

Shalotte Wins History Bowl—Again

Shalotte Middle School picked up its second consecutive county History Bowl win Saturday at the Fort Fisher Town State Historic Site. The team of four eighth-graders won two games to take the county championship, then came within 10 points of claiming the regional title. Trask Junior High of New Hanover County won the overall championship with a score of 620 to 610. "It was equally matched," said Jim Bartley, assistant site manager at Brunswick Town, and moderator of Saturday's bowl. "They went into overtime. It was a matter of who got the last question."

When the five-minute overtime had ended, Trask's team took home to their school a \$100 cash prize, a rotating trophy and a permanent plaque, while Shalotte Middle received \$50 and a second-place trophy.

Shalotte Middle's team was pleased with the results, according to sponsor Pauline Hewett. "They're really pleased and excited. They've worked really hard," she said. Team members included Perry Culpepper, captain; Michelle Johnson, Chris Byrd, Andy Clemmons and Chris Bland. The New Hanover County team will represent the Brunswick Town and Fort Fisher historic sites in the state History Bowl finals this spring. The competition is sponsored by the Historic Sites Section, Division of Archives and History, N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. Brunswick County schools competed with each other for the county title, with the winner facing the top New Hanover County team for the regional title. To gain the regional match, played

in the afternoon, Shalotte won its initial county game against Leland Middle School 1,090 to 70, then defeated Waccamaw Elementary School 730 to 370 to become the county champion. In the opening round Waccamaw had defeated South Brunswick Middle School with a score of 700 to 560. In the contest, the teams take turns answering questions for points in four 10-minute quarters. Questions are based on material in the students' eighth-grade North Carolina history text. The textbook is used as the basis for a 30-page study guide prepared by historic site employees. Guides are distributed one month in advance so eighth-grade students can study for the bowl competition, said Jim Bartley, assistant site manager at Brunswick Town. Previously the study guides were based on a variety of sources, not just the textbook. Bartley prefers the current system. "At least they can be studying what they should be studying in school," he said.

For the county and regional matches students are expected to be familiar only with North Carolina history through the Civil War. "It works out pretty well. It's basically where the kids are at the end of the first semester," he continued. But at the state bowl, he said, students will answer questions that span the state's 400-year history. This is Brunswick County's fourth year of competition in History Bowl.



SHALLOTTE MIDDLE SCHOOL claimed the county History Bowl title for the second consecutive year Saturday. Shown above with team sponsor Pauline Hewett (second from right) are members Chris Byrd, Andy Clemmons, Michelle Johnson, Perry Culpepper and Chris Bland.

High School Quiz Bowl Teams Compete Saturday

Teams from Brunswick County's three high schools are gearing up for the county's seventh Quiz Bowl competition, to be held Saturday, Feb. 7, at 1 p.m. in the Brunswick County Government Center Public Assembly Building near Bolivia. The academic competition is sponsored locally by the Brunswick County Public Library in cooperation with the high schools, indicated Felecia Hardy, youth services librarian.

Richardson, Scott Neeley and Jeff Hills. This team will be trying to recapture the rotating trophy that spent its first year at North Brunswick and has since been shared by West and South Brunswick schools. "It's about time we got it back up here," said North's sponsor, school librarian Carol Callanan.

Quiz Bowl was initiated in 1980 by the North Carolina State Library, with Brunswick County one of the original participating library systems.

The often lively competition is open to the public at no charge.

Brunswick County's winning team will advance to district play-offs, to be held at the Clinton Public Library on March 7. From there, the winner advances to the state finals in Raleigh in April.

In double-elimination competition, four-member teams will answer questions on a broad range of subjects, from current events to math, science, literature and entertainment. Each game consists of three rounds of increasingly difficult questions and increasing point values. In the last round of each game, team members may consult before answering questions worth 30 points each.

Attempting to retain the title for a second consecutive year for South Brunswick High School will be Arris Golden, Jeff Rea, Lenny Smith and Raymond Engerleth. Alternates are Andreas Kahn and Victor Lee. Mabel Callaway, librarian, is the team's school sponsor.

From West, competitors are Tanya Butler, Nicole Johnson, Kelly Baxley and Kristi Lewis, with alternates Kristen Boyles and Joel Johnson. Sponsors are Bertha Bell and Judy Harris, guidance counselors.

From North Brunswick High School, team members are Jimmy Wright, captain, and Jonathan Ballard, James Goddard and Evoria Daniels. Alternates are Monica

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