmers and Ranchers Luncheon at the N.C. State Fair, is given to a young woman who is engaged in production agriculture. This year, the luncheon will be held October 19.

Women - 35 years of age or less - who are actively involved in production agriculture in North Carolina and whose daily decisions affect the overall success of the farm are eligible to compete for the award.

"We have close to 5,600 female farmers in this state - almost six per cent of our total farmers," Graham stated in making this announcement. "With that many, we look forward to having a number of applications for the 1982 Outstanding Young Farm Woman Award. This will be our third year, and we want to continue this successful and well-received award."

He continued, "the term 'farmer' has in the past been a term attributed to males. But more so than other areas of the economy, women have always been vitally important to agriculture. By presenting this award on a yearly basis, we are recognizing the contributions women make to

production agriculture." The deadline for submitting applications to the award is October 1.

Applications are available by writing: Public Affairs Office, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611; or by calling (919) 733-4216. Applications are also available through local Farm Bureau offices in each county. Completed applications should be mailed to the NCDA Public Affairs Office at the address listed above.

## "Hatteras Light"

Continued From Page 3-A much additional spending which help create jobs for North Carolina's people." The tallest lighthouse in the nation, the Cape Hatteras structure was erected more than one hundred years ago in an area nearly one-half mile from the sea. Erosion and storm damage have claimed most of that area, and the lighthouse currently stands less than 250 feet from the ocean.

The fund-raising plan to rescue the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse was announced last year by U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms and Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., co-chairmen of the campaign. The money will be used for improvements to prevent further erosion that threatens the structure's stability.

# Belk Tyler

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